

## PINCREST BAR & LANES CORNER UPDATE

What is the HOUSE-of-PAIN? If you're a bowler in the West Michigan area you know who we are. Known for our vintage set up, bowling at our HOUSE presents a variety of challenges that folks love to talk about. Once you learn how to navigate around the above ground ball returns, get over the distraction of bowling balls racing back at you, decide the poles between lanes 3&4 really don't matter, you then have to contend with our old-school oil pattern and unforgiving wood lanes. And if you don't know how to keep score, you're at the mercy of our scorekeepers. A big difference from today's traditional bowling centers that are set up and engineered to enhance a bowler's performance. Pincrest earned our nickname back in the 90's from Craig Allison, who liked to shout out "WELCOME to the HOUSE-of-PAIN" when someone was having a tough night during league, and it stuck. We loved the tradition and decided to incorporate it into our branding. Brunswick Bowling has also taken a shine to our old-school atmosphere and brought in several of their sponsored PBA bowlers to produce videos to promote their DV8 product line. These videos are viewed by bowlers all over the world and we've had folks come from as far as Ohio to see us in person. League nights are a rowdy chorus of heckling chants that provide hours of entertainment for our bar goers, so stop up this winter and check it out! Or if you'd like to take a run at the HOUSE, give us a call and ask about open bowling availability and make a reservation (we host adults ages 21+).

As always, we hope to see you at the corner!  
Aimee & Tom Johnson



League Night at Pincrest



Brunswick video shoot with PBA bowler Matt Oogle

## Candidate Bio: J.B. Meeuwenberg



My name is J.B. Meeuwenberg, and I am honored to be serving on the Fruitport Board of Education. I believe the foundation of any thriving community is its school system. As the father of a student attending Fruitport Middle School, I desire the very best educational experiences for my son. Additionally, as a resident of the district since 2009, I also want to ensure all children in our district receive an exceptional education.

A unique perspective I bring to the Board is that of an educator. I have been teaching math since 2005—the last 14 years at Muskegon Community College. In that time, I have held a variety of roles in which I have experienced and influenced the workings of a complex educational institution.

Finally, I have demonstrated my dedication to the district through my past service. Most recently, I volunteered on Edgewood's PTO for five years, chairing the Trojan Trek fundraiser, which brought in over \$34,000 in donations last spring. Such experiences have helped me develop strong relationships throughout the district. Serving my community is the most rewarding work I do, and I look forward to continuing that service as a member of the Fruitport Board of Education.

## Candidate Bio: Stan Piotrowski



My name is Stan Piotrowski; my friends know me as Skip. I am a veteran of the U.S. Navy. I am running for a position on the Fruitport school board. I've been a resident of Fruitport since I met my wife Diana in 1993. Diana and all of her siblings attended and graduated from Fruitport, and it was a priority to have our boys attend there as well. Now it's my grandchildren who are getting ready for school. I've been involved with many things in Fruitport such as youth baseball and football as a coach. I was an active member on the youth club board. I was also a local baseball umpire for freshman through varsity. My main goal is to provide a positive voice for our children moving forward.

## MI Dairy Grants Available

from the Coopersville Observer

The Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) announced it is joining the federal Dairy Business Builder Grants program, which aims to support small- to medium-sized dairy businesses in diversifying on-farm activity, creating value-added products, enhancing dairy by-products, and creating or enhancing dairy export programs. Michigan now joins Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, North Dakota, South Dakota, Ohio, Kansas, and Wisconsin as partners in the Dairy Business Grants program.

"At MDARD, we're proud to support and encourage sustainability and innovation within our robust dairy industry. These new federal funds allow us to better further that commitment," said MDARD Director Gary McDowell.

Dairy farmers, manufacturers, and processors in Michigan can apply now until November 10 at 5p.m. (CT) for a new round of Dairy Business Builders grants through the Dairy Business Innovation Alliance (DBIA), a partnership between the Wisconsin Cheese Makers Association (WCMA) and the Center for Dairy Research at the University of Wisconsin - Madison (CDR). The reimbursement grants of up to \$100,000 each aim to support small- to medium-sized dairy businesses.

Since its creation in the 2018 U.S. Farm Bill, the DBIA has administered technical assistance and over \$3.7 million in grants to dairy businesses in five Midwestern states. Additional funding from the U.S. Department of Agriculture is now supporting an expansion of the program's service area to include Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Nebraska, and Ohio.

Application materials and resources are available online at [cdr.wisc.edu/dbia](http://cdr.wisc.edu/dbia). Successful applicants will be notified by December 15, 2022. Questions may be directed to DBIA Program Coordination Emily Slatter at [eslatter@cdr.wisc.edu](mailto:eslatter@cdr.wisc.edu) or (608) 301-7751.

## Dylan Scott Owens



Fruitport - Dylan Scott Owens, age 18, passed away Thursday, December 9, 2021. He was born January 9, 2003 in Muskegon to Francis S. and Jennifer L. (Gibson) Owens and was a lifelong resident of the area. Dylan was a graduate of Fruitport High School Class of 2019. He was employed as a sales representative for Reserve Marketing. Dylan attended Calvary Bible Church and Port City Church. Survivors include his mother, Jen Owens; his father, Scott Owens; 3 brothers, Bradley Scott, Dominick Wyatt, Robert Scott; his sister, Gianna Leyrer; his girlfriend, Cheyenne Edwards; his soon to be born daughter, Delilah Mae. A Funeral Service was held December 15, 2021 at Port City Church - Cloverville Campus, with Pastor Mark Olsen officiating. Memorial Contributions may be directed to his mother, Jennifer Owens, for the benefit of his unborn daughter, Delilah. Arrangements handled by The Lee Chapel of Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services.

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## Candidate Bio: Matt Kacel



For the past 12 years, I have worked in private practice as the owner of a small law firm in Muskegon specializing in family and criminal law. I have built a successful small business through hard work beyond the normal 8 to 5 work schedule. I have represented clients in Muskegon County and in over 22 other counties in Michigan. I am in court daily, working tirelessly to advance the interests of my clients. It is that "work horse" mentality that I intend to bring to the position of 14th Circuit Court Judge. Beyond that, I intend to be a rule of law judge who applies the law as written. I will be a judge who is approachable and fair. Most individuals who appear in court are there for the first time and are dealing with life-altering circumstances. They deserve to stand before a judge who will listen to their unique story and treat them with patience, courtesy, and respect. I WILL BE THAT JUDGE. I live in Fruitport Township with my beautiful wife Rachel and my three beautiful daughters. I invite you to learn more about me by going to my website at [mattkacelforjudge.com](http://mattkacelforjudge.com).

## Friends of Coopersville & Marne Railway 34th Annual "Santa Train"

submitted by Dennis Hart

Everyone loves Santa and he's on our train!

Our vintage train has a special seat reserved just for the Big Guy and all the kids get to meet him. Our story-teller will read Christmas-themed books to the children in each of our newly renovated and holiday decorated passenger cars. And Santa's elves will deliver a gift to all the children. The city of Coopersville will be decorated in the Christmas spirit.

All of our coaches are comfortably heated and each has a restroom. The round trip to Marne and visit with Santa takes 90 minutes. Premium tickets include a beverage and snack plus table seating. Our historic handicap accessible car will be on the train (please book early as these seats fill up quickly).

To order your tickets please visit [mitrain.net](http://mitrain.net)

### Additional Information:

- Please arrive 30 minutes early for the boarding process.
- Comfortably heated with restrooms on board. Restrooms are also available at our station.
- You must select the adult or senior tickets before the children and infant tickets become available (sorry no kids on the train without a parent :-)

## Candidate Bio: Luke Meerman



A lifelong resident of Polkton Township, Luke Meerman is running for his third-term in the Michigan House. Luke is a fifth-generation dairy farmer and husband to his wife Victoria for 25 years. Together, they have raised a family of five children.

Prior to his first election to the House in 2018, Luke served as a township trustee in Polkton, with his first election being in 2012. Luke is active in the Ottawa County Farm Bureau and is a former vice president.

The Republican candidate in for the 89th House District, Luke's political philosophy is shaped by his faith, family, and freedom. A limited government that promotes free market principles and individual responsibility is what is best for the people. As state representative for the 89th District, Luke will advocate and protect our constitutional rights while reeling in our state bureaucracy.

As a state, we need more freedom and less government. At a time when inflation and excessive government spending are stretching our dollars thin, we need responsible decision makers who will make Michigan a place where our children will raise their families. Luke is committed to safeguarding our Constitution and individual liberties to accomplish that goal.