



District 11-E1, District Governor Lion John Monahan
“Together We Serve” **November Newsletter 2011**



District Governor John & Carolyn Monahan

Fellow Lions,

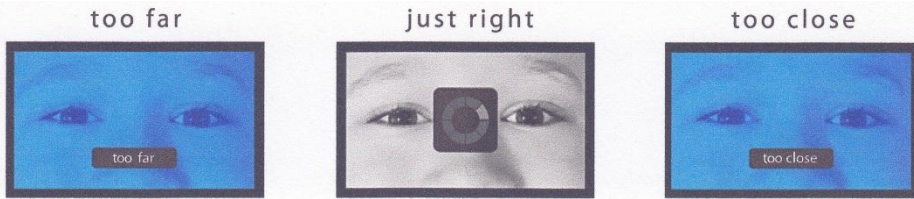
All of you who have participated in a KidSight screening, know how important those screenings are to insure that children who have vision problems are identified and referred to eye doctors. Often children with vision problems do not know that they have problems because the way they see now is the way they have always seen. Only through screening can these problems be detected and referred to an eye doctor. For example, children whose eyes don't line up properly can lose their 3D vision for good if they are not diagnosed and treated before age five. Also, children who cannot focus on both the blackboard and their desks at school will find it hard to learn. Both of these kinds of problems can be detected through KidSight screening. Once the problems are detected, parents need to take the child to the eye doctor to treat the problem. KidSight Central Office follows up for children who need treatment and monitors whether they get it. Local Lions Clubs can help with money for parents who cannot afford treatment for their children. To me, this seems like the essence of Lionism, saving sight and helping children. What could be better? I hope you and your club will continue to support KidSight with screenings in your area and contributions to the District Sight and Hearing Fund.

Our KidSight cameras have finally arrived. They are easy to use to screen both children and adults. We are still working on integrating the cameras, computers, and printers and developing a complete instruction manual so that many lions will be able to easily screen children's vision. No experts required. All systems should be up and running next week. Screening requires a number of forms for the children and for KidSight Central Office as well as ink for the printers. We will also need to buy insurance for the cameras and to save some money for their eventual replacement. So please include contributions to the District Sight and Hearing Fund to meet those needs in your club's gifts this year.

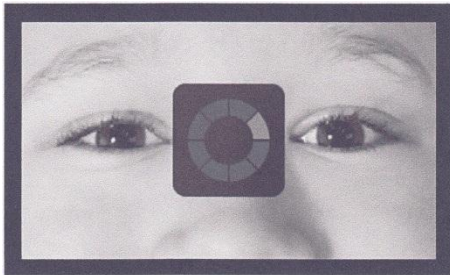
One of the things that I promised the Lions Clubs International Foundation when I asked for the money to buy the cameras was that we would screen 3,500 children, ages 1 to 5 years old, and this year. To accomplish that, almost every club will need to schedule KidSight screenings. I hope we will be able to keep all three cameras doing screenings more than once a week. In order for your club to get started with a screening, you need to call PCC Lion Janalee McClure (213-689-1321 or janalee@riverview.net) to get a session number and find out how to set up your screening. If your club is in Lake, Oceana, or Newaygo County, schedule your camera through Lion Janalee. If your club is in Isabella, Midland, or Clare County, schedule your camera through me, DG Lion John, (989-772-1852 or john.monahan@cmich.edu). If your club is in Montcalm, Mecosta, or Osceola County,

call either Lion Janalee or me. If your club is in Leelanau, Grand Traverse, Benzie, Manistee, or Wexford County, call PDG Lion Dan Gibbons (231-889-4870 or dgibbons4870@charter.net).

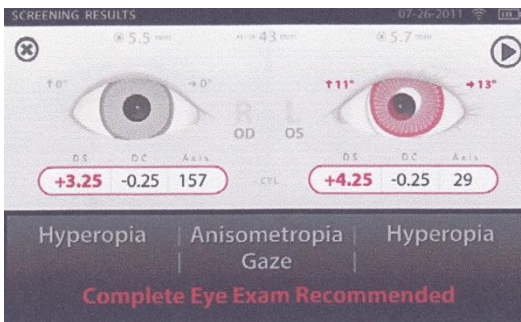
To use the camera, look through the screen and line up the eyes. You will see one of 3 pictures:



Adjust your distance from too far or too near to just right. Then you will see a gray screen with the child's eyes and a squarish figure with a segmented circle inside located between the eyes. One segment of the circle will be lighter than the others. If you are at the right distance and steady, the lighter segment will rotate around the circle.



After about a second of holding still, the screening will be complete and you will see a recommendation for the child:



This one says the child cannot focus up close, hyperopia, and may have difficulty seeing in 3D, anisometropia gaze. The recommendation is for a complete eye exam, by an eye doctor, optometrist or ophthalmologist. From there you press the screen and print the outcome of the screening so that the parent can know immediately. Then complete some paper work and on to the next child. I hope you will have a chance to screen some children yourself. It's fun and very rewarding.

Yours in Lionism and KidSight,

John Monahan
DG

Please note phone number & e-mail address correction for Jerry Nickles,

President of Big Rapids Lions: Phone: 231-796-2985, e-mail: nicklesje@aol.com



1st Vice District Governor Lion Bill & Vickie Simpson

Club Visitations

When was the last time you visited another club? When I was a younger Lion we had a club visitation committee. Every 6 to 8 weeks we hopped in the car (3 or 4 of us) and set off to explore the workings of one of our sister clubs. It took a little bit of time, but the rewards were worth the effort. We found out there were other active Lion's clubs out there and we got the opportunity to meet Lions with goals and aspirations similar to our own.

No two Lions Clubs are the same and it continues to amaze me every time I make a club visitation. Some are very structured - they follow the agenda from top to bottom with no exceptions or additions. Others are very flexible and conversation can easily change the order of business and length of the meeting. What is yours like?

The important aspect of visiting and learning about your many sister clubs is to meet fellow Lions and learn about their projects. This will help you and your club to grow and expand service to your community.

Happy Thanksgiving to you and your family.

Lion Bill
1st VDG





2nd Vice District Governor Lion Tim & Chris Anderson

Greetings Fellow Lions,

My daughter just brought home her first report card for the year and as I was looking it over I began to think how important education is and how what we learn can shape our lives. This year we've been stressing and pushing education for our district as well, holding training sessions at the District, Zone and Club levels to inform and hopefully better educate the lions who hold those positions.

Any business, club or organization is only as good as those that lead it and proper knowledge of the responsibilities of the position you're in, is the key to being an effective leader. We've had a pretty good response and turnout for these training sessions and it is a program the district will continue in the years to come for new and upcoming officers. Look for it to start over again in the spring for the new incoming officers for next year!

The new GLT program lead in our District by PDG Dick Perrin who is in charge of seeing to it that the lions of 11-E1 learn what they need to know to help their clubs succeed. Lions also offer other forms of education such as Higgins Lake "Lions Leadership Institute" which is taking place this month and Oakbrook a "Senior Lions Leadership Institute" which is being held by Lions International in Oakbrook Illinois also this month.

I attended Higgins Lake last year and would highly recommend it to any lion. It doesn't matter whether you plan on moving up within your club or the district one day or not it's just a great way to gain a better understanding of Lions and it also teaches you skills on management which will help you become a more effective team leader. If you haven't already attended you might want to think about it for next year.

This year I'm busily getting ready to attend Oakbrook, 100 lions from all over America, Canada, and the Bahamas will be coming together to share ideas and expand on what we have already learned from attending the Leadership Institutes in our own areas. This training will be more advanced they even have us doing team prep work with the groups we will be in prior to the training even beginning.

I look forward to the knowledge and experience I will gain from this course and the ideas it will give me to help me become a better more effective leader. Knowing and doing are to very separate things and with the proper training and guidance you can learn to accomplish what you know needs to be done. If you have a question about your position in lions or would like to be included in one of our future district training sessions please let me know, we would be glad to have you!

Thanks yours in Lionism,
Tim Anderson 2nd VDG
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Nomination Procedures

Lions who wish to run for a district office (Governor, 1st VDG, 2nd VDG or Lions of Michigan Foundation Trustee) are reminded to send in their intent letters by **Monday, January 30, 2012.** The letter should come from the club's secretary, signed by the club president indicating the club's support and sent to the persons indicated below. If you have any questions, please contact the Nominations Chair who is listed below.

Nomination Procedures:

Any qualified member of a club in the district seeking the office of District Governor, 1st Vice-District or 2nd Vice-District Governor shall file his/her intention to so run in writing with the (1) Nominating Committee at least sixty (60) days prior to the opening session (**March 30, 2012**) of the District Convention, with copies to the (2) Cabinet Secretary and (3) Multiple District Executive Secretary and furnish evidence of his/her compliance with the qualifications for said office set out in the International Constitution and By-Laws. The Nominating Committee shall place in nomination at the district convention the name(s) of all candidate(s) so qualified. If none are so received and/or so qualified, then, but then only, nominations for the office may be made from the floor. A candidate shall be allowed one nominating speech of no more than five (5) minutes duration, and one seconding speech of no more than three (3) minutes duration.

Nominations for the office of Trustee of the Foundation shall be written and shall be certified by the President or Secretary of the Nominee's Lions Club as being the act of a majority of the members of the Club, and shall be filed with the District Nominations Committee Chairperson not less than (60) days prior to the convening date of the District Convention (**March 30, 2012**). The procedure and rules for nominating and electing a trustee of the foundation shall be the same as for District officers, which are indicated in Article 1 of these By-Laws.

Lion Dick Perrin, PDG
Nominations Chair
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Credentials Information

District convention is being planned. Credential forms will be in the January newsletter and should be turned in by February 29, 2012 to Lion Gayle Morlock, Chairperson.

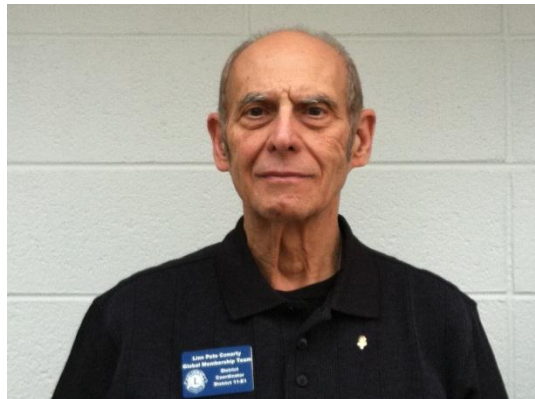
The number of club delegates will be one (1) for every ten (10) members of major fraction thereof. The club membership number is determined by the count as of February 1, 2011.

Remind your delegates that they must register and be certified before lunch on Saturday, March 31, 2012. If a delegate is not certified before lunch, that delegate will not be allowed to vote.

Any questions please contact Lion Gayle Morlock at 231-734-5200 (H) or email landg@netonecom.net

Lion Gayle Morlock, Chair
Credentials Committee

NEW WAVE – GMT



The new wave - I phones, I pads, Blackberries, high powered computers and programs are wonderful changes to the technological world. They improve our quality of life and speed up our communications. We desire to possess them but some of us are concerned about how to best use them.

In the Lions world new programs such as GMT or GLT sound technical and we are skeptical of how effective they can be and how to go about implementing these services. MERLO is out and this new high tech GMT/GLT - Global Membership Team/Global Leadership Team, is in. The purpose of these programs is to aid Lions in developing membership and leadership in their clubs.

We have been browbeaten about membership for over 20 years. Every few years LCI comes out with a new approach to solve these problems in trying to keep Lionism alive. Yes! To keep Lions Clubs alive. Lions International has had four straight years of membership growth. The picture, however, is skewed to the Far East – China, India, etc. Lion's membership in the U.S. and especially in Michigan is falling rapidly. Last year, Michigan Lions membership was down 435 Lions from the previous July 1, 2010. District 11 E1 was down 21 members. It may not seem like many until you examine statistics for the last 10 years and realize that we have been losing on the average of 20 members a year. In the last 10 years, our membership has gone from 1535

to 1317 and is continuing to fall. The Michigan Lions Council of Governors is considering reducing our 10 Michigan Districts to 6 or 8 because of a loss of membership. In District 11 E1, we have lost 4 clubs since 1983 and only developed one new club in that time frame. We are in danger of losing several more this year.

The average age of a Michigan Lion is in the 50's. However, each year, at our Lions Memorial Service we honor 25-35 deceased Lions. They do not replace themselves. We are getting older; we are losing members, and clubs. When this happens we lose our ability to meet the goal of our founder, Melvin Jones, TO SERVE.

This new program GMT/GLT must be embraced by all Lions to make it work.

Let's Get Started:

1. Lead the way in developing new leadership in your club for the local and District level. The future of Lionism and service to our communities is vital.
2. Membership is KEY! High profile your Membership Chair. Have a membership report at every meeting. The key to new membership is "Just Ask." Utilize the resources of your new GMT District Coordinator, if you need help.
3. Set a minimum goal of + 1 member over your starting membership of July 1, 2011. (More is great!)
4. Retention: We are losing Lion members!! Make meetings fun and interesting. We need to use the talents of ALL our members.
BURNOUT is our worse enemy. We need to take control of the situation.
5. Reorganize your club. Don't always do everything the same way (Variety brings new ideas.) Change club leaders on a regular basis to bring in new ideas and develop club leadership.
6. LIONS – Lively individuals offering needed services to their communities. What is a community without a Lions Club to serve it???

The Global Membership and the Global Leadership Teams District Coordinators are here to serve you. Use their talents and resources. Let's make the District GROW.

Lion Pete Conarty, Global Membership Team District Coordinator

Hearing Aid Assistance

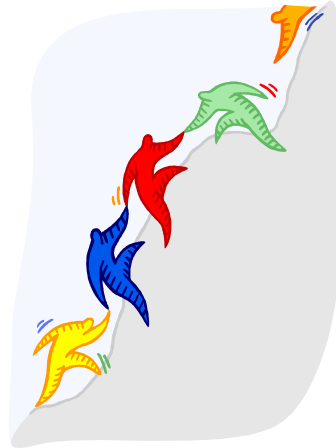
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Please send all information to: Lion Gayle Morlock, 9357 95th Ave., Evart, MI 49631, 231-734-5200 (H)

E-mail: landg@netonecom.net Lion Gayle Morlock, Chair

Coleman Lions Club



Welcome Lion

VDG Lion Bill Simpson and Vickie made their official visit to Coleman on November 7. The VDG brought us up to date on what's happening in Lions globally. He spoke about the importance of families and youth, and encouraged us to find our signature project and grow. He presented a special pin to new member Janet Haggert, who was inducted into the Coleman Lions Club that night. Janet is a former member of Coleman Lioness Club. She is a retired Coleman School employee who now works part time for Boy Scouts of America. Coleman Lions Club, with 13 STAR Leo Club members cleaned up 3 miles on US 10 during October. 35 bags of trash were collected over the two day clean up. Lions provided pizza and pop for Leo Club workers. On October 31, we held our annual Halloween Party in the park pavilion. Area businesses helped by providing 14 gallons of cider, two large bags of popping corn and over \$200 cash. STAR Leo members were in charge of games, which included a cake walk, fishing, sucker tree, and ring toss, to name a few. Lions provided hot chocolate, coffee, hot and cold cider and popcorn. The favorite spot at the party was our "money pit", where \$100 in change was tossed into the sawdust for children to find! We also are known for our "Witches Call," where kids were encouraged to sign up for a chance to win \$5 if home by 9 P.M. when the "witch" made calls to five homes. An estimated 300-500 people attended the party.

Secretaries, Please take note of the following.....

Michelle Fields, Lions of Michigan State Editor

I would like to thank the committees for supporting the plan to change the magazine layout. From what I have heard, people like the fact there are more articles and timely information. The new format allowed us save a little money too. Printing was over \$1,000 before the change. The last issue cost about \$820. There are two reasons for this. One is fewer pages being printed. The other is fewer copies printed which will be explained next. I have changed the way labels are prepared in the state office. There is a column in the data I download from Lions International's website labeled "Valid Address." I removed all of the addresses marked "invalid." As a result, fewer magazines were printed and mailed. It's not prudent to send magazines that are going to be returned because the Post Office charges a 50¢ fee for each piece that is "undeliverable as addressed." If someone isn't receiving their magazine, please tell them to check with their Club Secretary.

If LCI has an incorrect address, the Club Secretary needs to correct it. They may also contact LCI's Membership and Statistics Department at 630-571-5466 to report the change. I have attached the list of

addresses which were marked as non-valid in LCI's database. Please look it over and contact club secretaries who need to update information.

Lions touch lives in the communities they serve. They make the world better for those around them. Clubs need to raise awareness of the good things they do by sharing their stories. Feeling good about making a difference is contagious and uplifting. It gets people excited about what's happening; but if no one takes a picture or writes a story - nothing happens. Clubs should take the initiative and spread the word about what they are doing and why they are doing it. A picture with a caption doesn't explain why you are holding a spaghetti dinner. It doesn't tug at the heart strings. It doesn't get people excited about getting involved. Lionism is a rewarding experience, and members should be proud of the work they do. They go about their business without expecting to be recognized, but it's time to change that way of thinking. It's time to blow your horn and spread the excitement and good feelings that Lionism offers to its members.

The magazine is also looking for human interest stories. Please see pages two and three of September/October issue of the Lion Pride for good examples. Please have them sent directly to me at mfields@lionsofmi.com. The office is trying to collect as many as possible for use in future issues.

I would like to thank you for your time and feedback on the changes. Please feel free to call with any questions or concerns you may have about the Lion Pride Magazine at 517-887-6640 ext. 10 or email mfields@lionsofmi.com.

Michelle Fields
Lion Pride Magazine

Cadillac Lions Club



Pictured: Lions Christina, Lion Grant, Cub Rachael, and VDG Lion Tim Anderson

Cadillac Lions welcomes new member

On October 18th Grant Harper turned 18 years old but instead of going out with his friends to celebrate his becoming an adult Grant made a different request he wanted to be sworn in as a Lion! It so happened that night was also the Cadillac Lions schedule meeting night and after 8 years of helping the club, helping his parents Lions Christina and Tim Anderson with every event and fundraiser the Cadillac Club has had Grant got his birthday wish.

In front of a group of people that Grant has known for almost half his life he stood with his proud mom as his dad VDG Tim swore him in. After the ceremony was completed with a smile on his face and his new lions club member pin on his shirt the entire Cadillac Club came up one by one to shake his hand and officially welcome in as a fellow lion. In true Lions fashion at the clubs next meeting two weeks later Lion Grant was asked if he would mind filling in for our absent Tail Twister and before the meeting was over he had been nominated and unanimously voted in as the clubs new Tail Twister. Welcome to Lions Grant Harper!

Fremont Lions Club

King Lion Ron Gibson presented our Oct. 17 Special Guest, Jane Drake, a club pin after her presentation on VITA, Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program in Newaygo County.



The official check presentation to our friends at Yahaba, Japan will be: **Monday, Oct. 31, 2011.** The presentation will take place during the official “Welcome Assembly” at **Fremont Middle School** beginning at **8:15 am.** The assembly is scheduled to last an hour. Our presentation is near the middle of the assembly. We would like to have a great turn-out of Fremont Lions when the check is presented to the City Official at the assembly. The people of Yahaba are bringing a “Video of Thanks” sharing pictures of the devastation that took place and the clean-up efforts that are yet in place today. We will give the check either prior to or immediately following the video.

Please find time to don your *Lions Vest* and come help us share in the presentation celebration of our Lions Check. For the record: Fremont Lions have contributed \$500 to the LCI Foundation Japan earthquake disaster relief fund. We are also contributing another \$872.06 directly to the Yahaba Lions Club for them to support the relief program in their city.



Fremont Leo's



FREMONT PACKER LEO CLUB

CLEANS UP STREAM by Lion Laurene Homsher

Seven members of the Fremont Packer Leo Club rolled up their sleeves and donned gloves and boots on Friday, October 7 to participate in the annual Fall Adopt-A-Stream Program alongside advisor Lion Laurene Homsher. The temperatures were in the mid 70's which made it perfect weather to clean the stream from Oak Street south to Fremont Lake. Leos worked intensely for nearly 45 minutes trying to pry a bus-sized tire from the stream by use of a steel post, also found in the stream. They located a matching tire a few yards farther to the south in the stream and retrieved it after 30 minutes of concentration and collaborative effort. They collected four bags of trash that were scattered in and around the Skate Park and surrounding creek banks, the lowest amount since working on this project since 2007. The next scheduled Adopt-A-Stream Clean-up is scheduled for Earth Day April 24, 2012.

FREMONT PACKER LEO CLUB HELPS

CLEAN UP CAMP NEWAYGO

By Lion Laurene Homsher

Members of Fremont Packer Leo Club spent Saturday, Oct. 22 out at Camp Newaygo helping to "close up" camp for winter. Leos raked leaves and washed over forty windows and screens (inside and out) from 8:30 am – 2:30 pm. The Leos were thanked over and over by Camp Director Jane Vitek since the turn-out of help was far less than expected. Among the newest Leos assisting were sixth graders Stephanie Keller and Jasmine Ramirez who will be officially inducted as members on Sunday, November 7. Working alongside was Leo President Kendra Alt and advisor Laurene Homsher. The gals had a great time together and added a special spark to the entire work experience.



Midland Lions Club



NEW MIDLAND LIONS CLUB MEMBERS!

Three new members were inducted into the Midland Lions Club by District Governor John Monahan on October 4, 2011. From left to right are new Lions Ann Fraser, Tina Hoy and Steve Jenkins.

THE ANNUAL MIDLAND COUNTY XC RECOGNITION BANQUET was held at the Midland American Legion recently. The menu of roast beef & baked chicken with all of the fixings was enjoyed by all of the athletes, coaches, parents and Lions. We had a total of 153 people enjoying the evening. Our guest speaker was Coach Dan Craig, cross country coach from Freeland High School. Dan offered many ideas to runners, coaches, parents and Lions that have been successful for his programs throughout his 50 years of coaching many TVC league, divisional and regional championships. It was a wonderful evening for all as we celebrated the accomplishments of these fine young athletes and coaches. This is especially nice because these young people don't often get much media attention. Lions were proud to do this and hopefully the young people and their parents will realize that we attempt to help many different segments of our community. We had a nice turnout for the program and are already making plans for doing it again in 2012. Thank you, Lions for coming out to show our support the Midland County XC coaches and their runners. We wish them good luck as several of them compete in the State meet this weekend.

Cedar Maple City Lions Club



The Cedar/Maple City Lions completed their 2011-2012 Peace Poster contest at Saint Mary & Glen Lake Schools (for the past 10 years.) Glen Lake winners and Lion Judges: Top row left to right, Lions, Lee Winfrey, Jim Lyskawa, Pat Hobbins & Rob Serbin. 2nd row left to right, 1st Been VanderZon, 2nd Drake Parker, 3rd Carson Reay, 3rd row, 4th Hanna VanDuzen, 5th Amelia Anthony & 6th Brandon Tremble. Glen Lake Judges: Lions Jim Lyskawa, teacher Jill Walker, Rob Serbin & Lee Winfrey. Saint Mary judges, Lions Melinda Lautner, Jackie Glazier & Renee Hobbins.



Empire Lions Club



Recently, the Empire Lions hosted a steak cookout honoring the local Glen Lake Fire Department firefighters, EMT's, and paramedics. They brought a piece of one of the steel girders from the 9-11 tragedy which will be placed in a new memorial park at the Public Safety building.

At the same dinner, DG John Monahan was the speaker and also presided over the induction of new member Lion Daniel Krause.

Pictured are Lion Daniel Krause, DG Lion John Monahan and sponsor Lion Doug Slessman.

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Lion Gayle Morlock, Chair

Honor Lions Club



"The Honor Lions celebrated their 50th anniversary on Oct. 9th at a special dinner held at the Greystone Manor in Honor. Honor Club Charter member, Ken Burrows, along with King Lion Jim Mallison (Beulah/Benzonia charter member) received special recognition from State Representative Huzeniga and the International & Michigan Lions. Community businesses were recognized for their support over the years and Cub Scout Troop 67 awarded the Lions for their 49 years of sponsorship. There were many Lions' Club dignitaries on hand to help in the celebration.

Honor Lions meet the 1st & 3rd Mondays monthly, April thru December at 6:30 p.m., Lions Club House in Honor behind Homestead Twp. Hall. Visitors and new members are welcome. Fundraisers support the local community and Lions' projects. Please call 882-7042, 882-5234 or 325-4407 for more information."

Pictured (cake prepared by Helen Schneider from Honor Family Market) & Honor King Lion Jim Mallison, Honor Club Treasurer & Zone Chairperson, Connie McMorris with Lions' dignitaries from the International and District.



Harrison Lions Club



Members of the Harrison Lions Club met at the Lions club building to prepare for decorating the city of Harrison for the fall. Corn stalks, pumpkins and scare crows were placed on light poles around town. This was a community project to beautify the city. Pictured are: Lions John Sovey, Dave Rowe, Gary Binzer, Norm Schollett, Jerry Brandt and friend Jeremy Kelly.

