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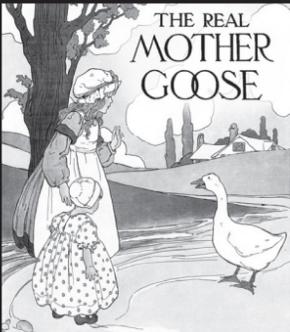
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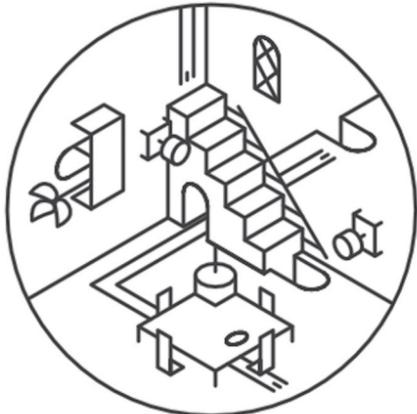
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The Friends of the Fruitport Library

by Julie Sanderson

In 2020, the Fruitport District Library had to close to the public for a while, but the Friends of the Fruitport Library continued their mission of serving the library and selling books to the community to raise money for special purchases and events.

Because of Covid restrictions and safety concerns, the Friends closed the Book Nook, a bookstore in the lower level of the library, and cancelled 3 book sales. The Friends continued to sell books online and at outdoor events including a successful sale on May 1, 2021 at the Pomona Park Pavilion. The Book Nook had a grand reopening on September 25 which was well attended. The Book Nook is now open Saturdays from 10am-2pm and will add additional hours as there are more volunteers to provide consistent staffing. The Book Nook is also available by appointment. Please email fruitportfofl@gmail.com to request an appointment. The Friends accept donations of books in good condition. Children's chapter books are always needed.

In the Summer of 2020, the library had their Summer Reading Program so children, teens, and adults could turn in their reading logs for prizes. In the past, the Friends collected donations from area businesses for prizes for the teens' and adult's drawing. In 2020, the Friends purchased the prizes to support the businesses that had supported the reading program in the past. In 2021, the prizes were a mixture of donations and prizes the Friends purchased. The reading program was a success both years.

In September, the Friends had a kickoff meeting to invite anyone to join the Friends group or to learn more about their activities. Anyone interested may contact the library or email the Friends' group at fruitportfofl@gmail.com

Sportsmen for Youth – Youth Day

by John Cramblet, Board Member

This has now taken place.

Sportsmen for Youth – Youth Day, which is always held on the first Saturday after Labor Day, was September 11, 2021 this year. Youth Day is held at Muskegon County Fairgrounds, 2261 Heights Ravenna Road, Fruitport, Michigan. This was our 28th year. The gates opened at 9am and closed at 3pm. This is a free family friendly event to introduce our youth to the many activities available to them in the great outdoors, however only youth under 17 years of age can participate in the activities. Persons over 17 were welcome to sit in on all the seminars. Each youth participating received a t-shirt and a ticket for lunch (while supplies lasted) and a raffle ticket.

This year we received commitments from approximately 60 exhibitors including the following: a rock climbing wall, the Coast Guard Axillary and a vessel from Coast Guard Station, Muskegon, the Critter Barn, Muskegon Conservation Club, Grand Haven Steelheaders, with their fishing simulator, Friends of Ottawa County Parks, Jumpin' Jupiter Skate Center, Coopersville Sportsman's Club, Michigan United Conservation Club, a reptile and a birds of prey display and the West Michigan Walleye Club, to name a few. Once again we had the trout pond, put on by Michigan Anglers Assoc., with 1,000 trout to be caught. The Hawg Trough, a 50 foot long aquarium mounted on a semi-trailer, was here again this year and was stocked with native fish for viewing. It was also used as the stage for seminars with Mark Martin and some of his fishing staff. There was also mentored shooting of firearms, however you needed to present a Hunter Safety Certificate in order to shoot. Attendees were able to experience various safety exhibits, demonstrations and tours of fire trucks, EMT vehicles and law enforcement displays. There was also a 9/11 tribute at noon. More information on this Youth Day can be found on our website (www.sportsmenforyouth.com) and Facebook page.

A soldier who never knew me
died for me, so I can be free.

The least I can do is stand
for the national anthem.

submitted by Mariann Cooper