



# 5M3 Lions Den

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## 2020-2021 5M3 DISTRICT GOVERNOR DAVID JANSSEN!!



Above: DG Don Kuehl passes the “torch” to 1VDG David Janssen.

Left: First Lady Louise and DG David Janssen



# ROAR!



# 5M3 District Governor David Janssen~

Hello Lions of 5M3

I am officially the District Governor for 5M3 and ready to get started on a fun and exciting year. The pace is picking up with a few meetings taking place. We have Council of Governors, NAMI, Childhood Cancer. A cabinet meeting in August is being planned. Details will be coming out soon.



Would like to thank PDG Don Kuehl for doing a wonderful job as the District Governor for 5M3. Don went above and beyond to help the Lions of 5M3 for a very great and enjoyable year. Thanks again for all your help and answering questions.

The International Convention that was to be held in Singapore in late June didn't happen. I took the Oath for being DG online by LCI President, Dr. Jung-Yul Choi. He is from South Korea and is 76 years old. Dr. Choi is a driven leader and will be doing many great things for the LIONS. Different way to take the Oath for District Governor, DG Don and some of the members from Sherburn Lions to witness the ceremony.

My theme for the year is BRINGING GROWTH TO LIONS. Membership is falling hard in 5M3. As of July 1, we are at 1113 members. The 5M3 Global Action Team is having meetings with Pat Vannett, Area Leader for NAMI. They're working with Team leaders to come up with a plan on how to deal with low membership in 5M3. One of the things that stands out is to have good communication between the Members, Zone Chairs, and District Governor. We hope to find out what works for the clubs and what doesn't. Stay tuned for more details.

## District Governor Goals for 2020-2021

1. 50% club officers at officers training. 35 members and 18 clubs participated 2019-2020.
2. At least 5 members from 5M3 attend LCI Sponsored Leaders Institutes training.
3. Net Gain of 30 members in 5M3 for 2020-2021
4. 3 Membership Growth Events
5. 5M3 to serve 35000 people in 2020-2021. 28,654 people were served in 2019-2020.
6. 5M3 to complete 300 service activities 2020-2021. 2019-2020 had 280 service activities.
7. 40% of 5M3 membership will contribute to LCIF.
8. 100% Club Contribution to LCIF
9. 50% of Lions Clubs reporting service activities to LCI.

LCIF is the Lions Foundation that provides grants and support to people in need. The CAMPAIGN 100 program has been extended to June 30, 2022. The total goal is 100 million per year and the total so far is 154.3 million. It's good, but we can do better.

Northern Pride Lions Forum has been cancelled and will tentatively happen in March 2022. At this time there are many leadership opportunities taking place. When more things start happening details will be coming out.

Lions Clubs are starting to meet again and doing projects that have been on hold. I am ready to do club visits. Some clubs have contacted me and set up visits beginning in August. Let me know when you are ready.

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5M3 is still looking for a 2VDG for the upcoming year. It would nice to have this filled by the end of the summer. Training will start in October and it would be nice if the 2VDG was there for that. We need someone to be the LCIF Coordinator for 5M3 and visit the LIONS clubs and speak about the LCIF FOUNDATION.

## BRINGING GROWTH TO LIONS

Thanks  
DG David J.

**Contact DG David Janssen to set up a visit with your club! 507-236-2480**  
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# District Governor Elect Gordon Mulder

From the desk of 1VDG Gordon Mulder, a look back - a look forward.

What has been happening? Oh, that is right, due to Covid 19—nothing except meetings by goto or zoom. I attended a goto meeting about NAMI—North American Membership Initiative. The questions were asked, and need to be asked by every club, -- What are your strengths? What are your weaknesses? What are your options? What can you do to help?

This whole covid thing is changing what we consider 'normal'. We need to roll with the punches and change along with it. We need to do what we do best, only in different ways. What we do is serve our communities and neighbors. Have they stopped needing our help? No. Lions need to continue to ensure and promote the health and safety of our communities and neighbors. We need to promote our clubs to our communities. Together we are stronger.

I understand that 5M3 is still looking for a 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG. It is not hard. There is a lot of help getting things done. The time for Lions to step up is now. Again, together we are stronger.

As we start a new year in Lionism, as a district we are down 21 members from last year. This is not a good trend and we have to help each other as we help our communities.

It is a good day to be a Lion. Serve with pride, with the Pride.

Lion Gordon Mulder

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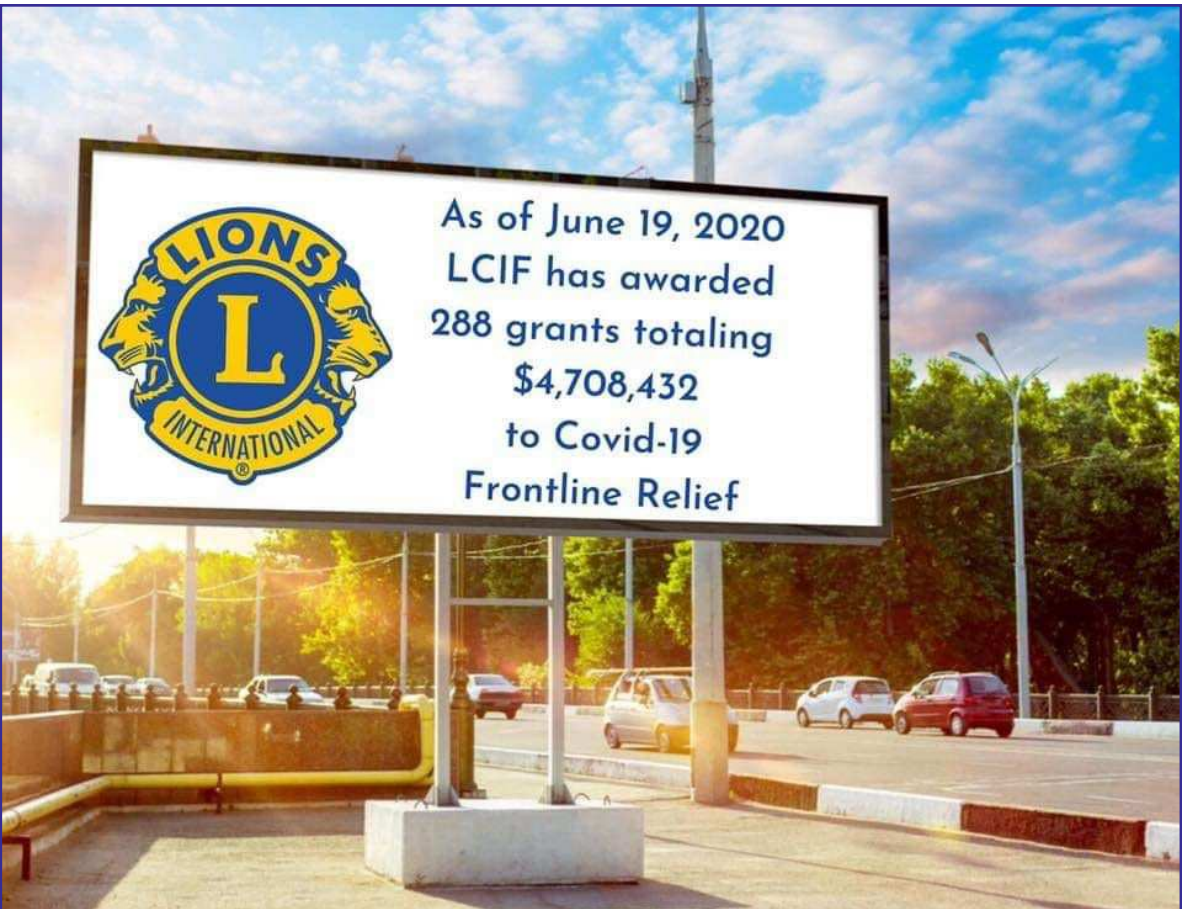
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## NAMI 5M3

Greetings Lions of 5M3. I thought I would be done writing articles for the newsletter after becoming a “PDG”, but I accepted a new challenge and here I am again. Hopefully, you will not get tired of reading what I have to say!!!! How many of you have heard of or know what NAMI is? It is short for North America Membership Initiative. Membership, we all have heard of that. Our District needs to grow, replace our aging (yes, I am in this category too) members and those who have moved away, or unfortunately have passed. So, this initiative (or plan) is meant to be Club focused and driven. We want to work with all the Clubs in 5M3 to develop service projects and increase membership over the next three years. It will be a challenge as our District has lost members over the past five years or longer. As of the end of June 2020, our District membership was 1113, the lowest we have ever been. We need to reverse this trend and the District Leadership elected to participate in the NAMI program.

What are the goals for NAMI in 5M3? First, a positive membership growth in 5M3 for 2020/2021. DG Dave’s goal is that we will have a net GAIN of 30 members for this year. Remember, that is after backdoor losses, deaths and members moving out of our district. So, for your Club to have a net gain, if you lose 2 members you need to gain 3. Second, but still equally important, is to organize and start a new club or clubs in 5M3. That is also something we have not done for a while. DG Dave has a goal of starting at least one new club this year. If you think you know of a community that would welcome a new club please let me know. Third, we need to help revitalize our Clubs that have less than 10 members. Our NAMI team will work with you to increase your membership and strengthen your club. The last goal of NAMI is to support new Club service projects. Guess what folks, we cannot continue to be a “check writing” club and provide no service to our communities. We need to do those service projects in the community and let the community know what we are doing. Invite people in the community to help us, then ask them to join. People want to help with community projects not just do fund raising (don’t get me wrong, that is important for our communities and what we do too) .....

How are we going to do this? We will start with asking each Club in our District to support this initiative. A letter will be sent to all Clubs presidents asking them to talk to their clubs about NAMI in 5M3. This is important, we need buy in from all club members for this to work. OK, enough for now. You will be hearing more each month in the newsletter on how we are doing. If you have any questions or would like to talk to me about this please drop me an email: [ddkuehl@msn.com](mailto:ddkuehl@msn.com) or call me on my cell, 507-841-4917. Also, I am available to visit your Club regarding this program. I hope your Clubs are all starting to have monthly meetings again when possible. Till next month,

PDG Donald E. Kuehl

**WE NEED CHAIRS FOR:**

**LCIF COORDINATOR  
INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE  
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## Can-DO-Canines



The pandemic has taken its toll on CDC also. As the virus got worse we had to take our dogs out of the prisons. We had to find homes for our dogs but thankfully enough volunteers stepped forward and gave them homes where they could stay. We now have been able to take dogs back to Stanley and Jackson, WI, which has taken some of the pressure off and has made the inmates happy once again. Soon we should have the prison program up and running again which will mean the 82 of our dogs will be back in training. We held our first virtual graduation on Sat. June 27 honoring 13 new graduates. You can watch a 22 minute Video of the graduation ceremony by going to our website [can-do-canines.org](http://can-do-canines.org). We will do a virtual fundraiser (which is one of our bigger fundraisers) on Saturday Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested please sign up soon.

We did virtual training on the 18<sup>th</sup> of July and I have received the info I need for this. If you want me to come to your club I can, or set it up as a virtual meeting. If this is something you want to try, please contact me and we can work on it. As everything else, we are in need of funds, so if it is possible, we can use your help. Thank You.

I will close this month's article with a story on of our recipients:

It takes a very special dog to see someone who is upset and calmly enter their space of distress to comfort them. Children with autism, like Jackson, need these dogs to help them handle the overabundance of stimulation that surrounds them. In 2014, Jackson was diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder after his parents and doctors became concerned that he wasn't exhibiting the same behaviors as other toddlers. As he spent more time in social settings, it became apparent he would require specialized support to keep him safe and happy. Jackson would often run away from people or act impulsively, not realizing the potential dangers of this. He would frequently become overwhelmed without being able to express what he was experiencing or needed. Jackson's parents worked ceaselessly to get their son the tools he needed, hoping he would be able to manage the amount of stimulation around him and regulate the things that caused him stress. Even with a barrage of coping resources and a constant flow of therapies and healthcare providers, Jackson would still become overwhelmed and have outbursts or run. His parents reached out to Can Do Canines with a call for help and an application for a service dog. After being accepted, Jackson met his new therapist in the form of a large, lovable Labrador Retriever named Zing. Zing, who was also our recent front-desk ambassador, has spent his two years of life as a calming presence, cuddling as much as possible with people who helped raise him. This made him an ideal match for Jackson. Before Zing, Jackson would isolate himself in his own quiet world, though he craved friendships. Zing has since helped him manage more social situations than was possible before. Having Zing with him gives Jackson an icebreaker and the confidence during hard interactions. When Jackson becomes agitated, Zing applies pressure therapy by leaning against Jackson. That familiar sensation helps Jackson relax. Also, Jackson wears a belted tether and holds a handle that is connected to Zing's special cape. When they are walking in public, Jackson's urge to run or wander is stopped by Zing anchoring himself in response. This keeps Jackson safe and gives his parents time to react. Checking the handle, along with other caregiving tasks, gives Jackson something to focus on, a responsibility to fulfill. And an incredible bonus is the accomplishment Jackson feels by teaching Zing new things. As his mother shares, "When Jackson starts feeling agitated or overwhelmed, he sits on the floor and opens his arms and says 'Zing hug.' Zing immediately walks over to Jackson and lets Jackson hug him." The whole family is amazed by the difference Zing has made already, and they are ecstatic at the possibility of doing more together. Jackson's brother watched Zing interrupt a meltdown by resting his head on his lap, then told their mother, "That dog is amazing." She emphatically says to everyone involved with Zing's upbringing, "Thank you so much for taking the time to make Zing the amazing dog he is . . . We feel safe in the Can Do Canines family as the organization takes a non-judgmental approach to Jackson and his diagnosis. You all are angels sent to our family and we promise to take the best care of Zing."

If I can be of help in any way please contact me.

Lion Galen Engholm CDC chair cell507-920-7129



## 5M3 HAPPENINGS



New officers installed for **Marshall Lions**: Wayne Radloff-Treasurer, Jean Mather-Secretary, Mark Mather-1st Vice, Jackie Meyer-President, David Janssen-District Governor

## 5M3 needs a Lion to serve as 2VDG next year!!

CONTACT DG DAVID if interested or know of someone who would fit. Hope to fill this position before summer's end.

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**Jackson Lions Club** deployed a ramp in Jackson. A six year old girl who'd suffered a severe leg break and will be in a wheel chair for at least six weeks was the recipient. This was one of their longer ramp projects at over 30 feet.

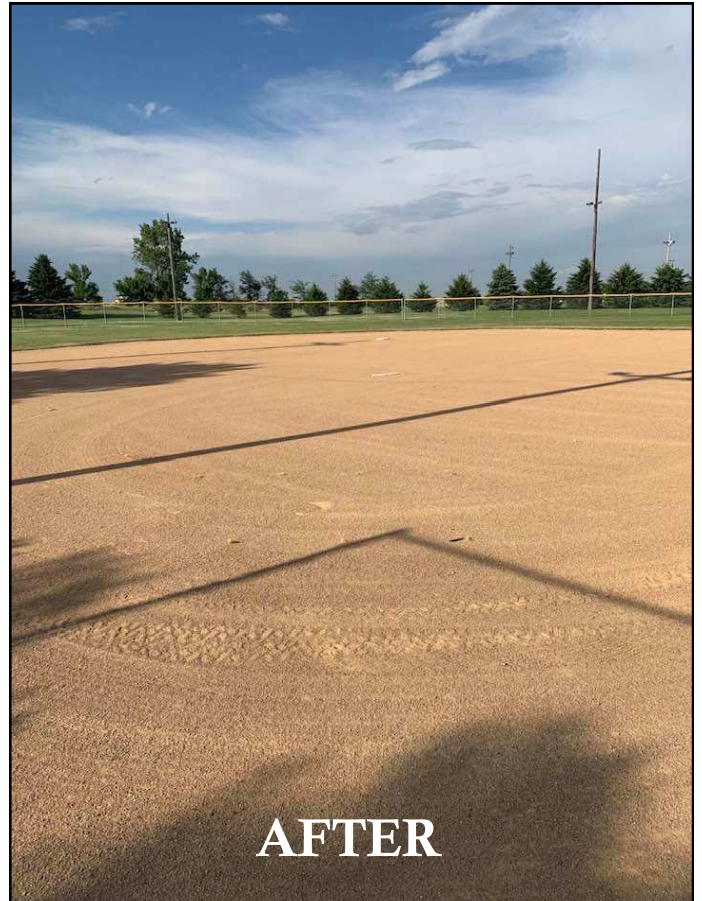
## 5M3 HAPPENINGS



**Westbrook Lions Club** served burgers, fries, mini donuts and slushes from their Food Wagon at Painted Prairie Vineyard by Currie.



**BEFORE**



**AFTER**

**Jasper Lions** Don Plahn, Jerry Tower, Terry Skyberg and wife Jackie spent over 30 hours getting the softball fields ready for play. They pulled weeds, mowed, weed whacked both the North and South diamonds. Some weed whacking was done around the playground equipment also. Both diamonds are ready for play this coming week. The Lions also donated \$300.00 to the girls softball program.

# 5M3 HAPPENINGS



Hadley Lions Club met in Hadley Park for June and July meetings.

Hadley Lions Club awarded \$250 scholarships to two graduating seniors from Murray County Central.



## MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

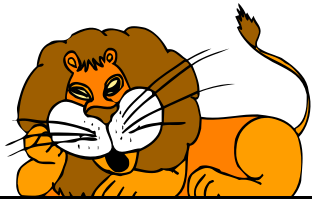
### REMINDER:

Articles for newsletter are due by the 20th of the month!

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| May 31, 2019.....        | 1,134  |
| June 30, 2020.....       | 1,113  |
| YTD Members Added: ..... | 58 YTD |
| Members Dropped: .....   | 79     |

**Net Loss/Gain: -21**

38 clubs



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|--------------------------|--------|
| Apr 30, 2019.....        | 1,156  |
| May 31, 2020.....        | 1,130  |
| YTD Members Added: ..... | 58 YTD |
| Members Dropped: .....   | 62     |

**Net Loss/Gain: -4**

38 clubs

Northern Pride Lions Forum  
October 30 - 31, 2020

**CANCELLED**

WE WILL BE REFUNDING ALL REGISTRATIONS!

We sincerely appreciate the time and effort you have committed to the Forum.

We hope that you will consider attending the Northern Pride Lions Forum in March 2022.

Questions or Concerns please contact: [npllfmd5m@gmail.com](mailto:npllfmd5m@gmail.com)





# Essay 2020-2021

## “Peace Through Service”

Lion Debra Wasserman  
Lions Clubs International Essay Contest, MDSM Chair

The LCI Essay Contest began in 2010 as a companion to the Peace Poster contest. It is directed to students who are blind or visually impaired giving them the opportunity to write on the same theme as students participating in the artistic Peace Poster contest.

The Peace Poster contest and the Essay contest give students the chance to share their ideas and perspectives, and we adults the opportunity to learn about their view of the world and its future. The more students who are able to participate in the contests, the better for us locally and the world in general.

Teachers of the Blind/Visually Impaired receive information about the contest but reaching others who may know students is the goal of this article. If you know a student or a school district person, please share this information. Peace Poster kits contain information you can use and share with those who might know a student who would be interested in participating in the contest.

I am also available to answer any questions and share information that would help you, your club, or those working with students.

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Start  
→ One

Ask  
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Keep  
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Retention is the key to keeping your membership numbers. You cannot run your programs without your members. Talk to them, see what keeps them and what makes them leave. Meet their needs.

## LIONS SERVICE PROJECTS



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| <b>St James Lions</b><br>1st Wed; 6:00 pm<br>Eagles Club #320<br>701 1st Ave S St. James<br>Lion Joseph McCabe, Pres.                                                                                                                                             | <b>Springfield Area Lions</b><br>2nd Thurs; 6:30 pm<br>American Legion<br>Lion Gilbert Anderson, Pres. |                                                                                                   | <b>Walnut Grove Lions</b><br>2nd Thurs; 6 p.m.<br>St. Pauls Church Hall<br>Lion Greg Hansen, Pres. | <b>Tracy Lions</b><br>2nd Mon; 6:30 p.m.<br>Multi-Purpose Center<br>Lion George Erbes, Pres.  |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>Hadley Lioness</b><br>2nd Wed; 6:30 pm<br>Hadley Community Ctr<br>Lioness Deb Helmke, Pres.         | <b>Sleepy Eye Lions</b><br>1st Tues; 6:05 p.m.<br>Railway Bar & Grill<br>Lion Thomas Goetz, Pres. | <b>Wabasso Lions</b><br>3rd Wed; 6:00 pm<br>Community Center<br>Lion Andy Simon, Pres.             |                                                                                               |
| <b>Vesta Lions</b><br>1st Mon; 6:30 p.m.<br>Vesta Café<br>Lion Jim Penske, Pres.                                                                                                                                                                                  | <b>Redwood Falls Lions</b><br>1 & 3 Mon; 6:30 p.m.<br>AM Legion<br>Lion Teresa Rossow, Pres.           | <b>Comfrey Lions</b><br>2nd Mon; 6:00 p.m.<br>Comfrey Comm Ctr<br>Lion Martha Fredin, Pres.       | <b>Hadley Lions</b><br>3rd Tues; 6:30 p.m.<br>Hadley Community Ctr<br>Lion Al Husfeldt, Pres.      | <b>Morgan Lions</b><br>4th Mon; 6:30 p.m.<br>Lions Community Ctr<br>Lion Galen Engholm, Pres. |
| Bringing the District news to you!<br>If your Club is not listed, be sure to send in \$40.00 to<br><b>District Treasurer, Denise Nelson at 405 S St, Morgan MN 56266.</b><br>Memo line: <b>Newsletter Sponsor.</b><br>NOTE: Clubs can sponsor more than one time! |                                                                                                        |                                                                                                   |                                                                                                    |                                                                                               |

# 5M3 Lions Clubs Sponsor Page



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| <b>Lions of New Ulm</b><br>1/2 Thurs; 6:15 p.m.<br>Turner Halle<br>Lion Jean Nielsen, Pres.          | <b>Marshall Lions</b><br>2/4 Tues; 6 p.m.<br>Bello Cucina's<br>Lion Jackie Meyer, Pres.                                                           | <b>Jasper Lions</b><br>3rd Mon; 7 p.m.<br>Stonewall Bar & Grill<br>Lion Bob Quissell, Pres.    | <b>Lake Wilson Lions</b><br>4th Tues; 6:30 p.m.<br>Lake Wilson Legion<br>Lion Jack VanEck, Pres. | <b>Westbrook Lions</b><br>3rd Mon; 7 p.m.<br>Senior Center<br>Lion Darren Peters, Pres.        |
| <b>Truman Lions</b><br>1st Mon; 6 p.m.<br>Church of Christ<br>Lion David Petersen, Pres.             | <b>Granite Falls Lions</b><br>3rd Mon; 6:30 p.m.<br>Trolley's Bar & Grill<br>Lion Todd Trudel, Pres.                                              | <b>Fulda Lions</b><br>3rd Mon; 6:30 p.m.<br>Fulda Sr Citizens Ctr<br>Lion Mike Peterson, Pres. | <b>Ganby Lions</b><br>2nd Mon; 6:30 p.m.<br>PK Egan's<br>Lion Gene Bies, Pres.                   | <b>Lucan Lions</b><br>2nd Thur; 7 p.m.<br>Knotts Corner<br>Lion Joel Weidemann, Pres.          |
|                                                                                                      | <b>Fulda Wood Duck Festival</b><br><br><b>June 17-20, 2020</b> |                                                                                                |                                                                                                  | <b>Lakefield Lions</b><br>2nd Mon; 6 p.m.<br>Multi-Purpose Bldg Lion<br>Lion Joel Poppe, Pres. |
| <b>Jeffers Community Lions</b><br>1st Thurs; 6:30 p.m.<br>Jeffers City Hall<br>Lion Ron Knoll, Pres. | <b>Clarkfield Lions</b><br>3rd Tues; 7 a.m.<br>Friendship Café<br>Lion Douglas Clevenger, Pres.                                                   |                                                                                                | <b>Windom Lions</b><br>2/4 Wed; 6:30 p.m.<br>Jack Slades<br>Lion John Holt, Pres.                | <b>Fairmont Lions</b><br>3rd Mon; 6 p.m.<br>Pizza Ranch<br>Lion Tony Rosener, Pres.            |