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Voting resources available
(Submitted by the Muskegon Lakeshore Chamber of Commerce)

Election season is here and the Muskegon Lakeshore Chamber of Commerce has the resources you need to make an educated voting decision. This year, the county consolidated the number of districts from 11 to 9, and the Chamber website has resources to help you learn your new district and make a business-friendly voting decision.

During election years, volunteers from the Muskegon Lakeshore Chamber of Commerce interview candidates running for local office. Their mission is to find out which candidates prioritize business development and job creation activities. A system was developed for rating candidates' positions on important economic issues. Candidates received the highest 5-star rating. These candidates understand the economic issues facing our community and will stand up for programs and services that create jobs and prosperity in Muskegon County. See which elected officials earned a "5" at www.muskegon.org.

Also, the chamber is getting ready to release ballot proposal recommendations, both state and county-wide. Get to know the issues and more by visiting the Chamber website. All the resources you need are online at www.muskegon.org.

Do you know where they are?
By Mariann Cooper

The 1962 class is having their **50th Muskegon Heights H.S.** reunion on October 13, 2012. If you have any contact information for these people, please call Jane at 231-865-3034 or Mariann at 231-865-6370 and let us know:

•Joanna Anderson, •Geri Bass,
•Candi Beese, •Leodis Cheatam,
•Dave Firestone, •Dave Grant,
•Erma Green/McGee, •Willie Griffin, •Earlene R. Grissom, •Tom Hakes, •Mary Hoffman/Fuller,
•Mary K. Keener, •Joan Kensinger,
•Mary Jane Koerber, •Vickie Lopez, •Roy C. McBride, •Betty McLaughlin, •James Petty, •Janet Poort/Hewitt, •Celester Robertson,
•Tom Robinson, •Richard Stevens,
•Paula Sullivan/Smith, •Willdean Terrell, •Mary Thaler/Fowler,
•Mary Thies, •Marna Unger, •Tom VanderLaan, and •Sharon Walker/Nordes.

Any help you can give us will be appreciated.

**Muskegon Hts. H.S.
Class of 1962**

Char's small piece of mother earth
By Charlene Lozicki

What a summer this has been. It started out with an early spring bringing perennials out with frozen tops, and a wonder if there would be any further growth, let alone flowers. Actually, even though they started out looking brown and dead on top, there were beautiful flowers.

I had plans for a weekly schedule to maintain and improve this piece of mother earth, but things put a damper on my plans. My little red grass-cutting machine after several trips to the lawn mower doctor works very well if I cut the front and back yard without stopping. She thinks she needs a rest if I let her stop before finishing the job, and she won't restart. June, I was told, was the time to plant grass, but it was so hot and with little rain, I decided the air conditioner sounded pretty good, although claustrophobic, with windows and doors shut waiting for a cool day. I don't remember finding one. The chipmunks were pretty active; my little dog tore a ligament in her leg chasing after one, so I walked her around the yard, keeping her activity to a minimum for healing. She is no longer limping. The chipmunks enjoyed digging up seeds I had in flowerpots, so I sprouted them inside. A big fat toad enjoyed sitting in one of the pots. He left after a couple weeks, but at least I know it wasn't the result of my little dog.

Those flowerpots cried out for water several times a day along with flowers around the porch, and I succumbed to their wishes. I learned ferns don't like hot sun and little water. Amazingly, where there was no water hardy plants drooped and turned brown, but weeds sprouted up in that dry sandy soil. Isn't mother earth wonderfully amazing? The violets in the lawn came up in abundance in the spring and were flourishing all summer, so I did spend time pulling out their roots. It's amazing how they flourished after being doused with weed killer last year.

The summer is nearing the end, and so far I have green tomatoes on a plant that haven't been eaten yet. Rain has come and I have green grass, flowers blooming, and a dog running after chipmunks. There is beautiful produce at the farmers' market. Mother Nature really is amazing.



The bald eagles have not been around their Fruitport Road nest much this year, though I am sure they will be back next year. It may be that they were scared away by some of the construction. But now that it's mostly done, they may come back yet this year. If they do show up, I will be sure to get some good photos to share with everyone. (Photo by Harry Wojahn.)

Max Riekse
Republican write-in candidate for Fruitport Township Parks Commission

Max Riekse is a write-in candidate for Fruitport Township Parks Commissioner under the Republican portion of the ballot. This would be Max's third term on the parks commission, having previously served two terms.

Max Riekse is a Fruitport High School graduate. His son, in his fifth year of Fruitport soccer, also participated in baseball and football in Fruitport.

"We need to seek federal and state grants, not loans, to expand Fruitport area bike paths, along with supporting a high quality soccer, football and baseball program for all Fruitport youth and adults."

Write in "Max Riekse" under the Republican portion of the ballot for parks commissioner and **blacken the oval** near it.

I appreciate your write-in vote!•

Animal control and dog licensing changes
(Submitted by Public Health Muskegon County)

Animal control-related activities, such as impoundment of stray dogs and investigation of dog-related complaints will continue to be handled by Animal Control officers, however, it will be through the Sheriff's Department and no longer through Public Health. In addition, the treasurer's office will take over selling dog licenses.

Public Health will continue to investigate reports of animal bites to assure minimal risk of rabies exposure to humans.•

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