Thank You, Volunteers!

This is a note of appreciation to all of the 2017 By Heidi Tice Old Fashioned Days Road Race volunteers.

Last May 27th the Lions Club hosted the annual 10k and 5k race for runners and walkers. It was a comfortable Saturday morning in Fruitport for the popular event. The lady Lioness club helped prepare runners' packets, worked the registration, and served post race refreshments. They help out every year for this event wherever help is needed.

The Lions Club men and women did all of the set up and take down tasks, assisted with runners' needs, and helped coordinate this event. With the chairperson, members visited the community for sponsorships to help fund the event.

The race was in it's 36th year and, for the first time, the entire route was closed to vehicular traffic. It was a very involved and time consuming undertaking for the Lions Club to make this happen. Increased safety for all the participants and volunteers has evolved due to more traffic and impatient drivers. The Fruitport and Ottawa County Sheriff departments were utilized. Three patrol officers were positioned throughout the route to control vehicles crossing into the runners' space.

FHS band parents, FHS football players and coaches, and Lions Club members assisted throughout the entire route to staff the road barricades and help redirect traffic away from

Wes Owen and his family and friends provided and staffed 2 water stations on the route, as they do every year.

The Fruitport DPW crew placed and later removed all road barricades in the village and Fruitport and Spring Lake Townships.

The Fruitport school maintenance crew provided equipment set up and take down, golf carts for route patrol, restrooms, and use of the concession building and football field.

The Athletic Department provided the P.A. System.

Jerry Lundberg again set up directional signs and painted arrows to keep the runners on

Roque Ybarra was again the announcer for the race start and finish lines and award ceremony.

A big note of gratitude for all of these wonderful and caring people!

Another note of gratitude goes out to all of the runners and walkers that participated. Many came a long distance to race.

It's fun to witness the excitement and challenge of this sport. It is also enjoyable to watch friends and families show their support.

The Fruitport Lions Club will try to continue this annual event, always on the Saturday before Memorial Day during the Old Fashioned Days celebration.

If I missed any other volunteers – thank you for your service!

Profits from the race are fed back into the community to help those in need. Please continue to support the Lions, Lioness, and Leo clubs. The OFD events could not be possible and so well run if not for all of the volunteers.

Please look forward to our 37th Road Run and take the time to thank a volunteer. Lion Debra Wagenmaker, 2017 Chairperson



- A single dad wants to join a parent support group
- A nineteen year old college student seeks HIV testing
- A runaway teen needs a safe place to stay
- A working woman seeks adult day care for her elderly father and a caregiver support group for
- A senior citizen wants to volunteer
- A young family in financial crisis searches for budget counseling

Upcoming Community Events 2018

May 4th and 5th clean-up days – Behind Township Hall- 9am -3 pm

May 12th Bike Rodeo – Fruitport Congregational Church corner of Park & 8th 9am –noon

May 12th Tire clean-up day – Behind Township Hall – 9am-3pm

June 15th Community Days – Fruitport Township Hall – 3:30-5:30

July 21st Giant Slip-n-slide – Pomona Park – 11am – 1pm

August 18th Giant Slip-n-slide – Pomona Park – 11am – 1pm

October 31st Halloween at the Hall – Township Hall 3:30 pm-4:30pm

December 1st Visit with Santa – Fruitport Fire station #2 Black Creek rd – Noon – 2 pm December 7th & 8th Old Fashioned Christmas – Pomona Park Fri 6pm-8pm Sat 4pm-7pm

Thank You!

by Joy Richards



Calvary Christian Schools first annual Community Fun Day was a big success! We welcomed No More Sidelines and the Fruitport Fire and Police Department to join CCS varsity basketball teams for some great games of basketball. Thank you to Fricano's Muskegon Lake Pizzeria for feeding our NMS guests. We also enjoyed a 3 point shoot out, K-5 airplane toss and a brief exhibition game from our 5-6th grade teams. Everyone had a great time! With the help of a \$1000 match, \$3500 was raised toward our playground project. We are already looking forward to next year's REMATCH!

Calvary Christia Schools' Student Artists

by Julie Beals



Haven Borghi - 12th grade



Marcie Schreur - 10th grade

Muskegon County. The artwork of Calvary Christian Schools had four these four fine students, Haven Borghi students chosen to participate in - 12th grade, Marcie Schreur - 10th the "Expressions 2018" Muskegon grade, Seth Geiger - 7th grade, Kamea Museum of Art Regional Art Exhibit. Sutherland - 7th grade, was on display This annual exhibit highlights the the month of April at the Walker gallery best of the K-12 student artist within of the Muskegon Museum of Art.



Seth Geiger - 7th grade



Kamea Sutherland - 7th grade Page 32 • May 2018 • Fruitport Area News