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Lions honors students for being 'Good'

The experience of going blind gave one man the inspiration to create a program through the Lions International Club that has touched the lives of countless youth since it's inception in 1996.

Lion member Ron Derry when faced with his blindness had to decide whether he was going to carry on with a normal life or whether he was going to let his blindness defeat him. Derry's belief was to maintain a positive attitude to conquer life's problems. His belief in encouraging youth to follow life's proper behaviors and always try to do their best to achieve success is promoted by the Lions Club "Good" program.

The word Good is an acronym for "Going On Or Defeated." The Lindsey Lions Club promotes the program at Washington Elementary School each year. The teachers and staff at the school recognize students for their superior behavior in their daily lives and recommend those students to the Lions as having been "caught being good."

Those students are then rewarded by the Lindsey Lions Club as the years "Good" students, and are invited to a special banquet just for them.

When choosing a student for the program, the good kid must display the behavioral tendencies that are formatted by the Lions International Club.

The 10 requirements are:

- Attends school on a regular basis. n Completes homework assignments on time.
- Displays neatness and accuracy with all written work.
- Shows preparation for all announced tests.
- Shows interest in learning through means of appropriate questions.
- Student is good listener in class.
- Student constantly shows respect for administrators, teachers and all other school personal.
- Student does their part to see the classroom is conducive to a good learning environment.
- Student displays acts of good citizenship on a daily basis.
- Student has shown an act of caring toward another person in a difficult situation.

This week the Good Banquet was at Ole Zim's Wagon Shed. The invocation was given by Denny Suter and a dinner was enjoyed by the Good students and their parents and the teachers who helped name them for the award.

After dinner Mayor and Lindsey Lion Club member Rod Opelt gave the opening comments.

Long standing Lion member Clyde Michael explained the Good program to the crowd and Washington Elementary principal Dwayne Arnold and Lion Michael gave recognition and presented certificates to the students.

This year's Good students and their teachers are kindergartner, Faith Zimmerman and teacher, Evilia Sandoval; first-grader, Victoria Humberger and teacher, Joyce Quillen; second-grader, Sydney Zoller and teacher, Patricia Shay; third-grader, Alyssa Fuller and teacher, Abby Gilbert; fourth-grader, Logan Lamalie and teacher, Joanne Traczek; fifth-grader, Alex Terraza-Cobo and teacher, Randy Brown; sixth-grader, Nicholas Lynch and teacher, Deb Acker.

At that same banquet, the recipients of the Wendelle C. Miller Scholarship Awards were recognized. The scholarships are sponsored by the Lindsey Lions Club and the Washington School Parent-Teacher Organization. Sharon Lagrou and Kelley Hasselbach presented the scholarships to graduating seniors Patrick Ramirez and Meghan Wonderly.

The Annual Village Clean-Up day will be from 8 a.m. to noon May 16 just off of Ash Street, west of Ohio 590 (Main Street). The yearly clean up day offers complimentary disposal of unwanted items for "Lindsey Only" residents. Items accepted at the disposal are, furniture, appliances, general rubbish and household items. Items not accepted include building materials, tires, poisons, motor oils, cleaning fluids and any other type of item that is not considered disposable under the EPA guidelines.

Washington Township monthly trash collection day will be from 8 a.m. to noon tomorrow at the township house in Hessville.

Disposables are accepted for a fee, rinsed recyclables are accepted free of charge.
