

The Tri-Cities Historical Museum is open **Tuesday** through **Friday** from **10a.m. to 5p.m.**, and **12-5 p.m.** **Saturdays and Sundays.**

**TalkSooner**

([www.talksooner.org](http://www.talksooner.org)) serves as a resource for parents to access information about substance use prevention. TalkSooner is the product of the Lakeshore Regional Entity, a group of multiple county coalitions in West Michigan; working together to send out a common message to parents of youth ages 10-18 about alcohol, tobacco, and other substances.



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- Continue Our Economic Comeback**  
Build upon the policies that ended the lost decade, not reverse them.
- Balanced Budgets**  
Government needs to live within its means like families must do.
- Improve Education Achievement**  
Michigan can no longer be 41st in U.S. in 4th Grade reading.
- Fix Our Infrastructure**  
Repair roads and strategically invest to grow our economy and create jobs.

**Vote November 6th**

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**Candidate Bio:**  
**Zach Lahring**  
*Constitutional Conservative Republican for Muskegon County Commissioner, 5th District: Fruitport, Sullivan & Ravenna*



I am a no-nonsense veteran who loves God and country, a hard-working beef farmer in Ravenna and a construction company Superintendent, where I successfully manage large project logistics, employees & budgets. My wife, Shawn, and I have four daughters and ten grandkids who all live in West Michigan.

With your vote on November 6, I'll work tirelessly to uphold:

**LIFE**  
–Defend the unborn  
–Remove Planned Parenthood from the Muskegon County Health Department and our Public Schools

**LIBERTY**  
–Free us from excessive taxation and burdensome regulation  
–Resolve Muskegon's massive \$160 million+ in unfunded liabilities  
–Protect our 2nd Amendment and religious freedom

**THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS**  
–Allow residents to enjoy their God-given property rights and recreation without bureaucratic intrusion  
–Build community coalitions to reduce crime, promote peace and prosperity in Muskegon County at no cost to taxpayers

I am proudly endorsed by:

–**Right to Life of Michigan (PAC)**  
–**Michigan Trump Republicans**  
–**Michigan Conservative Coalition**

For more info, visit:  
– [www.MakeMuskegonGreatAgain.com](http://www.MakeMuskegonGreatAgain.com)  
–**Like my Facebook page: "Zach Lahring for Muskegon County Commissioner"**

**Candidate Bio:**  
**Tom Leonard**



Tom Leonard currently serves as the Speaker of the Michigan House of Representatives. In his time at the Capitol, he has earned a reputation as a reformer with a strong focus on criminal justice reform. He has rewritten outdated state laws to limit civil asset forfeiture, eliminate driver responsibility fees, lower auto insurance rates, reintroduce prisoners into the workforce, and reform Michigan's broken mental health system.

Prior to his election in 2012, Tom was an Assistant Attorney General, where he defended Michigan taxpayers from frivolous lawsuits. Before that, Tom was a prosecutor in Genesee County, where he fought against some of Michigan's most dangerous criminals while assigned to the Special Crimes Division in Flint. He worked major drug and murder cases, taking violent criminals off the streets and putting them behind bars.

As Michigan's next attorney general, Leonard is committed to prioritizing violent crime, rooting out sexual predators and continuing to reform Michigan's broken mental health system. He has a detailed plan for the office and is the only candidate with the experience to implement it on day one.

Tom and his wife, Jenell, live in DeWitt Township with their daughter Hannah, who was born in 2016.

**The Fruitport Leo Club is looking for members**

*by Heidi Tice*

Are you age 13-18? Are you interested in helping in your community? Would you like to be a part of a great group of people? The Fruitport Leos Club is looking for you. The Fruitport Leos are a branch of the Fruitport Lions club and are made up of kids ages 13-18. They meet at the High school in the Library on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. If you would like to join this awesome club please contact Heidi Tice at 231-865-3151 or email [htice@fruitporttownship.com](mailto:htice@fruitporttownship.com). There is no cost to join and your participation will fit around even the busiest schedule.

**Ottawa County Chickenpox**  
*September 27, 2018*

On Tuesday, September 25, 2018, the Ottawa County Department of Public Health (OCDPH) was notified of confirmed chickenpox cases in students attending Jenison Public Schools at Kids First (ECC/El Puente). Parents of students in this building were notified of the chickenpox cases in the school, where the OCDPH noted:

- If your child has not been immunized and you cannot provide a verification of a previous diagnosis of chickenpox by a health care provider, your child will be excluded from school for 21 days after onset of the last confirmed case.
- If you have been told previously that your child should not receive the vaccine because of a medical condition, please contact your child's medical provider in the event of chickenpox exposure.
- If you suspect that your child has chickenpox you are encouraged to contact your medical care provider. All individuals diagnosed with chickenpox should be kept home until the rash has crusted over (usually about five days).

Chickenpox is a very contagious disease caused by the varicella-zoster virus. The virus spreads easily from infected people to others who have never had the disease or been vaccinated. Chickenpox is spread mainly by touching or breathing in the virus particles that come from chickenpox blisters, and possibly through tiny droplets from infected people that get into the air after they breathe or talk.

Parents who elect to waive vaccination for their children meet with a public health nurse and receive education which includes actions that may involve exclusion from school. The OCDPH respects the rights of parents to make vaccination decisions on behalf of their children, but the OCDPH also carries the responsibility of taking actions that provide a balance so the rights of one do not adversely impact the rights and health of others. The importance of protecting the health of the community is what guides the health department's actions.

"We understand how trying this can be for families. During a conversation with one of the parents impacted by this, we talked about the vaccination waiver they signed and how it included a warning that 21 or more days of school could be missed if a case of a vaccine preventable disease was suspected in their child's school," said Health Officer Lisa Stefanovsky. "They remembered that conversation, but admitted they didn't think it would really happen and hadn't comprehended how long that would really be."

The OCDPH carefully considers the concerns of all county residents and other affected community members whenever exercising their local public health authority. Health officials thoroughly review the most current Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Michigan Department of Health and Human Services guidelines available.

The OCDPH has issued the least restrictive disease control measures that will still provide reasonable public health protection to reduce further transmission and the chances of a community outbreak. It remains in the best interest of public health to exclude unvaccinated children since those who have been excluded from school cannot be determined to be contagious until they do, or do not exhibit symptoms. This requires a waiting period of up to 21 days.

The best way to prevent chickenpox is to get the chickenpox vaccine. Children, adolescents and adults should get two doses of chickenpox vaccine. The chickenpox vaccine is very effective at preventing the disease. For more information, visit [www.cdc.gov/chickenpox](http://www.cdc.gov/chickenpox) or contact your doctor.