Prospective Construction Workers of the Future Build A Bridge on the Casper Mountain Lee McCune Braille Trail

Submitted by Ted Graf

Casper Mountain Lion’s Club members are partnering with high school students in the Construction Technology program at the Pathway’s Innovation Center under the direction of Rob Hill. The goal of this project is to replace the upper bridge that dates to 1975 when the trail was originally constructed. From the partnership, they share materials, tools, and labor. The Construction Technology program completes a community service project in addition to building a tiny home which is auctioned for a sale at the end of each school year. The tiny home was built entirely at the Pathways Invocation Center. Casper Mountain Lions Club has maintained the Braille trail since its dedication in 1975. The trail was a dream come true for Lion Beecher “Ed” Strube, who conceived building the trail. Lion Strube passed away in 2020. He, along with other Casper Mountain Lion’s Club members and volunteers, spent 4 years and 8,000 hours of labor to complete the original hand-dug path.

Lion Scott Jones, Project Chairman Ancil Juby, and Lion Bob Porter work in demolition.

Lion Scott Jones, Scott Novothy, and Mark Hansen work on excavation.

Lion Chris Volzke and Lion Mark Hansen removed the old Bridge.

More pictures on page 2
Forms were made and set by Pathway Students.

Rob Hill and his student pour concrete for the foundation.

Jackson Hole Lions Club

Jackson Hole Lions Club cook breakfast at the Teton County Fair. We have been cooking for the fair for over 35 years. We are a small club but we do get a lot of people from the community to volunteer. We cook and serve breakfast for 3 mornings every year and serve over 1500 breakfasts (about $14,000 gross sales). All proceeds go to our eyecare program and to help others in need in our community.

Submitted by Jill Callaway

Jill Callaway and Zia Yasrobi who have been members of the Jackson Hole Lions for over 30 years have been cooking at the fair every year!
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Cheyenne Frontier Lions Club

Submitted by Steve Hopkins

Frontier Lions Club’s SHOOT FOR SIGHT is successful. The 5th annual Shootout between the Laramie County Sheriff and the Cheyenne Police Chief at the Laramie County Fair went off without a hitch. Sheriff Danny Glick hosted a American Legion Post 6 shooting club team. Chief Mark Francisco hosted a team of Scouts from Scouts BSA Troop 116. The Frontier Lions raffled off another Red Rider BB gun autographed by the Sheriff and the Chief after the shooting and the smoke cleared.

Congratulations to PDG Lion Mike Martin for organizing the event, to the Laramie County Fair for scheduling it in the Archer Exhibition Hall, Lion Dennis Pino for MCing, Lion Lois Hansen for scorekeeping, Lion Fred Serrano for posting targets, and Lion Steve Hopkins for photography. Special thanks to District Governor Gary Roadifer for attending and supporting these young people and the Frontier Lions.

Best of all, thanks to the 15 local businesses whose sponsorships helped raise over $3,000 for sight conservation and other Lions’ projects.

Cheyenne Noon Lions Club

Submitted by Barbara Peterson

On Saturday, November 12, 2022, the Cheyenne Noon Lions held our third annual cornhole tournament and fundraiser, the “Throw for Sight 2022,” at the Elks Lodge in downtown Cheyenne, bringing in a total of $1,006.

This November tournament, formerly called the “Chiller in Cheyenne,” was rebranded to “Throw for Sight” this year to be more in line with the “Ride for Sight” of the Sunrise Club and the “Shoot for Sight” of the Frontier Club.

Noon Lions Barbara Peterson and Carol Mathia “womaned” or perhaps “Lioned” our table, selling tickets for a crossbow raffle and a 50-50 raffle. Income came from entry fees (after a percentage was subtracted for payouts for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in both the Recreational Division and the Competitive Division of the tourney) and the sale of “mulligans.” Sixteen teams participated in the tourney.

The Noon Lions hold two cornhole tournaments per year (directed by the founder of the Chey-town Cornhole League, Paul Lopez.) Our second annual Spring Fling for Sight will occur on Saturday, April 22, 2023, at the Elks Lodge.
Laramie Plains Lions Club

LARAMIE PLAINS LIONS CLUB

30th ANNUAL ICE FISHING DERBY

January 7 & 8, 2023
Saturday SAM- 4PM • Sunday 8AM - 2PM
Lake Hattie, Laramie, WY

ENTRY FEES
Adults $35 • Youth Under 14 Years $5 (Accompanied by registered Adult. Eligible for Youth Prizes Only) Must be present to win.

REGISTRATION AVAILABLE
December 2022 through 10 AM, January 8, 2023 West Laramie Fly Store
1657 Snowy Range Rd, Laramie, WY 8207

CONCESSIONS PROVIDED BY
10:30am-1:30pm
Chili
Nachos
Hot Dogs

For registration information contact
Lion Lew Lion
Email: lyonlg44@gmail.com

Prizes For Game Fish Only
Adult
Largest fish- $1500
2nd Largest fish- $1000
3rd Largest fish- $350
4th Largest fish- $200
5th Largest fish- $100
Smallest fish- $35

Youth
Largest fish- $150 + Trophy
2nd Largest fish- $100 + Trophy
3rd Largest fish- $75
4th Largest fish- $50
5th Largest fish- $30
Smallest fish- $10
Laramie Plains Lions Club

Submitted by Dick Wynes

Laramie Plains Lions Club helps the Moose Lodge of Laramie with their Backpack stuffing project for the Albany County School District. Pictured are Laramie Plains Lions and wives at one of the stuffing

Cheyenne Sunrise Lions Club

Members and family passed out over 2000 treats at the CFD Old West Museum for Halloween.

PDG Al Parmely, a Cheyenne Sunrise member who attends meetings by Zoom, received his Melvin Jones Fellowship pin for his eleven donations to LCIF. The progressive pin has five diamonds at the bottom and four diamonds at the top plus a blue sapphire in the middle of the top.

Two Laramie County students, Joey Power and Kaden Baird, traveled to Huntsville, Alabama for the Space Camp for Interested Visually Impaired Students. SCIVIS is an annual event attended by students with their vision specialist. It is a five day and night educational adventure at the US Space and Rocket Center. The students were accompanied by LCSD1 Vision Specialist Krystal Johnston. The Cheyenne Sunrise Lions Club, Pine Bluffs Lions Club, Burns Lions Club, and the Wyoming District 15 Lions assisted with the funding for Krystal’s airfare. Club President Jim Reynolds picked them up from DIA. The students presented a program at one of the morning meetings.
Pine Bluffs-Burns Branch Lions Club  
Submitted by Kayla Madler

We had our first annual Oktoberfest on October 22 with a great turnout of over 300 people. We had both restaurants in Burns serving Polish dogs and cabbage burgers and The Country Club Band brought out there German fun in wearing Lederhosen and Dirndl outfits, playing polkas for the first hour and then switching gears and playing their country style the rest of the evening.

Pine Bluffs Lions Club  
Submitted by DG Gary Roadifer

The Pine Bluffs Lions hosted the 1st Quarter for Students of the Quarter from Pine Bluffs and Burns High School.

Burns Lions President Kayla Madler present Daljit Kaur of Burns High School Student of the Quarter with a certificate and a scholarship.

Pine Bluffs President, Bob Lyons, present Ryan Mohren of Pine Bluffs High School Student of the Quarter with a certificate and a scholarship.
Pine Bluffs Lions Club Celebrate 100 Years

On November 5th, the Pine Bluffs Lions Club celebrated its 100th Anniversary of service. Special guest was PID Mick Barrus. The club recognized Jack Harrison by presenting him a Melvin Jones Fellow. Jack was a Lion for 60 years and served the community of Pine Bluffs with much compassion in many other civic ways. Forty guests attended the celebration, present and past Pine Bluffs Lions, Lions from Colorado, and guests from Casper and Cody.

Jack Harrison receives his Melvin Jones Fellow from President Bob Lyons and PID Mick Barrus.

Guest listen to PID Mick Barrus's keynote speech.

Pictured are present and former Pine Bluffs Lions.

DG Gary Roadifer receives his Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow from President Bob Lyons.

Lion Diane Lyons visits with PDG Ken Moore from Colorado and Norman Sanders before dinner.
As of March 2022, the Camp had the following projects to complete:

- **Boyer Hall** – Porch and roof replacement, reset front door, replace lower logs. No interior work has been done.

- **Mills Mountain View** – Mudding, texturing, painting the interior, and completing the back deck.

More activities for children are needed for the playground. Finally, the leach field needs upgrading—which will be quite costly.

In addition to the busy summer rental season, the Camp completed the Boyer project except for the lower log replacement. Mills Mountain View building has been completed. A playground with children’s activities was created to enhance future rental prospects. The leach field is an ongoing problem that will need to be addressed at some point in the future. The Lion’s Camp is fully booked for the 2023 season!

Have a happy holiday season,

Cheryl VonRiesen
Amazing things are happening at your Rocky Mountain Lions Eye Institute! The Lions were the catalyst for the University of Colorado Health Sciences move from Colorado Boulevard to Aurora. Our initial gift set the continuation of using local matching funds to attract LCIF grants to purchase all the equipment in designated exam rooms. Funding equipment for exam rooms continued with the expansion of the building in 2013 and with the build-out of shell space on the fourth floor in 2020. Your RMLEIF Board of Trustees has been shown that the now vacant shell space on the fifth floor will contain 31 more patient exam rooms. Therefore, the Lions of Colorado and Wyoming are being asked to begin building the local required matching funds need for additional grants from the Lions Clubs International Foundation by making donations to the Rocky Mountain Lions Eye Institute Foundation. It costs more than $50,000.00 to equip one room. More information will be available as our questions to the department are answered.

Did you know?

Lion Past President, Chairman of LCIF Choi toured the Institute in April.

The CU Department of Ophthalmology presented and participated during October in nearly 30 panels, courses, posters, and learning groups as instructors, facilitators, and more at the Annual Meeting of the Academy of Ophthalmology in Chicago.

Our residency program is ranked in the top 20 in the nation in Doximity’s Residency Navigator Survey.

CellSight is making retinal transplants a reality! In the five years since CellSight was launched, the program has revolutionized ocular stem cell-based technologies and is becoming the global leader in the fight to prevent blindness.

The CellSight teams clinched the top two of three prizes in the National Eye Institute’s 3D Retinal Organoid Challenge! This is huge! Congratulations to Dr. Valeria Canto-Solar and Dr. Natalia Vengara.

The low vision section of the Department of Ophthalmology in the Rocky Mountain Lions Eye Institute has been chosen by the International Society for Low Vision Research and Rehabilitation to host the 2023 Conference in partnership with Denver’s Anchor Center for Blind Children. This global conference has not been hosted in the USA for two decades.

There is so much more going on at your Institute. Please continue to check out the RMLEIF.org website.

Ongoing activities by your RMLEIF Trustee include providing funds for the initial screening of patients at the RMLEI low vision clinic and travel assistance to any club identifying an individual who needs financial assistance to go to an eye appointment with an ophthalmologist even if not in the RMLEI.
Fiscal Quarterly Report to the Lions Clubs of Colorado and Wyoming

At a Glance

Prior Fiscal Year Financial Report
July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022

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Gifts that Keep Giving

We’re getting into the season for giving thanks and giving gifts. The Rocky Mountain Lions Eye Bank has a lot to be thankful for this year and plays a major part in giving the gift of sight.

We continue to expand our services and build our team. We’ve promoted two staff members and added five new members since July to our organization in the technical, community & professional relations, accounting, and human resources departments. We continue ongoing searches for more technical staff to better serve donors and their families as well as our surgeon partners. That’s all something to be thankful for.

Our role in facilitating the gift of sight gives us a unique opportunity to hear stories of gratitude from recipients and donor families. You can watch these stories of hope and healing on our website: www.corneas.org.

We couldn’t do what we do without the contributions and ongoing support of you, the Lions who established the Rocky Mountain Lions Eye Bank over 40 years ago.

This giving season, we hope you’ll consider participating in Colorado Gives Day on behalf of RMLEB. Early giving begins Nov. 1, and Colorado Gives Day is Dec. 6. Every nonprofit receiving a contribution through Colorado Gives receives part of the over $1 million incentive fund.

We hope you’ll make your contribution go further by making a contribution through CO Gives: www.coloradosgives.org/organization/RockyMountainLionsEyeBank

*Wyoming Lions, if you prefer you can wait to make a contribution in July 2023 as part of Wyo Gives Day.

“I would like to extend my deepest sympathy to you for the loss of your loved one. ... Miracles do happen and I was able to receive the gift of sight from your loved one. I am so grateful to be able to see the world and LIFE around me again.”

— Donna, cornea recipient
Wyoming Lions 2023 State Convention  
April 13-16, Holiday Inn, Cody, WY  
Theme: Dare to Soar  
Hosted by: DG Gary Roadifer & Cody Lions Club

Ten Reasons Why Lions & Guests Should Attend

1. Holiday Inn Room Rate: $109 per night plus taxes  
2. Auction to include a meal to support Lions Camp Schools*  
3. Magician to perform**  
4. Interactive, exciting presentations  
5. Free-time tours available: Buffalo Bill Center of the West, WWII Japanese Internment Center  
6. Showcasing innovative recognitions for clubs to consider  
7. Update on Allen H. Stewart Challenge & pledge recognitions  
8. Election of new officers  
9. Interacting with Lions Clubs International’s official guest  
10. Committed to be fun and affordable.  

*Corporate sponsor – no charge for meal  
**Corporate sponsor – magician’s fee covered

Updates as to dates and times will be released frequently via WE SERVE mailed to all Lions Clubs.
Due to technical issues with the LCI website, this report was not available.