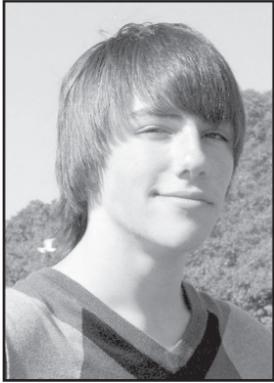


HOMESCHOOL GRADUATES



Rebecca Bollweg



David Cott



Jacob Kuyt



Colton Snuffer



Rachel Boyd



Kaitlin Florea



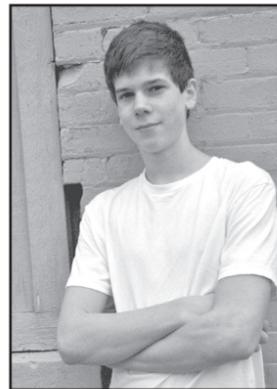
Jacque Lee



Natalee Walbrink



Aaron Lunt



Ben Wichman



Wynn Coggin



Hope Hinken



Rachel Saum



David Wierengo

Not Pictured:
Mitchel Infante
Shiloh Lindemulder
Christopher Petta
Tyler Stevens

Corbin Jensen
Chelsea Petta
DJ Rodriquez

Fruitport Adult Education grants diplomas, GED certificates

(Submitted by Fruitport Adult Education Program)

Twenty graduates from the Fruitport Adult Education Program will receive their diplomas in a graduation ceremony to be held at 7 p.m. on May 24 at the Fruitport Middle School Auditorium. In addition, 21 students have completed the requirements to receive GED certificates, with 12 students yet to finish all their requirements in time to be awarded their GED certificates.

High school diploma recipients include: Francis Baker, Alexis Boyer, Caleb Cobb, Breann Crandall, Amy Dalton, Robert VanDyke III, Jacob Grow, Angeline Jean, Kaylee Knickerbocker, Sandra Korth, Joshua Loader, Christopher May, Lauren Morency, Cody Schmidt, Brenda Scholte, Brandon Schwartz, Joseph Smith, Goldie "Donnika" Weigler, Kayla Williams, and Jessica Wilson.

GED recipients include: Erica Bearss, Gregory Benink, Kenneth Campbell, Michael Damm, Dallas DeWitt, Jennifer Eller, Meghan Fish, Jeffrey Greenert, Jacob Griffis, Mackenzie Hardy, Jeffrey Henzler, Teba Kitchens, Theresa Magner, Raymond Martinez, Johnnie Perry, Andrew Pfeiffer, Khrysten Rorem, Douglas Stroud, Cody Swarvar, Andrew Wolford, and Brenden Zimonick.

Potential GED recipients include Jake Bradshaw, James Callison, Brandon Crampton, Harley Davis, David Flamand, Devon Goins, Taylor Hoffman, Laurie Hasper, Carolyn Holtz, Maivis Johnson, Cheryl Reyna and Atisha Tolbert. •

Homeschoolers play on literature

By The Holtrop Family

Last weekend, some of our family went to the Beard-sley Theater, in downtown Muskegon, to see "Classics Amok," a play put on and acted in by the Muskegon Homeschool group. Our attention was caught and drawn to the play, and we had become interested in going because we are also a homeschool family; we became even more interested as the distinguished authors and poets featured in the play made the characters come alive before us on stage. We enjoyed the mixture of humorous takes on various classic literature, the interesting costumes, the unique portrayal of characters and the originality and inspiring nature of the story line.

Nicely woven throughout the play were quotes from Shakespeare, Poe, Seuss, Twain, Dickens, Austen and others. Dr. Seuss' nonsense words, the twists of humor and the incorporation of ministry through deliberately placed Biblical concepts kept us in our seats.

Kaerlyn and Caleb thought the combination of many favorite classics (books, characters, as well as music), was very funny and entertaining. "The Truffula Trees brought me back to Seuss-land and reminded me of many books I grew up reading," adds Cameron. Calvin liked the reference to Mary Shelley's "Frankenstein." Seeing Dr. Francis trying to bring her husband back to life, being interrupted by a phone call from Captain Hook, then two of the Three Musketeers, who were searching for Dorothy, drank mustache serum and sprouted mustaches, and gingerbread cookies ran away from Quasimodo, made us all laugh. And most of us have enjoyed "The Hobbit." So seeing the hobbits in the play was fun and also made our younger kids hope that they might be able to be in a play or show someday.

The acting was excellent, especially considering the variety of cast members and the many places they came from. The costumes were simple, but worked very well, Caleb thought, with twists and turns of props (like mustaches) in and out of the authors' story to the kids in school.

Kati was intrigued by the more subtle aspects of the play. The main authors around the cafeteria table, collaborating on the story they have to write for class, but hate to write, pull other people in the cafeteria into their story as characters, as was done in "The Wizard of Oz." The Three Musketeers, many hobbits and Puck were all found in the cafeteria and around the authors' table. Also well done was the way the authors and poets themselves began writing their class project under protest, but continued because they had to, creating a very successful piece. And through this, we see their character develop slowly throughout the play, becoming at the end the actual poet or author we see in their literature.

Collin was excited about the inspirational jumble of things, put together in such a way, because it "gives me many things to draw from, generally, in my writing at home."

Our younger kids, Christian, Kierstyn and Kim, wished they could have seen the play, especially having heard that there were references to Dr. Seuss in it.

All-around, "Classics Amok" was a well-written play, made for the enjoyment of many viewers. Its perfect blend of nonsense humor and ministry kept us all glued to the stage the whole time. The acting was well done, the costumes were simply made, but worked like clockwork, and the mixture of many favorite classics was hilarious, entertaining, and quite impossibly fun. We don't know how the coordinators got all this running, but they did a tremendous job! It would be difficult to find a better play than "Classics Amok."

Muskegon Catholic High School Fruitport Area Graduates

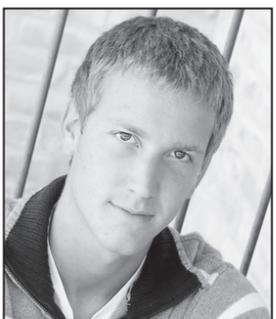
Jami Ann Olovson is a member of the National Honors Society and Student Council at Muskegon catholic High School. Jami Ann has been very involved in sports, including varsity basketball, varsity softball, varsity volleyball and varsity soccer. When not on the sports field, she was also involved in Catholic's spring musicals. She will be attending Michigan State University this fall majoring in nursing. Jami Ann is the daughter of Roy and Joni Olovson.



Tori Paul, the daughter of Steve and Theresa Paul, will graduate with honors from Muskegon Catholic High School. She is the president of the senior class student council and was also involved in varsity cheerleading and varsity track. She plans on attending Aquinas College in the fall, majoring in computer science.



West Michigan Christian Grads



Tim Schuitema

Tim Schuitema played 4 years of Varsity baseball, 4 years of soccer (2 Varsity), and 2 years of Basketball. He was a small group leader at the school for 2 years and also helped out with planning chapels for a year. He was in Band and Choir for 3 years. He plans to go to Calvin College in the fall to study business and economics.

Nicole Teeter is a graduate from Western Michigan Christian High School. While in high school she was active in Volleyball, Cross Country and Softball. Nicole also participated in Science Olympiad, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and served as a small group leader. After a mission trip to Honduras this summer, Nicole will be attending Calvin College where she plans to study English and Sports Medicine. Nicole is the daughter of Mike and Kim Teeter.



Nicole Teeter

Up House Academy

Anna Jean Johnson graduated from Up House Academy. She is the daughter of David and Donna Johnson. She plans to continue her education at Whitefield College in Lakeland, Florida, through its online distance learning program. She will be majoring in Bible. Some of her activities have included volunteering at Crystal Peaks Youth Ranch in Bend, Oregon, and at HUGS Ranch in Jamestown, Michigan, and serving as an audio-visual technician at Trinity Baptist Church. •



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