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Fruitport Old Fashioned **Christmas 2016**

By Lion Heidi Tice

What an event! No one thought Fruitport Lions Old Fashioned Christmas could ever get any better. That is what the Fruitport Lions think every year and it seems every year it does. New this year the Fruitport Lions added a entertainment tent. With crowds that grow every year the entertainment can't always be enjoyed, so this year the old Fashioned Christmas committee added a tent for their entertainment. More choirs were invited. Some new bands played, and the crowd had amble room to enjoy the performances. The tent was located next to the hayride behind the picnic area. This also gave more seating in the picnic area to enjoy a light dinner of hotdogs and hot chocolate.

The evenings start off with the Fruitport Fire Department bringing in Santa and Ms. Claus. The Village of Fruitport added a new sidewalk from the road to the picnic enclosure which made a perfect line up area for visiting Santa. The Fruitport Lions strung lights and blow up figures along the path making it entertaining and well lit.

The Fruitport Leo Club painted the interior of Santa's house this past summer so it is now complete inside as well as outside. After a visit with the Claus's, the Fruitport Lionesses served up hotdogs, hot chocolate and cookies.

The Fruitport Leo Club helped again this year on the hayride graciously provided third time running by Lion Ben Gillette and father. The Leos entertained during the ride with Christmas carols.

Both days had several singing groups, bands and art work on display. Friday night gave way to some sledding and Saturday was our sled contest. This year's theme was Pokémon. Check out the winners:

Class I 1st place ~ Jordyn Landon, Nash & Maxx

Class I 2nd Place ~ Annibel Christensen

Class I $3^{\rm rd}$ place ~ Ella Cowles Class II $1^{\rm st}$ Place ~ Chase Kolberg

Class II 2nd Place ~ Jaci Olthof Class II 3rd Place ~ Levi Glynn

Come see us next year for more exciting yet Old Fashioned fun when we celebrate our 14th year.





Chase Kolberg, Class II - 1st Place



Annibelle Christensen, Class I - 2nd Place Page 8 • May 2017 • Fruitport Area News