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2019 Old Fashioned Days King and Queen, Dave and Julie Hazekamp

submitted by Rose Dillon

Both David and Julie have been long time residents of Fruitport Township. They both grew up in Cloverville and attended elementary school together. Later, in high school, they began dating and the rest is history. They both attended Muskegon Community College. Julie was in the nursing program and Dave was in the business program.

Married in 1980, they now have four children and six grandchildren who are following in their footsteps attending Fruitport Community Schools and being active in the community.

It doesn't take long to see Dave and Julie's passion for this community and see their desire

to give back in many ways few may never know. Julie was involved in Fruitport's Youth recreation, Indoor Travel Soccer/Outdoor Travel Soccer coach and manager from 2001-2008. She then became the Trojan Man Volleyball Cheerleading Coach from 2008-2011.

The family business was purchased from Dave Hazekamp's father in 1996. Dave is the CEO of Hazekamp Meats. Julie was in nursing until 1993 when she joined the company business developing the human resource department. In 2005, Julie purchased Premier Foods and thus began the partnership in a joint venture of Premier Foods and Hazekamp Meats which distributes product from Michigan to Florida.

As the family grew so did Dave and Julie's desire to become more involved in the community. Some of the highlights of their lifetime love of Fruitport are:

They donated the high school soccer concession stand and press box and are lifelong supporters of various Fruitport Youth Programs, Boys and Girls Youth baseball and softball, high school athletic teams, high school and middle school robotics, high school business programs, Fruitport Education and Athletic Foundation. Dave has served on the Fruitport School's Board of Education and is currently the President and serves their church as Elder and Deacon. There are many more church, social and non-profit organizations they have or currently are members of.

When asked about living in Fruitport, Julie responded, "We have a wonderful full life and Fruitport is such a big part of that life. We love our little town, and are so proud of it. We want to support Fruitport in any way that we can. We are humbled by the nomination to be Fruitport's King and Queen. We have memories as a child going to the parade, marching as a Fruitport band member in middle and high school and as an alumni band member. There is a lot of rich history here for us."

Congratulations to our 2019 OFD King and Queen, Dave and Julie Hazekamp!

public," Bauer added.

The public is invited to stop by the branch to meet staff, enjoy appetizers, and sample beverages.

Established in 1931, Shelby State Bank serves customers from ten locations in Muskegon, Oceana, Mason and Manistee Counties. For more information, call the Fruitport office at 231-865-3161, or visit the bank's Facebook page at: www.facebook.com/shelbystatebank where more details will be posted.

2019 Pancake Supper

submitted by Heidi Tice



Big thanks to the Fruitport Honor Society for selling tickets and making the Fruitport Lions Club annual pancake supper a success. The weather was not helping on January 25, 2019. With school closed, the Fruitport Lions Club thought they might have to cancel the scheduled pancake supper. Coaches made a decision that the basketball games were still going on, so the pancake supper was also. This year was a record year for pre-sale tickets that were mainly sold by the Fruitport National Honor Society. The event had a record turnout of volunteers and happy customers. Fruitport Lionesses made baked goods and Fruitport Leo Club helped with set up and clean up. For their efforts, the Fruitport National Honor Society received proceeds of \$800.00 from the Fruitport Lions Club to go toward their AP tests. A big "Thank You" to the Fruitport National Honor Society and Fruitport Lions family for another successful event.

Peace Poster 2019

submitted by Heidi Tice



Each year, Lions Club International has a contest for Middle School kids to show their artistic talents in a poster that demonstrates peace. Fruitport Middle School has entries every year for that contest. This year, Estella Kolkema was selected by the Fruitport Lions Club. Estella, quoted about her picture, says, "It shows people all around the world coming together with flags, music (overall happiness), and showing kindness can be shown all over the world." Nice job Estella, all of Fruitport is very proud of you. Estella's poster and the last several years' winners' posters are displayed at the Fruitport Charter Township Hall's wall of peace. Stop by and take a look at the wonderful talent our Fruitport kids have.

Shelby State Bank Hosting Public Open House

submitted by Greg Zirkle



Shelby State Bank is hosting an open house for the public, in celebration of their newly remodeled branch at 6448 Airline Road in Fruitport. The open house is scheduled for Thursday, June 27, from 5:30 to 7:30 pm.

"Last year, the branch celebrated its 20th anniversary in Fruitport, but we wanted to wait for this remodel before holding a celebration," said Michelle Bauer, Branch Manager. The project has been a full interior and exterior renovation, with new walls, new floors, new fixtures and new furniture.

"We're getting great feedback from customers, and really want to share our upgrades with the

Upcoming Events in Fruitport Township

by Heidi Tice

May 22nd – May 27th: Fruitport Lions "Fruitport Old Fashioned Days."

May 27th: Fruitport Charter Township Hall closed for Memorial Day. Parade begins 2:00 pm in downtown Fruitport, through the Village of Fruitport.

June 7th, 3:30 pm – 5:30 pm: Community Days at Fruitport Charter Township Hall, 5865 Airline Rd.

July 4th: Fruitport Charter Township Hall closed – Independence Day.

July 20th, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm: Slip-n-Slide in Pomona Park – Village of Fruitport.

July 21st, 10:00 am – 12:30 pm: All church worship and potluck in Pomona Park – Village of Fruitport.

August 24th, 11 am – 1 pm: Slip-N-Slide in Pomona Park – Village of Fruitport.

September 2nd: Fruitport Charter Township Hall closed – Labor Day.

October 31st: Halloween at the Hall, 5865 Airline Rd - Fruitport Charter Township Hall.