

Give 'Em A Brake Safety

by Lion Jim Kauppila

On Monday April 25, 2016 I was told that no signage had been procured to close down Third St. for Old Fashioned Days 2016. My first thought was to consider not closing the road...Safety was a real concern, but without signage what were we to do? Being an astute user of the internet and my good friend Google...I figured what the heck, "might we rent what we need?" Searching for "traffic signage rental Grand Rapids" My first hit was Give 'Em A Brake Safety. I sent them a list at about 10 pm Monday night. By 8:00 am Tuesday, I had an email from Larry Booth at Give 'Em a Brake, they sure enough could help us with what we needed. I was to give him a call. I made the call, got his voice mail, left a message including the wrong phone number. Because of this mistake, I heard nothing all day. All the remaining day, the road closure issue was on my mind. Returning home after a day of work, I had a message on my home phone from Larry Booth, needless to say I felt we were making progress....I slept well.

Wednesday morning I had an early visit to Beach Elementary School, at my departure time, parents had the lot pretty well clogged dropping of kids for school. Realizing it was either a long wait, and a short nap I called Larry at Give 'Em a Brake. He answered, I explained about the wrong number, mumbling something about not really knowing my cell number. He laughed, we got down to business. Larry was familiar with our area, brought up downtown Fruitport on a map. I related the road closure, we agreed on the signs needed.

Things took a strange turn, Larry asked if we made money on the event. I related that 100% of the profits go back into our community and state and international projects. The line went quiet for moment, Larry then dropped the bomb, they would be providing the signage for free. I was shocked. He stated, most folks are not impressed with their company when a road they expect to be open is closed, featuring Give 'Em a Brake signs. He said the usage of the signs at Fruitport Old Fashioned Days might be the only positive experience for the company this year.

We are blessed to be part of a giving community, I guess our community just got a little larger.

Please go to www.facebook.com/Give-Em-A-Brake-Safety-154347434586133/ and tell them thanks.

Heidi Tice for Fruitport Supervisor

Who is Heidi Tice?

- She is the daughter of Russ & Pat Stressman
- A graduate from Fruitport High School
- Married going on 32 years to Fruitport graduate Rick Tice
- She has 2 children and was guardian of a Korean girl who lived with the family for 8 years.
- She has 6 grandchildren with 1 on the way.



What has she been doing with her life?

- She lived away during 19 years of a 23-year military career for Rick, and returned to her home town in 2001.
- Volunteer and trainer for 5 years with the Girl Scouts of America while stationed at Ft. Bragg, North Carolina
- Bachelor degree in Accounting with additional courses in Finance
- Associates equivalence in Early Childhood Education to include 15 years as Teacher/ Director of multiple daycares in Minnesota
- Current occupation as an Accountant and Tax Preparer. Self-employed since 2003

What has she done for the Fruitport Community?

- Has been a member of Fruitport Congregational UCC since 10 years of age.
- Was a Girl Scout as a youth in Fruitport, all the way through Senior Scout.
- Began the Junior Choir for Fruitport Congregational UCC in 2002 and is the Director for that choir
- Has been a Fruitport Lions member since 2010.
- Was instrumental in forming the Fruitport Leo Club in 2014 and is the current Leo Advisor.
- A volunteer for Hope Project since 2014 and on their Board of Directors.

What is her reason for running?

- Heidi Tice has been a lifelong community servant from a family of community minded people. Her only agenda is the betterment of the Fruitport community and keeping the democratic process in the hands of that community.

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