

Barbara J. "Barb" Doenges



Barbara J. "Barb" Doenges, age 88, met her Lord and Savior on Wednesday, September 21, 2022. She was born on April 1, 1934, to Dale and Edna (Drake) Nutt in Albion, MI. On January 26, 1957, she married the love of her life, Raymond Doenges in Albion, MI. Together they

cherished 65 years full of love, laughter, and many adventures. She dedicated 25 years to Fruitport Community Schools where she worked as a paraprofessional before retiring in 1998. She was a faithful servant and a longtime member of Fruitport Congregational Church. She was active in women's fellowship and participated on various committee boards. She enjoyed spending her time reading and attending Tuesday morning coffee groups. Above all things, she truly cherished the time spent with her family. Her tender-loving spirit and radiant smile will truly be missed by all who knew her. She is survived by her loving husband, Ray Doenges; 3 children, David (Hong) Doenges of Muskegon, Julie (Dan) Hearn of Muskegon and Amy (Ryan) Anderson of Charlevoix; 4 grandchildren; 2 half-sisters; a half-brother; and many dear friends. She was preceded in death by her parents; and sister. A Memorial Service was held on September 26, 2022, at Fruitport Congregational Church. Memorial Contributions in Barb's honor can be directed to Fruitport Congregational Church or American Diabetes Association. Share memories with the family at www.sytsemafh.com.

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Fruitport District Library Teen and Adult Programming

submitted by Matt Lubbers-Moore, Director, Fruitport District Library

After the incredibly successful Summer Reading Program, the Fruitport District Library has more exciting programming lined up! Our Beginner Line Dancing Class on Mondays from 6:00-7:00pm is ongoing, as is our Beginner Yoga Class on Fridays 9:30-10:30am. No sign-ups are required! Just bring a positive attitude and willingness to have fun, and a yoga mat for yoga. These classes are free to attend, but tips for the teachers are appreciated.

We had an Adult Book Club Meeting on October 11 and October 13 to discuss *Beneath the Scarlet Sky* by Mark Sullivan and pick up November's book *An Absent Mind* by Eric Rill. The book club will meet in November on the 15th at 12:30pm and the 17th at 5:45pm.

On October 29th we have a great Halloween treat for teens and adults! We have a Special Effects Makeup Workshop in which participants will learn to create trauma effects like cuts, scars, burns, bruises, and more, using a combination of special effects makeup and nontoxic household materials. Students will be creating effects on their own skin. Free to attend, but space is limited so please register with the library.

In November the Fruitport District Library kicks off the National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo) with an Author Write-In Day on November 1st! We will provide a quiet space, coffee, and pastries for aspiring authors to sit and write! Free to attend, but space is limited so please register with the library. Stressed at the end of the month with how little you got written? Procrastinated until the last minute? Join us on November 29th for round two of our Author Write-In! Finish the manuscript just in the nick of time! No judgments here!

In honor of NaNoWriMo the Fruitport District Library is hosting its very first Author Showcase event with authors from across Michigan on November 12th from 10:00am-4:00pm! Come and talk with authors about their books and get a copy signed for yourself or a loved one!

We also have a fun craft on November 10th from 5:30-7:00pm where participants will be creating their own Gnomes for the Holidays! These fun crafts will make wonderful holiday décor or gifts! This program is for teens and adults but is severely limited, so register soon with the library.

Stay up to date with fun crafts, programs, and events throughout the year with our community calendar on our website at FruitportDistrictLibrary.org.

The Battle Over Abortion in Michigan...Just Beginning

submitted by Muskegon Pregnancy Services

Governor Whitmer filed a motion urging the Michigan Supreme Court to immediately consider her lawsuit asking the court to decide if Michigan's state constitution protects the right to abortion. There was an injunction granted by a judge as a result of a Planned Parenthood filing in May that blocks the Michigan 1931 law. There is an abortion petition drive circulating to be placed on the **November 8th** midterm election ballot.

The Proposed Reproductive Freedom Amendment Makes Abortion a Right in Michigan!

If voters pass this into law it would change our state constitution and codify abortion rights in Michigan! We will have the same extreme abortion laws as California, New York, Illinois, not to mention China and North Korea!

Here are some bullet points of what this dangerous amendment would do! (From the MI Right to Life Website).

- Abortions all 9 months, including partial birth abortion
- Could allow **non-medical personnel** to perform abortions
 - No abortion clinic licensing whatsoever
 - Cannot investigate or prosecute an abortionist
 - No parental consent or intervention (it will be illegal)
 - Minors can decide on sex changes, birth control
 - No oversight of coercion for the minor's/woman's consent
 - No more 24-hour waiting period
 - No mandatory information about fetal development
 - No mandatory ultrasound viewing or knowing the risks
 - Taxpayers will be forced to pay for all abortions
 - Babies born alive may not be protected

Timber!

by Kate Holtrop



As many of you are coming to know, I began helping manage the Facebook page for Dancing into Sunset this spring. That means I'm at each show with my brother Caleb, taking pictures and enjoying the music and dancing. Well, on July 14, I got a few shots of a huge tree that had just collapsed into the parking lot of the boat launch just behind the band shell while our Dancing crew was setting up a show.

I watched as the huge oak tree split, popping and snapping like fireworks as it broke and tumbled down. One of our volunteers, Kathy Lundberg, had a near miss when the tree fell as she walked through the parking lot nearby. The large tree where she was going to hang a parking sign was directly between the parking lot and the falling giant, and held up most of the massive trunk. Had the other tree not been in the way, it's likely the large oak would have fallen Kathy's direction, and may have killed her. She said she just stopped, not knowing exactly why she did, and watched the tree come down.

Afterward, volunteers from our team helped cordon off the area around the tree to keep guests from parking near it, while trying to keep enough room clear for boaters to get their vehicles and trailers out of the parking lot.

Dancing into Sunset creator, Susie Halter, couldn't help but comment on the fact that this season seems to be more eventful than any other so far. But in spite of the drama, the show must go on. And we did have a wonderful show, starring the Adams Family Band.

So, I'd just like to thank all who helped clean up in the parking lot, and thank God for His protection and that no one was hurt.

Sportsmen for Youth – Youth Day

Sportsmen for Youth – Youth Day was held on September 10, 2022 at Muskegon County Fairgrounds, 2261 Heights Ravenna Road, Fruitport, Michigan. The weather was perfect for such an event. Sportmen for Youth – Youth Day is a free family-friendly event to introduce our youth to the many activities available to them in the great outdoors. We had a 1,907 youth 17 and under, and 1,661 adults attend this year.

This year we had approximately 60 exhibitors including a rock climbing wall, a vessel from the Muskegon Coast Guard Station, animals from the Critter Barn, Grand Haven Steelheaders fishing simulator, Coopersville Sportsman's Club's air rifles, reptiles with Nature's Discovery, birds of prey with Outdoor Discovery Center, and the West Michigan Walleye Club made spinner baits. As always, there was the trout pond, put on by Michigan Anglers Assoc., with 1,000 trout to be caught. The Hawg Trough, a 35-foot-long aquarium mounted on a semi-trailer, was here again and was stocked with native fish for viewing. It is also used as the stage for informative fishing seminars by Mark Martin and members of his staff. There was also mentored shooting of firearms and archery equipment. Attendees were also able to experience various safety exhibits, demonstrations and tours of fire trucks, EMT vehicles, and law enforcement displays. There was also a tribute to lives lost on 9-11 with the singing of the National Anthem and the playing of bagpipes. More information on donating to and/or volunteering for Youth Day can be found on our website (www.sportsmenforyouth.com) and Facebook page

Sportsmen for Youth – Youth Day is always the first Saturday after Labor Day. It will be on September 9 in 2023. Please mark that date on your calendars and plan on joining us for a great day.

John Cramblet
SFY Board Member

The Next Time Someone Tells You That God Doesn't Belong in the Public Square...

Take a breathtaking walking tour through Washington, D.C., where the monuments, memorials, and buildings are a testimony to our Founding Fathers' faith in God - and a clear refute to the radical secularists who want to outlaw nativity scenes and the Ten Commandments, remove "under God" from the Pledge of Allegiance, and strip "In God We Trust" from all U.S. currency.

Ronald & Muriel Peterson



by Nancy Villalobos

Ronald Lee Peterson died November 2nd 2021 at 93 years old. His wife of almost 60 years Muriel Joyce Peterson died December 29th 2021 at 84 years old. They were survived by Nancy Villalobos (Hector), Lee Peterson (Dianne) and Scott Peterson, seven grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, and three great great grandchildren. Proceeded in death by their daughter Deborah Peterson. Ron attended Fruitport School then went into the military. He worked at Anderson bowling in Spring Lake for many years and drove for Napa Auto parts of Fruitport. Muriel worked at the grocery store across from the park not sure of the name? They were lifelong members of the VFW and the Fruitport eagles. Both loved music, dancing, and family.

They were good people, funny, helpful, and kind. They built their house on Judson road themselves with the help of some friends and relatives.