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# Travel by Dawn



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**7/20 - Blue Chip & Four Winds** - \$50 (Up to \$50 back)

**8/3 - Detroit Tigers vs Los Angeles Angels** - \$109 (Outfield box section 115)

**9/14 - Firekeepers & Gun Lake** - \$45 (\$40 back)

**10/5 - Cedar Point Halloween Weekend** - \$99 bus fare and ticket

**10/12-13 - Wine Tour** - \$169 pp double/6 Wineries, Traverse City, hotel, breakfast, shopping & Casino Option

**10/26 -10/27 - Halloween Casino Run** - \$169 pp double/(\$50 back)

**11/8-11/10 - Mall of America** - \$289 pp double 2 nights/3 days, Best Western, mall coupon books & Casino option.

**November 16 - Soaring Eagle** - \$35 (\$25 back)

**11/23 - Woodfield & IKEA** - \$50 includes bus fare, shopping bags & coupon books!

**April 19-21, 2014 - Kewadin** - \$189

**May 7-13, 2014 - Washington, D.C.** - \$699

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## Township board recognizes heroic teens

(Submitted by Fruitport Township)

On March 21, 2013, eight teens took it upon themselves to help a fellow citizen in Fruitport Township. They detained a person who was running from a home invasion, later proven to be the guilty felon.

In the board meeting held on April 8, 2013, the Fruitport Township Board presented a resolution of recognition and appreciation to the eight teens. There were many supporters in the audience including Sergeant Rick McCabe from Fruitport, Norton Shores officer Jared Pusschier; Fruitport public safety director Ken Doctor and 91<sup>st</sup> District State Representative Collene Lamonte, who also presented the eight teens with a resolution of acknowledgement signed by Lamonte, Senator Goeff Hansen and Governor Rick Snyder.

The two young ladies in the front of the photo (to the left of Supervisor Brian Werschem) followed the guilty man down Sheridan Road. When the young men in the photo saw that the girls were following the robber, they

got involved as well. The girls were smart enough to get photos of the robber holding the stolen items. According to Officer McCabe, that is the evidence that ultimately will send the man to jail.

The young lady standing next to trustee Dave Markgraf is the homeowner. She went into her home after she noticed that her home had been entered. When she heard a shuffling noise, she called out, "Who is in here?" The robber ran past her to get outside.

A second robber, who took off behind the golf course, was being tracked by Norton Shores Police, City of Muskegon Police, State Police, and police dogs. He was apprehended near Walker and Cline Roads.

The community appreciates the heroic efforts of Austin Buckingham, Austin Curtis, Alex German, Brian Horacek, Kolin Lakatos, Felicia Lynn, Savannah Olmstead and Andrew Slocum. •

## Red Cross needs drivers

(Submitted by the American Red Cross)

The American Red Cross is in critical need of volunteer drivers who are willing to begin driving at 4:45 a.m. Volunteers are needed to transport Muskegon County patients to dialysis appointments and seniors to medical appointments. Volunteers use Red Cross vehicles and are given complete training to do the job.

Over 1500 rides are provided monthly through this vital Red Cross transportation program. Muskegon area seniors and dialysis patients depend on this service to get to their lifesaving dialysis treatments, chemotherapy, and doctors' appointments. The service provides rides to those who have no other means to get to their appointments. As with all Red Cross services to the community, the program relies on the generosity of volunteers who give their time.

To be a driver for the Red Cross, you must be at least 21 years old, have a good driving record, enjoy working with people, and be willing to volunteer one morning or afternoon a week. Driving opportunities are available from 4:45 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. or 4:45 a.m. until 8 a.m.

"The Red Cross needs more volunteer drivers who are willing to drive in the early morning," said Mark Evans, Senior Transportation Director. "The demand for rides to medical appointments is great in Muskegon County and has increased the need for more volunteer drivers. Seven Red Cross vehicles are currently filled to capacity providing transportation to those who need it most. This is an excellent opportunity to help make a difference in others' lives by getting up early and volunteering to drive once a week."

To learn more about how you can volunteer at the American Red Cross, contact Penny or Jennifer at (231) 726-3555 or visit [www.redcrosswestmi.org](http://www.redcrosswestmi.org) to apply on line. •

## It happened in church

By Joe Tomodachi

This is a true story of a simple thing that recently happened in a Fruitport Township church.

One of the ladies had a habit of punctuating her conversations by waving her arms and moving her hands as she described anything. On one such occasion, she happened to have a small basket in one hand and was waving it about. Finally, the moving display became too much for me and I tossed a quarter into the basket. She stopped — glared at me — and asked, "What do you think you are doing?" I responded that since we were in church, I thought she was taking up a collection. She stuck her tongue out at me. My wife often reminds me that others don't always appreciate my attempts at humor. This must have been one of those times.

She left the basket and my quarter on the table, and the next time I saw it, more coins had been added. Not content to leave well enough alone, I hand wrote a card, "Guilt Offering," and put it in the basket. By the next week, there was paper money in addition to the coins — the donations were coming in fast!

Every few weeks, we collect five or ten dollars, which we add to our offering. What started as a joke took on a life of its own and grew into a lucrative moneymaker for the church. •

## 'Ride to Remember' to benefit Harbor Hospice during OFD

(Submitted by Harbor Hospice)

Ride to Remember is a 15-mile bike ride to benefit Harbor Hospice sponsored by the Fruitport Lions Club and Fruitport Chiropractic Center. The ride starts at 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 25 at Fruitport High School, 357 N. Sixth Avenue and concludes at Pomona Park just in time to get one of their yummy lunches. Check-in begins at 10:30 a.m. The registration fee is \$15 for adults and \$5 for children under the age of 16. Registration includes a free Fruitport Old Fashioned Days lunch at the conclusion of the ride.

The event focuses on families spending time together. After the Ride to Remember, why not spend the afternoon enjoying some of the Fruitport Old Fashioned Days events, many of which are free. Make it a fun-filled day!

Advance registration is appreciated, however, you can still register on the day of the event. Forms are available at Harbor Hospice and the Fruitport Chiropractic Center. Both have downloadable forms on their websites. For more information, please call Harbor Hospice at (231) 728-3442 or the Fruitport Chiropractic Center at (231) 865-6545.

Proceeds from this event will benefit the Leila and Cyrus Poppen Hospice Residence, a program of Harbor Hospice located in Fruitport Township on nine wooded acres near The Lakes Mall. This home-like residence with 14 private rooms, serves people who are terminally ill when home care is no longer the best answer. •

## Secretary of State and Meijer announce partnership

(Submitted by Michigan Department of State)

Think of it as "one-stop shopping" Secretary of State style. A new pilot program will offer Meijer customers in a Grand Rapids store the chance to get bread, milk, peanut butter and their new license plate tabs in a single trip.

"We're very excited about this new partnership with Meijer, a Michigan-based company that has led the way nationally with their supercenter and 'one-stop shopping' approach," said Secretary of State Ruth Johnson. "This marks the first time ever that our self-service stations will be located in a retail store setting. At Meijer, they'll be available to customers at night, on weekends, 24 hours a day, seven days a week."

The ATM-style machine is easy to use. Customers follow touch-screen directions and scan the bar code on their license plate renewal notice. Customers can use credit cards or debit cards carrying the MasterCard or Visa logos to use the self-service kiosk.

Once the information and credit card are confirmed, the station prints out a vehicle tab and receipt for the customer. Transactions can usually be accomplished in less than two minutes.

Two stores have been selected for the pilot program, but one is in Lincoln Park. The Grand Rapids Meijer store selected for the kiosk is at 1540 28<sup>th</sup> Street SE. •