

Graduate: Alecia Dillon



Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Dillon of Fruitport are proud to announce the graduation of their daughter, Alecia Rose Dillon. Alecia received her Executive MBA degree with honors from the University of Michigan in their first ever COVID-19 virtual graduation. Alecia attended Fruitport Community Schools K-12 and graduated in 2003. After graduating from Grand Valley she worked for an auditing firm and then took a job in Virginia as an accounting and finance executive. Currently, she is the Athletics Director of Financial Operations for the University of Michigan. Congratulations sis, we are proud of you.



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Earth Treasures

by Leona McClellan Nunyaz
Several years ago my sister-in-law opened a little rock shop in Grand Rapids, and I started working there to help out. I quickly realized I knew very little about rocks and minerals, so to avoid sounding foolish to customers, I started doing research. Next thing I knew I had the bug. Rocks and minerals are fascinating to me, from the chemical properties to the sheer beauty of the specimens. I never realized how important and



This collection has really explosive colors that you have to see them to believe it!

useful they are in our everyday lives. Minerals are used to create medicines, batteries, cleaning agents, building supplies and so much more. It didn't take long for me to become interested in doing lapidary work, and with a little luck and generosity from others in the rock community, I acquired my first saw and flat lap. I have been cutting and polishing ever since.



I joined other like-minded people on a face book group and discovered the world of live sales. Instantly I had access to rocks and minerals from every corner of the earth. As my collection grew I quickly realized how expensive my new hobby could be. If I wanted to continue collecting, I either needed to win the lottery or find another way. After learning to navigate the pitfalls of buying online I came to the conclusion, I could buy in bulk, pick the specimen I liked, and sell the rest to buy more. About 3 years ago I did my first live sale on Facebook. I had 5 pounds of rough stone set up on my piano bench. I had maybe 8 viewers and sold every stone. I used the money to buy more and more. Before I knew it, I had a whole room dedicated to rock sales. As my local customer base

grew and people wanted to come and see the rocks, the next logical step was to open a storefront. I opened Earth Treasures in September of 2019 at 6582 Airline Road in Fruitport. My goal has always been to offer affordable rocks and minerals for people of all ages, and to help inspire future generations of rock hounds. I painstakingly search for the best priced rocks and minerals to bring my customers. The store is filled with special finds, from the minerals I collected myself, to the treasures purchased from backyard miners across the country.



I currently offer my own line of handmade dig kits that contain real fossils and gemstones. Classes to learn to make gemstone trees are available, and I also have several other classes in the works. We are cutting opals and learning the art of the silversmith, so custom made jewelry will soon be added to the hand made jewelry selection. Because I continue to do live sales online, the inventory is constantly changing, and new rocks and minerals come in weekly. If I don't have what you are looking for, I will do my best to find it at the best price I can. Stop in and check us out. leonasearthtreasures@gmail.com (231) 366-6017

Muskegon Lakeshore Chamber of Commerce Action Alert
ATTENTION CHAMBER MEMBERS:
Message from the President
There are **federal grants** designed for small businesses including the self- employed. **Please contact your current bank and your accountant today!** Even if the lines are jammed, they are working to help you figure this out. I know it is difficult to believe there is money available for small businesses, because typically that is not the case. But **there are programs you can access** even if you are a contractor or seasonal business.

West Michigan Lighthouses
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WEST MICHIGAN, MI - Explore the lighthouses of West Michigan with tours, tower climbs, museums, and more! Learn about Michigan's maritime history, get an up-close look at the lamps and lenses, and enjoy the beauty of the lakeshore from a unique point of view. There are more than 100 lighthouses that you can visit in West Michigan and along the shores of Lake Michigan. Learn more about each one, as well as the Lake Michigan Circle Tour, through WMTA's Lake Michigan Lighthouse Map. The 2020 edition of the map will be out in April, and you can request one here: <https://www.wmta.org/about-wmta/request-free-travel-info/>

John Ball Zoo Announces Increased Accessibility
GRAND RAPIDS, MI - John Ball Zoo recently announced that beginning with the upcoming 2020 season they are evolving their long-standing JUMP program to provide even greater accessibility thanks to the generous support from sponsors. Beginning on their opening day Friday, April 3rd, John Ball Zoo will offer free admission to anyone who possess a MI Bridges and WIC Cards in the State of Michigan, and up to nine people in the same household.

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