

JACKSON PROFESSIONAL VIRTUAL LIONS

On October 16, Jackson Professional Virtual Lions participated in Yardsaleapalooza plus Junk-or-Treat and White Cane at the Commonwealth Commerce Center in Jackson. They had a great time connecting with their community.



DEXTER



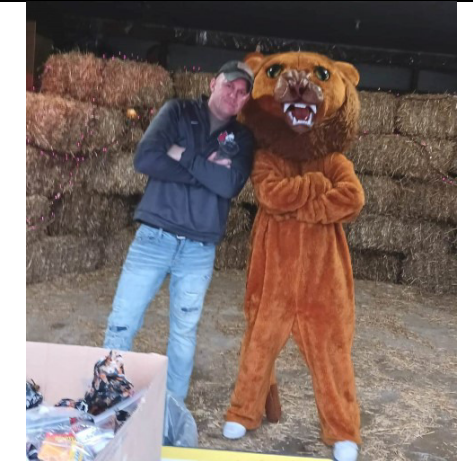
Dexter Lions offered Pumpkin Bowling during their AppleDaze event. Lucas, age 3, won the dragon!

The club board recently approved the purchase of 4 signs to go at entry points around town.

Dick Dettling and Gail Girbach took a tour of Penrickton Center on October 11.

Christmas Tree sales, an annual fundraiser, is in the setup stage. Local students are valuable assistants in getting things ready. Tree sales begin November 25.

MICHIGAN CENTER LIONESS LIONS - Trunk-or-Treat



MICHIGAN CENTER LIONESS LIONS - Witches Night Out



Debbie Chambers (Chair), Kim Southworth Tousley (Co-Chair), Julie Craft, Tonja Neely, Maggie Gilson, Kathi Grimes, Sana White, Judy Southworth, Karon Poole, Linda Fagan (not listed in order)



NAPOLEON

Where there's a need, there's a Lion. Lion Meryl Clayton and the Napoleon Lions Club are a great example of our motto "We Serve".

On Thursday, October 20, 2022, volunteers from the Napoleon Lions Club began building a ramp for a 90 year-old Jackson woman who was very much in need of a handicap ramp. The project was completed in 2 days.

In the words of Lion Pamela Thompson:

"My mother, Arme Thompson, turned 90 years old on September 19, 2022 and has issues with her legs and back, along with other medical issues. I watched her dangerously struggling to get up and down the stairs to her deck with a walker for quite some time and thought that the best birthday gift for her would be to have a handicap ramp built.

"Tears came to my eyes when I received the first donation from Milt Rehberg, MEA, Jackson Michigan, because I had prayed and prayed and through faith this was a sign from God that my prayers were being answered. I cried happy tears quite a bit throughout this whole project.

"After speaking with the past President Louvenia Shack-Seals and current President Cheryl Bradshaw of Quest South East Jackson Lions Club, the ball began rolling.

"President Cheryl Bradshaw began making contact with other Lions club members until she received a commitment from the Napoleon Lions Club to take on the project of volunteering to build the ramp. I cannot leave out my daughter, Tomeika Marrai, who was very concerned about her grandmother having the ramp built and committed to a special donation for the project.

"I cannot express enough how grateful and all the gratitude that is in my heart for the Napoleon Lions Club; Quest South East Jackson Lions Club; Theresa Gibson, who worked with the guys on the construction of the project; President Cheryl Bradshaw and Lion Betty Hall who prepared lunch for the workers; Past president Louvenia Shack-Seals who helped serve food; and a special thanks to President Cheryl Bradshaw who worked so hard on this project and saw it through from beginning to end."

Arme says, "Thank you to all the men and women who made this project successful. Thank you for the concern, and completing the building of the ramp so quickly. Thank you for the kindness, good work, and for showing that the people of Jackson care and are concerned about each other! The ramp has made it so much easier to use the walker with my purse and with other items on the walker when entering and exiting the house. I am enjoying the ramp!" She says thank-you to Theresa Gibson who worked so diligently with the men on the construction of the project.

"Thank-you Lions and community, because selflessly YOU MADE IT POSSIBLE for Arme Thompson to have a ramp built for her health and safety."

Sincerely,
Pamela Thompson



PITTSFORD

Pittsford Lions recently held a cider and donuts event, with all the local characters coming out to enjoy!



TEKONSHA

Tekonsha Christmas Festival! - Sunday, December 4, 2022 - Booths available!

We welcome you to join us at the 2022 Tekonsha Christmas Festival at the Tekonsha Township Fire Department! The address is 166 Spires Parkway Tekonsha Mi 49092.

The cost of a booth is \$25.00 per 10 x 10 space. On Sunday the doors will be open at 8:30 AM for setting up. The show runs from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. You will need to bring your own tables and chairs.

Tekonsha Lions Club will have a booth set up for lunch. Checks should be made payable to "Tekonsha Lions Club". To register for a booth, please send the following information along with your check or money order to Dawn Copas PO Box 137, Tekonsha, MI 49092. Thank You!

For questions or concerns, please call Dawn Copas at 269-986-3488.

Tekonsha Christmas Festival Registration 2022

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Products being sold _____

Number of booths requested: _____

SIGHT CONSERVATION SCHOLARSHIP

To all District 11-B1 Lions Clubs

Each year, the state Sight Conservation/White Cane Committee awards three \$3000 scholarships to students who are seeking a higher education degree and are blind or visually impaired. This year, with the approval of the Council of Governors, the committee has been authorized to award a fourth scholarship of \$3000. The scholarships are funded through the Grace Lang Memorial fund, set up in the 1970's to assist blind and visually impaired students achieve their academic goals. The basic requirements for the scholarship are to be a Michigan resident, acceptance to a higher education institution (university, community college, etc.), and have a diagnosed visual impairment. Other requirements are detailed on the application form.

The application for the 2023 White Cane scholarships is available upon request. It is an accessible, fillable PDF, so that a person with blindness can fill it out without assistance (depending on their visual acuity). Applications must be postmarked no later than December 30 to be considered for the 2023 awards. Scholarship winners are recognized at the annual Michigan Forum in February 2023.

If you know a student who is blind or visually impaired and could use this scholarship or you have questions, please contact myself or the state office.

Together We Can!

Lion Roger Bosse
Sight Conservation/White Cane committee chair
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rogerbosse@att.net

VIRTUAL LOW VISION/BLIND PEER SUPPORT GROUP

The Ann Arbor Center for Independent Living (CIL) has set up a new Virtual Low Vision/Blind Peer Support Group that is open to anyone with vision loss or blindness. You don't have to be a resident of Washtenaw, Livingston or Monroe Counties (Our service areas) to join us.

We meet on the first Wednesday of every month from 12pm-1pm on Zoom. Below is the flyer for the Peer Support Group. At the CIL, we have three blind peer staff facilitators, including myself, where we discuss challenges, help people navigate vision loss, and support our peers through guided questions and lively discussions.

Please share this far and wide! We want to grow our participation. Let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

~Lion Mark L. Hymes

Program Coordinator - Livingston County

Ann Arbor Center for Independent Living (AACIL)

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Your World

Navigating Life with
Blindness and Low Vision



The **Center for Independent Living**, serving **Washtenaw, Monroe and Livingston** Counties, is proud to announce a new peer support group for adults who are blind or low-vision.

Your World is a welcoming, participant-driven peer support group for people who are blind or are experiencing vision loss. Sessions will consist of topics of interest to people who are low-vision or blind with the goal of empowering group members to embrace their self-identities and individuality as people with low vision, while strengthening belonging and community inclusion.

The facilitators are trained professionals from a wide range of backgrounds. All of us have experience as people who are blind or have vision loss.

- ❖ Monthly meetings starting September 7
- ❖ First Wednesday of every month at Noon
- ❖ Virtual meetings
- ❖ Yes, we can offer Assistive Tech support

Register in advance by contacting us:

734-971-0277 and ask for Renee
or email rechols@aacil.org



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Lions Bear Lake Camp

"Sub-Zero Hero" Polar Plunge and Dinner

February 18th, 2023
2:00 PM Jumper Check-In
3:00 PM Polar Plunge
5:00 PM Dinner

COME CHILL WITH US AND MAKE A SPLASH BY JUMPING IN THE LAKE TO RAISE MONEY FOR LIONS BEAR LAKE CAMP. DRESS UP AS YOUR FAVORITE SUPERHERO AND ENJOY A FUN FILLED AFTERNOON. JOIN OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR A POLAR PLUNGE, FOLLOWED BY A DELICIOUS DINNER.

Costume Contest

Prizes for
Best Costume
Best Jump (no diving)
and Crowd Pleaser

Dinner Includes

Soup Bar
Bread Bowls
Salad Bar
Hot Chocolate Bar
Dessert
Cash Bar

Warming tent available
with hot coffee, tea, cocoa, cider.

Alcohol available for purchase.

50/50 Raffles
Basket Raffles

*Buy an event tumbler
and receive 2 drinks
tickets \$15

- \$20 Dinner for Spectators Only
- \$40 Pledge- Jump, Dinner, T-shirt
- \$100 or More- Jump, Dinner, T-shirt, Tumbler & 2 drink tickets
- \$250 or More- Jump, Dinner x2, Tumbler & Drink Tickets x2, T-shirts x2
- \$500 or More- Priority Jump, Dinner x2, Tumbler & Drink Tickets x2, T-shirt x2, Event Hoodie



Sign up online at
bearlakecamp.org
under the "Events" Tab



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Traci Tribley 989-277-7437 traci@bearlakecamp.org

****Costumes are encouraged, birthday suits highly discouraged.****

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 10 (Thursday)

Peace Poster submissions due to DG Kelly

Contact Shawne Lige at smondaylige@yahoo.com with questions.

November 12 (Saturday) 10am-12pm

Training Event: Learn how to interact with blind and visually impaired individuals

Vandercook Lake Lions Clubhouse, 4628 Francis St, Jackson

Please RSVP to Bea at healingsongcmt@gmail.com or Jim at pizzajim2@aol.com

This is a multiple zone event in which we will learn how to interact with blind and visually impaired individuals. It will be a time of fun interaction, as well as learning how to interact with one another. Bring a friend! Refreshments will be provided.

November 20 (Sunday) 8am-11:30am

Vandercook Lake invites everyone to breakfast, 3rd Sunday of every month.

Biscuits and gravy, eggs, sausage, pancakes, toast, and coffee/milk. \$5 Donations are accepted.

December 4 (Sunday) 10am-3pm

Tekonsha Christmas Festival, Township Fire Department, 166 Spires Parkway Tekonsha Mi 49092

Booths available. Contact Dawn Copas at 269-986-3488 (see notice above for booth details)

January 14, 2023 (Saturday)

Tour of Leader Dog

Organized by Battle Creek Cereal City Lions. All are invited to join.

Contact Bryan Cook for more information at 989-274-0335 or bryancook2012@gmail.com.

February 18, 2023 (Saturday)

Bear Lake Camp "Polar Plunge" fundraiser

Jump in the lake or just cheer for the jumpers and stay dry. Stay for dinner.

Contact DG Traci Tribley at 989-277-7437 or traci@bearlakecamp.org

See flyer above for more details.

May 4, 2023 6pm-8pm (Thursday)

Spring Leadership Forum at Vandercook Lake High School

Contact Roger Bosse at (269) 578-3684 with questions.

July 7-11, 2023

Lions Clubs International Convention, Boston, MA

Registration is open! <https://www.mcisemi.com/lci2023/>

INTERNET INFORMATION

District Website: <http://www.e-district.org/sites/11b1>

"Lions of District 11-B1": Public group for sharing to the world. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/372012908261994>

"Lions Members of District 11-B1": Closed group for support and encouragement of our district Lions - Join the discussion! Share your events! <https://www.facebook.com/groups/164726954206924/>

Lion Pride - The magazine of Michigan Lions <https://www.lionsofmi.com/index.php/downloads/lion-pride>