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## Local Family Fun at Legomania

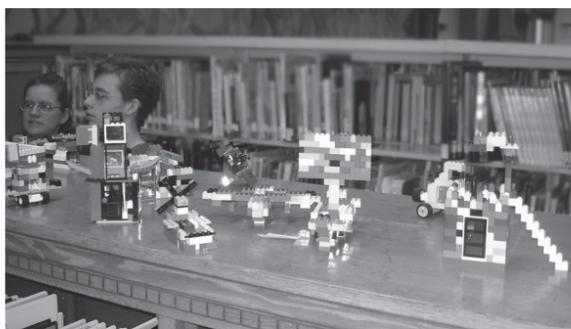
Written by the Holtrop Family

Our family went to Legomania, a free Lego-building experience held monthly in the children's room at the Hackley Public Library. Open to all ages, it is a nice experience, where kids are able to build and see what others can build out of an assortment of Lego bricks.

We liked building with simple Lego pieces: it gave us the challenge of building something new. Also, we got to build with our family and other Lego fans from the area.



There were many different models and unique designs built. Some of these models included vehicles, buildings, animals, robots, and some of our favorite movie characters and elements. We built fighter jets, a mini construction site, a T-Rex head, a tool truck, and giant robots, among many other things. There were two contests, each ending with a vote by the Lego builders present. Prizes were given for the winner in one of two categories: most liked and most creative.



We all had fun. Two of our group won prizes for the things they built, and everyone there was able to put their models on display for a week in the library. After we got home, excited about the fun we had, we wrote short stories about the things we built. We had pilots fighting bad guys, a construction site under attack by a bear, the military fighting a T-Rex that had come through a time portal, an alien robot invasion, secret agents rescuing the President from a robot airplane, a frog narrowly escaping from a preheating oven, and a tool truck driver dealing with a tree branch that had fallen through the roof of his house. It was so enjoyable, we would like to go back to Legomania again sometime. •

## Muskegon area calendar of events

(Submitted by the Muskegon Lakeshore Chamber of Commerce)

**The Abraham Lincoln Collection** is the latest "Collector's Corner" at the Lakeshore Museum Center. It is a collection on loan from Marcia Van Dyke who has been collecting Lincoln items since she was a child. Items on display include everything from 1865 newspapers about Lincoln's assassination to an Avon bottle shaped like Lincoln's head. The display continues through September. (www.lakeshoremuseum.org.)

**Hughie Lee-Smith: Meditations** is an exhibition of paintings, drawings and prints by American artist Hughie Lee-Smith, comprising more than 20 works from the 1930s to the 1960s, on display at the Muskegon Museum of Art, 296 W. Webster Avenue, through May 19. (www.muskegonartmuseum.org.)

**The Snory Fellers**, features whimsical illustrations from the books of Laurie Quail Keller. The Muskegon native shares her best-selling tales through May 26 at the Muskegon Museum of Art. Keller is a nationally-known author and illustrator whose exhibition shows the creative process of her books from beginning ideas and illustrations through final publication. Included are illustrations from *Arnie the Doughnut*, *Grandpa Gazillion's Number Yard*, *Do Unto Otters*, *The Scrambled States of America*, and more! (www.muskegonartmuseum.org). •

## Free early memory loss sessions open to the public

(Submitted by The Alzheimer's Association, Michigan Great Lakes Chapter)

An early memory loss series is being offered at Tanglewood Park, 560 Seminole Road in Muskegon. The sessions are designed to inform you of early signs and changes, first steps in diagnosis, treatment and planning, and how the Alzheimer's Association can provide information, assistance, support and resources. Advance registration is required by phone (800-272-3900) or online at alz.org/mglc.

Friday, May 17, from 2 to 4 p.m. is a roundtable discussion on the best approaches to support persons with early memory loss (social programs, discussion groups, support groups, etc. in our community).

On Monday, June 10, from 10 a.m. to noon, Gretchen Smith will speak on the topic, "When You Forget What You Know." Gretchen is currently living with mild cognitive impairment. She will share her journey of 'when she forgot what she knew' and her greatest challenges. •



**Amelia Rose Callton** made her way into this world on Monday, March 4, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. She weighed 6 lbs. 9 oz., was 19 inches long, and she lights up the world around her. Her mother and father are Daniel and Christina Callton and her grandmothers are Shelly West of North Muskegon (Fruitport graduate), and Joyce Marx of Okemos, Michigan; and a grandfather, Frank Kelly of Whitmore Lake, Michigan. Her great-grandmother is Lucille "Lucy" Riley of Fruitport Township. She joins her big brother, Milo, 6 years old.

## United Way of the Lakeshore's Day of Caring

(Submitted by United Way of the Lakeshore)

United Way of the Lakeshore's Day of Caring will take place on Friday, June 21. Hundreds of volunteers will join together at the Muskegon County Fairgrounds with the goal of completing many projects just in time for the Muskegon County Fair in July. The fairgrounds are located at 6621 Heights Ravenna Road.

The 2013 Day of Caring will begin at 8 a.m. with a pancake breakfast hosted by the Muskegon Host Lions Club. A noon lunch will be provided by Plumb's.

Projects will take place from 8:30 a.m. through 3 p.m., followed by a clean up until 4 p.m. Projects include painting, restoring fences and barns, building shelves, landscaping, brush clearing, mural painting, cleaning, volunteer registration and more. Projects will be available for both skilled and non-skilled volunteers of all ages.

Donations are being accepted for paintbrushes, rollers, drop cloths, and paint trays. Donations can be made at United Way, 31 E. Clay Avenue in downtown Muskegon.

Volunteers can register online at www.unitedway-lakeshore.org. For more information, call (231) 722-3134 or email lynn@unitedwaylakeshore.org.

Be the change you want to see in your community. Give your time, advocate for United Way, and volunteer with us at the 2013 Day of Caring. Together we LIVE UNITED! •