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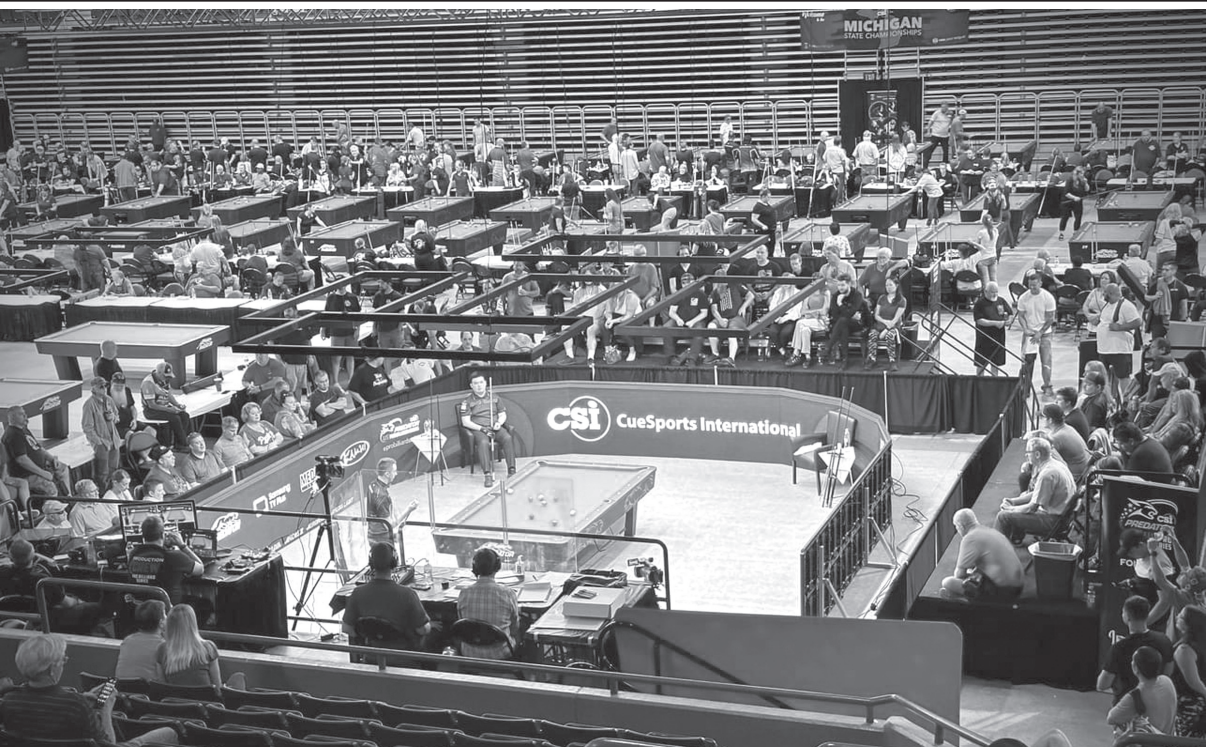


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FAN is now celebrating 40 years! The masthead above is our original mast that was hand-drawn by someone who lived in this area. Many people have helped this paper survive over the years as we have tried to be a benefit to our community. A big thanks to everyone who has been part of the effort.
--Ron Cooper, Editor

Carrier Route



2023 CSI Leagues Michigan State Championships

Congratulations to all of the singles winners from the 2023 CSI Leagues Michigan State Championships! Well done!

10-Ball Singles

Champion: Sean Brooks
Runner-Up: Tom Rader

Ladies 8-Ball Singles

Champion: Sharon Yoder
Runner-Up: Mary Wabsis

8-Ball Singles Gold

Champion: Shane Perysian
Runner-Up: Steven Mitchell (by forfeit)

8-Ball Singles Platinum

Champion: Eric Brown
Runner-Up: Steven Opperman Jr

Shane's Story

by Kim West, Shane's Mother-in-law

Shane Perysian won two Billard Pool Championships, in BCA league. It stands for Billard Congress of America. Founded in 1948. Shane placed First Place in two competitions. Shane is not in the professional, he is in the amateur. To be professional, it's expensive. It takes alot of sponsorship. He also won the purse as well. BCA League started after soldiers were arriving home after the war in the 40's, as many soldiers played Pool over seas. Shane said "After school, the bus would drop me off at Whitlow's. Once there, I would practice my pool game. My Mom was a Waitress there. At first, I was 5 or 6, and could barely reach the pool table. Of course, I would beg for quarters from my Mom. All I ever wanted for Christmas was a pool table. Every year, I would beg for a pool table. My cousin, Jeff, had a pool table. By the time I was 13, I would go to his house. Between 18-30, I was busy raising a family. So I only played occasionally. About 8 years prior, I joined the BCA League. Enjoyed having a winter sport to participate in. When I was younger, I had knee injuries from sports. Billards and Golf are great additions! We do have some sponsorships for our team. It helps to be sponsored at a National level." Shane also is also an avid golfer and sports enthusiast.

Shane's Mom was the former Vicky Medendorp Perysian. Vicky passed when Shane was a senior in high school.

His wife, Danielle, said, "I am his biggest Cheerleader. Enjoy watching him play. Love his teammates!" His daughter, Summer, said, "My Dad is focused and driven." For more information about the BCA, they have a website you can go to.



Fruitport's own Shane Perysian won Gold in the 8-Ball Singles Pool State Championship!

FRUITPORT COMMUNITY CHURCH CONTINUES RAMP MISSION

by Ron Stroup

Since 2021, Fruitport Congregational Church has been installing, free of charge, portable aluminum ramps for people of this area. The church installs and leaves the ramp onsite for as long as the individual needs it. When no longer needed, the church will remove it and install it in another location.

To qualify, a person must be unable to obtain a ramp through a government insurance (VA), or their private insurance. The church has an application form to fill out and, if qualified, measurements are taken and a date is set for installation. In 2022, a total of 12 ramps were installed, despite cost increases, thanks to critical donations from the Lions Club and church members.

New Creations in Christ had already shown their commitment to the local community, and their merger with Fruitport Congregational provides even more opportunity for them to serve by supporting this mission. Unified, as Fruitport Community Church, they begin the 2023 season charged with renewed enthusiasm for this critical mission. A stronger financial base, along with a larger team of volunteers gives this endeavor a huge boost!

If you know of anyone in this area in need of a ramp, or would like to make a donation, please call Fruitport Community Church (located on the corner of Park and Eighth) at 231-865-3551.



Access Health Receives \$6 Million NIH Award to Tackle Barriers to Health and Economic Mobility in Muskegon County

submitted by Samantha Cornell, Director of Community-Based Services, Access Health

Access Health has secured a groundbreaking \$6 million award from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Common Fund's Community Partnerships to Advance Science for Society (ComPASS) program, a first-of-its-kind initiative. Over the next five years, Access Health will lead

an innovative project in Muskegon County to dismantle structural barriers to economic mobility and improved health through a locally created solution to bridge the benefits cliff - with a goal of changing the structures that trap individuals and families in poverty. This initiative will bring together local innovations in healthcare, childcare, and transportation. Access Health, in collaboration with research and community partners, seeks to create a more integrated and effective human services delivery system, marking a significant step in community-led research awarded by NIH.