

Fruitport preschool programs

(Submitted by Fruitport Community Schools)

"Across the board, pre-k students have had much better outcomes in both life and school. They've had higher graduation rates, they earn more, and they've committed fewer crimes." – David Lynch, researcher for the newly released study from the Economic Policy Institute.

Many recent studies show that the earlier we can provide opportunities for pre-school children and give them additional skills, the more prepared they will be when they enter elementary school.

Fruitport Community Schools provides three programs for pre-school age children. All programs follow curriculum guidelines from the State of Michigan *Early Childhood Standards of Quality for Pre-kindergarten*. Children must be three or four years old by December 1, 2010. Because there are limited openings, it is important to enroll immediately.

The three programs are:

Head Start

A free program for income eligible three- or four-year-old children. Children must reside in the Fruitport or Mona Shores school district. Classrooms are located at Grace Lutheran Church in Fruitport and Ross Park Elementary in Norton Shores. Classes meet for half days, Monday through Thursday. Meals and transportation are provided.

Michigan School Readiness Program

A free preschool program for Fruitport and Mona Shores four-year-old children. Families are required to meet qualifying factors. Classes meet for half days, Monday through Thursday. Classrooms are located at Grace Lutheran Church and Ross Park Elementary.

Child's World Preschool

A tuition preschool program available to all three- or four-year-old children. Tuition for the two-day program is \$145 per quarter. Tuition for the three day program is \$187 per quarter. Classes are located at Edgewood Elementary.

For additional information or enrollment applications, please contact the Fruitport Early Childhood Center at (231) 865-4102. •

BPA members successful in competition

(Submitted by Fruitport High School)

On Saturday, January 9, fourteen students competed at the regional conference of Business Professionals of America.

Sophomore Andrea Ritz placed first in all of her events (administrative support concepts, business spelling, fundamental spreadsheets) and earned a 100% on her advanced word processing exam.

Amaris Vest placed first in presentation management and second in advanced word processing; Cathy Griffith placed first in desktop publishing and second in keyboarding production; Liz Taylor took fifth place in desktop publishing; Amanda Martin, first place in presentation management team and insurance concepts, and third place in fundamental spreadsheets; Tony Chartrand placed second in insurance concepts; Stephanie Loss placed first in management marketing and human resources and third in insurance concepts; Bethany Bo placed first in presentation management team and fourth in interview skills. Kym Butler qualified as an alternate in computerized accounting, and Shelby Chartrand qualified as an alternate in presentation management as an individual. •

Where in the world is Fruitport?

By FAN staff

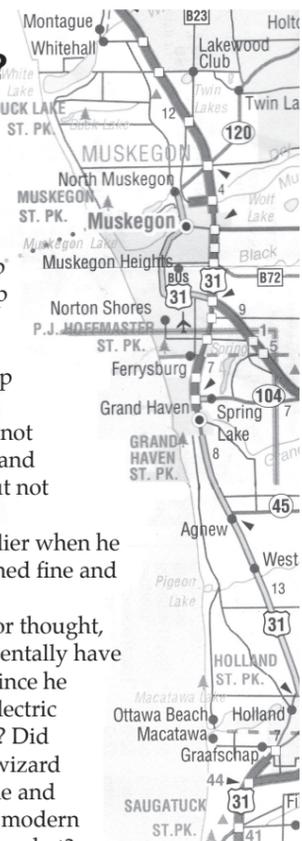
Harry McCallum from Pontaluna Road in Fruitport recently bought a Michigan map at Meijer before going to a funeral in the Upper Peninsula. The map is published by Universal Map in DeLand, Florida.

Before he returned to Fruitport, he looked at the map to determine his route home. To his surprise, Fruitport was not on the map. Nunica, Sullivan and Ferrysburg are on the map, but not Fruitport.

Of course, a few days earlier when he left Fruitport, everything seemed fine and not about to disappear.

It did give Harry pause for thought, though. Could Fruitport accidentally have disappeared in the few days since he had left? What modern day electric miracle could have happened? Did some young computer game wizard get Fruitport into a video game and then wipe it out? With all this modern technology, who knows what's what?

Well, Harry, who grew up in Fruitport and likes it the way it is, was happy to find it still here when he got home. •



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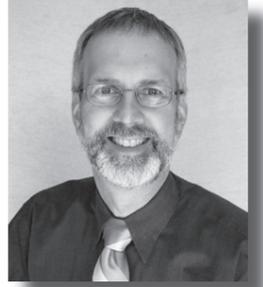
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