

## Fruitport grad awarded MSU scholarship

(Submitted by the MSU Alumni Club)

The MSU Alumni Club of Muskegon County has awarded the Merrill and Zona Bailey Scholarship to Fruitport graduate Marissa Hilliard. Marissa has been accepted into the pre-med program at Michigan State University with plans to prepare for a medical career. The daughter of Susan and Mike Hilliard, Marissa has participated in student council and National Honor Society at Fruitport High School. •

## Township board to sell 75 acres

(June 27, 2011 meeting – condensed)

Board member Church Whitlow made a motion to correct to the minutes of the June 13, 2011 meeting regarding the sale of township-owned property on Cline Road

Township property on Cline Road (75 acres) has been for sale at the price of \$239,000, not \$339,000. The reduced listed price is now \$200,000 – not \$300,000.

In other business, Whitlow moved, seconded by Markgraf to approve and authorize the supervisor to execute a settlement agreement between the township and Lydia Reynolds as personal representative of the estate of Clarence L. Schultz and the quit claim deed from Fruitport Charter Township to Lydia Reynolds as personal representative of the estate of Clarence L. Schultz; provided, however, the settlement agreement may be revised in Section 1 (3) if a title insurance company is not willing to make a commitment to issue an owner's title insurance policy. The motion also includes an address change from Muskegon to Fruitport on the quit claim deed. Motion passed unanimously. •

## I cry fowl, foul, play ball!

Village awareness meeting, July 11, 2011

The village master plan is calling for some radical changes coming in the future. What will the citizens of Fruitport do?

You can say white; I can say blue, but stereotypical governments are usually RED instead, aren't they? Usually most of their citizens are just BLUE. Who let the fox out of the bag? He's in the hen house and he's crying foul, fowl, oh heck data!

Well, there's a lot of unhappy people now that they're finding out what's coming their way for the future of the village of Fruitport. I myself feel confident that they really don't have to worry too much as I've lived here for 32 years now. I can't find much of any change going on whether it's on Third Street or the entire village as a whole!

Democracy only works when you have a starting point. I'll raise the most serious question of all that some of you got at the meeting on how to do the patriotic thing and that's go find the surveys you filled out and have your own study done. Is it really that hard to figure out? Yes, it is the fox is out of the bag!

Questions were raised if it would do any good to go to the upcoming village meetings to try and right the course. "Hmmm...well, that was an answer I didn't quite get, but it did scare me a bit!" Where have you been?

I want this to be a stereotypical letter to the editor so I'll try my best.

All government meetings are a waste of time.

All small town governments are RED.

All the citizens are BLUE.

Things remain the same as always never a change to be seen!

Same old gray house with pink trim...wow! That caught my eyes!

All water runs up hill that's a fact, prove me wrong!

And ordinances were made for ordinary people to follow YIKES.

Where is all this heading, I think the end of the world is on us! Some people read, while others follow. Others, well, they're just stereotypical. Why not just call it even and we'll all be BLUE in a Red, White and Blue society.

I've collected data from my citizens and the citizens have done their jobs by following the shepherd to the slaughter house. Why is that? I don't really know why no one took up the torch to put it out? Oh, somebody did ... but not enough citizens have.

I'll just have this to say from some very famous lyrics, "Two men stood on a bridge and one jumped and yelled, "You lose." It's not a new story, just the same old story.

To be real honest, this village awareness meeting attendee really hasn't got a thing to really write about except that I'm BLUE, are YOU?

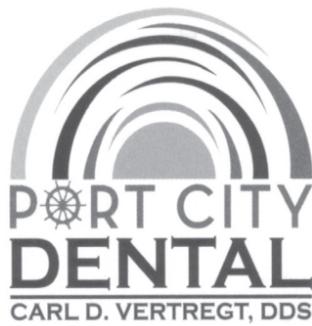
Patriot of the blues  
Sam Cramblet

P.S.: All I really learned is that we all want a soap box, and we all want to be on the top of it. But when we are up there we'd just rather wash our nightmares away. Hmmm... now that's a good starting point. Climb on up it's much greener on this side of the village. •

## Township board hires full time officer

(Submitted by Fruitport Township Board)

In its regular meeting on May 9, 2011, the Fruitport Township Board voted unanimously to hire part time police officer Benjamin Hecksel to a full time position. He started working part time in Fruitport on September 9, 2009. Officer Hecksel will be replacing officer Lynn Hertel. •



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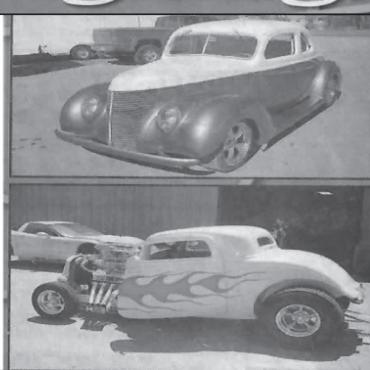
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