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**Bike Rodeo**

Wanted kids of all age to have some pre summer fun,  
 bring your bike and even a friend.

Fruitport LEO club is sponsoring a bike rodeo

- ◊ Free safety inspection of their bike
- Great information from the Fruitport Police
- ◊ Obstacle courses, games & prizes
- ◊ Snacks provided

Location:  
 Fruitport Congregational Church  
 9 S 8th Ave ( Corner of Park & 8th)  
 Saturday May 12, 2018  
 9:00—Noon  
 Information contact: Heidi Tice 231-578-6500

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## LEO of the Year 2018



Rachel Weiland

by Heidi Tice

New this year with in the Lions Family is a recognition of an outstanding Leo. Julie May, the District Governor for 11c1, sent out the email in February for the Leo Advisors to turning a recommendation for an outstanding Leo in their group. Fruitport submitted a Leo that has had perfect attendance during her 4 years in the Leo Club and is also a Charter member. It was announced at the 2018 11c1 Convention that Fruitport Leo Rachel Weiland was chosen to be the Leo of the year. Governor Julie May will be

## Burning of the Greens 2018

by Heidi Tice



The fire was bigger, the weather was colder and the Hot Chocolate was great. There were nearly 150 trees dropped off to burn this year and several people came out to enjoy the fire. Fruitport Fire



Department did an outstanding job of burning off the trees and the smell of pine filled the air carrying even down the street. The next burning of the greens will be the first Saturday in January so come join our event.

## Leo Installation 2018



The new Leos

Each year the Fruitport Leos are given the task to recruit more members due to seniors graduating. This year the group was honored to have Superintendent Bob Szymoniak and Lion Fred Yonkers swear in the new members. The kids were surprised and thrilled to have Superintendent Szymoniak recognize them. Four years ago the group struggled to form, needing 20 member before they could make their charter. Each year since they have had to regroup and build more members in to keep at around 20



Working on a ramp project

presenting Rachel her award at the May 9, 2018 Lions meeting. This meeting will be the final meeting before old Fashioned Days and what better day because the entire Lion family will be in attendance; Lion, Lionesses and Leos. This award is the first in the life of Leos and the Fruitport Lions are extremely proud that one of our Leos was chosen. Rachel is a senior and will be leaving the Fruitport Leos this summer she will be greatly missed yet highly admired.

## Fruitport District Library heritage

by Adam DeWitt and Erica Huyser

The Fruitport Library started in November of 1938, directed by Dorothy Braun, in partnership with the Muskegon County Library, for the formation of reading groups. Peter Hansen later donated his ice cream stand in Pomona Park to the Library for its building. The Library moved into the building in September, 1941, making it the first branch of the county library to have its own building.

The new location housed 400 books, and could hold four people. Dorothy Braun continued to be active throughout the county, promoting library activities, conducting home visits, and delivering books as needed.

In 1964, the Fruitport branch moved into its current location at 47 Park Street, under director Rose Smith. The community gathered together to support the new building, donating time, supplies, and money. When funding the construction of the building became an issue, the community stepped forward to raise the money needed to finish the building. Two notable groups who supported the library include the Fruitport High School, whose students collected \$450 in donations, selling “brick stocks” for \$.25 each; and Frank Werschem, in whose name the community room was dedicated.

In 2016, community voters began the Fruitport District Library. The library is still located in the same building. It carries over 14,000 books, most of which are 2015 or newer titles; over 800 DVDs and audio books; access to digital resources; WIFI and public computers, a copy machine and fax machine. Fruitport card holders also have access to library materials from across the state and may use their Fruitport District Library cards at libraries across West Michigan.

members. This year 2017-2018 the group rose to 25 members strong. They have worked very hard bringing their special skills into the community while bonding as a group. With 11 senior in the group, next year might be their greatest struggle, however with the encouragement of school staff and the Fruitport Lions behind them the Leo club can do anything. If you would like to join the Leos



Superintendent Bob Szymoniak addressing the group

and are age 13-18 please call Lion Heidi Tice 231-578-6500.