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Congratulations PDG Larry!!

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5M3 OFFICER TRAINING

June 8, 2025—1:00-3:00 PM
BARC Center-1012 5th Ave, Windom

June 22, 2025-1:00-3:00 PM
Marshall Middle School - 401 S. Saratoga, Marshall
N Parking Lot—Door 14



Helen Keller's Speech to the Lions International Convention

in Cedar Point, Ohio, June 30, 1925

Dear Lions and Ladies:

I suppose you have heard the legend that represents opportunity as a capricious lady, who knocks at every door but once, and if the door isn't opened quickly, she passes on, never to return. And that is as it should be. Lovely, desirable ladies won't wait. You have to go out and grab 'em.

I am your opportunity. I am knocking at your door. I want to be adopted. The legend doesn't say what you are to do when several beautiful opportunities present themselves at the same door. I guess you have to choose the one you love best. I hope you will adopt me. I am the youngest here, and what I offer you is full of splendid opportunities for service.

The American Foundation for the Blind is only four years old. It grew out of the imperative needs of the blind, and was called into existence by the sightless themselves. It is national and international in scope and in importance. It represents the best and most enlightened thought on our subject that has been reached so far. Its object is to make the lives of the blind more worthwhile everywhere by increasing their economic value and giving them the joy of normal activity.

Try to imagine how you would feel if you were suddenly stricken blind today. Picture yourself stumbling and groping at noonday as in the night; your work, your independence, gone. In that dark world wouldn't you be glad if a friend took you by the hand and said, "Come with me and I will teach you how to do some of the things you used to do when you could see"? That is just the kind of friend the American Foundation is going to be to all the blind in this country if seeing people will give it the support it must have.

You have heard how through a little word dropped from the fingers of another, a ray of light from another soul touched the darkness of my mind and I found myself, found the world, found God. It is because my teacher learned about me and broke through the dark, silent imprisonment which held me that I am able to work for myself and for others. It is the caring we want more than money. The gift without the sympathy and interest of the giver is empty. If you care, if we can make the people of this great country care, the blind will indeed triumph over blindness.

The opportunity I bring to you, Lions, is this: To foster and sponsor the work of the American Foundation for the Blind. Will you not help me hasten the day when there shall be no preventable blindness; no little deaf, blind child untaught; no blind man or woman unaided? I appeal to you Lions, you who have your sight, your hearing, you who are strong and brave and kind.

Will you not constitute yourselves Knights of the Blind in this crusade against darkness?

I thank you.



DG Deb Rasset

Reflecting on a Great Year – Thank You, Lions of 5M3

Dear Lions of District 5M3,

As I wrap up my year as District Governor, I want to take a moment to sincerely thank each and every one of you in Lions District 5M3. What a journey it's been! This past year has been filled with incredible moments of service, growth, and connection—and none of it would have been possible without your support.

From the start, you welcomed me with open arms, shared your ideas, and committed yourselves to our mission of serving others. I've been inspired time and again by the way our clubs have stepped up to support meaningful causes, launch new initiatives, and bring lasting impact to our communities.

One of the highlights of this year has been watching our membership grow. That doesn't happen by accident—it's the result of your hard work, your belief in the power of Lions, and your willingness to invite others to join us. Every new member brings fresh energy and new opportunities, and I'm so proud of how we've expanded our family.

To those who served on committees, organized events, attended training, or just lent a helping hand when it was needed—thank you. You've made my job not just easier, but truly rewarding. This has been a team effort through and through.

As I pass the torch to District Governor Appointee Denise, I'm filled with gratitude and optimism. The future is bright for District 5M3 because of you. Let's keep that momentum going and continue making a difference—together.

With heartfelt thanks,

Deb Rasset

District Governor
5M3 2024-2025

DG Deb's Calendar

Calendar

June 5 - Jeffers Meeting

June 7 - D-Feet Hearing Walk

June 8 - Officer Training - Windom

June 15 - Father's Day

June 22 - Officer Training - Marshall

June 27-29 - GET Summit - Las Vegas

July 4 - Independence Day

July 13-17 - Lions International Convention - Orlando

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Mar 31, 2024.....1,002

Apr 30, 2025.....987

YTD Members Added: 74

YTD Members Dropped: -78 YTD

Net Loss/Gain: -4

34 clubs



**GAT
Monthly
Webinar
Every 2nd
Thurs.**

**7:00 PM
826-8787-
8863**

**Passcode:
986599**

**Tech Talks
Webinar
Series:**

**Every 3rd
Monday**

**7:00 PM
867-4984-
8671**

**Passcode:
244964**





DGE Denise Nelson

It is with great humility and gratitude that I step into the role of District Governor. I want to sincerely thank all of the Past District Governors for your

trust, support, and encouragement in appointing me to this position. Your leadership and dedication have paved the way for continued growth and success in our district, and I look forward to building on that strong foundation.

A bit about me: I am married to a wonderful spouse who has been my steadfast partner in all things. Together, we have two children and are blessed with five amazing grandchildren who bring joy and energy to our lives every day.

Professionally, I work as an office manager at Jensen Motors in New Ulm, where I've had the opportunity to serve the community and be part of a team that values integrity and hard work.

As I begin this journey as District Governor, I'm excited to connect with each of you, share ideas, and work collaboratively to make a meaningful impact. Thank you again for the honor—let's make this a great year together!

Thanks for all you do!
DGE Denise



2024-2025 International Peace Poster winner: 13 year old Shuwen Wang of Dalian, China



1VDGE Greg Janachovsky

What a great day to be a Lion. Did you ask someone to be a Lion, today?

If you ask, you may have a new Lion to add to your club.

IT'S TIME TO GROW AND SERVE MORE PEOPLE: What does it take to grow and serve more people? It takes Lions in each of our clubs to provide more service, which makes an impact on our communities by finding new opportunities to serve and helping more people and inspire them to join our clubs. It takes Lions in each club who want to spread the word of Lionism and grow and serve in leadership roles in our clubs and district that are meaningful and make an impact. It takes Lions who are open to listen to new members and support their new ideas and try them, why not? It may be time to freshen up the list of projects we do. It takes Lions who are passionate about service and reach out whenever and wherever they can to be inclusive of all members or their club and community. It takes Lions who inspire and ask questions, give directions and support each other to make sure their club is following an action plan for future growth in leadership, membership and service. It takes Lions who find their voice, their passion, their strength to make their club and community a better place to be a part of. It takes every Lion to live our motto "We Serve" in everything we do. We are a source of help, hope and happiness to every person we meet. **5M3 Lions are a force of change and we can grow and make a difference by serving more people at home and around the world! Believe in yourself, believe in Lions!**

Opportunities to grow:

Lions University: Provided by the Forum since 2014, you can take all the courses you want for free, however graduation requirement do include attendance at events. @ lionsuniversity.org

Lions Learning Institute: LCI's online learning portal.

@lionsclubs.org

Lions Virtual: Ongoing Zoom educational and social activities, and a mobile app that incorporates social sharing and other resources.

Global Lions Forum: Facebook Group with great discussions on topics of interests to Lions.

LOOKING FOR CABINET & FOUNDATION CHAIRS: If you are interested joining the 5M3 cabinet, please contact DG Deb Rasset, District Governor Elect Denise Nelson or myself. **We are looking for zone 3 & 4 chairs, Constitution & By-Laws chair, and Kid-Sight Foundation chair.**

THE SEASON OF LIONS FUNRAISERS: Please support your neighboring Lions clubs' fundraisers. A wonderful way to socialize, visit with friends, family & neighbors, plus helping them raise money for local community projects. **Check out the 5M3 website and the latest newsletter for Lions clubs fundraisers and foundation activities.**

TECH TALKS: help with Lions portal.

Zoom Meeting, 3rd Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m.

ID: 867 4984 8671; Passcode: 244964 This is for all lion members

GAT: Webinar Series:

Zoom Meeting, 2nd Thursday of every month at 7:00 p.m.

ID: 826 8787 8863; Passcode: 986599

Thank you for being a Lion.

5M3 1VDGE

Greg Janachovsky



Summer was here last week with 85 degrees and there was no wind. Today we have forty-mile wind and no rain. So, what do you do? Mother Nature is still in charge.

Tracy Lions Club was honored with the Kindness Matters Service Award for its HELP TUCK THEM PROJECT which provided more than 200 beds and bedding for area children. What a great project that the Tracy Lions Club has started and is working hard at. CONGRATULATIONS on the bed building and everything that goes with this great service project that helps the local communities! Service reporting in 5M3 is at 97% percent this month, which is great again.

SERVICE REPORTING IS doing well. There are 34 clubs in 5M3 and I'm happy to report that all the clubs are reporting again this month. Thanks Everyone that help make this happen and didn't think we would have all the clubs reporting so soon. Lion's Portal usage is getting better, and everyone is more comfortable with it. I think the more we use it, the easier it gets. Keep up the great job of reporting!

	Service Activities	People Served	Volunteer Hours	LCIF Donations
1. Canby	6	2,090	65	25.00
2. Clarkfield	2		10	30.00
3. Comfrey	17	100	58	25.00
4. Fairmont	4	1,612	275	625.00
5. Fulda	24	5,817	672	25.00
6. Granite Falls	32	5,513	81	90.00
7. Hadley	60	3,711	760	65.00
8. Jackson	8	1,185	247	1,000.00
9. Jasper	56	3,925	584	145.00
10. Jeffers Community	3	20	29	50.00
11. Lake Benton	5	707	490	40.00
12. Lakefield	59	5,558	748	130.00
13. Lamberton	6	825	232	2,505.00
14. Lucan	61	6,334	878	640.00
15. Luverne	5	245	114	120.00
16. Madelia	1		5	35.00
17. Marshall	159	11,857	931	130.00
18. Milroy	6	800	232	115.00
19. Morgan	42	5,516	1,087	160.00
20. Mountain Lake	11	111	25	30.00
21. New Ulm	70	8,807	2,221	1,020.00
22. Pipestone	6	171	43	15.00
23. Redwood Falls	8	4,410	420	255.00
24. Sherburn	7	3,335	340	370.00
25. Sleep Eye	15	1,293	320	95.00
26. Springfield Area	8	3,648	324	1,130.00
27. St. James	13	561	257	430.00
28. Tracy	39	10,351	2,422	616.00
29. Truman	10	2,830	1,224	85.00
30. Tyler	8	615	143	110.00
31. Vesta	1	100	84	50.00
32. Wabasso	1	600	500	150.00
33. West Brook	59	7,222	615	140.00
34. Windom	31	3,520	1,466	410.00
Clubs that reported	843	103,439	17,797	\$11,661.00

97% LIONS of the Clubs in 5M3. Great job by everyone. Thanks GST David J.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT SPECIAL OLYMPICS OPENING EYES

Special Olympics Minnesota Summer Games is at the University of Minnesota from June 20-22nd.

The university of Minnesota will host the annual Special Olympics Minnesota Summer Games! Roughly 3,000 athletes will be competing in basketball, basketball, swimming, and gymnastics throughout the weekend. Outside of competition, there will be entertainment in the athlete Village, health screenings for athletes, Celebration Ceremonies, and many other activities for everyone! Summer Games is open to the public and family friendly!

The Lions have played a major part in this competition for many years, and will once again host the Opening Eyes screening. As part of the Healthy Athletes program offerings, Opening Eyes provides a complete eye exam, conducted by eye doctors and eye care professionals. During the Opening Eyes screening, Athletes have the opportunity to receive new eye glasses, sunglasses or sports goggles, free of charge! Opening Eyes is presented by Lions Club International.

Opening Eyes in Minnesota was first undertaken by Lions Clubs of 5M5, but we need you to make this screening happen! Opening Eyes volunteers directly impact the health of SOMN Athletes! Volunteers will also have the opportunity to meet and interact with Special Olympics Minnesota Athletes, and also meet Lions from other clubs and other districts. Volunteers will receive a Summer Games Volunteer t-shirt and Volunteers working over six hours will also receive a complimentary lunch.



Summer Games volunteer shifts available:

- Friday, June 20, 9:00 pm - 1:00 pm (set up only)
- Saturday, June 21, 8:15 am - 12:30 pm
- Saturday, June 21, 11:45 am - 4:00 pm

Lions Club volunteers are needed for a number of roles, including:

- Assisting doctors
- Conducting initial eye chart exam
- Directing and escorting athletes
- Athlete registration

TO REGISTER VISIT:

SOMN.ORG/LIONS

These volunteer shifts are reserved for Lions & Friends of the Lions registration. Lions Club members, family and friends are all welcome and encouraged to volunteer!

Questions? Please contact:

Lion Ray Moonen, 952.201.7031; moonen@myinfmail.com

Lion Jim Cain, 763.232.0790; jhcain2@gmail.com.

Lion Laura Maki, 507.964.5796; relamaki@frontiernet.net

Special Olympics
Lions Clubs International
Opening Eyes®





TEAM Sheehan Charitable Foundation



Greetings and thank you MD5M Lions,

First, on behalf of the TEAM Sheehan Charitable Foundation, I'd like to thank all the MD5M Lions for their generous contributions to the TSCF. As you may know, "The mission of the TEAM Sheehan Charitable Foundation is to empower MD5M Lions clubs to provide greater service by boosting their ability to complete community projects with matching grants."

We're very proud of the first set of Grants we were able to award during our first year of matching Grants. They were:

\$1,876 to the Princeton Lions Club in District 5M8 for the purchase of a freezer benefiting a local foodshelf.

\$3,000 to the Sauk Rapids Lions Club in District 5M8 for a statue at the local Art Park.

\$1,700 to the Kimball Lions in District 5M8 for the purchase of a Hands-Free Iris Vision Live 2.0 for a local visually impaired student..

\$3,000 to the Lamberton Lions Club in District 5M3 for playground equipment in a local park.

\$1,800 to the Buffalo Lions Club in District 5M7 toward the purchase of an all-inclusive community splash pad in memory of a local student.

\$3,000 to the Dilworth Lions in District 5M8 to purchase food for the Dilworth food shelf.

\$1,500 to the Jackson Lions Club in District 5M3 to support the Snow Angels in shoveling snow for the elderly,

\$3,000 to the Pine Island Lions Club in District 5M1 to refurbish local bathrooms and parks in the trail system.

\$550 to the Albert Lea Noon Lions Club in District 5M2 to purchase food carts for the backpack food program at the middle school.

\$2,500 Canadian to the Shoal Lake Lions Club in 5M13 to purchase an electric piano and dolly for the Shoal Lake Community Hall.

\$3,000 to the Alexandria Lions Club in District 5M4 to place a publicly accessible Automated Electric Defibrillator cabinets throughout downtown Alexandria.

\$1,475 to the Shoreview/Arden Hills Lions to purchase New Neighbor Basket gift items to welcome newcomers to the city.

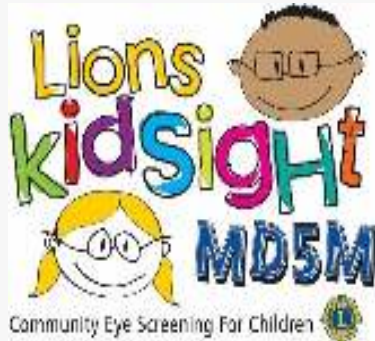
Our Grants have been varied both in purpose and locations to ensure the good work Lions do throughout the Multiple. The TSCF is careful with its funds and investments, limiting the total of Grants awarded to 20% of its assets in any fiscal year. We are truly grateful for the generosity and faith the Lions of MD5M have been with your TSCF donations and hope you agree the TSCF is worthy of your continued support.

Thank you!

Lion Mike

TEAM Sheehan Charitable Foundation Chair
mmolenda50@comcast.net

MINNESOTA STATE FAIR



Help is needed from Lions and spouses at the KidSight booth during the Minnesota State Fair on August 22 to Sept. 1st. You don't need to be trained, all help is appreciated.

If interested, contact Lion Mark Tollefson 507-476-3664 or tollie724@gmail.com

WIN CASH
PLAY NOW

PULLTABS NOW AVAILABLE AT

KOR'S KORNER HOLLAND, MN



GRAB A DRINK, SOME FOOD, & TRY YOUR LUCK TODAY!!!



**Brought to you by the
Hadley Lions Club!**



Proceeds from gambling funds are donated to:

- High School Scholarships
- Local youth programs & organizations
- Local individuals with medical issues or emergency situations
- Community improvements, organizations, sponsorships, & fundraisers



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**TRACTOR TRAIL
RIDE**

 **John Deere, Massey,
International,
bring them all!!** 

**Saturday, June 14th, 2025
1:00pm - approx. 4:30pm**

Meet at noon at the Morgan City Park, we will then drive thru Gil Mor, head to the river bottom, to Kettner's Landing for refreshments and then return to Morgan.

****For safety reasons 10mph or better is required****
Call Dave Simonsen at 507-430-1938 with any questions

 **PORK CHOP DINNER** 

Served from 4:30pm - 7:00pm at the Morgan City Park

\$15.00 Adults - \$7.00 Extra Chop - \$6 Hot Dog Meal

**Meal includes: Pork Chop, Potato Salad, Baked Beans,
and Juice or Coffee.**

**Morgan Lions Club - Proceeds will
benefit Morgan community projects!**



Real People. Real Service. Real Change.

Join VP A P Singh & Friends For Tell-A-Thon 5

VP A P Singh is inviting you & your friends to join him for the premier or watch Tell-A-Thon 5 at your leisure. You will walk away with inspiring insights on how Lions & Leos can grow stronger together & rise to meet the evolving needs of our communities.

Global Premiere Event: June 1st, reaching audiences across time zones with a powerful showcase of service & inspiration.

Mark your calendar: Sunday, June 1st
Register to receive all the latest Tell-A-Thon info, including how to watch & share!
<https://bit.ly/TellAThon5>

#tellathon #LCIF #inspiration #dogood #realchange



UPCOMING EVENTS



2026
Coming to
MINNESOTA
JUNE
20-26





Multiple District 5M
proudly announces...

PLATINUM SPONSORSHIP!



Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION

Your donations designated to
Special Olympics USA Games
Minnesota to LCIF will help make
our \$250,000 grant possible!

Family Night!
For athletes &
their families

Opening Eyes®
(Vision Screening)

ALL BALLS

Separate Sponsorships will be
available for (Sensory) All-Balls are
for each participating athlete.

Sponsorship information will be coming
in the District Newsletters and Multiple
District Website soon.

Scan this code
for more about
All Balls





Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation

D-Feet Hearing Loss

2025 ANNUAL WALK

JUNE 7, 2025

<p>Minnesota Landscape Arboretum Chaska, MN</p> <p>Registration: 9am - 10am Walk Starts: 10:15am Lunch Begins: 11:15am</p>	<p>Diamond Point Park Bemidji, MN</p> <p>Registration: 8:30am - 9:30am Walk Starts: 9:45am Lunch Begins: 11:30am</p>
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- Entry Fee: \$25 (no t-shirt) or \$35 (includes t-shirt)
- Fee includes entry to arboretum/park, lunch, plus lots of activities and games!
- Kids under 12 are free!
- Fun for families of all ages!
- A chance to change a person's life through your registration donation.
- Register at: <https://secure.qgiv.com/event/2025-d-feet-hearing-loss/>




To learn more visit us at:
mhlf.org or at
facebook.com/mhlf.org



JEFFERS LIONS AND FIRE
DEPARTMENT

SPAGHETTI

Fundraiser

31
MAY
11AM-2PM



**Suggested price \$10 PER
PERSON**

Come and enjoy spaghetti bread sticks and drinks

Let's Eat, Connect, and Make a Difference
location cafe in Jeffers MN 56145

LUCAN LIONS CLUB (46th)Annual BEEF BAR-BE-QUE

Friday, June 13th, 2025

Serving from 5:30 – 8:00 p.m.

at the Lucan Community Center

Menu: Bar-be-que Beef, Potato Salad, Baked Beans,
Chips, Pickles, Bread, Coffee & Juice

Later check out the youth ball games at the park.



*These events kick-off Lucan's Pretzel Days –
– Come check it out!!*

UPCOMING EVENTS



2025 LIONS GOLF



4-PERSON

BEST
SHOT

18 HOLE

TOURNAMENT

NET PROCEEDS BENEFIT

MINNESOTA LIONS

DIABETES FOUNDATION

JUNE 13

FRIDAY

\$45.00 per golfer

Golf fee includes green fees &
dinner. *Golf Cart not included.*

Call 507-764-8381 to reserve cart.

11 a.m. Check In

Noon Shotgun Start

4 p.m. Social

followed by Dinner

Location: Fox Lake Golf Course

REGISTER / RSVP BY MAY 30

Call or Email

Mark Wohlhuter

507-236-2444

MWohlhuter32@gmail.com

NOT A GOLFER?

JOIN US AT 4 P.M. FOR

SOCIAL & DINNER

\$20 PERSON RSVP BY MAY 30

SPONSORED BY JACKSON & SHERBURN LIONS CLUBS

5MD 2025 CONVENTION-BLOOMINGTON, MN



Left: 1VDG's of MD5M

Middle Left: 2VDG's of MD5M

Middle Right:: IPDG Patty accepts 5M3 Hall of Fame Award for PDG Larry Muenchow from President Fabricio Oliveira.

Bottom Left front row: 5M3 attendees- DGE Denise Nelson, Louise Janssen, Lion Lisa Saner, Lion Tammy Horner, IPDG Patty Peterson, DG Deb Rasset. Back row: Lion David Nelson, PDG David Janssen, 2VDGE Darren Saner, 1VDGE Greg Janachovsky, Lion Gary Peterson.



5M3 HAPPENINGS



Left and below: Lakefield Lions Pancake Breakfast was a success for the community on Palm Sunday.



Below: Another ramp has been installed by the Jackson Lions and Sherburn Lions Clubs! We thank you for your community support!



DG Deb installing new Jeffers Lions Teresa and Leo McClanahan. Welcome!



The Lions Club of New Ulm and friends cleaned 2 miles of road ditch on Highway 14 west of New Ulm on Saturday, April 26, 2025. Pictured from left to right are: Bob Vogel, Collyn Vogel, Daryl Vogel, Lincoln Reinarts, Glen Setterholm, Doug Booms, Jeff Vogel. Olivia Booms and Penelope Booms. President Helen Vogel also helped and took the picture. Everyone was invited to McDonald's for lunch and camaraderie after the ditches were cleaned. Lions, "WE Serve".



The Granite Falls Lions pose for a photo during ditch cleanup for the Adopt A Highway program.



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Lion members helped serve lunch to Special Olympics participants in Redwood on Saturday May 3, 2025. Pictured to the right are (L-R) Jasper Lions Don Plahn, Jerry Tower, Tim Houg, 2nd Vice District Governor Greg Janachovsky, Lucan Lions, Deb Plahn, Jasper Lions, Mark Tollefson Lucan Lions, Shelly Haack, Jasper Lions and District Governor Deb Rasset Springfield Lions.



May 1, 2025 Kids Sight screening was done at the Lamberton school. Participating in the screening were; Lucan Lion Mark Tollefson, Shirley Tollefson, school nurse Nicole Churchill, Lamberton Lion Mike Vollmer, and Lamberton Lion Ron Kelsey.



Planters were made by the children of veterans who attended camp during the family retreat at Lake Shetek in May. Pots, plants and soil were donated by the Westbrook Lions Club, sack lunches for the drive home were put together by Jeffers Lions. Lions from Marshall, Springfield, Lucan, Jeffers and Hadley helped with the youth projects and games.



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Granite Falls Lions held their Annual Honors Banquet., which is held with Clarkfield Lions Club. It was held on May 7th at The Rock. 21 YME seniors were recognized for achieving a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher.

Membership Dues increase

Multiple Dues:
As passed by the Delegates at the 2024 MD5M Convention, MD5M dues will increase from \$7.05 to \$8.55 through the 2028-2029 Lions year to support MD5M hosting the International Convention in 2029. The July invoice will be \$4.55 and the January one will be \$4.00.

International Dues
\$2 increase on July 1, 2024.
\$2 increase on July 1, 2025.



Hadley Lions held their annual 6th/7th grade baseball tournament on a beautiful day. Pictured above are Hadley Lions and recipient of the fundraiser, Jim Johnson and his family.



Above: Pipestone won the Hadley Lions tournament. Nine teams from area school competed.

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They also served walking tacos to raise money for the Lions Hearing Foundation.



The Lakefield Lions making a difference. Speaker Mad-die Rasche spoke how the Lions organization and the local Lions helped with her son's cochlear ear trans-plant.



Lion Gordon Mulder spoke on behalf of the Lions Hear-ing foundation and offered hearing tests that evening. . Lion Gordon received a check from donations that night for the Hearing Foundation from President Barb Ba-kalyar.



Far left: Luverne Lions donated tuition for Camp Gilbert to Nic Lenz and his mother Janelle.

Near reflight: Luverne Lions also do-nated to Parker Oye and her mother, Whitney for Camp Gilbert. Camp Gil-bert is a camp for kids with Type 1 Diabetes.



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Lucan Lions Robert Plaetz, Greg Janachovsky, Mark Tollefson and Ron Plaetz sorted and packed shoes for the "Soles for Souls" program on April 30th.



At the March Lucan Lions dinner meeting the guest speaker was Adam Kletscher. He is the park ranger at Plum Creek campground and park in Walnut Grove Mn.



Near left: The guest speaker at the Lucan Lions dinner meeting on May 9, 2025 was Ashley Ourada, Lind, DVM MPH. She gave a lot of information on the bird flu, symptoms, diagnosis, causes and what can be done to help prevent it.



Above: The Redwood Falls Lions had the pleasure of finally putting in place the Lions Water Fountain at Ramsey Park in memory of a long-time Lions Member Joyce Weltsch who passed away in 2021.



Left: The Redwood Falls Lions participated in their annual ditch clean-up on Monday, April 21st.

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Pic 1) Redwood Falls Lion Members Denny Moore & Stacey Draeger presented \$500 scholarships to Ellie Nelson and Jordan Matson the night of Redwood Valley's "Evening of the Stars."

Pic 2) Redwood Falls Lions welcoming 2 new members – Belinda & Joel Blomgren.

Pic 3) Redwood Falls Lions donated \$2,000 to Redwood Area's Imagination Library. This organization provides a free book monthly to kids ages 0-5 in the Redwood County Area.

Pic 4) Redwood Falls Lions donated \$1,500 to Reforest Redwood Falls. This money will go towards planting new trees in the dog park where trees were cut down due to Emerald Ash Borer.



Newsletter articles and photos are due the 20th of the month

Vesta Lions 1st Mon; 6:30 p.m. Vesta Café Lion Jim Penske, Pres.	Springfield Area Lions 2nd Thurs; 6:30 pm American Legion Lion Michelle Tauer, Pres.	Sleepy Eye Lions 1st Tues; 6:05 p.m. The Dawg House Lion Gwen Mack, Pres.	Jackson Lions 2nd Mon; 6:15 pm Jackson Golf Course Lion Mark Walter, Pres.	Tracy Lions 2nd Mon; 6:30 p.m. The Caboose Lion Robert Rialson, Pres.
Westbrook Lions 1st Wed; 8 p.m. Senior Center Lion Connie Rupp, Pres.	Redwood Falls Lions 1 & 3 Mon; 6:00 p.m. VFW-Redwood Falls Lion Chad Johnson, Pres.	Luverne Lions 2nd Mon; 6 p.m. Pizza Ranch Lion Codie Zeutenhorst, Pres.	Wabasso Lions 3rd Wed; 6:00 pm Community Center Lion Jon Fulton, Pres.	
Tyler Lions 4th Wed; 7:30 p.m. Kronborg Inn 101 Hwy 14 Tyler Lion Aaron Swanson, Pres.		Comfrey Lions 2nd Mon; 6:00 p.m. Comfrey Comm Ctr Lion Linda Wallin, Pres.		Morgan Lions 4th Mon; 6:30 p.m. Lions Community Ctr Lion David Nelson, Pres.
Windom Lions 2 & 4 Wed; 6:30 p.m. Jack Slades Lion Eric Haken, Pres.	Bringing the District news to you with NEW FEE! If your Club is not listed, be sure to send in \$25.00 to District Treasurer, Denise Nelson 405 S St, Morgan MN 56266. Memo line: Newsletter Sponsor.			

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Lions of New Ulm 2nd Thurs; 6 p.m. Turner Hall Lion Helen Vogel, Pres.	Granite Falls Lions 1 & 3 Mon; 6:30 p.m. Trolley's Bar & Grill Lion Keith Koerlin, Pres.	Jasper Lions 3rd Mon; 6 p.m. Stonewall Bar & Grill Lion Paula Sanow, Pres.		Marshall Lions 2 & 4 Tues; 6 pm Wooden Nickel (2nd Tues only) Lion Mark Mather, Pres.
	Truman Lions 6:00 pm 1st Mon; Jan-May and Oct-Nov 2nd Mon Church of Christ Lion Mark Steuber, Pres.	Fairmont Lions 3rd Mon; 6 p.m. Pizza Ranch Lion Dustin Tino, Pres.	Lucan Lions 2nd Thur; 7 p.m. Knotts Corner Lion Joel Weidemann, Pres.	
Sherburn Lions 2 & 4 Mon; 7 p.m. Sherburn Legion Lion Doug Rosenberg, Pres.		Jeffers Community Lions 1st Thurs; 6:30 p.m. Jeffers City Hall Lion Susan Goeman, Pres.		Lakefield Lions 1st Mon; 6:30 p.m. Multi-Purpose Bldg Lion Barbara Bakalyar, Pres.
St James Lions 1st Mon; 6:00 pm Eagles Club #320 701 1st Ave S St. James Lion Harold Wolle Pres.	Hadley Lions 4th Wed; 6:30 p.m. Hadley Community Ctr Lion Robyn Moger, Pres.	Clarkfield Lions 3rd Tues; 7:30 a.m. City Hall Lion Paul Wilson, Pres.	Canby Lions 2nd Mon; 6:30 p.m. PK Egan's Lion Gene Bies, Pres.	Fulda Lions 3rd Mon; 5:30 p.m. Fulda Sr Citizens Ctr Lion Loren Carlson, Pres.