

# THE 43522 COMMUNITY NEWS

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## What's Happening with Grand Rapids Cub Scouts Pack 325

Grand Rapids Cub Scout Pack 325 meets the fourth Tuesday of every month at the American Legion on old Route 24. Boys age 6 thru 10 participate in the Pack. In addition to our monthly Pack meetings, we schedule other events, such as bowling in March, ice skating at the BG rink in December, and our annual Rocket Launch, which this year will be held on Sunday, June 1st. Families are invited to attend any Pack or Den meeting; this is a great opportunity to be part of a fantastic group of boys and parents.

Contact information for joining or volunteering call Tony D (419) 205-7988.

On February 9th Grand Rapids Pack 325 Webelos II den crossed over to Grand Rapids Boy Scout Troop 325. This Webelos group accomplished and earned the Super Achievers pin, by completing all Webelos requirements, the Arrow Of Light, and all 20 Webelos activities. We are very proud of their accomplishments. Congratulations and may all your Scouting years be rewarding to the following boys: **Drew Kosinski, Brenden Stott, Bryce Meanle, Nathan Corpus, and Matthew Snyder.**

On January 18, the Pack held the annual Pine Wood Derby race, our winners are:

**Tiger Den:** 1st place Davis Gibbs, 2nd place Jack Rowland, and 3rd went to Jake Limes. Jake also won Best in class.

**Wolf Den:** 1st place Brent Boston, 2nd place Joseph Brewster, 3rd place William Apple. William also won best in class.

**Bear Den:** 1st place Walker Zulch, 2nd place & Best in class Justin Polen, 3rd place Adam Kosinski

**Webelos I Den:** 1st Place Micah May, 2nd place Blaize Robinson, 3rd place Calvin Renkel. Best in class was Tyler Hitt.

**Webelos IIs Den:** 1st Place and Pack Champion Nathan Corpus, 2nd place Mathew Snyder, 3rd place Drew Kosinski. Best in class was Brenden Stott.

Each Dens 1st and 2nd Place winners will compete in the Wood District Pine Wood Derby, this year the District race will be held at Eastwood Elementary School, Saturday, March 22nd. Good luck to our Den and Pack Champions.

On March 25 Pack 325 will have the Scout Cake Bake. The cakes should be brought the American Legion between 6:45 and 7:00 for cake registration. The cakes must be baked with assistance of a male, and entire cake must be edible including decorations. The categories will be food item, animal, holiday theme, outdoor/space, patriotic, vehicle, sport, home improvement/electronic device, best character movie or cartoon and miscellaneous. Any questions please contact Stacy Zulch.

## Welcome to Hosanna Lutheran Church

All are welcome to the Hosanna Lutheran Church on 23019 Kellogg Road. Pastor Adrienne Meier welcomes you to come to 10:00am Holy Communion worship service, every Sunday (except Applebutter). Sunday School takes place on the 3rd Sunday of each month with a potluck meal at 5:30pm and class right afterwards. Classes are available for everyone, preschool thru adult.

On the 4th Tuesday they serve a meal from 5:00-6:00pm. A free will offering is accepted.

Otsego Clothing Closet (housed in garage beside the Presbyterian Church), every 1st Saturday of the month, from 10:00am-noon. The clothing is free for those who need it. The church is always looking for clothes for children and young adults. If you have clothes to donate call the church at 419-832-1041 and leave a message.

## Live! in the House Concert Series

**Bob Ford and the Ragamuffins** will present the Live! in the House program on March 2 at 2:00 pm in the Grand Rapids historic Town Hall. When this group hits the stage, the fun is about to begin! These talented musicians will entertain and enliven you with their skilled musicianship, light-hearted humor, tall tales, comedy, and family fun. The timeless beauty of their songs will touch your heart and remind you of days gone by – when friends and kinfolk actually got together to share their songs and stories.

On April 6, **Spittin' Image** will return to Grand Rapids for the Live! in the House Series. Those of you who attended the Harvest Moon Gala last November will remember how entertaining these

identical twins are. Blain and Brian Swabb love to entertain an audience. They intertwine wonderful vocal ability with excellent musicianship, and mix it all with comedy, audience participation, and high energy. They mix top 40 and classic country with gospel and pop standards from the '20's, '30's, and '40's.

Admission to the Live! in the House programs is \$10.00. Tickets are available at Washers Laundromat, at the door, or phone 419-832-ARTS. Students are admitted free with a paying parent or grandparent. The Grand Rapids Arts Council is proud to present these two wonderful shows for your entertainment!

## Out With A Splash!

Grand Rapids Area Swimming Pool "GRASP" would like to thank two dedicated and hard working board members who have resigned after many years at our community pool. Pat and Larry Snyder, husband and wife, have put in 13 years to help service and keep our pool continuously operating every summer. Not only did they volunteer themselves, but they recruited their entire family. With all hands on deck, they helped with safety programs, be lifeguards, help with fundraisers, and do general maintenance all the while working full time jobs.

When Pat and Larry started their volunteering, the pool was deeply in debt, needing of paint and landscaping, lacking safety features and programs to name just a few areas they had a big hand in successfully turning it around. Though no longer board members, when you talk with this husband and wife duo, you can see their love for our community pool is still there. So, when you come to the pool this summer, and we invite everyone to come, take a look around and see the love and passion these two people left with their handprint.

Thank you Pat and Larry for your years of dedicated service!

## Run to the Rapids

The Grand Rapids Arts Council will sponsor the second annual Run to the Rapids 5K on Saturday, April 12, 2014. The run benefits the ALS Association in honor of our former president, Julie Pontasch, who was diagnosed with the disease in July of 2012. The ALS Association provides support for victims and their families, financial and emotional. Twenty-five local volunteers greeted over 125 runners in 2013. It was a great community event! More importantly, runners and sponsors donated \$2500 to the ALS Association. Our goal for 2014 is to attract over 200 runners and donate over \$4,000 to the Association. If you would like to help sponsor this worthwhile event or volunteer to help with the race, please contact Rita Foos, Race Director, at 419-340-6545. For registration forms, please visit our website, [www.grandrapidsartscouncil.org](http://www.grandrapidsartscouncil.org). Runners will be rewarded at the finish line with Kathy's Soft Scones, LaRoe's famous pumpkin muffins, and other yummy treats. Participants will also receive tee shirts and a bag of goodies.

## Otsego Senior Meals:

The Hosanna Lutheran Church at 23019 Kellogg Road hosts lunches every Friday. The menus for the month of March are:

**March 7:** Cabbage Roll or Baked Tilapia, Normandy Blend Vegetables; AuGratin Potatoes; Cantaloupe/Grapes; and Lemon Bar

**March 14:** Ham Loaf or Almandine Pollock, Buttered Beets; Fresh Fruit; and Cherry Crunch

**March 21:** Pork Chop or Mac 'n Cheese, Green Bean Casserole; Cabbage/apple/raisin Salad; Peaches and Sherbet

**March 28:** Scalloped Potatoes 'n Ham or Lemon Dill Salmon. Sicilian Blend Vegetables; Mandarin Oranges/Bananas and Pecan Crunch

Lunches cost \$2.00 for those 60 or older and under 60, the suggested price is \$5.00.



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## We Have Our Own Mexican Restaurant

Fernando's Mexican Restaurant is located at 24129 Front Street in Grand Rapids, Ohio. The phone number for Fernando's is 419-832-1503 if you would like to call. The hours of operation are 8am to 6pm, and also extended in the summer. They are open 7 days a week all year round serving 16 flavors of Homestead's hard dipped ice cream. They are a family owned restaurant and have been in business for 10 years, and yes, there really is a Fernando!

They serve American food, breakfast which is served all day, but the specialty is the authentic Mexican food. Fernando is originally from Mexico. He makes all his tamales from scratch, enchiladas, burritos, tacos and much more, and not to mention numerous kinds of hot and mild sauces.

Even if not hungry, stop in after visiting one of the many shops in town, to take a look around to say hi to Fernando, Fernando's wife Kim, Fernando's brother Ernesto, or one of their friendly staff. Whether you are "local", a "regular", or a "1st time" to Grand Rapids, it's always a pleasure to see smiling faces come through our door!

## Did You Know.....

The small town of Grand Rapids has been many things to many people. For some it has been a place to rest their head and for many it was a place to work and/or own a business. Grand Rapids had a canoe shop in the business district as well as a couple of television/appliance stores, and funeral homes. The town has had a few pool rooms, ceramic shops, and roller skating rink also in the business district. Who would dream we had a bowling alley, buggy shop, millinery shop or even a hotel? Does anyone remember frozen food lockers? (The town had one) On Valentine's Day you could buy right in town a card, a box of chocolate, a piece of jewelry, take your gal to dinner and the movies. All could be done by walking down Front Street! You could visit the dentist, see your family doctor and even get your picture taken. There has been a department store, multiple variety stores, beauty parlors, barber shops in town to meet all your needs. Several places sold new automobiles not to mention sell gas or repair them. As for filling your stomachs the town had hatcheries, creameries, grocers and restaurants all over the business district. The town still has a few of these businesses; some are gone because of the economy, some are obsolete and some just moved onto bigger pastures. It will be fun to see what our town provides in the next hundred years.

## Community News

Dear Readers,

Well as you can see we have named the paper. The person who named the paper is Pat Heising. Thank you to all sent in suggestions. They all were very good.

This winter has been a beast for all of us. We all just wanted to curl up on the couch with a good book or watch movies. I am sure we all did our share of that but I would like to mention some who did not. Just in my neighborhood I know of 6 people who not only got out there and removed snow from their properties but did a neighbors without expecting anything. I am sure that in your neighborhood there was someone just as generous. So I would like to say to those people who did not spend all their time on the couch a truly heartfelt THANK YOU. It is nice to know that people in our community reach out to help others.

One of our readers sent me a note asking if there was a place in Grand Rapids to drop off Box Tops and Campbell soup labels. The Box Tops and soup labels are used by the school for different projects. The Grand Rapids Branch Library has offered to be a drop off place if you don't know a student in the school system.

If you have a question or idea for an article, an event you want known, or just want to write something about Grand Rapids please drop me a line at [jltonjes@frontier.com](mailto:jltonjes@frontier.com). Or call 419-832-7135. The paper will only be as good as the news I receive.

With a springy sincerity,  
Judi Tonjes

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## Nazareth Hall

Located across from the Maumee River, Nazareth Hall is surrounded by a peaceful county setting. The historic building is set upon a hill overlooking the river. Its rolling green lawn and wooded grotto provide a tranquil retreat from the hustle and bustle of everyday modern life. Its lush and spacious landscape offers a natural backdrop to any occasion.

The building itself, once a nationally known military academy, is a historic landmark. Its brick exterior is accented with terra cotta, lending a formal and imposing sense that complements its natural surroundings. Your family and friends will appreciate the worldly sophistication of Nazareth's menu and decor. Within Nazareth Hall, spacious rooms and corridors are elegantly appointed with Old World antiques, and large windows allow light to permeate each of the banquet halls.

Every aspect of your gathering, from the appearance of the rooms to the presentation and taste of the meals, is attended to with utmost care. Our team of chefs will tempt and excite any appetite from the particular to the extravagant. During your banquet, a professional and courteous staff attends to each guest. Our purpose is for you and your guests to have a comfortable and unique experience here at Nazareth Hall.

With four main ballrooms, an indoor chapel and an outdoor grotto, we host everything from large events to small intimate gatherings. We provide all catering and alcohol services as well as the set up and tear down of the ballrooms for your event.

We serve a Sunday Bruch held in the former dining hall of the historic school, (unless otherwise noted due to a private event reservation), the brunch buffet offers a wide range of both breakfast and lunch items served seasonally November through Mother's Day of each year! We have homemade soups and salads, savory country style fried chicken, chef attended omelet station, pancakes, egg casseroles and homemade breads are only some of the twenty-plus items featured each week by our culinary team. Reservations are recommended and may be made Monday through Saturday, 9-5:00pm by contacting the Sales Office at (419) 832-2900.

Classrooms are available to rent for \$50.00 for large groups of twenty or more. All parties of eight or more are required one check. The hours are from 10:30am – 1:30pm. Attire: Country Club casual dress is recommended. Master Card, Visa, Check or Cash accepted.

The Forever Yours Bridal Show is held twice a year, the third Sunday of February and October from 12:00pm–5:00pm. We fill our building with over 50 of Northwest Ohio's best vendors, covering every category. We also are excited to welcome David's Bridal and Belle Amour Bridal as they showcase their bridal gowns in a live fashion show. Admission is free, no pre-registry required and our show is always open to the public! Enjoy live music, great deals, and many door prizes! Nazareth Hall can be contacted by going to:[www.nazarethhall.com](http://www.nazarethhall.com), calling (419) 832-2900, or faxing (419)832-3700.