

# Paw Prints



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## Hot Chili Nights with the Nampa Lions Club



Chili cooks stir up the heat in Nampa's Chili Cook-off.

Calling all chili heads and chili cooks—the Nampa Lions “Hot Chili Nights” is coming soon! The chili cook-off, a major fundraiser for the Lions, also doubles as the Idaho State Championship Chili Cook-off, sanctioned by the International Chili Society. This will be the 3rd year the event has been sanctioned, with the winner not only receiving \$500 in prize money, but the right to compete in the World Championship held in Manchester, New Hampshire in September. Proceeds from the chili cook-off benefit Nampa Lions sight and hearing projects and the Leo youth clubs.

The chili cook-off is held as a part of Snake River Stampede Community Festival which benefits Stampede for the Cure,

helping hundreds of area women obtain mammograms at no cost. This year the chili cook-off takes place on July 16th at the Idaho Center. Chili cooks begin setting up in the morning and cooking begins at 12:00

noon. At 4:00 pm, the venue opens to the public for tasting. Entries in three categories—red chili, chili verde, and salsa, are sampled by a panel of judges made up of 10 or more local celebrities and awarded cash prizes. A “people’s choice” winner is also named.

Although all cooks must abide by the rules of the International Chili Society, anyone can enter, from serious competitors to businesses to not-for-profit groups. Last year’s winner, Garcia’s Tex Mex Grill in Caldwell, went on to take first place in the People’s Choice at the world competition. Information on rules and registration can be found at [www.chilicookoff.com](http://www.chilicookoff.com) or by contacting Jonette Flores at 412-6419 or Dana Miller at

880-0168.

This year’s Stampede for the Cure Community Festival will also feature a health fair, farmers market, western art, games for kids, and evening concerts and is part of week-long Snake River Dayz.

The Nampa Lions are not only passionate about chili, but also about Leos, and sponsor four Leo Clubs (which provide youth volunteer opportunities) in Nampa. They present leadership training for Leo officers in the fall, hold an advisors’ retreat, and are more than happy to help Lions clubs in other communities start Leo clubs. In all, 225-250 teens are active in Leos in Nampa.

Other club events and activities include hosting casino parties, selling concessions at the Stampede Rodeo, providing a barbecue for Brush Up Nampa, participating in Rake Up Nampa, the Festival of Trees, and White Can Day, ringing bells for the Salvation Army, providing Christmas baskets, and much more.

The Nampa Lions Club was chartered on May 15, 1931. They have 41 members and meet each Tuesday at noon at Mona Lisa Fondue in Nampa.

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## Lions Clubs of District 39W

April, 2011

### 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 Payette Syringa Lions

**Chartered:** October 11, 1999

**Sponsoring Club:** Payette

**Meeting Time:** 1st Monday and 3rd Monday, 12:00 noon. No meetings on the 3rd Monday in June, July, and August.

**Place:** Apple Bin in Fruitland on the 1st Monday; Kloy's Pizza on the 3rd Monday

**Number of Members:** 30

**Fundraisers:** The Payette Syringa Lions team with the Payette Lions to hold the annual Youth Services Breakfast. They hold an Apple Race, in which

plastic apples are released in a canal that runs through town. Community members purchase an apple for a chance at prizes for the winning apples. Lion Kathy Patrick organizes a barbecue each year in memory of a friend killed in a car accident. It raises money for the Bobby Davis Scholarship Fund, which awards scholarships to local high school students.

**Service Projects:** Each Mothers Day, the Lions take flowers to the women living in area care centers and on Fathers Day they deliver ice cream. They

collect pull tabs for Ronald McDonald House, collect school supplies, support "Reading is Fundamental" at Head Start, and test vision and hearing in the schools.

**Unique Fact:** Payette Syringa is composed of all female members. Originally a Lioness Club, they chartered as a Lions Club when the Lioness clubs were no longer supported by LCI. They often work with the "men's" club, the Payette Lions, and have one fundraiser together, the Youth Services Breakfast.

### April is National Donate Life Month

By Edwin Marshall

Imagine not being able to perform your job, losing your drivers license, not being able to tie a fly for fly fishing or to thread a needle. These are the challenges that face many individuals suffering from corneal blindness. Corneal blindness is a visual impairment that is caused when the cornea becomes clouded, scarred, or misshapen. These conditions may be the result of injury, infection, or disease. Forty-five thousand individuals are affected by corneal blindness in the United States annually.

In 1925, Helen Keller addressed the Lions Clubs International Convention in Cedar Point, Ohio, and challenged Lions to become "knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness." Since then, Lions have worked tirelessly to aid the blind and visually impaired. As

"Knights of the Blind", the Idaho Lions Eye Bank and the Lions of MD 39 provided the gift of sight to 285 visually impaired individuals in 2010.

In a recent letter, a 13-year-old local cornea recipient writes to her donor's family:

*I would just like to thank you for helping me. Sorry it took me a while to write you this, but I have been thinking about it. I could never thank anyone so much! To let you know what happened to me, I got a bacterial infection disease called pseudomonas in my left eye. By the time that it healed it left a scar on my left cornea, so I couldn't see through that eye. Because of your willingness to donate, I had a cornea transplant. It has changed my life! I'm a really active girl. I was scared that I might not be able to do the things I love. I'm sorry for what you went through, but I just*

*want to say thank you again. I can see out of that eye better than before. The doctor said it couldn't have fit any better than it did. Thank you.*

On March 31, 2011, President Obama issued a proclamation designating April as National Donate Life Month. In the proclamation, he states, "When each donation can touch dozens of lives, it has never been more important to be an organ and tissue donor." He urges Americans to "say yes to donation by giving blood regularly and joining their State-based donor registry." To find out more about donations, including cornea transplants, individuals can visit [www.idaholions.org](http://www.idaholions.org). To register as a donor, visit [www.yesidaho.org](http://www.yesidaho.org).

## Upcoming Events Public Events

For more information on upcoming Lions Club events, visit the online calendar at [www.Lions39W.org/Calendar](http://www.Lions39W.org/Calendar) or email [info@lions39w.org](mailto:info@lions39w.org).

Date	Event	Place	Time
April 29	Alex's Bizarre Bazaar for Camp Hodia	D & S Factors Fruitland, Idaho	4:00 pm
April 30	Boise Sunset Lions Fishing Derby	Parkcenter Pond Boise, ID	8:00-12:00
April 30	Emmett Lions Vision and Hearing Screenings with MSU	Gem Island Sports Complex	9:00-3:00
April 30	Star Lions Adopt-a-Highway	Highway 16	9:00-12:00
May 7	Emmett Lions Club Yard Sale	Emmett High Parking Lot	8:00-2:00
May 7	Fruitland Lions Annual Chicken Dinner	Fruitland Spring Fair	10:30 until gone
May 7	Idaho Lions Casino Night	Idaho City Community Center	6:00-10:00 pm
May 12	Boise Host Lions Golf Tournament	Shadow Valley Golf Course	8:00-12:00
May 13-14	Star Lions Yard Sale	Behind El Mariachi Loco Star, ID	9:00-5:00 and 7:00-3:00
May 21	Lions: Strides Walk for Diabetes Awareness (1-3 miles)	Sun Valley Lodge	8:00-9:30 am
May 21	Declo Lions Fishing Derby	Declo, ID	8:00 am
May 21	Boise Riverside Paws in the Park	Ann Morrison Park	9:30 am

## Presidential Proclamation

On March 31, 2011, President Obama issued a proclamation, proclaiming April, 2011, as National Donate Life Month. The proclamation reads, in part,

“Americans have always been a generous people, willing to give to others in need. In these challenging times, that spirit of service has been abundantly evident and has made a real difference in many lives. As we observe National Donate Life Month, we reflect on an important opportunity to aid others-

bestowing the gift of life through organ and tissue donation.

More than 110,000 individuals are now on the national waiting list for organ transplants, and the list continues to grow. Each year, the number of Americans needing life-saving donations has far outstripped the number of available donors. As a result, people lose their lives each day while waiting.

When each donation can touch dozens of lives, it has never

been more important to make the decision to be an organ and tissue donor. I encourage all Americans to say yes to donation by giving blood regularly and joining the State-based donor registry. Individuals can register online or through the registration or renewal process for a driver's license or identification card. When considering organ donation, Americans should consult their family members, doctor, or faith leader about the decision to donate life.”

## Notes from Around the District

**Parma Lions Club** collected \$3500 for relief efforts in Japan.

The **Meridian Lions Club** are offering to rent the rodeo grounds for events requiring an arena or large area.

**Rupert Syringa Lions** sponsored schools to participate in the Patriotism Essay Contest.

The **Caldwell Lions** were co-hosts for the Caldwell Chamber of Commerce After Hours event. They cooked hotdogs and hamburgers and gave away a one year Lions membership and vest.

**Kimberly Lions Club** provided an eye exam and glasses for a local resident who needed assistance.

**Boise Bench Lions** collected Mother's Day cards to our troops so they can have cards to mail to their mothers. They also collected 116 pairs of eyeglasses for recycling.

Several members of the **Boise Capital Lions Club** served breakfast at Ronald McDonald House.

**Meridian Noon Lions** received the charter for the new Rocky Mountain Leo Club.

The **Twin Falls Monarch Lions** donated money to the Salvation Army and to the Boy Scouts.

The **Eagle Lions** made a donation to the Eagle High School orchestra that is traveling to play at Carnegie Hall in NYC. The club also screened vision at the Eagle Montessori school.

**Star Lions** served dinner and helped with a dessert auction at a Star Elementary School fundraiser.

We Serve.

## LIONS DISTRICT 39W



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## Idaho Lions Foundation Impact Report

The Idaho/E. Oregon Sight and Hearing Foundation 3rd quarter report ending March 31, 3011.



2010 1st Place Chili Cook-off  
Winners

### **Personal Assistance**

Sight Restoring Surgeries: 16

Funds Distributed: \$22,000+

Hearing Aids: 18

Funds Distributed: \$2,600+

Eyeglasses Recycled: 14,597

### **Eye Bank**

Eye Donors: 151

Corneas provided for  
transplant: 206

### **Mobile Screening Unit**

Screened: 12,663

Volunteers: 845

Hours: 504

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the QR code and connect to the  
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