

Lion Tracks



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August Meeting

August 27: Club Meeting – Lakewood Shores Pavilion – 6:00 p.m.

The meal at this meeting will be Sub Sandwiches from AuSable Market along with salads, chips and desserts provided by members. Bring your own beverages. There is no charge for this meal, but you do need to let Lion Von know what kind of sandwich you would like. Your choices include: 1. Ham/Turkey, Roast Beef with Cheddar. 2 Turkey with Provolone, 3. Italian – Ham, Salami, Pepperoni with Provolone, or 4. Turkey, Pepperoni, Salami with Swiss. Lion Von needs your sandwich choice by August 20. Fixings and condiments will be on the side (lettuce, mayo, yellow peppers, onions, mustard, Italian dressing, chipotle). We are still in need of two salads.

Contact Lion Von to order your sandwich: 989-254-2902 or email: vmallak76@gmail.com.
RSVP your attendance to Lion Connie if you haven't already done so: 989-739-4459 or email: pappaeddie@charter.net.

Following a short meeting we will have a service project to sort the collected eyeglasses and get them ready to be sent on for donation.

Often when we are selling tickets, people will ask about locations of eyeglass collection boxes. Following is a list of box locations:

Oscoda

Oscoda AuSable Senior Center
Alpena Alcona Federal Credit Union
Northland Area Federal Credit Union
Oscoda Optical
Floyd's Barber Shop
Resolve by Hope Shores
Oscoda Library
Methodist Church

Tawas Area

Huron Community Bank 410 E. Lake Street
Huron Community Bank 312 Newman Street
New Vision Eye Care 1204 E. Huron Rd. (US 23)
Chadwick Optometrist 325 M 55
Tawas Senior Center 312 Newman Street
Hear USA – 110 Beech St. Suite C

September Meetings

September 3: Executive Board Meeting – Oscoda United Methodist Church at 6:30

September Club Meetings: The club will return to two regular meetings on the second and fourth Thursdays, September 10th and September 23rd. These dinner meetings will be held at the Methodist church and begin at 6:00 p.m.



Tail Twister Assignment for August

Our goal for August is to help support the Food Pantry at the Oscoda United Methodist Church which distributes food and household supplies every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from noon to 2:00 p.m. Donations may be unexpired food and canned goods as well as toiletry items and basic personal supplies. Facial tissue, paper towels, napkins, and toilet paper are good items. Combs, shaving supplies, shampoo, and bar soap are also good items. Can openers are always needed. Dish cloths and dish towels are good. Just think of items you use daily. Since the Administrative Fund is supporting meal costs for our summer meals, we can divert more to this worthy project. Another option is to present cash or a check to this project.

Those Lions not supporting the project will be assessed the usual \$1.00 fine.

Lion Wayne, Tail Twister

Paul Bunyan "Five K" Raffle Update

Our annual fundraiser is well underway and will conclude at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 19th at the Paul Bunyan Festival at Furtaw Field. Community business partners and individuals have given sponsorships, and Lion members have checked out lots of tickets. The Canoe Marathon sellers sold 524 tickets, \$2,282, the most ever at that event. There was a great sale at the Farmers Market with another one planned for this week. There were over-the-counter sales at Neiman's Market on Friday, August 7th and Family Fare on Saturday, August 8th (\$1,600 combined sales) with the next planned sales at Neiman's Market on Thursday, August 20th and Friday, August 21st. Over-the-counter sales will conclude at Family Fare on Friday and Saturday, September 11th and 12th. Any remaining tickets will be sold at the Paul Bunyan Festival on September 18th and 19th. Lion Chuck will provide an update at the club meeting on August 27th and will need Lions to sign up to staff the September sales. The goal is to sell all 3,000 tickets.

The Ramp Crew Remains Busy

The Oscoda Lions Club ramp crew was back at work on August 5th helping a local resident with his accessibility needs. The resident had a stroke, and his family was struggling to get him in and out of his home.

The crew of Lions Tony Priebe, John Novak, Scott Busich and Chuck Andrina got an early start due to a questionable weather forecast for the day. While rain showers moved through the area a few times, the crew was able to get the job done. The project consisted of two platforms and two ramps of 8' and 24'.

The homeowners and their family were very pleased with the completed ramps and were excited to get out and try it as soon as it was done. They were very grateful for how much easier it made entering and exiting the home. The homeowner paid for the materials, \$1,022.



River Road Clean-Up #3

The last River Road clean-up for the season is scheduled for Thursday, September 17th. Lion volunteers will meet at 6:00 at the OHS parking lot where Lion Tony will give assignments and provide trash bags. Few Lions have been showing up to help. Lots of picker-uppers make for a fast and efficient job and put the beauty back in the byway. Mark your calendar and plan to help.

Blood Drive
Tuesday, September 29, 2026 – Noon – 5:45
Oscoda United Methodist Church
Donors should make appointments at www.redcrossblood.org
Lion volunteers will be needed to set up at 10:30 and to disassemble and pack up at 6:15.



Fall Arts and Craft Show

The 25th annual Lions Club Fall Arts and Crafts Show will be held on October 3, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at a new location, the Mary Reitler Community Center, the new community building on the Oscoda Area Schools property. This building has room for all the crafters to be in one large room. Lunch will be available. We will once again partner with Iosco Humane Society and ask people to bring donations to drop at their space. Pet adoptions will be available. Many Lions will be needed to help make this years' craft fair a success. More information and sign-up sheets will be forthcoming at Lions Club meetings.

<<<<<<< Board Business >>>>>>>

With regret, the board has dropped Sean Clarke and Eric Szymanski from club membership.

With regret, the board has accepted the resignations of Bill and Eileen Palmer, Rick and Lisa Stanley, and Matthew and Kristine Handy.

The executive board approved the purchase of Melvin Jones Memorial Plaques to honor Newana Visser and Jane Meyer. The plaques will be sent to their relatives.

The Blood Bank held at the American Legion on July 28th had difficulty servicing all donors because of a late arriving computer. Blood donors were not serviced until 2:30. Despite the setback, 30 units of blood were collected.

A ramp request was received from DG Gocha for someone in West Branch. The board decided that the club could offer help with the cost of construction materials, but the ramp crew would not travel to West Branch.



August 12: Patial Solar Eclipse in the northern U.S, or you could travel to Greenland, Iceland, or Spain to experience the total eclipse.

August 20-21: PB Raffle ticket Sales – Neiman's Market

August 27: Club Meeting – Lakewood Shores Pavilion – 6:00 p.m.



September 3: Executive Board Meeting – Methodist Church – 6:30. P.M.

September 3-5: U.S. Canada Lions Leadership Forum – Memphis, TN



September 7:

September 10: Club Meeting – Methodist Church – 6:00 p.m.

September 11-12: PB Raffle Ticket Sales – Family Fare

September 17: River Road Clean-Up #3 – OHS Parking Lot – 6:00 p.m.

September 18-19-20: Paul Bunyan Fest – Furtaw Field

September 19: Lions Club “Five K” Raffle Drawing – 5:00 p.m. - Furtaw Field

September 22: Autumnal Equinox

September 24: Club Meeting – Methodist Church – 6:00 p.m.

September 29: Blood Drive – Methodist Church – Noon – 5:45