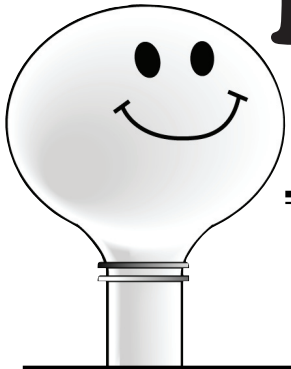


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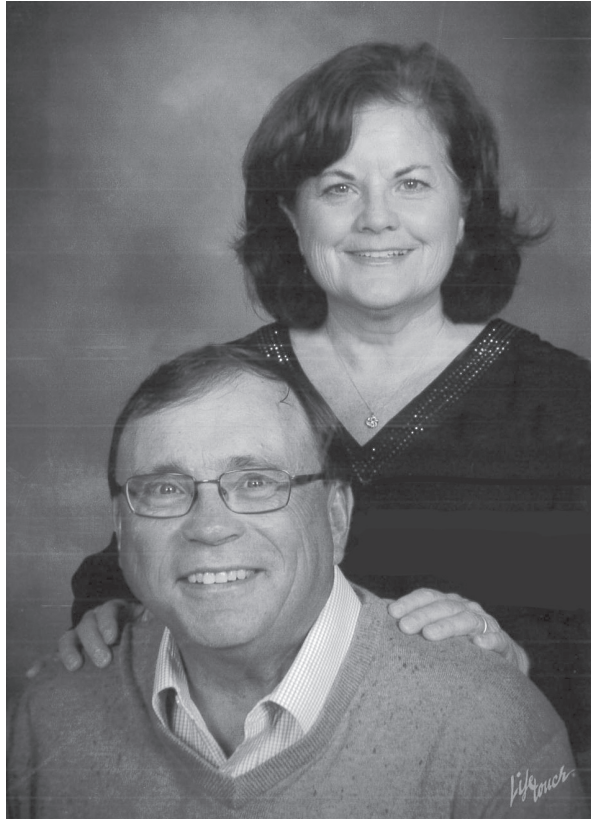
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Paul & Linda Schultz: 2024 Fruitport Old Fashioned Days King & Queen

by Rose Dillon, Fruitport Lioness

We are pleased to announce the 2024



OFD king and queen are Paul and Linda Schultz, who are lifelong residents of Fruitport Township.

Paul and Linda have been married for 47 years and have five children: Stacy (Paul) Lindale, Paul (Mari) Schultz, Amy (Jim) Boeve, Greg (Nikki) Schultz, Kurt Schultz; and nine grandchildren.

Paul has worked his whole life at Paul Schultz Trucking, which was started by Paul Schultz senior, Paul has been part owner and operator every since. Paul is now semi-retired and works with his sons at their blueberry farms where he and Linda are part owners. Also, Paul has served as trustee for 27 years on the Fruitport Township Board as well as on the planning commission and zoning board of appeals. In his spare time, Paul coached youth wrestling and volunteered with Fruitport youth clubs when his kids were growing up.

Linda, the Schultz household manager, coached Fruitport youth softball and was a noon mom at Edgewood Elementary. Linda is one of eight children from the Lee family in Fruitport.

Paul Schultz Trucking, has been a staple business in Fruitport for 60 years. The business has always given back to the community in supporting youth clubs,

Fruitport Schools, the Lions Club, the fire department and others.

Paul and Linda attend St. Luke Lutheran Church of Nunica where both are active. Linda helps with vacation bible school, assists with the care cabinet (food pantry) and is a hostess at church events. She also helps with the church's food trucks, and has been a Sunday school teacher in the past. Paul is a board of directors' chairman and currently an elder.

Now that Paul and Linda are retired, they enjoy attending their grandchildren's sporting events and fishing and hunting with Grandpa Paul. Paul and Linda also would enjoy completing their "bucket list" that includes more traveling. They have great memories of their trip to Israel.

Paul and Linda have given back to the community unselfishly. When you think of King and Queen of Fruitport Old Fashioned Days, they are the perfect example.

Paul and Linda expressed their delight to be able to live, work and raise a family in Fruitport Township and are thankful for this friendly and safe community.

Congratulations to our 64th Fruitport Old Fashioned Days King and Queen, Paul and Linda Schultz!

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FRUITPORT SETS CLOCK BACK DURING OLD FASHION DAYS

Close on the heels of Fruitport's participation in Michigan Week observances is the town's own annual Old Fashioned Days celebration--ready to enter. And the people are buzzing about it.

No less than the entire populus of Western Michigan is within earshot of the week-long festivities, and a larger turnout is expected for an expanded slate of activities.

The Old Fashioned Days promotion now May 25 through 30, is the villagers' way of calling attention to a good place to live, visit or vacation. Originally spearheaded by efforts of Fruitport Businessmen's Association, the Lions Club are lending a big helping hand from Monday's opening day kickoff to Saturday night's fireworks display.

Publicity chairman, Mr. A. M. Samus, said cooperating outside news media would help spread the word throughout western Michigan. He also enlisted the Veterans Club of Fruitport to schedule a kickoff Chicken Barbeque for Monday evening.

Businessmen's Association president Jim Hodges stressed the duo purpose of the coming celebration would be to lend the entire proceeds toward civic improvements, which in turn would enhance community growth.

Television station WOOD of Grand Rapids, which featured the Woodland tour of antique cars on parade at last year's Old Fashioned Days, will show Hodges, Roger VanderWagon of the Lions, and Frank Werschem of the new Library board of trustees

in a coming telecast. All will be active in Old Fashioned Days preparations.

Already scheduled for the week are: Monday--Crowning of the king and queen at 6 p.m. to kick off the days to follow, assembly of some antique cars to be in the parade, and a Veterans-sponsored chicken fry in the park. The Fruitport high school band and choir will accompany the coronation, and the VFW will have an Honor Guard present.

Tuesday--A street dance for teens will be held in the bank parking lot, 8-10:30 p.m.

Wednesday--Western style square dances will feature swing Bill Squires, with Red Chambers and Vickie Ray Chambers.

Thursday--School Play at Fruitport high school auditorium, and winners of the boys and girls bicycles will be announced.

Friday--Coin Show at 3 p.m., along with Dr. Lucie's gun collection.

Saturday--Ox Roast begins at 11:30 a.m., Parade at 1 p.m., followed by the auction, and then fireworks at dark.

Entries are being added daily as the launching stage approaches, and Mr. Hodges urges people to remember the "Old Fashioned Days" theme, and said with whiskers, straw hats and derbys well in order, Lady Lions will sell old fashioned derby hats.

Hodges also said usable items for the Saturday auction are still needed. Non-profit organizations wishing to operate booths at the park carnival should contact Roger VanderWagon.



Ready to fight rather than shave his Old Fashioned Days theme, is Jim Hodges, president of Fruitport Businessmen's Association. Hamming it up while Bill Cox and Red Chambers, Fruitport barbers, threaten to remove the growth from his chin, Hodges gestures emphatically in his own behalf. The whiskers stayed on, however Cox and Chambers will have their eye on them throughout the Old Fashioned Days.

Library already fills role in community

MEETING NOTICE

The Percy J. Hoffmaster State Park, astride the Muskegon-Ottawa County Line, on Lake Michigan, will be opening within one to two years. The Parks Department would like to have an Interpretative Center, or Nature Center, in this park, but the Legislature probably would not approve the expenditure as demands for other facilities are growing much faster than they can be provided. Officials of the Hoffmaster Memorial Association believe that the people in the vicinity of the park might be interested in providing this Interpretative Center (Nature Center) so that their young folks, and particularly the school children could gain a better understanding of the principles of Science and Conservation. The Parks Department would furnish a trained staff to work with schools and other interested youth organizations.

All interested people are asked to attend a meeting to be held on Tuesday, May 26, at the Fruitport High School, at 8:00 p.m. Dr. Paul Herbert and Bernard Ansley of the Percy J. Hoffmaster Association, along with Harold Guillaume, Assistant Chief of the Park Department, will be there to answer questions.

Fruitport Woman's bowling association has annual banquet

League hours...

submitted by Dixie VanderWagon, wife of past Lions President Roger, & daughter of Village Barber Bill Cox (left of photo)