

Muskegon County Event Calendar

(Submitted by the Lakeshore Chamber of Commerce)

Thursdays are free at the Muskegon Museum of Art, 296 W. Webster Avenue in downtown Muskegon. Drop in for a free tour of the Muskegon Museum of Art every Thursday. If you prefer a guided tour, docents will lead you through the museum's new Centennial Collection every Thursday between 1 and 3 p.m. No reservations are needed. Call the museum for more information at (231) 720-2574 or visit them online at www.muskegonartmuseum.org.

Muskegon County Youth Fair, July 23-27 at the Muskegon County Fairgrounds, 6621 Heights Ravenna Road.

White Lake Area Nature Walks are the first Saturday of each month through October. Walks begin at 10:30 a.m. sharp and will go approximately until noon. For more information, contact the White Lake Chamber at www.whitelake.org.

Parties in the Park are held every Friday night in Hackley Park in Muskegon. The event features food and drinks available for purchase from many different vendors, children's activities and live music.

Maranatha Summer Concerts are every Saturday night at the conference grounds, 4759 Lake Harbor Road. The concerts are free and begin at 7 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. A free will offering is accepted. Please visit www.vacationwithpurpose.com or call (231) 798-2162 for more information.

The Abraham Lincoln Collection at the Lakeshore Museum Center is a collection of Abraham Lincoln memorabilia on loan from Marcia Van Dyke. It is on display until September, 2013. For more information, go to www.lakeshoremuseum.org.

Nuveen Community Center for the Arts, 8697 Ferry Street in Montague is free. Our fine feathered friends are the focus of the exhibit, interpreted in a variety of mediums by community members of all ages. Visit our website for more information.

Black/White works from the Permanent Collection, highlights the possibilities artists can achieve with black and white, using them not just as color, but as light, form and value. The works are on display at the Muskegon Museum of Art.

Fresh Air Fit. Now you can enjoy exercise in the great outdoors! Michigan state parks are offering fitness classes this summer through the DNR's new Fresh Air Fit program. At Muskegon State Park, it is Beach Boot Camp through August 31 on Mondays at 5:45 p.m. and Saturdays at 10 a.m. You can also try Eco Trek Fitness at Snug Harbor on July 29 at 6 p.m. Many more classes are listed online at www.michigan.gov/freshfit. Fresh Air Fit program costs vary; please check the online event listing for instructor contact information and contact the instructor directly about payment, registration, cancellation policy and other details.

Live Music at the Book Nook and Java Shop. Every Friday and Saturday from 6 to 8 p.m. at 8744 Ferry Street in Montague. Open mic night is the last Saturday of every month. Call (231) 894-5333 for more information or visit www.thebooknookjavashop.com.

Grand Haven class of 1963

By Jerry Alger

When the class of '63 graduated from Fruitport Junior High in 1959 there was no Fruitport High School. Students chose between Grand Haven, Muskegon Heights or Muskegon High School. And, of course, some attended Catholic Central. I chose Grand Haven along with several other classmates. It is hard to believe, but this year, we will celebrate our 50th class reunion.

In May, I was in Grand Haven, and I remembered a couple of my classmates who had done a little celebrating of their own during our graduation from high school. I remembered that they had painted "Class of '63" on a particular freshly painted white retaining wall. I thought to myself, "I wonder..." and I went out of my way to check out that wall. As I slowly drove by it, there it was, after 50 years, as big as ever, the painted "Class of '63" logo. I grabbed my phone camera and snapped a picture. A few days later I had breakfast with a couple of my '63 classmates. I had to show the picture I had taken. They were amazed by the picture. And, if you think about it, it is amazing! Fifty years have gone by, and that wall was never painted. I stopped to think of all that has taken place in my life ... in the world. Fifty years doesn't seem that long ago.

I would also like to invite anyone who graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1963 who may have been forgotten or who could not be located by the reunion committee to attend our reunion. Please go to Grand Haven High School on Facebook to find details and a registration form for you to fill out. Or, you can contact me at (231) 343-3394.

Please come to the reunion. •

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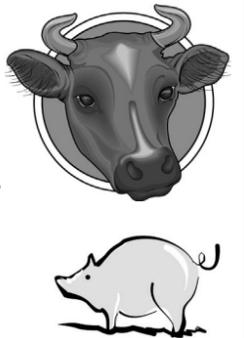
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