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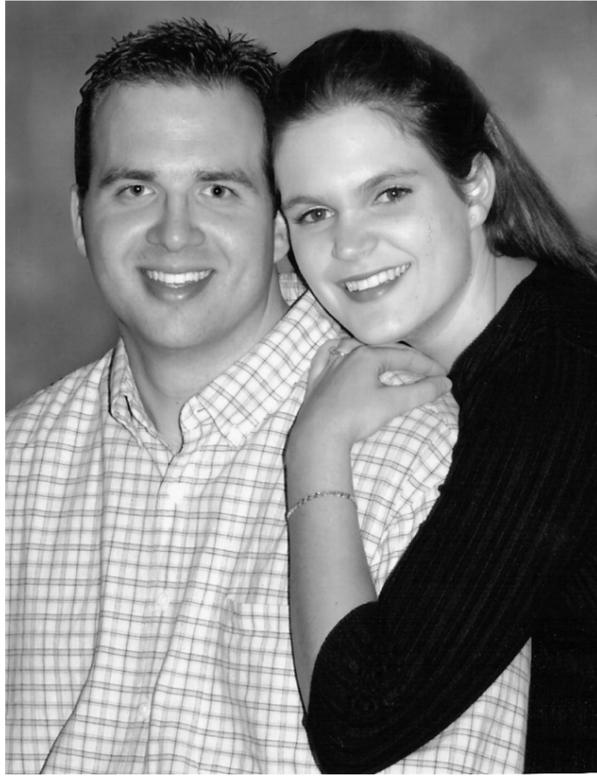
Kurt Hazard

Candidate for Fruitport Community Schools Board of Education

My name is Kurt Hazard and I ask you to please consider me for the position of board member for Fruitport Community Schools.

I own Mastercare Landscaping in Cloverville. My wife Julie and I are both Fruitport graduates. We have two sons who currently attend Fruitport schools: Sean, age 8, and Connor, age 5. I have led volunteer landscaping projects at both Beach and Shettler elementary schools. I have worked as a classroom volunteer in both of my sons' classrooms and I also lead the Beach School Boys' Club. The Boys' Club meets after school for monthly activities which 40 to 60 boys in grades one through five regularly attend. We focus on character building and community service while building self esteem. Some projects our Boys' Club have done include building bird houses, bird feeders, and the installation of a butterfly garden at the school. The boys also collected food for the Rescue Mission, put together care packages for combat troops in Iraq, and made Christmas cards for wounded soldiers.

I come from a family of educators. My father is a retired administrator and my mother is a retired kindergarten teacher from Muskegon schools. My wife currently teaches fifth grade for Reeths Puffer Schools. I feel this family connection in addition to my volunteer time in the schools gives me some insight into our own school district and the challenges we face. Having owned my own business for the past 15 years, I am well aware of the importance of watching the bottom line and being financially responsible. However, I also feel our children are our biggest commodity, and we have a responsibility to provide them with the best possible education. I look forward to the opportunity of serving on the Board of Education. •



Nathan Whipple

Candidate for Fruitport Community Schools Board of Education

As a Fruitport graduate and the father of three future Trojans, the well-being of Fruitport Community Schools is something that I feel very deeply about. My wife Carrie and I take pride in being involved in our community. We think that strong roots make strong families and our beliefs are simple: Education is not only the best gift that parents can give to their children, but is a simple necessity for giving them a better life than we had.

Isn't that what each of us strives for: To make each generation better than the ones that have come before ours?

Running for the Board of Education must be more than bricks and mortar. The position takes on the responsibility of the foundation of the precious minds. After the ballots have been counted, decisions have been made, and possibly the construction is completed, great care must still be taken to ensure the greatness of our school district.

With that being said, it is time I tell you that I believe plans for a new building, along with what I feel are well-thought-out upgrades to our existing buildings are long-term investments that will benefit and impact our children and our children's children. Now is the time to make these changes, as we are at the bottom of the economic cycle. It would be very cost efficient to complete these projects, not to mention with the district's becoming more desirable, our house values will rise.

Construction jobs will be created, helping local workers provide for their families and all in all we will have a stronger community from which we can all benefit, have pride in, and call home. For the sake of all future Fruitport graduates, please join me in laying sturdy ground for a better, brighter future and vote me your next board member for Fruitport Community Schools. •

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IN THIS EVENT.**

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