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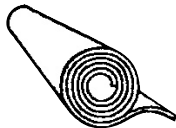
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**Mark your calendars for the
following upcoming Township
Events**

By Heidi Tice

November 6 -17 – Fruitport Lions **Food drive for Thanksgiving** at the following locations:

- All Fruitport School
- Fruitport Township Hall
- Orchard Market

November 18 – Fruitport Lions **Pack Thanksgiving food boxes** at Edgewood School and distribute

- 9am –noon
- Edgewood cafeteria – all help sorting and packing boxes is welcome

Every Friday in November – Fruitport Lions Leos **Date Night Volunteer Childcare**

- Times are 5pm – 9pm
- Fruitport Congregational Church UCC
- Sponsored and operated by the Fruitport Leo Club
- Limited number of availability
- More details go to Fruitport Leo Club on Facebook or Fruitport Lions Club Official on Facebook
- **DONATIONS ONLY** (will go toward Fruitport Leo Ramp projects)

November 24 – December 22 Fruitport Lions **Trees for Tots Sales**

- **NEW LOCATION** – in front of Smiley water tower Airline Rd.
- Hours are week days 5-8 and weekends noon-8
- Fresh cut Trees ranging from 4 ft to 10 ft, Fraser Fir, Scotch Pine and Blue Spruce
- All proceeds are for Christmas gifts for local kids

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December 2 – Fruitport Township **Santa visits Fruitport Fire Station #2**

- 3368 Black Creek Rd
- Tour the fire station and visit Santa
- **FREE EVENT**

December 8 & 9 - Fruitport Lions **Old Fashioned Christmas** –

- Pomona Park
- Friday Dec 8, from 6:00-9:00
- Saturday Dec 9, from 4:00-7:00
- Santa, hayride, hotdogs, hot chocolate, art displays, music, sledding (if snow), sled contest
- **FREE Event**

January 6, 2018 – Fruitport Township **Burning of the Greens**

- Behind old township hall location
- Bring your tree and enjoy the bonfire
- Free Hot Chocolate, cookies and coffee (supplied by the Fruitport Leo Club)
- **FREE EVENT**

February 9, 2018 – Fruitport Lions **Annual Pancake Supper**

- Fruitport High School – Cafeteria
- 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm
- Tickets on sale by the Fruitport Honor Society or at the door
- Adults \$5.00 Children \$3.00
- All you can eat pancakes, 2 sausage links, orange juice, milk and desert
- All proceeds go to Fruitport Honor Society for AP tests
- Fruitport will be playing Kenowa Hills – Basketball



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2017 Ramp Build

Fruitport (Lions) Leo Club and members of the Fruitport Congregational UCC, joined together to build a ramp for a Fruitport Village resident October 7, 2017.

Iva Snow, an elderly member of Fruitport Con-



Rachel and Ellie put their backs into it!

gregational church was in need of a way to get in and out of her home without stairs impeding her. Her daughter Cheryl Snow put in a "Handy Andy" request at their church and the project jumped into action.

Steve Wilson, retired football coach for



Finishing up!

Fruitport High School, was approached by Trustee member Ron Stroup. Steve helped build ramps with the Fruitport football team while he coached. Since his retirement he has helped the Fruitport Leo Club launch a ramp project for community service. Steve enjoys working with kids and the Leos enjoy the knowledge and respect Coach Wilson displays towards them throughout the build.

With old backs and young backs lined up, the team of 8 adults and 6 kids measured, cut, dug, screwed down decking and built a beautiful ramp for Iva. The church group, the day before



Iva Snow gives her new ramp the test.

the ramp build, removed a window and put in a new back door so Iva's exit from her home could happen without the use of any stairs.

This is the second ramp project the Fruitport Leos have done with Coach Wilson and his son-in-law Bruce Gaultney Jr., and they were just as excited on this build as they were on their first.

Thank you to all those that worked on the ramp: Ron Stroup, Steve Wilson, Gil Hegedus, Bruce Gaultney Jr., Ron Donahue, Rick Tice, Cheryls son Jason, brother-in-law, and Fruitport Leos; Rachel Weiland, Amber Split, Audrey Split, Ellie Herrick, Mackenzie Wahr, Becca Hunt. A special thank you to Seth Middlecamp with Sethco Lumber who gives a discount on supplies for the ramp build projects, after all it takes a village.

Heidi Tice, Fruitport Leo liaison