

# Paw Prints



A NEWSLETTER ABOUT LIONS CLUBS OF SW IDAHO AND E OREGON

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## Homedale Lions Fundraiser a Smashing Success



Homedale Lions look over a Derby entry.

The Homedale Lions really know how to have a smashing Independence Day. For nearly three decades, the Lions Club has entertained the community and raised money with the Fourth of July Demolition Derby. Over the years, the event has grown from fewer than 20 cars to a high of 40, with this year's event drawing 29 entries. Within just a few years, the fans numbered in the thousands, and every year is now a sell-out with over 2500 in attendance. Food and drink vendors line the midway at the Owyhee County Fairgrounds, and after the Derby the night continues with a band and fireworks.

If you've never been to a demolition derby, you will be awed

by the growl of the powerful engines, and will hold your breath as the cars face off and rev their engines, trying to gain traction on the wet field, heading on a sure collision course. And collide they do, sometimes with

an explosive bang; sometimes with an anticlimactic thud. It doesn't take long for the winner of each heat to emerge. It takes longer to haul out the pieces of crushed and mangled metal, but the massive front loaders provide a show of their own.

The Lions Club begins planning the Derby in February. Most of the drivers are repeat contestants, and are familiar with the 14 pages of rules for both the modification of the cars and the safety of the drivers. The Homedale Derby is unique in that the radiators are mounted on top of the cars, allowing them a few extra minutes before their demise.

The only fundraiser of the Homedale Lions means hun-

dreds of hours of work, but the results are worth it. The community is not only entertained on the Fourth of July, but benefits from all the proceeds that go directly back into the community. Each year, the club is able to give several vocational scholarships, help those in need with vision and hearing services, and provide funding for junior golf, girls softball, Optimist football, the Freestyle Wrestling Club, the senior citizens, the fire department and ambulance, Community Wish Tree, Owyhee Fairgrounds improvements, and just about every other program or need in the community. The Homedale Lions are truly living the motto, "We Serve".

For more information about the Homedale Demolition Derby, visit the website [www.HomedaleLionsClub.com](http://www.HomedaleLionsClub.com).

## Have a Story?

Do you know a Lions Club with a story to tell? We're looking for feature stories about projects or fundraisers. To see your idea featured here in an upcoming issue, contact the editor.

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## Lions Clubs of District 39W

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### Our Mission

To empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding through Lions clubs.

### Our Vision

To be the global leader in community and humanitarian services.

### Leadership

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### Spotlight on Weiser Lions

**Club Name:** Weiser Lions

**Chartered on:** June 10, 1930

**Charter Night:** November 5, 2010, International Director Judge Carl Young guest

**Meets:** 1st and 3rd Wednesday 12:00 noon at Idaho Pizza, 1255 State St., Weiser, Idaho

**Number of members:** 37

**New Members Past Year:** 4

**Awards:** Winner of the Dis-

trict Governor's 2009-2010 Food Drive Contest, collecting over 4700 pounds of food and over \$300.

**Claim to Fame:** The Weiser Lions donated land and helped build Memorial Park in the 1940's. They now sell concessions there for all the high school and middle school football games. They were also instrumental in building the announcers' stand, "cook

shack", and bathrooms at the park.

**Other Projects:** Vision screenings for 1st, 3rd, and 5th graders, Patriotism Essay Contest, sponsor Boy Scout troop, sponsor Boys State and Girls State participants, sponsor the Miss Western Idaho and Miss West River Valley pageants, purchase eye exams and eye glasses for those in need, and many other community projects.

### 5000 Pairs of Eyeglasses Sent to Africa

*By Curt Kelley (Boise Bench) and Dianna Gibney (MAF)*

The Idaho-Eastern Oregon Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation in partnership with Mission Aviation Fellowship and the Idaho Eye Care Center, is shipping 5000 eyeglasses to be distributed throughout Mozambique, Lesotho, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

For more than 20 years, the Lions Clubs of Multiple District 39 have been participating with the Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation in providing eyeglasses to need patients in developing nations. This is the largest number of eyeglasses supplied to a mission by the Foundation.

"We've been doing this for many years," said Henry Cardinale, who leads the Foundation project and packs the glasses with his wife, Liz. "We've supplied some local missions with a couple of hundred in the past

but never this many."

Last winter, MAF advocate Tom Porter spoke to the Boise Bench Lions Club about MAF's ministry work in remote areas of the world. This led to discussions about how the two organizations could partner together to bring eyeglasses to those who need them. MAF has projects in 42 countries, including connections with medical agencies and health clinics serving isolated villages.

"I was recently at MAF's Lesotho, Africa, program and had the privilege of delivering an initial 300 sets of eyeglasses to doctors working in the clinics there," said Porter. "It was thrilling to see a village woman receive her first pair of glasses, knowing that she could see clearly for the first time in many years."

Dr. John Muto and Idaho Eye-care Center of Boise receive the glasses and process them by checking the prescription and

labeling each pair. Though not traveling directly to Africa, Dr. Muto and his staff find the work rewarding. Seeing pictures of the people who receive the glasses is something they look forward to.

The Idaho-Eastern Oregon Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation ([www.idaholions.org](http://www.idaholions.org)) was founded in 1969 and has several programs in addition to eye glass recycling. The Mobile Screening Unit, Eye Bank, Personal Assistance Program, Hearing Aid Bank and Diabetes Awareness programs have been an integral part of the Idaho community for many years.

Founded in the US in 1945 MAF missionary teams of aviation, communication, technology, and educational specialists overcome barriers in remote areas and transform lives and build God's kingdom by enabling the work of over 1000 partner organizations. Visit their website at [www.maf.org](http://www.maf.org).

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## Upcoming Events

For more information on upcoming Lions Club events, visit the online calendar at [www.Lions39W.org/Calendar](http://www.Lions39W.org/Calendar).

Date	Event	Place	Time
July 28	Lions @ Alive After Five	Grove Plaza Boise, ID	5:00-8:00 pm
July 30	Eagle Lions Golf Tournament	Shadow Valley Eagle, ID	1:30 pm
July 31	Burley Lions Spudman Triathlon	Riverfront Marina Burley, ID	7:00 am
July 31	Mountain Home Lions Rumble and Roar Cruise Night and Dance	Airbase Rd & Downtown Mountain Home, ID	6:00 pm
August 1	Mtn. Home Lions Rumble and Roar Car Show	Carl Miller Park Mountain Home, ID	8:00 am- 3:00 pm
August 6	Kuna Lions BBQ @ Kuna Days	Downtown Park Kuna, ID	6:00 pm- 9:00 pm
August 14	Hit the Jackpot Golf Tournament	Jackpot, NV	8:00 am
August 28	Kuna Lions 2nd Annual Lions Hunt Golf Tournament	Centennial Golf Course Nampa, ID	7:00 am

## Paw Prints Has a New Look

It's something new for Paw Prints, the Lions District 39W newsletter! This year's newsletter will be smaller and have a different focus. You'll see stories about club projects and fundraisers around the District, an events calendar for the upcoming month, and notes on Lions activities. Plus, Lions have a chance to contribute in a big way, by serving as reporters and submitting feature stories.

The newsletter is not just for Lions anymore. Club are encouraged to print a few copies to distribute in their local towns and communities so that more people become aware of Lions and the great things we do.

In addition to the reorganized newsletter, you'll see more online tools to keep in the loop. In addition to our website at [www.Lions39W.org](http://www.Lions39W.org), our

blog at [www.Lions39W.com](http://www.Lions39W.com), and our Facebook Page, we're now on Twitter and we will have an email bulletin which will be sent to all club presidents and secretaries and any Lion who signs up.

It's all part of District Governor Pat Brown's commitment to communication. The more we stay in touch and work together, the better the our Lions Clubs will become!

## Notes from Around the District

**Twin Falls** placed flags around town for Flag Day and donated \$500 to the Salvation Army and the South Central Community Partnership.

**Boise Bench Lions** hosted lunch for 50 campers attending the Summer Camp for the Blind.

**Meridian Lions Club** Senior Rodeo Queen Lauren Johnson is the new Miss Teen Rodeo Idaho. She also won Personality, Horsemanship, Appearance, Speech, and Photogenic categories at the pageant.

**Nampa Lions** provided lunch for the participants of Brush Up Nampa and donated \$2100 to the Salvation Army food drive.

The **Gem Lions** participated in the Walter Knox Memorial Health Fair by tested several hundred people for vision, hearing, blood pressure, and blood glucose and were honored at the Cherry Festival for making a difference in the community.

**Boise Capital Lions** provided 6 eye exams and eyeglasses for those in need.

**Weiser Lions** held a breakfast fundraiser at the National Old Time Fiddle Contest five mornings during the event.

**Caldwell Lions** held their annual yard sale.

**Rupert Syringa Lions** are preparing for the county fair.

**Star Lions** prepared the annual breakfast for the city's Hometown Celebration, raised money with a raffle, and hosted games for kids.

**Boise Host Lions** held their 75th anniversary charter party.

We Serve.

# LIONS DISTRICT 39W



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## And the number is.....



Lion Henry Cardinale packs eyeglasses to be sent on a local mission.

*1969* Year that the Idaho Lions Eye Bank was established

*20,000* Vision, hearing and health screenings provided in Idaho and E. Oregon in the past year

*0* Cost to the public for screenings

*1996* Year the Idaho corneal transplant waiting list was eliminated

*450* Sunglasses given to migrant farm workers

*60,000* Eyeglasses collected each year

*48* Clubs in District 39W (SW Idaho, E Oregon)

*1247* Lions in District 39W

*147* New members in the past year

*83* Number of 39W Facebook Fans

*1917* Year Lions Clubs International was founded

*1.35* Millions of Lions worldwide

*45,000* Lions Clubs internationally

*200* Countries and Regions with Lions Clubs

*660* Millions of dollars in grants awarded by LCIF since 1968

Interested in becoming a Lion or just want to learn more? Visit [www.Lions39w.org](http://www.Lions39w.org) or email [info@lions39W.org](mailto:info@lions39W.org) to find a club in your area.