

Fruitport Old Fashioned Days

By Harry and Heidi Wojahn

Well, it's that time of year again. Soon, Fruitport's traditional celebration over the Memorial Day weekend, Fruitport Old Fashioned Days, will be back! There is always lots of stuff for your entire family to enjoy, right in the heart of town — from the carnival rides and attractions, to the petting zoo and Sensory Safari. Then there is the Corvette and classic car show at the Fruitport Middle School and the Memorial Day parade. There will also be plenty of food vendors selling all the classic carnival foods such as elephant ears, popcorn, soda, burgers and hot dogs. There will also be the more traditional Ox Roast where they sell two very mouthwatering sandwiches, the Ox Roast and the Razorback. The Ox Roast is a delectable roast beef, while the Razorback is a juicy pork roast for those who don't prefer red meats.

Don't forget that the petting zoo has lots of animals that we can feed and pet, as well as several more exotic animals to look at. And for a small fee, there are a couple of animals that one can pose with for a special photo memory. Last year, my wife posed with a Fennec fox, which is the smallest breed of fox, at about the size of a young cat. I, however, decided to spice things up a bit and posed with a baby alligator. They also have a very cool snake to pose with.

Finally, let's not forget the two nights of fireworks displays; one typically held on the Friday night of that week, and the final show on the eve of Memorial Day. These displays are sure to please you and your whole family, as they have for my wife and me the last few years. They always seem to come up with a few new designs each year, along with some of the classic styles from our childhood that are sure to delight!

Hopefully there will not be an issue this year concerning the long lines at the portable restrooms during the fireworks displays. Last year, we wrote a story regarding this issue. Many people were complaining about having to wait in line for a half hour or longer before they got their turn, due to the insufficient number of restrooms provided. Also, there seems to be a large amount of trash scattered across the park each day, despite there being more than enough trash receptacles. Let's all make it a point this year to help out by not littering so that this year's celebration is as enjoyable as possible. If you happen to see some trash on the ground, please be kind enough to pick it up and toss it into one of the designated areas.

With the extra warm temperatures we are having this year, please be sure to drink plenty of water and don't be shy with the sunscreen. There are many locations along the parade's path and in the area of the carnival that have little to no shade. It is my hope that everyone remembers to use all precautions so that there are no injuries or medical complications due to the heat and sun. Remember to stay safe, and have lots of fun!•

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GARAGE SALE: Four homes – Hittle Creek Drive (West off Walker between Pontaluna and Farr) Saturday, May 26. 9 to 4 p.m. Something for everyone!

Beach Elementary Fourth graders write... *What makes my mom special?*

Essay by Andelyn DeRouin for her mom, Bretta

If I had a dollar for every hug my mommy gave me, I'd be a millionaire. My mommy is so special. She is special because she is funny. For example, there's a song that says "now I'm feeling so fly like a G-16" (?), but she heard it wrong and said "now I'm feeling so fly like a cheese stick."

My mommy is special because she plays with us. For example, she plays soccer with me and my brother.

My mommy is special because she cares for me. For example, she gives my meds when I'm sick.

My mommy is so special I don't know what I would do without her!

Essay by Kamden Briggs for his mom, Shan

My mom is the best thing that ever happened to me. I love her, I care for her, and she cares for me.

I love my mom because she is very special. She is the woman of my life. That is because she was the first person to see me. She cares for me. She loves me more than the world, and I am special to her. The most important thing about my mom is that she loves all of her kids.

I love her more than anything. If I am down in South Carolina and she was up in Muskegon, I will call her and tell her "I love you more than anything." I also love her because when I ask her, "Can I go to my friend's house?" and sometimes she will say "yes, but you have to get back in one and a half hours."

My mom is special because at my football games she will cheer for me. Sometimes when she cheers me on, it makes me do better at what I'm doing to make her cheer for me.

My mom will do whatever it takes to make me happy. She makes me laugh and she makes me do things that I have never done in my life before.

Essay by Mackenzie Kern for her mom Jennifer

My mom is nice and cooks for me and cares for me. Does yours? Mine does. She is really nice.

My mom is nice. She helps me when I need help. She puts my stuff away for me. One day I needed help with my homework and she helped me. She's nice to me. She helps me with my gymnastics. It's really nice to know that she will be nice to me and help me, too.

My mom cooks for me dinner, lunch, and breakfast. She's a really good cook, too. One day I wanted bacon for breakfast. She cooked it for me and toast and eggs. I like the food she makes.

My mom cares for me when I'm sad or mad. She cares for me and cares for me when I'm hurt or mad or sad, she always cares for me.

I love my mom so much and she loves me, too. My mom's the best mom I can ever have. I love her and she'll do all she could ever do for me, and I'm happy I have a mom like that. I love her and she's the best mom ever! If she sees this I want to tell you I love you so so much.

Essay by Kylie Domine for her mom, Collet

My mom can do all sorts of things. She makes the best food ever and she teaches me things. She can take me shopping and she makes the best food ever and she teaches me things.

My mom takes me shopping. That's like every day after 5 o'clock. I always come home with ten or more things. She is the best mom ever.

My mom makes the best food ever, like chicken-noodle-soup. That's my favorite! So if you never had chicken-noodle-soup, you should try it some time. She is the best cook ever. You should try it. You would fall in love with the food and you would go back and ask for more!

My mom teaches me things like math for school. She always helps me and I always get that whole sheet right for me. I love her so much I can't even count!

My mom is the best! She always is helping me from left to right on everything!

Calvary Christian School Recognized for Yearbook Excellence

DALLAS (special) – The Calvary Christian School yearbook staff has been recognized by Balfour Yearbooks with an **Honorable Mention Certificate of Recognition** for its outstanding contribution to scholastic journalism. The Calvary Christian School yearbook is included in the 2012 *YearbookYearbook*. The yearbook adviser is Kim Borgeson.

"Good yearbooks capture the history of the year in words and pictures. To be recognized by Balfour in *YearbookYearbook*, your book isn't just good, it's GREAT. It relates stories that the students obviously wanted to share. Those stories, told through words and photographs, evoke an experience in the readers, taking them back to a game, a dance or a rehearsal. It's a magical experience. It was magical when the book came out, and it will retain its magic 50 years from now. Your staff's commitment to creating a yearbook that is both meaningful and memorable has made it one of the best in the nation," Judi Coolidge, education specialist said.

Essay by Devin Cierlak for his mom Tania

My mother is special because she helps me with my homework. She makes good food for me, and she buys me stuff.

My mother is special because she helps me with my homework. She helps me because when I am stuck on a problem she helps me with it and when I am done she gets a calculator and she checks all of the problems, and when one is wrong she will put a little x by it.

My mother is special because she makes the best food ever. My mom makes the best food ever because when we have noodles she chops up meat and when the fat is gone she pours the sauce with meat in it so it is like having extra meat.

My mother is special because she buys me stuff like monster trucks, shoes, games, movies, clothes, stuff I need for school, stuff I need for baseball, Hello Panda snacks with vanilla icing and more!

My mother is special because she does lots of stuff for me and I love her so much.

Essay by Chase Campbell for his mom Kari

My mom is great because she buys me stuff, leans and listens to me, too.

My mom's special because she cleans sometimes, but it's usually me. She cleans the living room and her room, the kitchen and the bathroom too.

If I'm good she usually will get me something. If I'm not good she will not get me anything at all.

Whatever I read to her, she listens to me and usually she'll ask me questions about the book.

This is what I realize why my mom is so special — because she cleans, buys me stuff and listens to me.

Essay by James Eberly for his mom Cheri

What would you do if you had no mother? What if your mom is gone? You would be sad with a capitalized S. My mom means the world to me.

My mom does everything for the family. I don't know any woman busier than my mom. She is a wonder lady. She has to pay the bills, feed the children, yum!, go to school, drop off her grandchild. If I said it all it would be about 1,000,000,000,000,000,000,000 more things to do. These are examples.

My beautiful and intelligent mother teaches me new things like how to put away the dishes and how to do my own laundry. It's exciting to learn new things and important things from such a beautiful thing we kids call MOTHERS.

Moms are great except mine is greater than great and all the nice words put together! She's a great musician and she's also good at math. Her long, dark red hair makes her look like she's in her 30s.

She's My (Get it?) My special MOM!

Essay by Jasmine Kay Larson for her mom Stefanie

My mom is very super mega ultra special. She is nice. She also loves me. "Oh so Fair" is another way of describing my mom.

Here are some examples of her being nice: She let me invite 10 friends to my birthday party. Two of them got to spend the night. I get to go to baby showers with her.

Here are some examples of her being "Oh so fair." She will give you the same amount of food, clothes, and shoes, books from the library. If she doesn't have enough snacks for everyone no one will get a snack.

She loves me so much that when she worked at a pancake house she brought me to work, gave me chocolate Mickey Mouse pancakes, oranges, bacon and eggs. On my golden birthday she brought me to Sherman Bowling Alley and gave me some money to play at the arcade.

Now do you see why my mom is super ultra mega special to me!

XOXOXO TO YOU, MOM!

Essay by Jacob Campbell for his mom Amy

My mom is really special. She's special because she buys me stuff. She loves me, and she is a really good cook.

My mom loves me because she is a nice mother. She cares for me. And she listens.

My mom is a really good cook, because she makes it the way it's supposed to be made. And she makes it taste good. She always makes good food.

My mom buys me stuff. Almost every time I ask for it, she buys me stuff because she loves me!

My mom loves me and buys me stuff. My mom is a good cook and she is the best mom on earth!

Essay by Emma Simonis for her mom Becky

My mom is super duper special because she:

- Will sometimes clean my room!
- Loves me!
- Has mommy / Emma day with me!

My mom is super duper special because she cleans my room sometimes. Sometimes when I'm at my dad, Paul's and stepmom Hilery's house, my mom will clean my room and make my bed. So the next time I'm there ... it's spotless!

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