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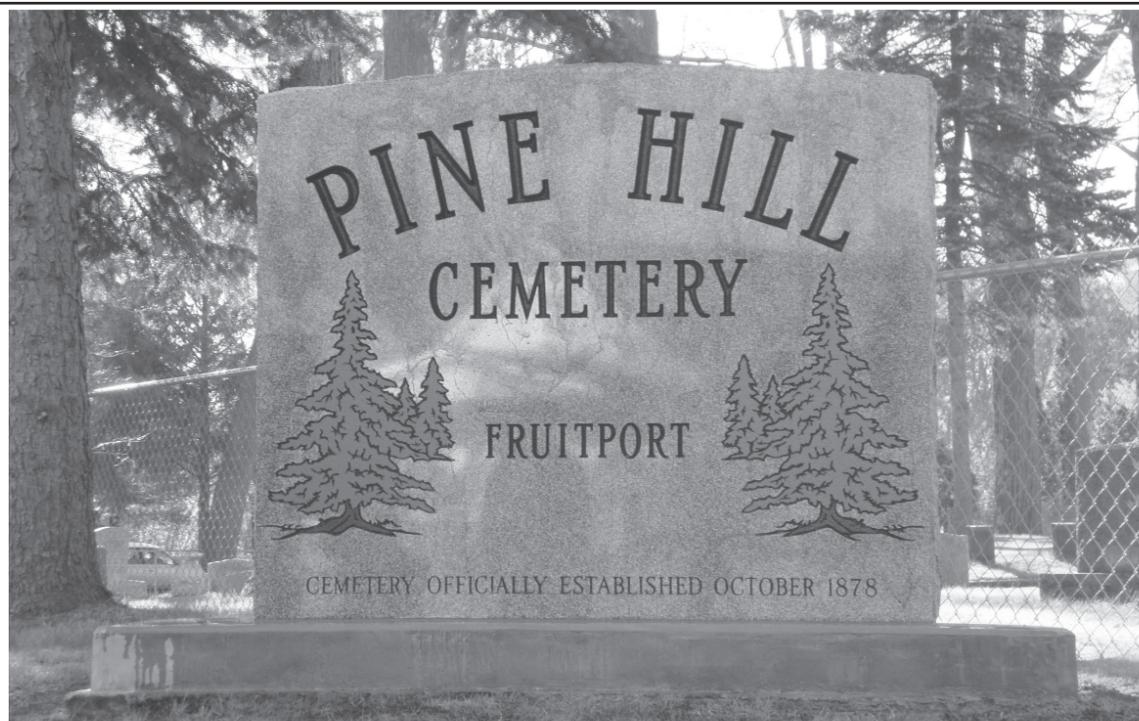
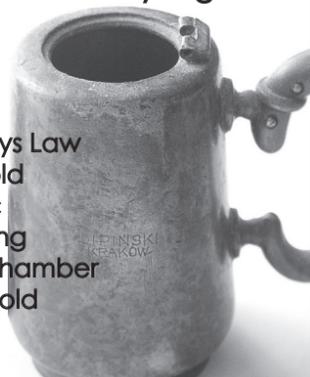
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Pine Hill Cemetery's new look and 'real' identity finalized

By Krystle Wagner

Every year, Fruitport Township Clerk Carol Hulka set aside money in the budget for a sign at Pine Hill Cemetery. Unfortunately, something always came up that the township board felt needed the money more. When village council member Jerry Alger approached Hulka about a sign for the cemetery, she thought she was dreaming.

On April 6, the new sign was placed at the cemetery entrance, thanks to a grant from the Community Foundation for Muskegon County. In June, 2011, Alger applied for a grant from the foundation with two projects in mind: a marker at the cemetery and five historical panels to be placed around the village. Alger was notified in November that he received the \$5,000 grant. An official dedication for the marker and panels will be held at a later date.

Hulka's dream became a reality because of the financial assistance from the grant and a collaboration

of companies and hardworking individuals. Superior Monument made several designs until the cemetery committee decided on the design and wording. The granite sign took three months to mine from the quarry.

Before the wording was finalized, Brian Zwart researched Pine Hill Cemetery's official establishment date at the Muskegon Register of Deeds Office because there were conflicting reports. Jerry Darga, sextant at the cemetery, dug the hole for the concrete base and Rodger Bagnieschi and Alger poured the concrete. The sign's concrete foundation was donated by Port City Concrete. Alger said he feels good now that the first monument is in place.

"I've lived here all my life," Alger said. "As far as I know, there's never been a sign here. People always referred to it as the Fruitport Cemetery. Now they'll know the official name." •

New preschool schedules open house

By Mary Weimer

A new preschool at Grace Lutheran Church, 2651 Shettler will hold an open house on Wednesday, June 20 from 6 to 8 p.m. Parents and children will be given the opportunity to meet the director, Dori Winkel, and see the classroom. For more information, please call (231) 777-3011 or email Dori at ece@gracemuskegon.com. •

March of Dimes fundraiser joins OFD Regulator Run

By Mary Weimer

Lamar Construction Company of Hudsonville contacted Paul Jr. Designs in 2011 with the idea of building a special motorcycle to raise money for the March of Dimes. The result, a "Custom Built for Babies" bike was designed, and will be raffled to earn donations for the March of Dimes.

The special bike will be on display at Pin Crest Lanes in Fruitport on Saturday, May 26 before and after the Reg-



Pictured with the "Custom Built for Babies" motorcycle are Bruce Gaultney, Rick Huss, Tom Johnson, Tom Bell, Tim Johnson, Roger Johnson and Bryan Gemmel.

ulator Motorcycle Run. The bike has custom-machined three-spoke wheels, air breather, fender struts, clutch cover, and even a custom seat. The bike embellished the March of Dimes logo and the Lamar Construction logo on the outer primary cover. It has an American Suspension, with a Crazy Horse 100 engine. This is the first street legal bike featured that the public could actually own.

Overall, the team's goal is to raise \$3 million dollars with ticket sales, with all the money donated to the March of Dimes. The bike will travel throughout the State of Michigan, appearing at March of Dimes and motorcycle events. The owner of Lamar Construction, Carl Blauwkamp, has agreed to pay the taxes on the bike for the lucky winner.

The winning ticket will be drawn in November, 2012, at a Signature Chefs event. Follow marchofdimes.com/Michigan and Thunder Roads Magazine of Michigan for other display locations.

Tickets will be sold at Pin Crest Lanes and at Pomona Park during Old Fashioned Days.

Pomona Park to be the site of an archeological dig

By Krystle Wagner

A group of archeology students will set up camp in Pomona Park in June. They aren't preparing for "Indiana Jones and the Search for Fruitport Gold." Instead, they are searching deep into the ground for foundations and other trinkets from the former Pomona House Hotel that burned in the late 1800s.

In March, Brian Zwart proposed a project to the village council that would allow students from the Grand Valley State University archeology field school to run tests and potentially dig up parts of Pomona Park. Village council member Jerry Alger said the council thought it was a good and positive project for the community.

"Everybody thought it would be interesting and neat," Alger said. "It would be good for the community as far as being of interest to the residents."

What started out as preliminary research for Zwart's book about the area history has turned into a two-week long project; however, results might not be officially completed until the fall. Zwart said they will use ground penetrating radar to determine if the foundations are in the park. From there, they can determine the building's dimensions and square footage.

"Depending on what the computer reads out from the ground penetrating radar, we may not dig at all," Zwart said. "It takes time to sift through, look at the data and figure out what we're seeing. If it's a building or a structure, it should be pretty obvious. In that case, we'll do some exploratory digging — maybe a trench or just a few holes to make sure we have what we think we have."

The extensive search in the area might lead some to believe they are looking for the rumored gold from a stage coach robbery in 1874. The stagecoach was carrying gold which was payment for the Muskegon lumberjacks, Zwart said. According to one account, one man stashed his portion of the gold in the Pomona House Hotel, but it hasn't been proven whether or not the gold was there.

"It's a fun story, but with almost every archeological project you approach there's a legend of gold or treasure," Zwart said. "...If I had my choice between finding the gold and finding an old trunk that was filled with maps and pictures and the original blueprints and the check-in ledger from the front desk, I would pick the trunk over the gold."

As the project unfolds, Zwart said he encourages the public to ask questions, but to remain mindful of any roped-off areas, as they are for safety concerns. •