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Here is a partial list of the groups that the **Fruitport Lions Club** has donated to in the last fiscal year:

Food Coupons - Thanksgiving & Easter

College Scholarships

Boy Scouts

Community Day

Dancing into the Sunset

Easter Egg Hunt

Leo Club

Kids Christmas

Movies in the Park

Old Fashioned Christmas

Pomona Park

Shoreline Lions

Shoreline Lions Gardening Program

Shoreline Youth Programs

Thanksgiving Baskets

Blind and Visually Impaired

Eversight

Every Woman's Place

Hope Project

Leader Dogs for the Blind

Lions Of Michigan Foundation

Lions Clubs International Foundation

Noah Project

Paws with a Cause

Read Muskegon

Rescue Mission

Salvation Army

Sportsman Youth Day

Sight Seer Radio

Art Program

Decca Club

Football Helmets

Halftime Show

Literacy Program

Peace Poster

Robotics Club

Yearbook

Shoreline Lions Senior Power Produce

Veteran Owned “Silver & Gifts”

Store Comes to the Lakes Mall

by Kathryn Holtrop

Opened on October 1, 2019, Silver & Gifts is a new store located in the Lakes Mall, which aims to bring the local community unique gifts and products created by local artists, crafters, and photographers.

Curator and co-founder, Lila Rinehart, a 4-year Air Force veteran, hopes that her store can provide a wide variety of hand-crafted gift options for people who don't have time to make a special gift for every occasion. And, for people who don't know what gifts to give, Silver & Gifts provides good customer service and will help customers find just the right thing. Even if people need a gift the store doesn't carry directly, co-founder, Bill Wheaton, says that he will help customers find out who does sell it, “We saw Miracle on 34th Street. We thought it was a good idea.”



**Framed photos** that highlight the good things Pure Michigan has to offer by photographer, Christopher Kelsch, surround a variety of smaller gift baskets by Silver & Gifts co-founder, Lila Rinehart.

A number of local artists and craftspeople are selling their work through Silver & Gifts. Together with Bill, Jolene Hittle offers a variety of silver jewelry items at affordable prices. Artist, crafter, and co-founder, Tamara Meinders-Huddleston, showcases her hand-painted, watercolor Mar Mar Cards. Lila and Tamara make custom gift baskets perfect for any event, holiday, or gift-giving occasion. Lila designs candy bouquets, diaper cakes for baby shower decorations, and special “Oh, No! Kits” for those of us women who may need a bandaid, Tylenol, or other little necessity, on short notice. Photographer Christopher Kelsch presents framed photos of beautiful west-side Muskegon scenes like iconic Michigan lighthouses, sunsets, and country backdrops that highlight the good things Pure Michigan has to offer. Local storyboard artist and illustrator, Tim Holtrop, displays sketch books and sketch cards, as well as prints of his black-and-white and color illustrations for sale. Several of Tim's illustrations have appeared in books written by West Michigan author, Peter Welmerink. Other of his characters and illustrations are also featured on his cybercrayon.net or cuddlycritters.net websites.

In the future, Lila hopes to be able to give back

**BUIST, JOHN E.**

Mr. John Buist, age 82, passed away Sunday, July 14, 2019. He was born on May 30, 1937 in Coopersville, MI to Gerrit and Alvina (VanderJagt) Buist, and was a life resident of the area. John was a police officer for the Village of Fruitport and worked security and maintenance for Fruitport Community Schools for 30 years, prior to retiring in 1997. He also owned Buist Standard Service in Fruitport in the 1960's. On June 28, 1958 he married the former Lorna Johnston, and she preceded him in death on August 8, 1990. John was a member of Olivet Evangelical Free Church, and enjoyed model trains and photography. **SURVIVORS** include his widow, Mary Mosley; two daughters, Lana Grevengoed and Laura (Mark) Ellis; eight grandchildren, Michael, Bryan, Robert, A.J., Matthew, Abrielle, David, and Bradley; and two sisters, Wilma DeBoer and Henrietta VanRyswyk. John was also preceded in death by two brothers, James and El-

mer Buist. **FUNERAL SERVICES** were held at the church with Pastor Craig Cramblet officiating. Burial was in Fruitport Cemetery. Memorial Contributions to Harbor Hospice Foundation. Share memories with the family online at [www.sytse-mafh.com](http://www.sytse-mafh.com)

Silver & Gifts makes customized, thoughtful gifts for people, and Lila wants the store to be a place where families are welcome, where smiles are offered to everyone, and where brightness is spread around to all. As Silver & Gifts grows, she hopes that it can give back to the community she loves so much.



**Rings, bracelets, and a variety of silver jewelry** items for sale by Silver & Gifts co-founder, Bill Wheaton, and Jolene Hittle.

**Hand-painted, watercolor Mar Mar Cards** by Silver & Gifts co-founder, Tamara Meinders-Huddleston.

**Prints of illustrations** by local storyboard artist and illustrator, Tim Holtrop, are for sale at Silver & Gifts.

**Gift baskets for a variety of occasions** by Silver & Gifts curator and co-founder, Lila Rinehart.

**NOTE:** John created the Patriotic Freedom Train that was in the OFD Parade for many years. Early in 2019 he donated it to the Fruitport Lions Club, and it was resurrected for the 2019 OFD Parade.