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## BOYS LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

March 22-24, 2024

The Booneville Lions Club sent two young men to the 2024 Loins Boys Leadership Conference, Leo President, DeChond Bell and Richtavious Copeland both of Booneville. Lion Zane Floyd, a member of the Tupelo Evening Club provided transportation for our two students. Zane also served on staff at the conference along with Lion Carl Nehlig, Diamondhead Club and Lion Jim Larson, Tupelo Club.

The weekend was filled with lots of exciting activities such as hiking and fishing. Saturday's main attraction was the Hillbilly Olympics consisting of activities like tug of war, and blind volleyball over a tarp blocking the view of the other team, and basketball. Both boys were on Team B which were the Champions of the Hillbilly Olympics.

They went on a long nature hike. and had a big bonfire on Saturday night.

Biologists from the State of Mississippi talked about local wildlife. The biologist brought samples of every kind of pelt from Mississippi wildlife, along with a live alligator and a rat snake. The boys loved the snake and alligator.

Richtavious was chosen as the group leader for one of the cabins by his peers.

DeChond is the son of Palara Channel. Richtavious is the grandson of Shirley Copeland.

Meeting Every  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday  
6:00 PM



**NORTHEAST**  
MISSISSIPPI COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
Health & Nutrition Center  
600-A N. 2<sup>nd</sup> Steet



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for a complete  
calendar of events.



**Thursday Night**  
**April 25, 2024 at**  
**6:00 PM meeting**

Invite a friend! If you haven't been able to come to meetings in a while, please bring a dish and join us!

**PRESIDENT: LION KATHY LAMB**  
GLOBAL ACTION TEAM CHAIRPERSON

**1<sup>st</sup> VICE PRESIDENT: LION MARTHA GRAY**  
GLOBAL SERVICE CO-CHAIRPERSON.

**2<sup>nd</sup> VICE PRESIDENT: LION BRANDON PALMER**

**LION JIM LAMB**  
TAILTWISTER, LION TAMER,  
LCIF CHAIRPERSON

**SECRETARY LION. SHELLEY GREER**

**TREASURER LION RUSS LAMB**  
GLOBAL LEADERSHIP CHAIRMAN

**LEO ADVISOR ANGELIQUE JUMPER**

**LION TONI STOOP**  
GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSON.

**LION VENESHIA GILLESPIE**  
MARKETING COMMUNICATIONS CHAIRPERSON.

**LION SAM GRAY**  
GLOBAL SERVICE CO-CHAIRPERSON

**ASST. LEO ADVISOR ERIN MATTOX**



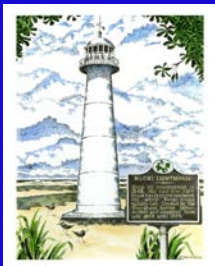
The Booneville Lions Club wants to thank the Coca-Cola Company of Corinth, MS for their donation for the Festival on April 6, 2024!



Thanks PCC Tommy Ragan for giving out Lions merchandise at the Hospitality Arts Festival



District 30M Pins \$10.00



STATE CONVENTION April 29-30, 2024 Biloxi, MS



## A Message from Club President Lion Kathy Lamb



**REACH OUT!**

I don't know whether our April showers brought May flowers or not, but May is just around the corner and that means Mississippi is about to experience summer! The Lion year begins on July 1<sup>st</sup> each year and poof...we are almost there for 2024. But WAIT! Don't go...there are two full months left to create Lions Magic!

NOW is a great time to invite new community members to become involved in Lions. New officers are installed in June. New committees form. Brainstorming new ways to serve our community can always use new folks with

new ideas! New projects!

At the same time, if there are members of our club that haven't been able to attend meetings lately, reach out to them. Let them know they are missed. See if there's anything they need. Keep them up to date on what's going on.

I think inviting new folks to become members is important but keeping the ones we have is important, too. Don't judge a person's loyalty by how many meetings he attends. Help find alternate ways for her to serve. We never know

what's going on in a person's life. If YOU sponsored a member who hasn't been to events lately, remember the pledge you took as a sponsor. Make contact and help this Lion stay connected.

Would I like to have 100% attendance at club meetings? Absolutely! Would I like to see everyone there when we conduct a fundraiser or service project? You bet!

There is nothing more powerful than knowing you are valued. Give that gift away freely. Watch our attendance grow even more. We need each other.

## BOONEVILLE LIONS ADOPT TOFFEE



The Booneville Lions Club donated \$500 to Leader Dogs for the Blind to symbolically adopt Toffee. She is a golden retriever and one of more than 400 puppies being raised right now across the U.S. to become the eyes and companion of someone who is blind. She will spend a year training with her puppy raiser and learn to be the best puppy she can be. Once Toffee reaches adulthood, she will come back to Leader Dogs for the Blind for four to six months of formal training.

When you sponsor a puppy, your generous action makes it possible to pair an incredible dog like her with a person who is blind at no cost to them.



**LEADER DOGS**  
FOR THE BLIND

TO DONATE ANY AMOUNT  
[www.leaderdog.org](http://www.leaderdog.org)



# Hospitality ARTS FESTIVAL



The Booneville Lions Club sold hot dogs, chips, and drinks along with cotton candy to raise funds for our three Lions All-State Band participants. The band will be traveling to Melbourne, Australia to perform in the Parade of Nations international competition in June, 2024.



The following slate of officers was nominated for 2024-2025 and presented at the March 28, 2024, meeting. There were no additional nominations from the floor.



- President: Lion Martha Gray
- 1<sup>st</sup> VP: Lion Galen Greer
- 2<sup>nd</sup> VP: Lion Angelique Jumper
- Secretary: Lion Shelley Greer
- Treasurer: Lion Brandon Palmer
- Tailtwister: Lion Jim Lamb
- LCIF: Lion Jim Lamb

Lion Tamer: Nick Davis

Marketing: Lion Kathy Lamb

GST: Lion Sam Gray (Service)

GLT: Lion Toni Stoop (Leadership)

GMT: Lion Russ Lamb (Membership)

Board Director: Veneshia Gillespie



## DeChond Bell Booneville Youth of the Year Boys & Girls Club of North Mississippi



DeChond Bell was chosen as the Booneville Youth of the Year for the Boys & Girls Club. The students each wrote three essays and made a speech before a panel of judges. Multiple factors such as leadership, exemplary behavior and grades were considered when choosing the 2024 Youth of the Year.

On March 20-22, 2024, DeChond and the youth winners from Baldwyn and Corinth went to Washington, D.C. accompanied by Degratious (Dee) Jenkins, CEO of Boys & Girls Clubs of Northeast Mississippi. Lion Dee had previously lived in D.C. while working at the Pentagon and took the three students to every point of interest---the Smithsonian, the capitol, White House, and the National Monuments to name just a few.

DeChond is the president of the Booneville Leo Club and the son of Palara Channel.

Leo DeChond Bell & Lion Dee Jenkins





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THURSDAYS  
AT 6:00 PM  
AT**



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## FOUR BOONEVILLE LIONS ATTEND TRAINING



**TENNESSEE  
LIONS LEADERSHIP  
INSTITUTE**

Booneville Lions attended the 2024 Tennessee Lions Leadership Institute (TLLI) April 11-14, 2024 in Lebanon, TN. Pictured L to R: Lion Shelley Greer (Secretary), Lion Martha Gray (incoming President for 2024-2025), PID Chuck Bailey (TLLI Coordinator), Lion Kathy Lamb (President) and Lion Russ Lamb (Treasurer). The training was designed for Lions who wish to pursue leadership roles within their Lions communities where they could learn about club operations, opportunities, resources available to clubs, and could gain both valuable leadership skills with a deeper understanding of how to better serve clubs. The Booneville Lions Club will be off to a great start for the new year July 1, 2024!

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