



FHS Senior Awards Night. Fruitport students receiving scholarships from the Fruitport Lions President, Dave Heylman, and Pat Stressman, of the Fruitport Lady Lions.



Village council greeted by overflow crowd

By Mary Weimer

The May 16, 2011 Fruitport Village Council meeting took some council members by surprise as they greeted an overflow crowd comprised mainly of village business owners. Also present were Township Supervisor Brian Werschem; Mark Lee from Prein and Newhoff; and Matt Farrar, township DPW director.

The big attraction to draw such a sizeable crowd is the new proposed master plan for the village. The Third Street Business Owners Association was formed on April 28 when a group of business owners met to discuss the proposed changes. The changes to the master plan and the zoning regulations were suggested by a hired consultant who was paid \$10,000 by the village council.

While the proposed regulations create many issues for the business owners, the primary discussion at the meeting centered around the need for a sewer system in the village.

For more information, the entire proposed Master Plan and Zoning Ordinances are available online at the village website: villageoffruitport.com under “publications.” •

Police protection in Norton Shores and Ottawa County? Editorial by Ron Cooper

A Fruitport Township resident had a dump trailer stolen about three years ago. At the time, he lived in Ottawa County about a mile from Fruitport Township. He made a police report with the Ottawa County Sheriff in August of 2008.

He got the feeling that not much was going to be done about it at the time even though neighbors had seen the theft taking place (not realizing it was a theft) and could describe the vehicles and individuals involved.

He kept looking for the trailer over the years. It is a real neat trailer and there were some changes he had made to it, so he thought he might eventually spot it somewhere.

Recently he saw what he feels is his trailer at a Norton Shores business. Norton Shores police officers were told about it, but they said he had to go back to the Ottawa Sheriff’s office because it was stolen in Ottawa County. They did not show any interest in identifying the trailer as the one stolen or in getting involved at all.

An Ottawa deputy looked into it and agreed that the found trailer came back as stolen. The VIN number had been scratched off. When contacted, the businessman said he had taken the trailer in trade from a man from Nunica who was unable to pay what he owed. The deputy informed him that the trailer had been stolen.

The next day, the deputy returned to the business to check further on the trailer and discovered that the trailer had been stripped of its wheels and was left parked on blocks. A second VIN number was located on the trailer, but it was not quite the same as the number on the front that the original owner had registered. As a result, the deputy claimed the trailer had to remain with the businessman.

Despite the fact that several individuals can identify the trailer as the one belonging to the Fruitport Township resident, it appears that, unless he takes the law into his own hands, he will be unable to have his stolen property returned to him.

If you live in either of these police districts, be concerned. •

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Please pass the word.

Please BRING: A DISH TO PASS, OWN BEVERAGE AND UTENSILS. If you know of someone who did not receive a card, please let them know. Would love to see more attend.

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If you have old school pictures, please bring to share with us.

(THE AUDITORIUM IS AT CORNER OF PONTALUNA AND 3RD BACK OF PINCREST)

BEWARE: OTHER VACCINES MAY BE ENDANGERING THE LIVES OF YOUR UNBORN CALVES.

This picture is from a Bovi-Shield Gold ad in a farm magazine, warning farmers to be careful what medication they give their cows so that the unborn calves are not endangered.

Shouldn't we humans be as concerned about negative effects on our unborn babies as farmers are about their unborn calves?

A lot of the lifelong mental and physical problems children have today are directly traceable to their mothers and what she consumed before her baby was born.

STAGES OF DEVELOPMENT OF AN UNBORN CHILD

- *Day 18* after conception - Heart begins beating
- *5 weeks* - Tiny arms and leg buds have formed
- *6 weeks* - Face has two eyes
- *7 weeks* - Pain sensors appear
- *2 months* - Brain begins to form

CAUTION:
The first three months of a child's development are the most critical. Many things the mother intakes can have a negative effect on her child for its entire lifetime!