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We Serve

From your Trustees Jeff and Julie Mayuiers

The Foundation has been busy with requests for Grants this past year. The needs just never seem to stop coming in. This is where some of your donations to the Foundation go, to help with house fires, Veterans with home repairs, major home repairs such as ramps, wells to name just a few. The Fund Development and Marketing Committee was busy gathering items for the silent auction at the Hall of Fame weekend. The Committee also made the decision to raise some of the prizes in the upcoming Sight and Hearing Sweepstakes. First prize will remain \$5,000, second prize \$2,500 and third through tenth will each be \$1,000. Previously third through tenth we various amounts decreasing in value. This is in hopes of a better incentive for more tickets to be sold next year.....remember tickets will be coming out around mid-November, so start getting your list of people you want to contact lined up.

The VSP certificates program has been put on "pause" by LCIF for now. The Foundation office is now out of the certificates so in the meantime your clubs will need to assist with eyeglass requests. We will keep you posted on this.

There are still a few cookbooks available for \$5 each. Mints are available from Trustee Jeff Mayuiers or Trustee/Vice President Julie Mayuiers in lieu of you having to pay shipping costs or driving to Lansing to pick them up. Arrangements can be made for you to pick them up at their house or meet them someplace. Contact either of them at 269-254-1938. The Mints for the Military program continues and will now include a cookbook in the package. The average cost to ship a box of mints to a military individual is \$90 and donations to help offset this cost are greatly appreciated.

Every club is being encouraged to do at least 1 Project KidSight Screening this year. With that being said, we need to get more Lions certified. The forms to do this can be located at <https://www.lmsf.net/index.php/programs/project-kidsight/kidsight-forms-info>. A great way to do this is to ask all the clubs in your Zone to get together and have a training session. Contact our PKS Coordinators Dave and Tanda Stiffler to get on their calendars for this. Also, if your club is holding an event ask a neighboring club to come and do a PKS Screening and then your club will go help that club out at one of their events. This is clubs working together!

We'd like to visit your club and talk more about what LMF has to offer so please contact us to get on your schedule. Thanks for all you do!

Jeff & Julie
269-254-1938 or jumayuiers@gmail.com



DISTRICTCALENDAR

September 2024

9/7 1st Annual Sister Lakes Lions Golf Outings

Pipestone Creek Golf Course, 6768 Naomi Rd, Eau Claire, MI

9/14 Edwardsburg Lions Club Trivia Night **CANCELLED**

9/20 South Haven Black River Lions Taco Bar

5:30-7:30pm

American Legion Post #49, 129 Michigan Ave. South Haven

9/28 Presidents Dinner

6:30pm

Antwerp Activity Center, 24821 Front Ave., Mattawan, MI

October 2024

10/19 Cabinet Meeting

9am

Paw Paw Lions Club, 59050 CR 665, Paw Paw, MI

November 2024

11/18 11B-2 Projects Night

6:30pm

Antwerp Activity Center, 24821 Front Ave., Mattawan, MI

11/9 South Haven Black River Lions Quarter Auction

2pm - 5pm

Elks Lodge #1509, 405 1/2 Phoenix St, South Haven

For a complete look of what's going on in District 11B-2. click on "Calendar" in the upper left menu on the district's website:

<https://www.e-district.org/sites/11b2/calendar.php>



PROJECT KIDSIGHT

Lions of Michigan Foundation PROJECT KIDSIGHT



Project KidSight has taken Vision Screening to a whole new level!

We started off by going to the Three Rivers Schools. Once we found out that they have 4 Elementary Schools, we decided to have TWO TEAMS for each day so we could effectively get the students screened before the lunch hours started. On August 21st Team 1 went to Three Rivers Middle School while Team 2 went to the High School. Day 2, Team 1 went to Andrews Elementary School and Team 2 when to Norton Elementary School. Day 3, Team 1 went to Ruth Hoppins Elementary School and Team 2 went to Park Elementary School. The schools could not believe that our teams could get in, set up the cameras and printers and start screening to be done way before lunch hours were even close to starting. In those three days, our teams screened 1,795 students! We found 221 referrals overall in screening at these schools. The Teams reported how well this worked out which was amazing! So, when we go to some of the larger schools, we know we can handle it because we now have 8 SPOT cameras with printers. Our volunteers know what needs to be done and go to it once the set up is finished and the Pledge of Allegiance comes across the intercom. All our volunteers stand, put their hands on their heart and chime into the Pledge of Allegiance. Our volunteers are so respectful when being

in the schools. We screen all teachers and the staff as a courtesy, but we do not count them in our total screened.

The following week of August 26th through the 31st, we screened at Bridgman Schools, Edwardsburg Elementary Schools (for just their Open House nights), Vicksburg High School, Nottawa School and then Saturday we went to the Royalton Township Park as the Lincoln Library had a Back-to-School event. The Lakeshore Lions were at this event and willing to help us with anything we needed help with. By the time we completed the week out, we screened 3,702 kids with 362 referrals. This seems like a high percentage of referrals, but we had not been to the Three Rivers Schools or Bridgman Schools until this year. Our goal this year is to reach out to schools that we have not been to and still go back to the schools that we have been to in the last year or two. Our team is looking forward to us screening more kids this year than we did last year. The more we screen kids, the more we can find those that need the help to get into glasses if they need them.

We have coming up Benton Harbor Schools, Paw Paw Schools and Mattawan Schools scheduling dates with us here in September and October. Once we have dates set for each of the schools we will be attending, I will reach out to volunteers in those areas to help being on a Team with us. I'm excited to have many new volunteers this year and once they come, they are ready to come to even more schools!

This is GREAT!

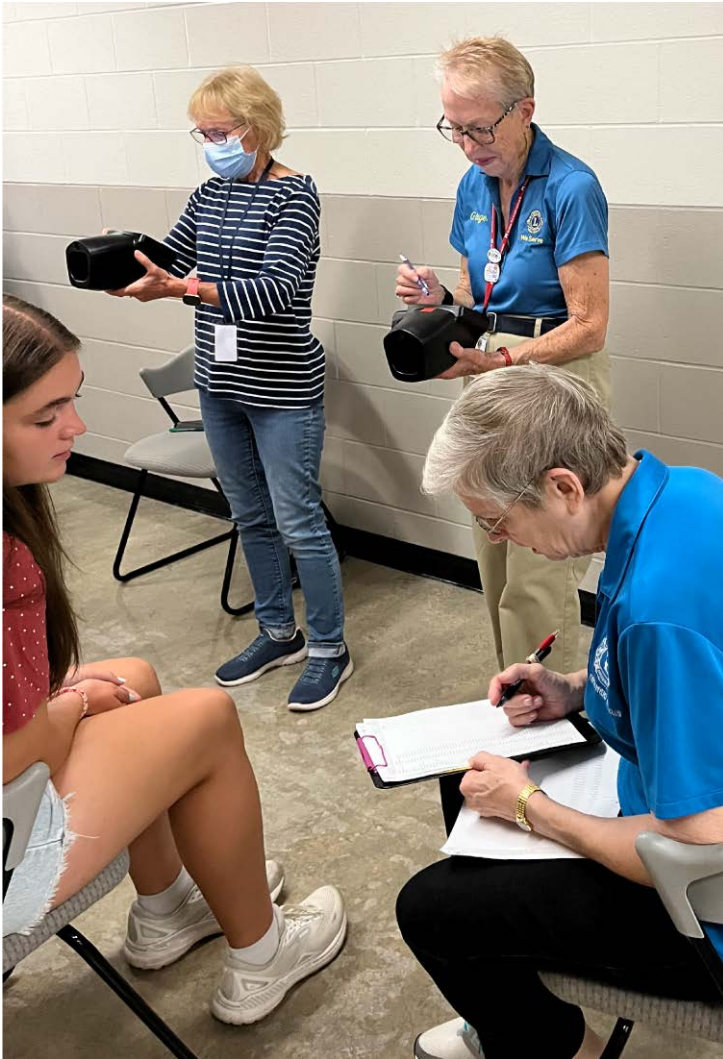
*Respectfully submitted,
Tanda & David Stiffler
District 11B2 Coordinators*



PROJECT KIDSIGHT



Help from the Lakeshore Lions



Deb Stafinski from Vicksburg is screening here too



Waiting for the kiddos to show.



YOUTH CAMPS & EXCHANGE



State of Michigan Youth Camps & Exchange Program

Lion Elvie Marfil, State Chair

We had the incredible honor of hosting 19 vibrant youth participants from 13 different countries, with the generous support of 13 host families across 5 Districts.

What an adventure it has been!

Our journey began on July 25, 2024, when our Youth Camps & Exchange (YCE) participants arrived in Michigan via Detroit and Chicago airports. Despite facing some initial challenges with flight cancellations, delays, and rebookings due to a global cybersecurity outage, our excitement never wavered.



On July 28, Districts B2 and C1 came together in a spirit of camaraderie, bringing 8 and 3 participants respectively, to enjoy a fun-filled day at Michigan's Adventure. It was just the beginning of the many memorable experiences we had planned."

By August 3, we were proud to present 6 youth exchange participants from District A1 and C1 at the

Council of Governors (COGs) meeting. These young ambassadors also had an opportunity to visit Ashley, Portage, Mattawan, Muskegon Northeast, Paw Paw, ReWayne and Wyoming Lions Club meetings, where



they were warmly welcomed.

The Fruitport Lions Club then treated our youth from District A1, C1 and B2 to a delightful picnic and a Huffmaster swimming party-a perfect way to enjoy the summer sun and build lasting friendships. Our host families went above and beyond creating unforgettable experiences for the youth exchanges. From visits to Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village to Kalamazoo Art Museum, Air Zoo, Gilmore Car Museum, Harley Davidson Store, and even a thrilling air show, Whitecaps baseball games, and trips to Chicago, Ohio, Canada and Mackinac Island-the adventures were endless!

From August 11-17, all 19 YCE participants finally came together at the Lions Bear Lake Camp. Under the enthusiastic leadership of PDG Traci Tribley and her amazing team of counselors, the camp was brim-



YOUTH CAMPS & EXCHANGE

ming with excitement. Everyday was packed with activities-from raising and lowering the flags to cabin clean-up, arts and crafts, fishing, challenge courses, boating, swimming, volleyball, rock climbing, zip lining, archery, dancing, singing, s'mores by the campfire, ice cream socials, and even simple moments of joy playing cards. We truly had the time of our lives! Council Chair Terri Anne Huffman grace the occasion and gave out Certificate of Attendance to our Youth Exchange as well as to our LEOs alike.

As much as we wished the fun could go on forever, all great things must come to and end. Saying good-



bye was tough, but the Muskegon Northside Lions Club gave our youth exchanges a memorable send-off with a fantastic pool party.

"To all the clubs and districts who donated to this wonderful program thank you from the bottom of my heart. Your support made this incredible experience possible. I sincerely hope that the Youth Camps & Exchange Program becomes a cherished part of your yearly budget.

Together, we are making a world of difference!

Emails from District Chairs, parents and youth exchanges around the world:

Dear Elvie

I'm writing to express my appreciation for the exchange. Thank you for trying your best to get us to experience as much as possible.

I'm now at home in Austria in my little village and it's completely different compared to the US. I think that it's the perfect opportunity to get to know other cultures and other people.

I'm looking forward to seeing you in Austria at my home.

Best regards

Niki Klambauer
Austria

Dear Janet,

I don't know how to thank you and express my deep gratitude for the unforgettable stay you gave Alexia. She came back enchanted and so amazed by all the things you made her discover and all the moments you lived with her and all the young people she met. You were an incredibly foster mom for Alexia: close, dedicated and generous in your involvement. You really spoiled them too much!!!!

She has made some wonderful friends, both with you and with many of the young people. We really hope to see you again and welcome you warmly to Belgium. It's the least we can do for you, and of course your family is welcome too!

We hope all the best for you and your family, and of course for the recovery of your husband and sister. And a wonderful wedding filled with love and happiness ...

With all my friendship and respect Best regards



YOUTH CAMPS & EXCHANGE

Christel Durant
Belgium

Dear Elvira!
Thank you for the pictures and your kindness with email and in the camp.
Our Anna arrived home fortunately, she felt very well with her host family and in the camp too.
So thanks for the good memories.
I wish you lot of good things for the future with friendship

Krisztina, Anna Lazar's mother
Hungary

Dear Elvi,

Dear organizers of Lion camp and youth exchange, dear Family Klambauer,
We would like to thank you for the unforgettable experience that Sven had with his friend Niki. (like eggs)
We would like to thank everyone for their involvement in the exchange, the host Families, the Camp in which they had wonderful and the unforgettable, fantastic experience, and boys can finalize exciting and memorable ways.
Special thanks to the Family who accommodated them in the hotel after the canceled flight.
We are waiting for you all in Croatia...
Sincerely,

Jasminka Najcer Sabljak
We serve.
Lions Club Mursa, Osijek,
District 126-Croatia

Dear Lion Elvie,

Thank you so much for hosting our youths and giving them an experience they will treasure for a lifetime.

After a long interruption due to COVID-19, they were our first students to visit USA in these five years.

We are so pleased that Ria and Maho's stay in Michigan was meaningful and fruitful.

We hope that our program with you will expand further in the future.

Best regards,
Akira Masaoka
YCE Chairperson, MD335 JAPAN

Hi Elvie,

Yes, Sofia has returned home safely. She is very happy with this wonderful experience!

Thank you so much to you and the host families!

I hope to work with you again next year!

Yours in Lionism, sincerely,

Giorgio
Italy District Chair



YOUTH CAMPS & EXCHANGE



South Haven Black River Lions Club Presents

Taco Bar

American Legion in South Haven

129 Michigan Ave, South Haven, MI 49090

— *Every 3rd Friday!* —

5:30 - 7:30 pm

6/21, 7/19, 8/16, 9/20, 10/18

\$4 each or 3 for \$10

Eat in or Take out.

Drinks sold by the American Legion
(Must be a member to purchase alcoholic
beverages.)



**Join us in making a difference in our community by supporting this
Lions Club event. Together, we can help provide aid, events, and
offer services to those in need.**

Enjoy some great food while contributing to a better community!

LIONS BEAR LAKE CAMP

Lions of Michigan Weekend



**EXPLORE, EDUCATE,
ENJOY**

**Dinner, Breakfast, & Lunch
Provided. Lodging available
at no cost.**

SEPTEMBER 13-14TH, 2024

Friday Welcome 6:00PM
Dinner 6:30 PM
Saturday Wrap Up 3:00 PM

WHO IS INVITED:

District Governors, VDG's,
2VDG's, LBLC District
Committee Chairs, Board
Members, MD 11 GAT Team,
New Lions, ALL LIONS

**Tours, Teambuilding,
Education, Fellowship**

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lions and learning more about
your state project Lions Bear
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We Serve

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2nd, 2024 • 10am-2pm

Antwerp Activity Center • 24821 Front St. Mattawan, MI • 9am -3pm

FREE ADMISSION! • UNIQUE GIFTS! • CONCESSIONS!

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER ONLINE

Proceeds will benefit the Mattawan Area Pantry Christmas Distribution



South Haven Black River Lions Invite all District 11B2 Lions to join us for our Kidsight training program meeting scheduled for October 16th! Space is limited so RSVP ASAP.

KIDSIGHT TRAINING!

OCTOBER 16TH 7PM-8PM

AMERICAN LEGION POST #49

129 MICHIGAN AVE, SOUTH HAVEN, MI 49090



TRAINING PROVIDED BY LION'S TANDA & DAVID STIFFLER!



**RSVP TO PDG LION AMY THACKSTON
THACKSTONA@GMAIL.COM / 616-307-0027**



SOUTH HAVEN BLACK RIVER LIONS



QUARTER AUCTION

11/09/2024
2PM-5PM

FOOD & DRINKS
SOLD BY THE ELKS

50/50
Drawing

Doors Open at 2pm, Auction Starts at 2:30pm

Paddles are \$10 each -OR- Golden Paddle price TBD

How To Play:

Buy a paddle, bid on desired items with quarters, and if your paddle number is drawn you win. If the number called was someone who placed a bid, they won! If they did not bid, a new number is called until we have a winner!

Item values range from \$1-\$100.

1 quarter bid= Item Value \$10-\$24 2 quarter bid= Item Value \$25-\$49
3 quarter bid= Item Value \$50-\$74 4 quarter bid= Item Value \$75-\$100

Golden Paddle Purchase means you have already bid on every item no quarters needed.

Held at: Elks Lodge #1509
405 1/2 Phoenix St.
South Haven, MI 49090



2024 Lions Leadership Events

Two training opportunities, one location

LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

The Michigan Lions Leadership Institute is a highly regarded leadership skills development event for Lions who are emerging leaders at the club, zone, region, and district levels.

GRADUATE INSTITUTE

This Program expands on the topics you have learned at the Leadership Institute and gives you a few more.

EVENT INFORMATION

Dates **November 8 - 10, 2024**

Location R. A. MacMullan Center
104 Conservation Drive
Roscommon, MI 48653

Questions? Email Lions@lionsofmi.com
Phone (517)887-6640 ext. 103



More Information!

Lions Leadership and Graduate Institutes

There is a \$300 fee. This includes registration, course materials, two nights of lodging, and six meals. Arrival Friday morning, November 8, 2024. Registration between 10:30 and 11:30 followed by lunch.

Classes actively involve participants in the learning process and enable them to experience the concepts presented. The skills acquired can be used not only in Lions, but also at work and in everyday life.

When participants aren't in class, they make new friends, network, and exchange ideas from across the region.

Here's a sampling of classes:

Team building	Conflict resolution
Managing change	Leadership
Presentation skills	Effective listening
Action plans and goal setting	

Application form Lions Leadership and Graduate Institutes



Deadline: October 4, 2024

Send completed form and payment to:
Lions Leadership Institute
5730 Executive Drive, Lansing, MI 48911

Applicant information

First name _____

Last name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Club name _____

District _____ # years in Lions _____

Highest Lions office held _____

Have you previously attended a Michigan Lions Leadership Institute? yes ___ no ___

Which Institute do you plan to attend (check one)?

Leadership Institute _____

Graduate Institute _____

Payment Information

Make checks payable to Michigan Lions Leadership Institute

Enclosed is my check for \$300
for Leadership Institute _____

Enclosed is my check for \$300
Graduate Institute _____

Pay by credit card online:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2024-lions-of-michigan-leadership-institute-tickets-952906668497?aff=oddtcreator>

Signature _____

DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION IS OCTOBER 4, 2024

**A CANCELLATION FEE OF \$150.00 WILL APPLY AFTER
OCTOBER 18, 2024**



ORDER & APPLICATION FORMS

[CLICK HERE TO DOWNLOAD APPLICATION & ORDER FORMS](#)

Lions of Michigan Foundation Dr. Robert Mathog Lions Hearing Centers

For a gift of \$10, you can purchase a new Lions of Michigan Family Kitchen Cookbook with hundreds of recipes submitted by Michigan Lions and their family members and friends



Lions of Michigan Hall of Fame Nomination Form

The LIONS OF MICHIGAN HALL OF FAME is a project of the Lions of Michigan Foundation. The purpose of the Hall of Fame is to recognize and honor those individuals who have had a significant impact on Lionism in Michigan and to preserve a memory and record of their service.

Mints For MILITARY

The Lions of Michigan Foundation is proud to recognize the brave men and women serving our nation in the United States military. We have Lion Mints Care Packages ready for distribution.



Lions of Michigan Foundation

Give to the Lions of Michigan Foundation

The LIONS OF MICHIGAN FOUNDATION is dedicated to improving the quality of life for people in Michigan with unmet needs by helping them become more independent. We provide emergency assistance and services aimed at helping people with sight and hearing deficiencies excel in school, secure and retain employment and remain self-sufficient. Your contribution will help us change lives



11B-2 CLUB NEWS

Buchanan-Galien

Annual Dinner 2024

The Buchanan-Galien Lions, spouses, and guests celebrated 90+ years of Lionism and community service to the Buchanan- Galien area on June 20th at the Buchanan American Legion.

Lion President Mark Nixon welcomed everyone and served as Master of Ceremonies for the evening. The Lions special guest for the evening was 1st Vice District Governor Cory Knuth.



Milestone certificates were presented by 1st Vice District Governor Cory to Lions Alice Kring (20 years IMG_5209), Cameron Ondresky (10 years absent) and Lions Dianne Ross and Rick Paniagua (5 years).

Lion Nixon lead the Pledge of Allegiance and the Lord's Prayer before an outstanding buffet dinner prepared by John Byrdak was enjoyed by all.

After dinner the following presentations were made: Lions & Leo Co-Advisors Brian Fisher and Alice Kring spoke highly of the accomplishments of the Leo program this past year





11B-2 CLUB NEWS

Buchanan-Galien (cont)

And he also announced the winner of the annual Buchanan-Galien Club Shining Star Award was Lion Jacob Day.

President Nixon and 1st Vice District Governor Cory next presented a Presidential Award to Lion Mark Tumbleson.



Their next presentation was the annual Buchanan-Galien Lion of the Year Award to Lion Rhonda Harrington.



The 23rd annual Bob Koenigshof award was then presented to Lion Lewis Lambert.



The following club officers and board members were then inducted by 1st Vice District Governor Cory:

President-Mark Nixon	Secretary-Dianne Ross
1st VP- Jeff Welsh	Tail Twisters- Mark Nixon
2nd VP-Tony Houser	Jerry Flenar
3rd VP-Jacob Day	Lions Tamers-Ralph McDonald, Mark Skene
Treasurer-Alice Kring	

Board of Directors- Ralph McDonald, Rhonda Harrington, Jerry Flenar, Mark Skene, Michelle Holloway, Mark Tumbleson

President Nixon and 1st Vice District Governor Cory next inducted new member Danny Martin.



11B-2 CLUB NEWS

Buchanan-Galien (cont)



Upcoming event announcements included:
Kayak Poker Run July 21st
Camp Leo August 5th and 9th
Kickball tournament August 10th
Corn and Sausage Roast August 24th
Annual Member Guest Steak Fry September 12th

President Nixon and 1st Vice District Governor Cory each then made some closing remarks and thanked the Lions for their support of both the club and their communities.

Lions- serving the communities of Buchanan-Galien for over 90 years!

The Buchanan-Galien Lions Club, in partnership with the Niles-Buchanan YMCA, is proud to announce the creation of our new annual Camp Eberhart Scholarship awarded to one deserving Buchanan Middle School 7th grade student. This scholarship will enable the student to spend one week this summer attending an overnight camp at Camp Eberhart. Lion Michelle Holloway presented our first ever recipient with this scholar-

ship at the Buchanan Middle School award ceremony on June 3rd.

Congratulations to Cody Strauss for receiving this honor!



The Buchanan-Galien Lions Club and some exchange students participated in both nights of Camp Leo in August. The Lions and their helpers provided snow cones, games and prizes for the campers to enjoy. This is an annual event that the club looks forward to supporting and attending each year.





11B-2 CLUB NEWS

Buchanan-Galien (cont)

On August 24th the club hosted our Annual Corn and Sausage Roast at the Lions built McCoy Creek Picnic Shelter. Thank you to our supply donors, the Lion, LEO, and other volunteers and the community for your ongoing support! "We Serve" is our Lions motto- we are in our 90th year of supporting the Buchanan-Galien communities!



The Buchanan-Galien Lions Club with the help of some other Kidsight team volunteers and a few exchange students provided eye screening and served free snow cones to all who were seeking a break from the heat at the Ravish Park Community Resource Fair on Saturday July 27th.



The Buchanan-Galien Lions Club and District Library collaborated at the McCoy Creek Lions Club Shelter to encourage summer reading. The featured book was "The Man From the Land of Fandango". The Lions Club also provided an activity to spark the kids imaginations! The young readers designed wonderful and colorful sun hats to wear! Thanks to Lion Alice Krings and retired Buchanan 3rd grade teacher, Mary Nixon (wife of current Buchanan-Galien Lions Club president, Mark Nixon), for volunteering their time to support this summer reading project. Also, pictured reading is Buchanan District library staff member, Julie Blaylock. Julie's husband, Bob Blaylock (not pictured) also volunteered his time to this event!





11B-2 CLUB NEWS

Buchanan-Galien (cont)

Thank you to the 33 participants and their fans for supporting our 5th annual Kickball Tournament. The weather was gorgeous, the laughs were plentiful and fun was had by all. A special thank you goes to our amazing umpires Cam, Avery, Haylee and Danica for donating your time and keeping everything legit! You represented BHS softball well! Thank you to Lions Michelle Holloway, Dianne Ross, Mark Tumbleson and Danny Martin for all you did to make this another successful Lions event.



Centerville

We have a new President! Congrats to Eileen Sweet for being inducted as our new President and a great big Thank you to outgoing President David Lehman for a job well done!



Centerville/Sturgis

This year's edition of the annual golf outing hosted by the Centerville and Sturgis Lions Clubs was a resounding success!!! We want to thank all the hole sponsors, prize sponsors and the door prize sponsors too! And a great big THANK YOU to Ayres-Oak Insurance for underwriting the event with their major donor sponsorship. We could not have such a wonderful event without the hard work of the St. Joe Valley Golf course staff as well. Don and crew always make the event top notch for the clubs and the golfers. Here are a few highlights captured by Centerville President Eileen Sweet!

Thank you to all who came out to support the Centerville and Sturgis Lions Clubs! We hope to see you again next year!



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Centerville/Sturgis (cont)



Covert

Covert Township LIONS CLUB Quarter Auction was a success! Thanks to everyone who came out to support their fundraiser!



Lawton

The Lawton Lions Club held its annual awards banquet last Tuesday at The Old Winery. Our 2 student scholarship winners were Parker VanPeteghem and Connor Triemstra, each receiving \$1,000.





11B-2 CLUB NEWS

Lawton (cont)

Lion Bruce Marks received the Lion of the Year award for his many years of service to the club in so many capacities but especially for his dedicated efforts to the grounds care at The Old Winery. He spends hours watering and maintaining flower beds and greenery at our venue keeping it looking so beautiful for us!



Our Linda Wagonmaker Service award goes to a community member who has dedicated their time to serving our community. This year's recipient was Steve Carroll.



Steve has served on the Lawton Community Schools Board of Education for 30 years. Being on the Board's Finance Committee over the years, Steve has put in countless hours with district administration helping to guide the district financially. Thank you Steve, for your time in serving the children of Lawton Community Schools!

Lions George & Andria Keister received their 5-year member service pins.

Congratulations to all!

Mattawan



At our August business meeting, we all had a chance to visit with students that were part of the YCE program. Lion Janet Wartman housed five exchange students over the summer and took in two more just for the fun of it for a day. Yes, she needs sleep. Incredibly charming kids and we loved hearing from them at our meeting.

Lion members also had a chance to sample foods from their respective countries. All in all, a wonderful chance at cultural sharing.



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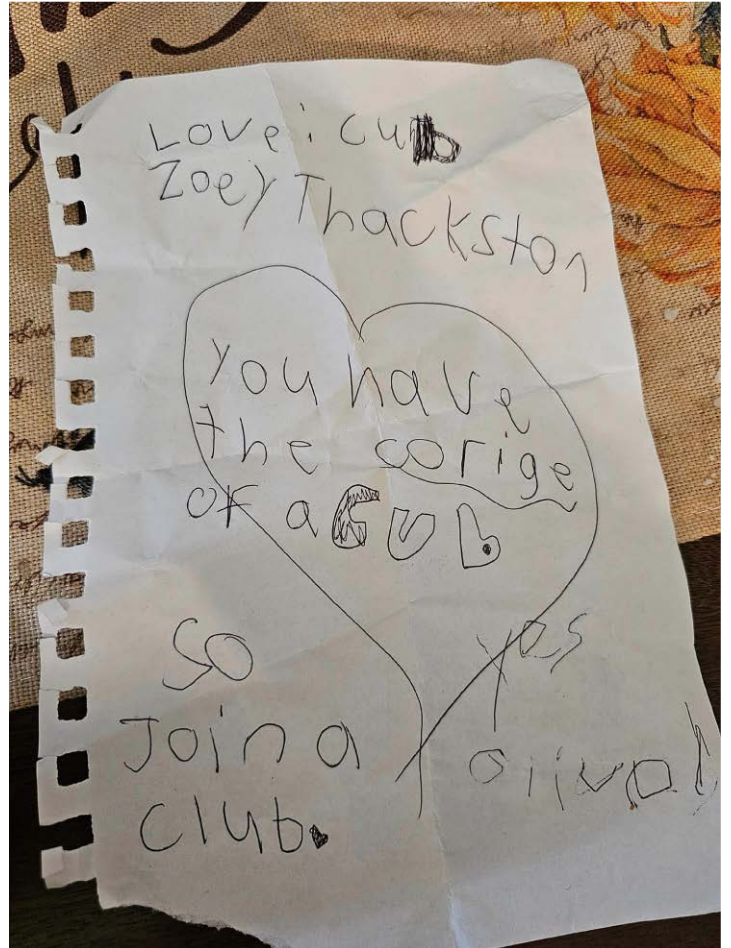
Mattawan (cont)

August was also our month for the Mattawan Lions to serve breakfast at the annual Dawn Patrol Fly-In and Drive-In. Small plane enthusiasts from all over the tri-state area fly-in for a great breakfast, served up in an airplane hanger!. The general public also turns out in large numbers to enjoy breakfast and watch the planes come and go. Our largest fundraiser of the year, it was a great success.



Mattawan LEO officers pitch in to help.

South Haven/Black River



Cub Zoey has gone from a one Cub club recently to 2 sign ups at the rock painting and she even recruited one at the Covert Quarter Auction. I thought they decided to join on their own until we were leaving Zoey showed me the note she gave him earlier in the Auction. I thought she just drew him a picture.

The note says: You have the courage of a Cub so join a club. Love Cub Zoey. He later gave it back with "yes, Oliver " written on it and I talked to his mom about details.

Lions just ask like Cub Zoey.
Non-Lions...look how easy it is to join us



11B-2 CLUB NEWS

South Haven/Black River (cont)

Another amazing day at the 48th Annual All Crafts Fair . We survived the wind and so many awesome people stopped to make cards for Seniors, Healthcare workers, and Children's Hospital patients.

Almost 230 cards will be delivered and make someone's day a little brighter thanks to all of you!

We also loved watching the kids enjoy free Lion coloring and bracelet making. Some kids even chose to donate their Lion to the Children's Hospital patients also.





11B-2 CLUB NEWS

St. Joseph



The Saint Joseph Lions Club would like to give a great big thank you to all the volunteers who helped out at Camp Leo's carnival night. It was a huge success due to everyone's time and effort from all the local Lions Clubs and their guests. There were even seven exchange students representing their home countries. And we can't forget about the counselors, the camp director, the cook and those who served behind the scenes.

The campers had so much fun with all the games and prizes making memories that will last a lifetime!



August 15th found us learning about the science of Forensic Genealogy with our own Lion Chriss Lyons. Great presentation followed by Q&A! Good times all around!

We learned a lot about the people who make "St. Joseph Today" such a great part of our community today. With a reach of over 30,000 people in our area and beyond, they are doing so much to promote our city and area. Lions are proud to be members supporting this organization!



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Sturgis

In June, we had two guest speakers. St Joseph County Road Commission member, Rodney Chupp spoke to the Sturgis Lions Club regarding the road millage and any updates to our roads.

Lions member Elizabeth Datkovich also shared with us about the Sturgis Woman's Club. The club has been supporting and serving our community since it was established in 1963! [Facebook.com/sturgiswc](https://www.facebook.com/sturgiswc)



In July, Dr. Art Ebert the superintendent of Sturgis Public Schools visited the Sturgis Lions Club to talk about updates for the coming school year and information about the operational mileage on our ballot in August.



Three Rivers

The Three Rivers Lions Club has had a busy summer. June 11th then DG Amy, visited our club to present Lion Ken Bickle with the District 11B2 Outstanding New Lion of the Year.

The club was then busy with our annual Ox Roast and Ham & Bean Soup event June 13-15th where over 1300 ox (BBQ beef) sandwiches were served. For the third year in a row the club has purchased 40+ home-made pies from the Bangor Lions and then served pie by the slice at their event adding to their own fundraising. What a great way to support another club as well as your own club. This is how clubs support each other and work together. Several of the Centreville Lions assisted in this project as well. June 15th had the red-eared slider turtles ready to race. This is another long-time project of the club that draws some of the same children back year after year until they age out at 12 years old. If your club would be interested in holding a turtle derby, the club would be willing to loan out their turtle track.

July 16th the Bruce C. Snook Three Rivers Lions Club Citizens of the Year, Bruce and Leilani Ruesink were honored for their commitment to our community. The Ruesinks have been involved in education, theater, the Woman's Club, the Food Site and Corey Lake Orchards over the years as well as their participation in the founding of the Three Rivers Promise.

July 23rd the club held a picnic to thank everyone that dedicated time to work at the Ox Roast in June. Induction of new member Doug Barbour also at the picnic.

August 2 – 5 Lions Ken Bickle and Gary Reames sold freeze-dried candy and fresh squeezed lemonade at Martin Dragway as another new fundraiser. Since then, the club has been asked to come back on August 6th for the Funny Car Nationals with their products to sell. On August 27th the club held their annual steak and chicken fry to thank all the club members for their



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Three Rivers (cont)

service all year. Lion Ken Bickle was presented with the club's Shining Star award as well as a Lions watch



for all he's done for the club since joining just one year ago. For the first time ever there was a tie for the Clubs Lions of the Year. Lions Alice Kielau and Julie Mayuiers were presented with plaques, a pin and a patch for



their vests. IPP Jeff presented the new President Dave Miller with his gavel. Lions Karl and Michelle Ritchie hosted an Exchange student last year from Tunisia



named Amine, and he assisted at the club's events and went back home and joined a Lion Leo Club in his community!!! So, getting these younger kids involved will help grow clubs.

Lion Ken made these plaques/logos will adorn the 6 new picnic tables at Armstrong Football Field. The tables represent a collaborative effort by the school Bass Fishing teams, TR Rotary & TR Lions Clubs.





We Serve

GENERAL NEWS!



Dowagiac	02 JULY 1952	72 Years
Centreville	20 JULY 1945	79 Years
Watervliet	05 AUGUST 1953	71 Years
Niles	19 AUGUST 1926	98 Years
Edwardsburg	21 AUGUST 1946	78 Years
Lawton	25 AUGUST 1953	71 Years
Hartford	06 SEPT 1946	78 Years

Thank you for all your years of service!

2024-25 DISTRICT 11B-2 ZONE CHAIR MAP

