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**Santa at Fruitport Fire Department
 Open House**
submitted by Supervisor Heidi Tice



Fruitport Fire Department had their biggest turnout yet for their open house with Santa this past December. Director Brian Michelli invited the Fruitport robotic team to the event, and they happily brought out their robots and let kids try them out. Between Santa, candy canes, refreshment, and playing with robots, the children that came to the event left very happy. Thank you Fruitport Fire Department for a great event.

13TH Annual Ride to Remember, May 25
*A bike ride to support the Leila and Cyrus Poppen Hospice Residence
 submitted by the Harbor Hospice Foundation*



Looking for a leisurely bike ride and a great cause? Join members of the Fruitport Lions Club and Fruitport Chiropractic Center on May 25, for their annual 15-mile *Ride to Remember* around Spring Lake, to support the Poppen Hospice Residence.

The ride is held in conjunction with Fruitport's Old Fashioned Days, beginning at 11:00 am, starting at Fruitport Edgewood Elementary, 3255 Pontaluna Road. Check-in is at 10:30 am.

"My family and I know how important hospice care is, because we experienced it with my mom," says Jim Kauppila, member of the Fruitport Lions Club and chair of the Ride to Remember. "Many of our riders come back year after year, and we're all grateful to be able to support the Poppen Hospice Residence with this fun event."

Early online registration is \$15 for adults, and \$5 for children under the age of 16. Please visit HarborHospiceMI.org/ways-to-give/Ride2Remember. Registration is open on the day of the event. You can pre-order t-shirts online, or by using forms available at Harbor Hospice, Fruitport Lions Club, Fruitport Chiropractic Center, and X-Cell

Regenerative Health. All riders are encouraged to wear safety helmets. Lunch is included for each rider at the conclusion of the event, courtesy of the Fruitport Lions Club Ox Roast.



The Leila & Cyrus Poppen Hospice Residence is part of Harbor Hospice, and is located in Fruitport Township, on nine acres of woods and walking paths. Its 14 private patient rooms have served as a welcoming home, with compassionate and skilled care for almost 3,000 terminally-ill patients since it opened in 2005.

For event information, please call Ammy Seymour, Director of Development, 231.728.3442 or Fruitport Chiropractic Center, 231.865.6545.

A Night to Shine
submitted by Heidi Tice



The Lakes Church, located at 5873 Kendra Rd. in Fruitport, for the second year in a row hosted the "Night to Shine" event through the Tim Tebow foundation.

This event allows kids and adults with disabilities to have a Prom night. Participants enter the building and walk down a red carpet, giving high fives to the volunteers that line the hall to the dance floor. They are dressed in their formal attire (which is provided if they do not have it), sporting a tiara and/or corsage (also provided), wearing big smiles and holding their heads up with pride. Each one is paired up with a volunteer who will have dinner, dance, play games, and ride on a "tour" bus around Fruitport with them, treating them as special as they truly are.

Fruitport Police and Fire Departments were honored to participate again this year with the "Night to Shine" event on February 8, 2019. Norton Shores police and fire department tagged in this year as well. The cost of this event is shared between The Lakes Church, The Tim Tebow Foundation, and generous donations.

Many participants travel long distances to be a part of the night. Local business donate food, services and activities for parents and/or guardians of participants to enjoy while waiting for the festivities to end. Each individual, whether they are a volunteer, a generous donator, family or participant, take away from the event delightful memories and anticipation for the next year.