

PRESS RELEASE

Millersville Community Parade Names Grand Marshals

Millersville, PA, August 19, 2009—The Millersville Community Parade Committee has named Ben Franklin Kauffman and his wife Polly Huber Kauffman, both community leaders, as the 2009 grand marshals of this year's event. The committee reviewed over 25 nominations for this prestigious honor. The grand marshals are selected every year based on his or her significant contributions to the Millersville community.

The Kauffmans will lead the two-mile award-winning parade that attracts over 5,000 spectators. The theme for this year's parade on Saturday, October 24 is "Myths, Fables and Fairy Tales." The parade coincides with Millersville University's Homecoming weekend. According to parade chairman, Steven DiGuseppe, "This is one of the best, biggest and most eclectic parades in the county!" The parade starts at 9 a.m. at Penn Manor High School and ends at approximately 11:30 a.m. at the Student Memorial Center (S. George Street) on the Millersville University campus.

The Kauffmans are only the second couple named to the prestigious list of notable community and business leaders who join the ranks of past grand marshals such as Ralph and Judy Anttonen, John Herr, Skip Rhodes, Jim Eshelman, Lynette Trout, William Duncan, Joseph Caputo, Steven DiGuseppe and Dorothy Bender.

The Kauffmans have their own unique contributions and notable accomplishments, as well as combined efforts. Their combined efforts include serving:

- as volunteers with the Millersville Area Meals on Wheels program;
- in various leadership positions with the E.C. Church in Millersville; and
- as volunteers with the Penn Manor Alumni Association.

Ben Kauffman, formerly taught plumbing/heating/AC with an area vo-tech program, as well as was employed with the Wells Fargo financial entity as a maintenance supervisor. Ben has lived his entire life in Millersville and served his country in Army-Air Force in the late 1940s. He has also served as the Millersville Borough Manager, Millersville Borough Council President, Millersville Borough Council Planning Commission and Zoning Board member. He is a current member and trustee of the Millersville Historical Society and is a 32nd degree Mason of the Charles M. Howell Lodge (Millersville). He was also a past member of the Millersville Jaycees and Sertoma organizations. He was named Millersville Lions Club *Citizen of the Year* in 2003. He also has served as Sunday School Superintendent, teacher, board president, lay delegate and trustee with the Evangelical Congregational Church in Millersville. Ben graduated from Penn Manor in 1946 and also attended Millersville University.

Polly Kauffman is retired from Millersville University, where she was employed with the Catholic Campus Ministry office for over 20 years and formerly was employed with Garvin's Department Store (Lancaster) in the credit office. She belongs to the Eastern Star, volunteers at Penn Manor High School, as well as has served as a Children's

Sunday School Superintendent, church treasurer and board member at the Evangelical Congregational Church in Millersville.

The Kauffmans were high-school sweethearts (being married for over 61 years) and have been Millersville residents for over 70 years and have two children, Bruce and Peggy, five grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

The parade attracts almost 2,000 participants annually with approximately 150 entries ranging from bands and dance troops to antique vehicles and live animals. For more information about the parade, visit the website at www.parade.millersville.edu.