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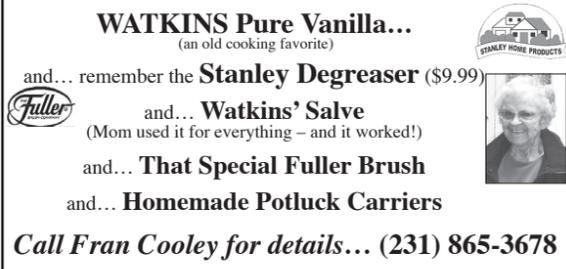
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Tip Top Riders look forward to fair

By Shelby Navarre (18 years)

The anticipation is growing as the Tip Top Riders 4-H Club eagerly counts down the days to fair. Since August 2011, the group has met every week to learn whatever they can about horses. The various topics have included, but aren't limited to, safety around animals, health and nutrition, and distinguishing the different equine colors and breeds. Since the spring, members have trailered their horses to meetings in order to hone their horsemanship skills and practice riding in a group. We are very proud of our accomplishments and we can't wait to show them off at the Muskegon County Youth Fair!

This year, Tip Top Riders consists of returning members Shelby Navarre, Erica Adams, Clara Carr, Ashley Fekken, Morgan Lockhart, Tristen Moore, and Savanna Santos. In addition, we keenly welcome newcomers Shelby Sternburgh and Abbie Hichue. The group is led by dedicated leaders Alicia Hard and Cindy Rhine. •



Members Shelby Sternburgh (left) riding Thunder and Morgan Lockhart (right) on Stormy, focus on refining good posture and control during a June meeting.

Sherry Yonkers

(Democratic candidate for Fruitport Township Trustee)



the Michigan State Tax Commission.

Sherry was active in the Michigan Township's Association with Muskegon County and was elected to represent Muskegon, Lake, Mason, Oceana and Newaygo counties on the State Board of Directors. She was active in local, state and national Municipal Clerk's Associations, the Michigan Municipal League, and studied planning and administering finances in government. She knows government fundamentals and procedures, and demonstrates a positive attitude.

Sherry is a member of Fruitport Congregational UCC, a Fruitport Lioness, volunteers for Harbor Hospice, and is a member of the Muskegon County Garden Club.

She asks for your support to once again be active in our community and to use her background, experience, and education to benefit the people who afford her the opportunity to work and act responsibly in the service of her constituents.

Sherry asks "forget-me-not" and to please vote "Yonkers."

Charles Whitlow

(Democratic candidate for Fruitport Township Trustee)

Charles Whitlow is presently a trustee on the Fruitport Township Board. I have served a total of 20 years on the board and have worked with the planning commission most of the 20 years. I have also served on the Department of Public Works Committee, Police and Fire Committee, and the Buildings and Grounds Committee.

I have owned a successful business in Fruitport township for 30 years, and have been very active with the Sportsmen for Youth for many years and am presently vice president of the organization.

I have lived in Fruitport Township most of my life and have two grown children who live with their families in Fruitport Township.

I am very concerned about the future of Fruitport Township and feel I am qualified to help keep Fruitport going in the right direction.

If anyone has questions, comments or suggestions, I have been and will always be available to hear them to better Fruitport Township.

I would like your support in the upcoming election. •

Ron Becklin

(Republican candidate for Fruitport Township Trustee)

I feel we have made some positive gains over the past 3 ½ years, but there is more to be accomplished. That is why I am going to run again for Fruitport Township Trustee. During this term we have had to deal with significant cuts in state revenue sharing, and steep reductions in the housing market, including their depreciating values. We have had to make some hard decisions on services that needed to be cut back or eliminated completely. We have tried to accomplish this without jeopardizing safety and the day to day operations of the township, and still be able to maintain a balanced budget.

If I am re-elected, my number one goal this term will be to concentrate on funding for the repair of roads in Fruitport Township, and secondly, an acceptable water system. •

Margie Nash

(Democratic candidate for Fruitport Township Trustee)

Marjorie J. Nash is the widow of Shelby N. Nash. Our two daughters are Kimberly Nash and Kelly Thurston. I am the grandmother of three granddaughters, Shelby Thurston, Colby Thurston, and Trinity Tighe.

I am a lifetime democrat, a lifetime member of the VFW Auxiliary 3734, and a member of Temple United Methodist Church in Muskegon Heights.

I have been a Fruitport trustee since 1984. I have been on the Fire and Police Committee, the Elections Committee and the Cemetery Committee. I have attended countless meetings outside of my assigned committees, including parks, planning commission, road commission, and Muskegon Townships Association. I also represent Fruitport Township on the Silent Observer board.

My main goals for the township are to retain our public safety, fire and police; to work for better roads, and to represent all our citizens with justice and fair decisions to "do the right thing." I am involved, concerned and experienced. I would be proud to be your public servant again.

So, once again, I am asking for your vote. I very much appreciate your support. Thanks. •

Kris Cole

(Democratic candidate for Fruitport Township Trustee)

I am running for Fruitport Township Trustee. I am a 1992 graduate of Fruitport High School. After graduating from Michigan Tech, I moved back to Fruitport to work at General Dynamics where I worked for 13 years until they moved. I am currently working for Benteler Aluminum in Holland. I am married with three girls, ages 3 to 8.

I serve on the Board of Review and coach girls' soccer. I take pride in Fruitport, and want to be part of making it even better. We face many critical decisions including the casino and changes in our water source. We need people in office who will think about the community first and foremost when making these decisions. We need to keep our spending under control and cut out waste. I believe I am one who can do all of this, as well as helping to encourage others to do the same. I love living in Fruitport, and I want to do my part to make sure it continues to be the type of community where everybody enjoys living and in which our children will want to live. That is why I am asking for your vote to be your trustee. Thank you. •