



### Goldner – Mackey wedding

Nancy Goldner and Kyran Mackey exchanged wedding vows on May 1, 2010 at the First Evangelical Lutheran Church in North Muskegon.

Nancy is a former employee of Fashion Bug and Stekettes in Grand Haven. The groom is retired from Sealed Power.

Attending the couple were Wanda Allen, a long-time friend of the bride from Charlotte, Michigan, and Thomas Mackey, the groom's brother.

The couple flew to Alaska for their honeymoon, and had the opportunity to visit a cousin of the bride who lives in Homer, Alaska as well.

The couple are Fruitport residents. •

### New website helps you find fresh local food

(Submitted by Michigan Family Farms)

You'd have to be living under a bale of hay not to have heard the buzz about fresh local food these days. But many people are wondering just how to find it.

A new website, [www.michiganfamilyfarms.com](http://www.michiganfamilyfarms.com), is helping consumers do just that. This gathering place for farms, families and foodies offers a one-stop, simple way to find anything farm and food related.

"There are so many farms in Michigan offering the freshest produce, all-natural meat and dairy, as well as great classes, tours, and fun for all," said Jena Van Wagner, executive director. "This site helps farmers market their wares and allows shoppers an easy way to locate fresh farm products."

Visitors to the site can search by specific product, look up farms in their zip code, check out the range of farmers' markets and even visit an event calendar featuring farm related happenings statewide. A newsletter and Facebook fan page offer unique profiles of farm partners.

A growing "retailers" section offers information on restaurants that are sourcing local ingredients, and stores that stock products grown in our state. Rounding out the site is a "resources" section that features non-profits, museums and support agencies.

"The response has been great," says Van Wagner. "We want it to be fun, free and easy to use. It's great for planning everything from grocery lists to family vacations."

More farm partners are being added weekly, and everyone selling or using Michigan-grown products is invited to join. •

### Small appliances needed to help fight hunger

(Submitted by United Way of the Lakeshore)

The Emergency Needs Committee of Muskegon County is seeking donations of small appliances to help people in need without adequate cooking resources.

Some residents struggle to cook hot meals due to lack of a stove or other challenges, according to Suzanne Prell of United Way. Many people with low incomes are renting, and the rental units frequently do not come with stoves, she said.

Items such as slow cookers, microwaves, toaster ovens, hot plates, can openers and frying pans can be dropped off at United Way of the Lakeshore, 313 W. Webster in Muskegon, or at Mission for Area People, 250 Jefferson in Muskegon Heights, through August 31.

The Emergency Needs Committee, made up of dozens of community organizations, provides oversight for grants that provide shelter and utilities for area residents, including the Emergency Food and Shelter Program through the Federal Emergency Management Association.

United Way of the Lakeshore works to advance the common good by focusing on education, income, and health in Muskegon, Oceana and Newaygo counties. For more information, contact United Way of the Lakeshore at (231) 722-3134. •

### Bethel Baptist Church to host community picnic and concert

By Mary Weimer

Everyone is invited to Bethel Baptist Church, 213 Oak Street, on August 1, 2010. The day will begin with worship services at 10:30 a.m. and will be followed by a community picnic at 12:30 p.m. and Huntley Brown will be presenting a concert at 2 p.m. at the church.

For the picnic on the church grounds, please bring a dish or two to share and your own table service. Coffee and lemonade will be provided.

It has been said that Huntley Brown "plays as if God is whispering in his ears!" You won't want to miss his inspired, anointed, powerful and explosive music! •



Meri Dexter, a visitor to Old Fashioned Days, shakes hands with this bear. I'm sure she is glad it is already stuffed! (Photo by Harry Wojahn.)

### Wisdom teeth, wisdom and the pastor

By Ron Cooper

Pastor Don Wood from the Fruitport Congregational Church UCC had two upper wisdom teeth removed the first part of June. All went well and he is recovering nicely. He doesn't feel that it has affected his wisdom, although he said he had been losing some (wisdom) prior to the removal of his teeth. Others may not agree. The teeth had not particularly been bothering him, but the dentist seemed to think they needed removing. Things may be slow in the dental business.

Pastor Wood wrote nearly all the articles in the original Fruitport Area News some 27 years ago. I have been trying to get him to furnish us with an article here and there to accommodate his fans in the FAN area. Otherwise, I just may have to fill the void. •

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