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Burger Crest hosts WGHN interview with Coach Wilson

By Mary Weimer

The always popular round table at Burger Crest became the focal point on Wednesday, September 22, as WGHN General Manager Erik Kaelin interviewed FHS football coach Steve Wilson in preparation for the game against Spring Lake.

New technology was a highlight of the interview, as it was all accomplished by laptop computers and cell phones. I expected to see a truck in the parking lot equipped with a satellite dish and even an expandable antenna, but all of that is no longer necessary.

Many of the football team members were present, and Kaelin also interviewed the three captains, seniors Cody Merkins, Roy Scarborough, and Tyler Wahr.

Coach Wilson commented that this year's football team has fewer members than is typical, but their smaller sized group has drawn them closer together — more like a family. He also mentioned the great staff he has working with him and with the team.

Wilson said that the game of football comes second, as he encourages good citizenship and being a good person first of all. FHS football players have donated many hours of community service, building handicap ramps; cleaning up from the August, 2009 storm; spending time at the elementary schools with students; participating in the cancer walk, and promoting cancer awareness. They also coach the middle school football players.

After 22 years at Fruitport and 32 years in coaching all together, Coach Wilson knows how to build a football team and how to build character in his players!•

Soup's on for everyone at VFW Post 3734

By Florence Smith, auxiliary president

Once again, the VFW Auxiliary will be serving their soup suppers. The menu includes an assortment of home made soups, home-baked bread, crackers, dessert, and coffee or juice. This is an all you can eat meal for just $5 for adults and $3 for children ages five to 10. Children under age five may eat free of charge. The dates are Friday, October 15 and Friday, November 19. The meal is served from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Fruitport Polar Bear VFW Post 3734 at 5201 Airline Road.•

New book by FHS graduate hits the book stores

By Mary Weimer

Linda Meeuwenberg, a 1966 Fruitport High School graduate, has teamed up with Deepak Chopra, Jack Canfield and Dr. Denis Waitley in a new book entitled *Stepping Stones to Success*.

Meeuwenberg was selected from a nationwide search to be a featured contributor to the book which offers time-tested strategies for success in business, life and relationships.

Linda is the daughter of Norman Batch and the late Pauline Batch. Most of her extended family still lives in the area. She is an internationally recognized speaker and Professor Emeritus at Ferris State University. She is currently the president and founder of Professional Development Association, Inc. where she delivers motivational speeches, continuing education seminars and corporate training programs.

Copies of the book, *Stepping Stones to Success*, are available for purchase at Copies and More in Fruitport.•

Murder mystery dinner at the Frauenthal

By Mary Weimer

On Friday, October 15 and Saturday, October 16, murder mystery theater, "Death on the Stage" takes place at the Frauenthal Theater in downtown Muskegon with cocktails (cash bar) at 6:15 p.m. and dinner following at 7 p.m.

In celebration of The Frauenthal Theater's 80th anniversary, Deadwood Productions returns to the Muskegon area with another exciting mystery. Halloween characters of all sorts take the stage. It seems that producer Melissa Flop has produced her last show with "Who Killed Mummy?" Now the cast is assembled on stage for the cast party, only to learn of Melissa's demise. The question is, "Who helped her make her final exit?"

Come join Detective Lance Hamilton as he is again called upon to solve a case involving the egos and back-stabbing plots of the theater world.

Admission, including dinner, is $30 per person. Tickets are available at the Frauenthal box office Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. The box office is closed on Tuesdays. You may also call the box office at (231) 727-8001 or order tickets through Start Tickets at 1-800-585-3737.•

Lakeshore Bridal Expo

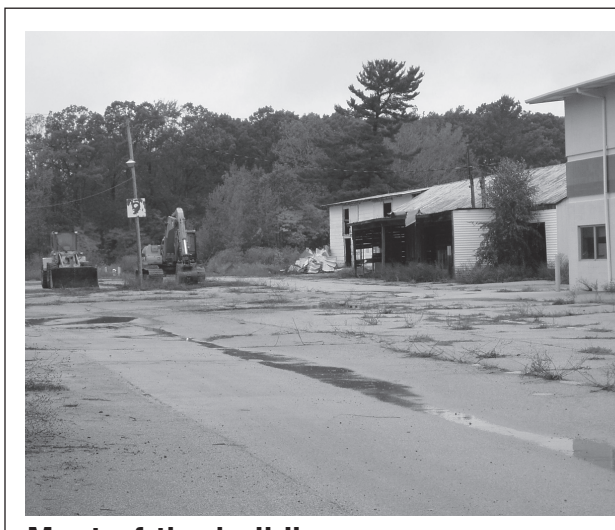
By Mary Weimer

The Muskegon Country Club is hosting the Lakeshore Bridal Expo on Sunday, October 17 from noon to 4 p.m. The event, which is expected to be held annually, is presented by MiPhotoBooth. Admission is $2 per person. Free admission coupons are also available at participating exhibitor retailers.

Free gift bags will be presented to the first 25 brides.

Exhibitors include MiPhotoBooth, the Muskegon County Club, Above and Beyond Catering, WadeMor Photography, Redi Rental, Flowers by Ray and Sharon, Mary Kay Cosmetics, Night Beat Entertainment, Younkers Bridal Registry, Carol's Bridal and Tuxedo, Hetler Photography, Chalet Floral, Ryke's Bakery, Eidetic Imaging, Muskegon Trolley Company, It works Marketing, Electric Avenue DJ, KU Kandles, Northpointe Jewelers and Stella & Dot.

In addition, donations of canned food items are being accepted at the registration table to be donated to the Muskegon County Department of Veterans Affairs Food Pantry.•



Most of the buildings on the former Lappo Lumber property are being torn down. According to members of the Lappo family, it was becoming harder to maintain them.

Christmas craft show to benefit Toys for Tots

(Submitted by Toys for Tots)

A Christmas arts and craft show will be held on Sunday, December 5 to benefit Toys for Tots. The event will be held at Mick's Banquet Hall, 2808 S. Mill Iron Road from noon to 4 p.m.

Whether you are looking for children's wear, new home décor, jewelry, purses, kitchen accessories, wickless candles, teacher gifts, stocking stuffers, or gift items, this indoor show has it all.

Bring a new toy (unwrapped) for Toys for Tots and you will be entered in the drawing for over 60 door prizes.

Come support your community's local artists and crafters, while providing gifts for needy children in our area this holiday season.

If you are unable to attend and want to donate a toy, please contact Debbie at (231) 557-0212 or by email at momsworklab@hotmail.com.•

Locally taped children's show part of the Sprout channel

(Submitted by Enthusiastic Productions)

Enthusiastic Productions, L.L.C. was founded in 2005 as a partnership between the Grand Rapids Children's Museum and artist Joel Schoon Tanis. Working in association with the national 24-hour preschool television channel, Sprout, the locally taped *Noodle and Doodle* show can be seen Saturday and Sunday at 9:20 a.m. and 11:40 a.m.

Each episode features area kids making arts and crafts and learning how to cook preschool-appropriate healthy snacks in the kitchen (with their grown-ups), with host Sean from the *Sunny Side Up Show*. The opening sequence features a double-decker bus driving in and around West Michigan. Twenty six 11-minute episodes were shot over the summer.

Individuals can also visit www.sproutonline,com to explore the *Noodle and Doodle* website, also developed by the tam in West Michigan, featuring games and activities for kids and their grownups.•