

## Principal says thanks Letter to the Editor:

Thank you to the Fruitport community for being so generous and appreciative at my retirement. The last days at Shettler School were special. People were very thoughtful and generous. It was humbling. The cards, gifts, hugs, and words of appreciation were truly appreciated.

Special thanks goes to:

Third-fifth graders for the box of Kleenex with a roll of money.

Second graders for the gift card to Home Depot.

First graders for the gift card to Two Tony's and a massage

Kindergarteners for the gift card to Texas Road House

PTC (Parent Teacher Committee) for the gift certificate to the Homestead

Administrators for the tickets to the Chicago Cubs game

Shettler staff for a gift certificate to Bayshore Shore Resort with spending money

To the Fruitport Board of Education for a job for 38 years and a beautiful clock to remember the years by.

I have had the blessing of loving my work. I was richly rewarded with many great relationships that have been formed over the years. It has been these relationships that have made the years successful and rewarding. The relationships will not go away. Thanks again for all that you did for me!

Norm Heerema  
Former principal,  
Shettler School



**Custodian Bill Weimer** puts the finishing touches on the new Fruitport library drop box after he installed it on Tuesday, September 25.

## Friends of the Fruitport Library holding book sale

By Mary Weimer

On Saturday, November 10, 2012, the Friends of the Fruitport branch of the Muskegon Area District Library will be holding a book sale in the Werschem Community Room at the library, 47 Park Street. The sale will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

More friends are needed, as well. Please consider becoming a member of the Friends of the Fruitport Library

Donations of gently used books, CDs and DVDs are currently being accepted during open library hours. •

## Ancient Israel comes alive in new book

By Pam Mettler and Mary Weimer

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to actually hear Jesus speak? A new book just published, entitled *Walking in the Dust of Rabbi Jesus*, will make readers feel like they are actual witnesses to Jesus' words through the scholarship of Holland, Michigan author Lois Tverberg.

How is that possible? She begins by leading readers through the core statement of Jewish faith, the *Shema*, to help people deepen their understanding of Jesus' Scriptures and application to modern times.

Facts about discoveries of Hebrew locations mentioned in the Bible and rabbinic idioms are sprinkled throughout the book.

Aside from the importance of hearing and understanding Hebrew words and their contexts is the knowledge gained about living out the words of Rabbi Jesus. Peppered throughout the book is a series of quotes from the Talmud and various rabbis.

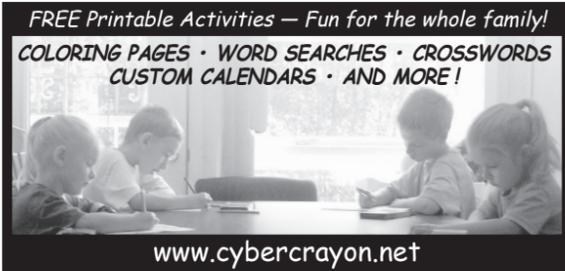
The third part of the book discusses the discipline of studying the Word with Rabbi Jesus. Since ancient people of Jesus' time knew their Scriptures because they saw study as a form of worship, in this day and age people struggle with how to deal with the inability to know all the answers.

Tverberg points out that Jesus did not preach in an individualistic and materialistic culture like our own, but in a society that deeply valued community.

"If you are walking in your Rabbi's dust, you are called to follow Him into the ashes of our crumbling, burning world," writes Tverberg.

For more information about the book, visit [www.zondervan.com](http://www.zondervan.com) or a local bookseller. •

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## KOSTRZEWA RAN TO UNSEAT JUDGE WIERENGO TWO YEARS AGO

At that time, two former prosecuting attorneys, Harry J. Knudsen and Paul Ladas put ads in the Muskegon Chronicle accusing Kostrzewa of making 8 false statements in his campaign and listed them in their ad:

They also claimed that Kostrzewa **“and the members of the prosecuting attorney’s office, together with certain enlisted law enforcement officers have engaged in a smear campaign accusing the incumbent judge of being responsible for a murder and rapes and abuses of victims of domestic violence.”** Knudsen and Ladas stated in their ads that **“the claims are not true and are made with the intent to alarm the public by falsely depicting the incumbent judge as a danger to the Muskegon community.”**

Knudsen and Ladas stated that **“the public expect our courts to be fair and without bias or prejudice”** and recommended the re-election of Judge Andrew Wierengo, which did happen.

*Vote for the other candidate:*

**ANNETTE SMEDLEY**  
for Circuit Judge

## Integrity of Muskegon County Judicial Court threatened by Annette Smedley’s Opponent

October 27th and 29th, 2010, three seasoned attorneys: Paul M. Ladas, Harry J. Knudsen, and James Waters wrote articles to the Muskegon Chronicle with an election alert to Muskegon County Voters. They stated, *“We believe the public expects our courts to be fair and without bias and prejudice.”* In fact, Judge Wierengo followed up on November 1, 2010 also with an article which stated, He *“fought the prosecutor’s office for 12 years to maintain equilibrium between the executive and judicial branch government. Now they wish to teach me a lesson, mess with us and we will run someone against you, and we will come at you with guns blazing and use every tactic we can, from deception and distortion, to outright lying about your record and matters of the court. They have tempted me to stoop to their level and fire back, and believe me, I have ammo with which to do it.”*

The point I am trying to relay to you as a voter is that we do not need an assistant Prosecutor on the bench to replace Judge Graves. This will only continue with the bias and prejudice. Elect Annette Smedley who has the knowledge, experience, and qualifications. — Sandie Christiansen, Sullivan Township

This ad paid for by concerned citizen, Sandie Christiansen. This ad has not been approved nor sanctioned by Knudsen, Ladas, Waters, or by candidate Annette Smedley.