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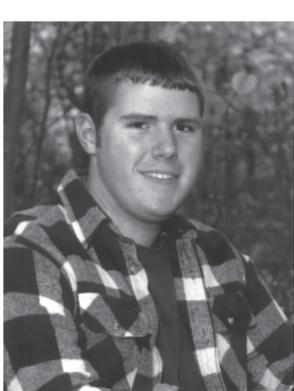
Kendra Marie Rubeck, daughter of Kevin and Delora Rubeck of Muskegon, will attend Kendall College of Art and Design to study graphic arts and photography. Kendra was a member of the track and field team, National Honor Society, and worked part time during her high school career.



Billy Dean Smith, son of Scott and Kim Smith of Muskegon, will attend Muskegon Community College to study computer information systems. Billy was a member of Business Professionals of America where he was a state and national qualifier in his competitive events.



Krystalyn Violet Silva, daughter of William and Sandra Silva of Nunica, and Sherryl Ball of Oregon, will pursue a career in photography starting out at Muskegon Community College. Krystalyn participated in National Honor Society; volunteered her time with Skills, USA; and was distribution manager for the Second Harvest Gleaners' food truck.

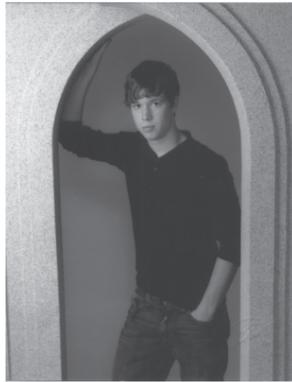


Brian G. Smith, son of Scott and Kim Smith of Muskegon, will study criminal justice at Muskegon Community College. Brian was a member of the National Society of High School Scholars, and also completed a course for future police officers in the Norton Shores Citizen Academy, to prepare for a career in criminal justice.

Fruitport Honor Graduates 2009



Charlene Cecilia Stolarz, daughter of Donald and Cecilia Stolarz of Muskegon, will attend Albion College to study enology. Charlene was executive treasurer of student council, participated in volleyball, Conflict Management, and Spanish Club.



Blaine Michael Stressman, son of Clayton Stressman of Muskegon and Heather Dexter, also of Muskegon, will attend Muskegon Community College to pursue a career in aerospace engineering. Blaine was a member of Ski Club and worked part time during his high school career.



Kayla Joy Timmer, daughter of Mark and Kathy Timmer of Muskegon, will study international business at Elizabethtown College in Pennsylvania. Kayla participated in volleyball, student council as executive vice president, National Honor Society, DECA, Spanish Club, and volunteered at a local hospital.



Justine Marie Turner, daughter of Jeff and Julie Turner of Muskegon, will attend Muskegon Community College to study political science. Justine was a member of National Honor Society, the Fruitport Equestrian Team, and Sunset Riders 4-H Club.



Congratulations to all the Graduates!

Enhanced driver's license arrives

(Submitted by Michigan Department of State)

Michigan residents may now begin applying for the state's new enhanced driver's license (EDL).

The optical card is convenient, affordable and the most flexible option for travelers to meet tougher federal document requirements that go into effect at America's land and sea borders on June 1.

The dual purpose EDL, which serves as a driver's license and border-crossing card, will benefit Michigan's economy as well as its security.

Enhanced driver's licenses are equipped with the latest technology to speed up border crossings and deter fraud. They cost \$45. Enhanced state identification cards are also available at \$30. Applicants will receive them in two to three weeks.

The EDL eliminates the need to carry multiple ID documents when returning to the United States by land or sea from Canada, Mexico, Bermuda, or the Caribbean. It is ideal for those who may be heading to Canada, such as sportsmen, day travelers, and vacationers.

When travelers approach an American border station in a vehicle, they simply hold up their EDL. Technology in the card allows it to be scanned from a distance. By the time travelers reach the station, security personnel will usually only need to make a quick visual check. No personal information is transmitted during this process.

To apply for an EDL, just visit the nearest Secretary of State branch office. The application process is relatively easy for those who already have a current driver's license. They only need to present proof of a valid Social Security number and U.S. citizenship in addition to their driver's license.

EDLs are voluntary. Residents may continue to receive standard driver's licenses and state identification cards if they choose.

Fruitport High School class of 1969 planning 40th reunion

by Mary Weimer

The Fruitport High School class of 1969 reunion is being planned for Saturday, September 5, 2009.

Class members are urged to contact the reunion committee as soon as possible so that further information can be sent out.

Please contact Marilyn and Phil Suchecki at baedust@yahoo.com, or (616) 844-5246; or Kathy (Bowman) Preston at K558Preston@verizon.net or (231) 759-7362.

Seven important things to do for your mother

(Submitted by a mother)

1. Love her. And remember that she loves you ... with all her heart.
2. Confide in her. Chances are, she can help out more than you know.
3. Remember that she'll be there for you, even if the rest of the world walks out....
4. Be patient. Know that she's doing the best she can. And if there's something she doesn't understand, maybe it's just because you need to take the time to completely explain your point of view.
5. Don't forget that there was a time (and it wasn't that long ago) when she was your age. Realize that there may be some things she learned the hard way, and all she's trying to do is pass that wisdom on.
6. Understand that life isn't always easy, and that a lot of time is spent trying to keep the sunlight shining through.
7. Remember that feelings are for sharing, families are for caring, and there is no greater love than the love your mother will have — her whole life long — for you.

Fruitport Adult High School holds graduation ceremonies

Submitted by Fruitport Adult High School

The Fruitport Adult High School program will hold graduation exercises on Tuesday, May 19, 2009 at 7 p.m. The ceremony will be held at the Fruitport High School auditorium and will be followed by a reception honoring the graduates.

Students receiving high school diplomas include Matthew Aliseo, Jamie Bohland, Thomas Goodwin, John Hill, Jeffrey Huffman, Crystal Kautz, Jacquelyn Mooney, Krystal Mulligan, Amelia Reavely, Kathrine Reyes, Chun "Kim" Smith, Renea Spears, Marty St. Amour, Adam VanDyke, Nathan Velez and Trevor Visger.

GED recipients include Christina Avila; Nicole Avila; Courtney Barton; Jessica Ciani; Tiffani Collins; Jonathon Cooper; Samantha Curry; Richard Davis; Wendy Davis; Michael Follett; Sean Guedry; CieJay Guzman; Teal Hepler; Cesily Hills; Stephen Jobbins; Elonie Josephson; Ronald Junglas; Courtney Lister, Jr.; Sommer Loncar; Nicole Londo; Andrew McNinch; Andrea Pawlak; James Quigley; Gregory Rohn; Michael Sallman; Corey Simpson; Terrance Stout; Christopher Sugarbaker; Jennifer TenBrink; Eric Townsend; Ashley Valdez-Collins; Andrew Westcomb; and Peter Williams.