



# 5-SW LIONS' PRIDE

## *Newell Lions Club Announce Peace Poster Contest Winners*



Newell Lions Club Peace Poster Contest winners left to right: Lion President Carol McCarthy, Newell Elementary 6th grader Macey Wendt – 1st place; Kendra Johnson – 2nd place and McKenzie Taggart – 3rd place winner. Macey Wendt's poster was selected as the District 5SW winner for this year's Peace Poster Contest. Macey's parents are J.D. and Lisa Wendt of rural Newell

*Photo provided by Neil Vollmer*



## Thoughts from the District Governor's Desk...



Fellow Lions,

It's a new year, with new and exciting challenges to accomplish.

Even though we are still in the Covid-19 environment, the new distribution of vaccines gives us a little more of a comfort level as we go about providing services to our fellow members along with the community on a regular basis. Keep up the good work but continue to do it in a safe manner.

I hope you and your family are well and safe.

We Look Toward the Future! 



## HELP WANTED:

*\* District 5 SW 2ND Vice District Governor*

*\* District 5 SW Cabinet Secretary*

**Interested?** Please contact District Governor Richard Waits  
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**A Thought or Two**  
**from PDG Doug Scheller**  
LCIF Development



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Each year Faulkton Area Lions donate \$500 worth of groceries to the Tri-County (Faulk, Hand and Spink) food pantry in Redfield, SD. In 2020 the club decided to donate the \$500 to the United Church of Faulkton's Mission Committee. The local Church set up a food pantry at the beginning of the pandemic and they give out bags of groceries the 2nd Tuesday of the each month to anyone who stops by the church between 12:00 -2:00 on that day. *Pictured presenting the 2020 donation to Mission Committee Chairperson Karen Collins is Faulkton Area Lions President Jim Wagner.*

***It feels good to be needed... and you certainly are!***

*Your help is needed to share news of your club projects, service and events while things have been s-l-o-w and sheltered for all of us. Please share your club news and photos along with information.*

Contact Colleen at: [forkel@valleytel.net](mailto:forkel@valleytel.net) or call 605-426-6987



### ***Ipswich Lions Club Makes Donation***

The Ipswich Lions Club recently donated funds for an enclosed trailer to be used by the Ipswich School Music Department. Pictured left to right: school board member Todd Hettich, Superintendent Trent Osborn, Lion President Jerry Brooks, music teacher Becky Nierman, Past President Lion Lester Forkel and Ipswich School Principal Dan Knust.

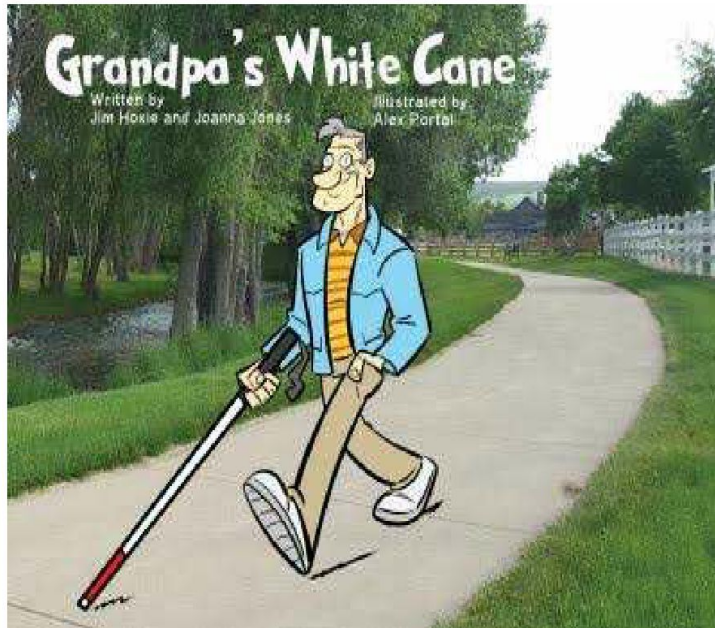
### ***Custer Lions Club Donate to WEAVE***

Custer Lions Club members gathered and donated two small quilts, 5 pillows and one blanket to WEAVE at their donation site Heart of the Hills/ State Farm Insurance.

*Pictured with the donation is Lion Lona Faabourg.*







## Spearfish Lions Help to Publish Book Entitled "Grandpa's White Cane"

Visual impairment education has become a dynamic focus for Spearfish community member Jim Hoxie. Over the summer of 2020, the book *Grandpa's White Cane* was published with help from a donation by Spearfish Lions Club. The book was authored by Jim Hoxie and Joanna Jones and illustrated by Alex Portal. It is now available on Amazon as a paperback edition as well as the kindle reader edition. The Spearfish Lions Club supported the project with a \$4,000 donation. This donation helped fund illustrations, graphic and format design as well as print setup for the book. One hundred classroom and library copies of the book were also made available.



This photo shows Spearfish Lions Club Member's Tad Brewer, Zach Burke and Kade Welfl along with authors Jim Hoxie and Joanna Jones presenting copies of *Grandpa's White Cane* to Spearfish 3rd graders. According to author Joanne Jones, "together through this educational project for the Spearfish community we have improved the quality of life for people who are blind and visually impaired. We look forward to sharing the success of this project for years to come".

White Cane Awareness Day is Oct. 15th each year. This book helps to understand the white cane and how essential it is to give blind and visually impaired people the ability to live an independent lifestyle. Since the book was published, 750 copies have been printed. It has been sent to over 50 different institutions for visually impaired including Ft. Meade, VA and 20 additional VA sites across the nation. Jim and Linda Hoxie have given copies of the book to all 60 eye doctors at the Mayo Clinic. ***If your Lions Club would like to get more information on the book and White Cane Awareness Day, please contact Joanne Jones at 605-450-0121 or email [joanna\\_jones@yahoo.com](mailto:joanna_jones@yahoo.com)***



### ***Custer Lions Participate in Christmas Parade***

December 5th was a crisp and clear Saturday night in Custer, just right for a Christmas parade! The Custer Lions Club as usual entered a great and beautifully lit float. Riding in the truck were Lions Fred and Carey Mills and Lion Dusty Dustman. Walking the parade route and passing out Christmas ducks was LEO Reese Smith.

### ***Upcoming Newsletter Deadlines:***

March 1st – April Newsletter

May 1st – June Newsletter







# Bits & Pieces



- Pierre/Ft. Pierre Lions did an Early Childhood Screening at Jefferson School
- Ipswich Lions recently gave several donations including \$1000 to the Leader Dog Program, \$1500 to the SD Lions Foundation, \$1,000 to Campaign 100, \$500 to SD Lions Sight and Health, \$1000 to Ipswich Trail Days Committee and \$100 to the Leonardo Fund.
- Rushmore Lions raised \$1025 to buy laundry soap for 25,000 loads of laundry for clients of the Hope Center in Rapid City
- Ipswich Lions washed, sorted, packaged and mailed two large boxes of prescription pill bottles to Matthew Ministries in Cincinnati, Ohio for their use
- Eureka Lions gave donations to Leader Dog, LCIP, SD Lions Foundation and the SD Eye and Tissue Bank
- Lead/Deadwood Lions donated \$500 to Feeding Deadwood – a local group created during Covid- 19 which serves over 75 families weekly
- Ipswich Lions awarded four \$500 scholarships to local 2nd semester college and trade school students
- Presho Medicine Creek Lions sold tickets and implemented a health screening while youth played four basketball games
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- Ipswich Lions donated 160 bags of popcorn to children at the Ipswich School during their recent Activity Day
- Custer Lions made their annual donation of hats, mittens and funds to the Custer Elementary School
- Mobridge Lions sold tickets during the Annual Mobridge Ice Fishing Tourney to support the local Chamber of Commerce