

**Advisory: COUPLE  
OVERCOME BY  
GENERATOR EXHAUST**  
*from the Fruitport Township Police  
Department*

On November 1, 2023, at approximately 12:30p.m. Police Officers and Fire personnel from Fruitport Twp. Public Safety responded to the 3000 block of Herron Lane in Fruitport Township for the report of a man who had passed out in his garage.

Upon arrival, emergency personnel found no response at the door, and subsequently made emergency entry into the garage area where they found a sixty-two year old male subject unresponsive and his sixty-four year wife unconscious on the garage floor. Upon entry into the garage, emergency personnel were immediately aware of a generator that was running inside with an overwhelming smell of exhaust fumes. Both subjects were immediately removed by fire and EMS personnel. The male subject died at the scene. The female subject is alive but remains in serious condition.

Muskegon Emergency 911 Dispatch was made aware of this situation by the daughter of the two subjects. Initial investigation indicates that the wife/victim was on the phone with her daughter and told her that they were both leaving for the hospital because they did not feel well. As the couple entered their attached garage, the husband/victim passed out. The wife then told the daughter to call 911. There was no further phone contact after this, as the wife did not answer her phone after this conversation.

Our initial investigation did not uncover any evidence of foul play at this time. Further, that the running generator in the garage appeared to be the cause of the noxious air both inside the garage and residence. This investigation remains open at this time pending further investigation by Fruitport Twp. and the medical examiner’s office.

The Fruitport Department of Public Safety recommends the following regarding the safe use of generators around your home:

The garage may seem like a go-to place for running a portable generator, but it’s not a safe place to set one up.

Place the generator on a flat, level surface at least 15 to 20 feet from any windows, doors, vents, or crawlspace entries. Aim the exhaust away from the building.

Allow at least five feet of clearance on all sides of the generator while in operation.

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**Helping to Beautify the Village  
One Walk at a Time**

*by Amy Haack, Village of Fruitport Clerk*

I telephoned Bobbie House on a beautiful fall afternoon to interview her for this story. Of course, I had to leave a voicemail as I learned later when she returned my call that she was out and about being productive and busy with the things she enjoys doing like church activities, etc.

Bobbie (Roberta more formally) is the wonderful lady who walks in the Village of Fruitport and picks up litter daily. “I started by walking around my block and began picking up

cigarette butts because they bothered me,” she said and went on to admit with a laugh that she’s a bit obsessive compulsive and is doing her best to channel that in a positive way.

Her daily walking route begins at her home in the southwest side of the Village and takes her to Pomona Park and back which is about a one-and-a-half-mile roundtrip. Bobbie has been doing this one-woman litter brigade all summer “in service to the lord,” she said. The 76-year-old retiree also added that walking and doing her part to beautify her community provides her exercise and gives her purpose. “I started doing it and quickly loved it,” she said.

Bobbie is a widow who lost her husband four years ago and sadly several other loved ones over the past five years. But instead of wallowing in her losses, Bobbie said she brings her emotions on walks in the outdoors where her spirit is always uplifted. She feels consoled and content while outdoors which she explained comes from her father, a self-proclaimed nature lover. She reminisced about how he inspired and nurtured her love of the environment beginning as a young child, especially her fascination for rocks, minerals, and fossils.

Bobbie is a retired social worker who for many years worked with the developmentally disabled. She also spent much of her career as a field advisor for the Girl Scouts. Bobbie said she has strived to be a good role model her entire life. She wasn’t trying to make that connection with this litter abatement activity, but it just kind of turned out that way, she said with a shy giggle.

**The Fruitport District Library is Growing!**

*submitted by Ruth Woodward*

Did you know that when we first received our designation as a District Library, we began with close to 14,000 books in our collection? Now...we have almost 22,000! That poses a problem, though. We NEED more space! We also NEED more parking! We NEED to be handicap accessible! We NEED a building that doesn’t flood or have a leaky roof! We would like to have a building with adequate space for our director and staff to perform their duties! We would like to have a space that would be available to you – the public – for programs and events.

In order to make all that happen, YOUR Fruitport District Library Board of Directors has been working hard to find a solution. But, we NEED YOUR HELP! We have toured a few other locations in the area that we found lacking in one way or another. We have looked at vacant property on which to build, but cost is a huge factor. We have two different architectural firms providing ideas on how to make all of the above possible at our current location. Again, cost is a factor. So, we are asking YOU, the citizens of both the Village of Fruitport and Fruitport Township to help us. Do you know of a location/building that might be for sale? Do you have or know of property that might be for sale? Do you think

we should remain in the Village? Do you think we should move elsewhere in the township? We are putting together a survey for all Village and Township residents to complete using the QR code at the end of this article. We want to hear what you think will best serve ALL residents.

If you are unfamiliar with using a QR code, you may visit our library to complete a survey. As always, you are welcome to attend and share your input at our meetings held on the third Wednesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at the Fruitport Township Hall.



**GREAT DANE LOOKING  
FOR GIRLFRIEND**

FAN received a request from a Fruitport Area resident for an announcement to help search for a female Great Dane to breed his black & white male Great Dane with. His dog has papers and lives in the Fruitport Area. Unfortunately, we have lost the information that was written down. If you have a dog that is interested, you can call our number **231-865-3134** or email at **mail@fruitportareanews.com**. If you are the owner of the black and white Great Dane, please contact FAN and we will make an effort to be a matchmaker.



**PINCREST BAR & LANES  
CORNER UPDATE**

Meeting new friends is our specialty here at Pincrest, and this spring we were thrilled when Joe and Ginny Roberts, former owners of Pincrest Lanes, stopped in. Taking a chance, Joe and Ginny purchased Braun’s Lanes in 1972. This was a turning point for their family, and a big leap of faith. Joe had been a State Trooper and had little experience with the bar business, and his coworkers were divided as to whether he would be able to make a good “go” of things. They promptly renamed the business to Pincrest Lanes and made a few other changes including adding a pool table where the dance floor had been, a juke box, and a pinball machine. They also reconfigured the bowling area, removing the lane side viewing benches and adding tables so they could seat more people. They increased traffic and hosted 13 leagues, held bowling tournaments, and had frequent visits from Fruitport students as part of gym class. Joe and Ginny opened Burger Crest in 1977, and later went on to own several other local businesses, including JW’s Tavern in Grand Haven. Needless to say, their business adventures have been a success. When asked what they enjoyed most about their time at Pincrest they both replied, “it was all about the people”. We’re happy to say that we share the same sentiment, thank you to Joe and Ginny for paying us a special visit and sharing your memories with us!



**Joe and Ginny Roberts visiting  
Pincrest**

Turns out that we have a few things in common with Joe and Ginny, and we’re excited to announce that we have also expanded our business footprint right here in our corner of town. Recently we purchased the Storage Group facility located next door at 3580 E. Pontaluna Rd, which previously was known as the Fruitport Auditorium. We love the history of this building and always enjoy hearing stories about the weddings, famous Halloween parties, and various fundraisers and events that have been held there over the years. A BIG thank you to the Lundberg family for this opportunity and for their generous support.

On a business note, we hope you will join us this winter. We have a variety of events lined up including a Holiday craft show, comedy nights, an 80’s night, and a few euchre tournaments. We may even try to pull off something grand this February, so stay tuned. You can check out our full schedule of events on facebook @pincrestbarandlanes.

As always, we hope to see you at the corner!

Aimee & Tom Johnson



**Pincrest Self Storage, formerly The  
Storgae Group**