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PO Box 1264
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Meeting Every
2nd & 4th Thursday
6:00 PM
El Veracruz Restaurant

EVENTS COMING UP

SAVE THE DATE
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2022

**BOONEVILLE
FALL FESTIVAL
2022**

**October 22
Meet at 4:30 at**



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**Birthdays
This Month**

**September 10
Jackie Robinson**



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Back to School Block Party Debuts Cotton Candy

Booneville Main Street Association has done it again! In fact, the 2022 Back to School Block Party was bigger and better than last year! It all started at the Triangle with outdoor games for the kids, live music, school supply give-a-way, FREE food and ice cream for the first 300 guests AND FREE cotton candy provided by the Booneville Lions Club Foundation, Inc. It was the first time we have used our new Carnival King cotton candy machine and it was quite the hit for children and adults alike.

We had a great turn-out of members of our Lions Club who took turns spinning sugar. The kids saying "thank you" was sweeter than the cotton candy. The downtown area was jam packed with volunteer organizations providing services to the community. There were guests there way before the 6:00 pm opening time! There were folks as far as you could see! What a tremendous way to support our students in the city and county and provide a free family night. What an amazing opportunity for us all to work together as one giant team to reach a mutual goal.

The new International Lions Club President, Brian E. Sheehan chose for the 2022-2023 theme "TOGETHER WE CAN DO MORE". President Sheehan's message for Lions around the world is to embrace teamwork and a passion for innovation in order to create solutions to today's challenges.

"Each of us can do much good on our own but together we can make the impossible, possible" said Sheehan. "And together we can make our communities—and the world—a better place for all people."

The community working together to make the Back to School Block Party a huge success is a small example of what we can accomplish here in Booneville with teamwork. The Booneville Main Street Association under the leadership of Lori Tucker is creating new opportunities in our community daily. Strong communities have a significant sense of purpose. The Booneville Lions Club shares a sense of camaraderie and kinship. There's a place and a role for each person and we need YOU!

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Back to School Block Party



A message from Club President Lion Kathy Lamb

Working as a team turns work into fun!

CALLING ALL LIONS!

Our Lions Club is a team! We know from experience that effective teams are able to accomplish more than individuals could alone. The more diverse that team is, the more innovative, effective solutions to a problem. That's why we are always looking for new members!

Experience has also taught us that when Lions team members work together to achieve specific goals, there is often a greater sense of fun and accomplishment.

This concept can't be demonstrated in a better way than our annual soapbox derby races. This project takes hours and hours over months to secure funding

through ads/donations. As most of you know, this is our major fundraiser that provides the money for a large portion of our charitable donations.

The soapbox derby takes a lot of manual labor to set up the equipment and racetrack. The race itself requires many folks to get the racers registered, assembled with helmets and up to the cars start positions. It takes a team to accomplish such a huge undertaking, but the day isn't just work...it's lots of fun, too. The soapbox derby races are punctuated with laughter and excitement!

The Lions Club is adding the service of vision screenings for children six months to 18 years old and a stand to sell cotton candy. We probably will be covered in sugar floss by the conclusion of the Fall Festival around 3:00 pm but we'll meet a lot of cute kids and parents.

Giving back to the community is a wonderful opportunity for our club. Being able to do this work with good friends is a bonus.

The Saturday after the Fall Festival, October 22, 2022 the club is motoring to Hagy's Catfish Hotel for a family night of fellowship courtesy of our club!

LCIF Grant Approved for Vision Screeners

Good news arrived via email on September 1, 2022. The notification to the Lions District 30M District Governor Billy Joe Webb that the grant application was approved! This is the grant we applied for in May of this year for two PlusOptix vision screening machines for our club and one for the Hernando Lions Club.

After many weeks of filing paperwork and following up with revisions at the request of the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), we submitted the final data in mid-July for the August LCIF Board meeting.

Each of the Lions Clubs were responsible for raising the matching funds and proving that the money was on hand with bank statements. Following several pages of contracts and directions to receive the grant funds, we will receive a direct transfer to the District Treasurer who will then send it to our account to place the order.

On the date of the announcement by LCIF of the grant recipients, the CEO of PlusOptix emailed his congratulations. He and grant writer Lion Russ Lamb exchanged several emails confirming the orders and getting into the queue for machines to be shipped.

Unfortunately, the PlusOptix CEO Rene Regnat informed me that their production, like so many others dependent on computer chips, was at the mercy of the global computer chip shortage. The machines are complete and sitting on the shelf awaiting the arrival of the computer chips that allow the vision screener to do its magic.

At this time, his best estimate for getting the units shipped for our club will be toward the end of the year.

We have raised \$10,000 to provide for our matching funds and some additional equipment should we decide to print out a full page report rather than the small stickers with the diagnostic codes.

Lion Russ Lamb voted Banner Independent Male Volunteer of the Year 2022!



As you receive this newsletter, we are wrapping up our Soap Box Derby ad sales/donations campaign. Our goal for 2022 was \$8,000 and as this is being written, we are almost there! Please follow-up with any potential donors and send any new \$150 donors to Lion Russ ASAP so he can design and have signs printed! Thanks to all who have worked to reach our goal which represents charitable donations our club can now make to our community.

Blue Polo Shirt with White Embroidered Logo \$20

Shirts are purchased from Academy Sports and are 100% polyester with moisture wicking technology. 3 button collar with UPF protection against the sun. Machine wash cold and dry with low setting. Available in men's small to 3X. Deadline for ordering is our October 13th Lions Club meeting. Embroidery by Print Villains in Booneville.



MANNY GENO TO WORK ON STEERING OF DERBY CARS



GRACE YP&E MEET THE SCHOLARS

The Third Annual Grace YP & E Scholar Awards Banquet was held August 13, 2022 at Spring Hill M.B. Church Activities Center in Booneville. A group of nine Booneville Lions provided support in many roles for the evening's festivities.

set up tables and chairs. The night of the event, Lions greeted the guests and took tickets, sold raffle tickets for Grace YP & E, helped guests find their tables, and then enjoyed a night of live music and speakers.

Northeast Mississippi Community College Coach Brenda Mayes, and Blue Mountain College Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Kobe Christian.

This year there were eight college bound scholars honored at the banquet.

Addressing the awardees, speakers included Dr. Catherine Miney, DDS,

Lions came the night before to help

The Soap Box cars have a unique steering system. Instead of a steering wheel they have bicycle handlebars. The range is very limited to prevent the possibility of rolling the car with a sharp turn. However, some of our little drivers are pretty strong and have managed to twist the handlebars out of alignment, so it's up to Manny to cure it. He's doing some precise welding on the steering to prevent the misalignment.

THANK YOU, MANNY!

BLUE EMBROIDERED POLO SHIRTS FOR SALE



Green Tea donated to Tiger D.E.N. food pantry on Northeast campus. The green tea was donated to Lions by Tractor Supply.



WE NEED YOU!

Brian E. Sheehan, 2022-2023 International President of the Lions Club International has chosen TOGETHER WE CAN as the theme for the coming year.

YOU ARE NEEDED FOR MANY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES!

Together we can...and together we will!

FAMILY NIGHT AT HAGY'S CATFISH HOTEL

OCTOBER 22ND

Back in the 60's, the Lions Club had family nights at Hagy's Catfish Hotel. It was paid for by the club for members and their spouses.

We decided to continue the tradition to celebrate the completion of the Fall Festival project. This is to be October 22, 2022 and we'll meet at Hagy's at 4:30. Dinner is FREE and you may invite a significant other. Looking forward to a fun night! Please RSVP by September 19th.



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