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# FONGER'S HIGHLIGHTER

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## FROM THE COMMANDER . . .

Another great Picnic just happened. It appeared that all were having a good time. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped from start to finish. Again the picnic did not cost the Post a penny. All the Post members out there who are working, please check to see if your employer is looking for a place to make a charitable donation. You would be surprised to find out how many there are so they can have a tax write-off. Last year the owner of my company, Professional Fabrication, donated \$3,000 to our Post. I will be happy to give any donors our tax ID number after a donation is made.

ONE TEAM - ONE FIGHT

Mike Hawes, *Commander, Post 179*

## FROM THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION COMMANDER . . .

Thank you to all the college bound individuals who submitted your S.A.L. College Scholarship applications for the 2017-2018 Academic Year. The S.A.L. will be working on reviewing the applications to select the top award winners. Winners will be contacted and announced in the Post newsletter as soon as the selections are made.

Thank you to all the S.A.L. members who volunteered to help make the August picnic a success. If you missed renewing your membership at the August 12 picnic, you can now pick up your renewal envelope in the clubroom. Please write legibly and include your phone number, email (if you have one) and your birth date. National is asking us to collect the birth dates for determining the average age of members and for the potential of establishing a lifetime membership and any costs that may be associated.

Hopefully everyone has had a fantastic summer and now as we enter the Fall football season, we hope that everyone has a safe and wonderful September.

Remember that the S.A.L. meetings are held the First Monday of the month at 7:00 P.M. and our next meeting will be Monday, September 11 at 7 P.M. Please note that this is a move to the second Monday for the September meeting, due to the Labor Day Holiday long weekend.

Roger Meyers, *S.A.L. Commander, Squadron 179*

## FROM THE SERVICE OFFICER . . .

Saw a road sign during the summer which said "Summer should be given a Speeding Ticket". I can relate – can you? Not ready for fall yet, as the oldest of my two grandsons starts pre-school. Welcome back everyone who enjoyed time away from Western Michigan and the Post. With fall upon us, Post Service Officer Hours will start up in September prior to the Legion meetings, except for the month of October. I will be out of town/state for the majority of the month, enjoying a late vacation. Prior to Legion meetings, Post Service Officer Hours will continue through the end of year, at which time a decision to stop or continue service officer hours will be made.

Lois Parker, *Service Officer*

## SEPTEMBER MEETING DATES

S.A.L. Meeting . . . . . September 11 @ 7:00 p.m.  
Auxiliary Meeting . . . September 11 @ 7:00 p.m.  
Legion Meeting . . . . . September 12 @ 7:00 p.m.  
Legion Riders . . . . . September 24 @ 11:30 a.m.  
Boy Scouts . . . . . Every Tuesday @ 7:00 p.m.

## FROM THE AUXILIARY PRESIDENT . . .

Summer is over and we are looking forward to all the great things the Auxiliary has planned this year!

Thank you to all the Auxiliary members who helped work in the kitchen and helped with the set-up and clean-up. Thank you to all the hard working members who worked in all the different areas.

Our secretary, Debbie Rodgers, accepted a job working nights and we are very happy for her. Because of this, we are thankful to have a new secretary – Susan Potter. Let's welcome Susan and thank her for taking on this job!

The 2018 cards are now available. Penny Costen is doing a fantastic job with membership. If you have any questions about membership, please call her at: 616-669-1579.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed food items in the red bucket for the Army soldier who has been deployed to Afghanistan. We will be mailing the care package the end of August.

Our next meeting is September 11 at 7:00 p.m. There are a lot of great projects coming up and we hope to see you there.

Debbie Weatherbee, *President, Auxiliary Unit 179*

**CLUBROOM HOURS: Sunday: Noon to 8:00 p.m.**  
**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: Noon to 10:00 p.m.**  
**Wednesday: Noon to 11:00 p.m.**  
**Friday & Saturday: Noon to Midnight**

## WILWIN QUILT PROJECT

At our next Auxiliary meeting we will be discussing the Wilwin Quilt Project – deciding on what day and time to start. I will be showing an example of our first project and will have a list of things we'll need for the first day. If interested in joining this project please try to attend our next meeting in September. All are welcome – you do not have to be an experienced sewer. There are things even a non-sewer can help with. Please come and help us get this very Veteran friendly facility stocked with patriotic quilts!

Julie Postma



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# SEPTEMBER 2017 CALENDAR

## DAILY SPECIALS

**Big Beer Sunday:** 16 oz. beer \$2.50

**Sunday, September 10:** Grand Rapids Reptile Show 10 a.m.-3 p.m., \$5 Adults, \$1 Children

**Monday Mania:** Regular Hot Dogs \$1.00, / Jumbo Hot Dogs or Polish Dogs \$1.50 / Free Shuffleboard

**Monday, September 11:** Community Day of Remembrance / Scout Salute

**Monday, September 18:** Christmas Blessings Nominations begin

**Philly Cheese Steak Tuesday:** Philly Cheese Steak \$4.00 / Canned Beer \$1.75 / Free Pool / Bingo, 10:30 a.m.

**Well Wednesday:** \$2.00 Well Drinks / Turkey Reuben \$4.00 / Karaoke with George Gregory 7-11 p.m.

**Wednesday, September 20:** Actor Auditions for Veteran's Day Show, 6:30 p.m.

**Taco Thursday:** Hard or Soft Tacos \$2.00 / Small Burrito \$5.50 / Large Burrito \$6.50

**Thursday, September 28** – Wine & Canvas, 6:30 p.m. in the Hall

**Red Shirt Friday:** Chicken Strips with Fries \$5.00 / Red Shirt Day - 25¢ off all drinks when wearing a red shirt to support our troops / Bingo, 10:30 a.m. / **Team Trivia**

**Friday, September 8:** Red Bucket Party (Veteran's Day)

**Friday, September 22:** Perrin Tap Takeover

**Saturday, September 2:** Promise Land Music Festival, 5-11:30 p.m. (Open to the Public)

**Saturday, September 9:** 6 pak in the Hall, 7-11 p.m. (Open to the Public)

**Saturday, September 16:** Coin Show, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. / Open Mic Night

### HAPPY HOUR 3-6 P.M. MONDAY-FRIDAY!

*Happy Hour is real time, not bar time*

**\$5.00** Pitchers / **\$2.00** Well Shot & Pop /

**\$2.00** Glass of Wine / **\$2.00** 16 oz. Miller Lite, 16 oz. Coors, 16 oz. Coors Light, 16 oz. Bud & 16 oz. Bud Light

*Post 179 will be collecting items needed for our Veteran's Day Celebration. List of items needed:*

Pancake Mix	Spaghetti Sauce
Butter	Fruit Punch Powder
Syrup	Garlic Bread
Orange Juice Concentrate	Gift Cards to Gordon
Spaghetti	Foods or Costco

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## CUB CORNER . . .

We can hardly believe that summer is over! Cub scouts have enjoyed a summer full of fun and adventure. Cub scouts is a great way to get your children involved in their community and learning great life skills. Cub scouts offers fun activities, opportunities to help others and a great place for families to come together. We will be holding a new scout night on September 19th. The meeting is held at the American Legion at 6:30 p.m. We would love to see some new faces there! If you are interested in joining Scouts or have any questions, please feel free to contact us. Cubmaster - Laura Ferguson at 616-915-6533 or by e-mail at lauraf3987@yahoo.com. Committee chair - Meagan Hanners at 616-375-5285 or by e-mail at meghanners@gmail.com.

**Laura Ferguson, Cub Scout Pack 3281 Cub Master**

## ~GIRL SCOUT GAZETTE~

Whew! This summer flew by! The girls of Troop #4161 love the summer, because they love being outside as much as they can! We had an amazing time on hikes, swimming, and camping! Our biggest adventure was caving in the Hendrie cave in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. It was an amazing experience that was filled with emotional and physical challenges (especially the day after for us sore adults!). Ms. Minda and Ms. Jenn even sat at the top of an underground waterfall, waist deep in water, so the girls could crawl on their hands and knees deep underground to get to us, where they could see the awesome things that our Pure Michigan has to offer, even in caves! The Hendrie cave is located on the Fiborn Karst Preserve that is owned by the Michigan Karst Conservancy. It was once the site of a limestone quarry from 1905 to 1936 which supplied high-calcium limestone to Algoma Steel in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario. Henrie River Water Cave is the longest cave in Michigan at 1500 ft., and it is quite young (as far as caves go) carved in the past 7,000-10,000 years since the last glaciers in the area melted. Troop #4161 is grateful for the guidance and adventure from the members of the conservancy. A couple of the girls had never been to the U.P. before, and those two girls had a BEAR cross in front of their car! Between that, and the pouring rain out of nowhere, they had the full upper peninsula experience.

We also added a new member to our Troop. McKenzie brings our Troop to 10 girls. ALL ten girls also crossed over this summer to become Cadette Girl Scouts. So if you ever see them, they have now earned their tan (and final) vests! Congrats to all the girls on their hard work! As we move into this fall, many of the girls are hoping to begin the path of earning their Silver Awards, the second highest honor in Girl Scouting.

As always, we are grateful for the support of the American Legion Post #179, and we can't wait to share our adventures with you in the future!

*Ms. Minda, Troop #4161 Leader*

## PLAY BINGO

*Please come to the Post to play Bingo TUESDAY & FRIDAY MORNINGS*

**Sales start at 9:30 • Play starts at 10:30**

**Proceeds are used to help Veterans**

## FROM THE 179 RIDERS . . .

Summer is just about done, but the riding season isn't! We will be involved in the LZ Michigan Festival and Freedom Cruise, which will feature a number of events including: a Bike and Car show, the Freedom Cruise, Military Displays, Live Music, and much more! Bring your families out to support this event that supports our Veterans. We will be there for the events throughout the day.

The 4th of July Car and Bike show was a great success! This event was part of the City of Grandville's 4th of July Celebration. We had over 50 entries for our first year, and had a wonderful time. A huge thank you to all who made it happen, including our judges from each of the Legion families!

The Riders were incredibly proud and honored to be able to donate a check in the amount of \$5,000 to Wilwin Lodge, a retreat center for Veterans, which is a subsidiary of the American Legion. They serve Veterans from all wars, especially those with PTSD, TBI, or are handicapped. This donation was made possible from our annual ride, and we are proud to be serving the Veterans who served for us.

While we just wrapped up our annual ride last month, we are looking to start setting up next year's, which will take place on June 2, 2018. If you would like to help or become a sponsor, please let us know. We want to make next year even bigger and better than before, and together as a Legion family, we can do it! One Team, One Fight!

*The 179 Legion Riders*