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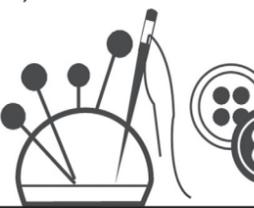
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Girl Scouts enjoying the hot, sunny Memorial Day Parade. (Photos by Marilee Beck)



Longtime advertiser of FAN, Baxters Towing, Storage, and LP Gas and a tradition to be in the OFD Parade. (Photos by Marilee Beck)

Carol Hulka
 (Democratic candidate for Fruitport Township Clerk)



Carol is a graduate of Muskegon Community College with a degree in business management. Her previous employment includes 25 years of experience working in a manufacturing environment.

Carol is a Certified Municipal Clerk and has attained Master Municipal Clerk designation. She is a member of local, state, and international clerk's organizations.

She is a member of the Fruitport Lady Lioness and a big sister in the Big Brother/Big Sister program.

Carol says, "Having served my community as Fruitport Township Clerk since 1992, I still enjoy the challenge and the variety that I encounter on a daily basis. The office of municipal clerk is the oldest among public servants. I am proud and honored to be considered a public servant."

Rose Dillon
 (Democratic candidate for Fruitport Township Treasurer)



I have been a Fruitport Township resident for 28 years along with my husband Greg. We have three daughters who graduated from Fruitport Community Schools, and are blessed with six grandchildren.

It has been an honor to serve Fruitport Township as treasurer for the past 16 years. I have attained Public Finance Administrator certification

from Central Michigan University, and Michigan Public Treasurer certifications. I am a recent president of the state-wide Michigan Municipal Township Association. I am also a member of the Michigan Treasurer's Association and the Muskegon County Treasurer's Association. I am the chair of the Fruitport Library Committee and secretary of the Fruitport Lioness Club.

I attend First Congregational Church where I am music director and teach Sunday School.

Fruitport Township is a growing, vibrant community within Muskegon County. It is important that we elect leaders who will keep Fruitport's best interest as their goal. I have a proven track record of experience, dedication and knowledge. I truly have the heart of a public servant, and with your vote I will continue to work for you.

Muskegon Rescue Mission and Love INC 'Hike for the Hungry'

(Submitted by the Muskegon Rescue Mission)

With Michigan's economy slow to recover and continued high unemployment, the Muskegon Rescue Mission and Love INC are seeing increased demand at their food pantries.

"The number of individuals and families coming to us seeking food has increased over 82 percent when compared to last year," said Kevin Newton, executive director of the Muskegon Rescue Mission.

Gail Kraft, executive director of Love INC added, "More than 25 percent of Muskegon County families receive food assistance benefits."

To meet the increased demand, the Muskegon Rescue Mission and Love INC are partnering together on "Hike for the Hungry," a benefit walk on Saturday, October 13, 2012 at Heritage Landing. "What makes this event unique is 100 percent of the proceeds go directly to feeding individuals and families right here in Muskegon County," said Kraft.

The two ministries operate 22 food pantries distributing over 3000,000 meals annually. Newton added, "Both ministries remain committed to helping every person who comes to us. Now more than ever we need to step up to meet the needs."

The walk offers something for everyone. The hike will begin at 9 a.m. and finish at 11 a.m., with the entire walk taking place at Heritage Landing. "People can come walk the entire time — or for those with small children, physical limitations, or time constraints — they can come and join us for our 'One and Done' lap," said Newton. Kraft added, "We will have a play area for children, music, as well as healthy snacks and water."

The Muskegon Rescue Mission is in its 105th year of continuous operation, and Love INC is celebrating 30 years of continuous operation. "We both are in a unique position to help those in need, not just with the physical needs that make day-to-day life hard, but with their spiritual needs as well," Newton said. "We can point them to Christ, the Savior of the world. By working together, both ministries can be more efficient and more effective in helping families."

For more information or to see how you can get involved, contact the Muskegon Rescue Mission at (231) 727-6090 or Love INC at (231) 773-3448. Website: www.hikeforthehungry.kintera.org.

Museum center seeks day camp volunteers

(Submitted by Lakeshore Museum Center)

Do you know a high school or college student who needs volunteer hours to graduate or is thinking of going into museum work or the education field? If so, then we have a great volunteer opportunity!

The museum is once again conducting our summer day camp, Enviroworks, and is looking for volunteers ages 16 to 22 to serve as counselors. They are responsible for helping supervise small groups of campers ranging in age from 6 to 11. They also help museum staff with science and history activities the campers do throughout the week. Some of the topics for this year's camp include Depression Era Gardening, Food Science, and Joseph Beyle and WWII.

The camps run from July 23 to 27 and July 30 to August 3. Counselors report at 8:45 a.m. and are usually finished by 12:15 p.m. Young adults interested in volunteering must attend volunteer training on July 17 from 9 to 11 a.m. and must attend every day of the week(s) for which they volunteer. If you know someone who may be interested in this fun volunteer opportunity, please have them contact Jackie Huss at (231) 722-0278 or jackie@lakeshoremuseum.org for more information or to sign up for one or both weeks.