



## Celebrating our wind park participants

Thank you to all our landowners that were able to join us at Dow Diamond in June. Words cannot express our gratitude for your continued support of the Meridian Wind Park. It was a joyful evening to be able to connect with each one of you!



## Save the date for Midland Antique Engine Association events this summer

Midland Antique Engine Association Inc. (MAEAI) is a non-profit organization dedicated to the education of all ages in the history and mechanics of engines, tractors, and associated equipment.

DTE proudly sponsors MAEAI and congratulates the club on their 34th Annual Summer Show that was held in July!

Be sure to save the date for the fall tractor pull September 23 - 25. Find the schedule for other events throughout the summer at [www.maea-i.org](http://www.maea-i.org).



## From Jason Hannath

I want to give my personal congratulations to our community's Best and Brightest Class of 2022. Continue to reach for the stars!

Merrill High School: Mikayla Wolfgram and Linzi Wiley

Breckenridge High School: Katherine Steinhaus and Morgan Westall

Midland High School: Lawrence Millward and Gavin Post

Hemlock High School: Reagan Keyser and Joshua Collins

H. H. Dow High School: Toluwani Oshin and Kenneth Gu

On another note, we are excited to kick off all this summer's events. I look forward to seeing everyone at the county fairs throughout our region as well as Merrill Farm Fest!

## Merrill Farm Fest 2022



The Merrill Farm Fest Committee could not have made a better choice for the 2022 Citizens of the Year! Congratulations to All Family Farms, Farmers, Truck Drivers and all those that put in the hard work every day to keep agriculture alive in our community. We hope this year's event is a special celebration of everything you've provided over the years.

This year's Farm Fest is Friday, August 5th – Sunday, August 7th and includes:

### Friday

- Slowpitch Softball at 6 pm, Merrill Community Park
- Beverage Tent at 7 pm, Popp's Place/Village Parking Lot
- Fire Department Light Parade at dusk

### Saturday

- Merrill Lions Club Pancake Breakfast from 7:30 am – 10:30 am, Jonesfield Township Hall
- Heavenly Thunder Car Show; Registration at 8 am, Trophies at 1 pm, Merrill High School
- Slowpitch Softball continues at 9 am
- Touch a Firetruck from 9 am – 4 pm, Jonesfield-Lakefield Fire Department
- DTE Kids Zone from 9 am - 4pm, DTE/ Jonesfield Township Hall parking lot, all activities are free to the public
- Parade at Noon
- Tractor Pull at Noon, N Midland/Mahoney St.
- Local Lions Club Project: Kidsight Eye Screening from 1 pm – 3 pm, Jonesfield Township Hall
- Beverage Tent at 7 pm, Popp's Place/Village Parking Lot

### Sunday

- Cornhole Tournament; Registration at 11 am, begins at 1 pm
- Tractor pulls continue

## Merrill Lions Club supports our community

The Merrill Lions is chartered to support the local community of Merrill and various others within the state and follows the motto of the LIONS international, which is "WE SERVE."

In service to the community in and around Merrill, the LIONS supports through monetary assistance:

- Merrill Scholarship fund
- Eye exams and glasses for the disadvantaged
- Project Kidsight
- Special Needs Vision Clinic in Saginaw
- Collection of eyeglasses for recycled eye wear

Support to statewide projects includes:

- Leader Dog program
- Michigan Eye Bank
- Diabetes awareness
- Speech and hearing program
- Sickle cell awareness

The Merrill Lions host various fundraisers to support these programs. While you're enjoying the Merrill Farm Fest weekend activities, be sure to visit the Jonesfield Township Hall (217 N. Eddy St, Merrill, MI 48637), where the Club will host their Annual Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, August 6th from 7:30 am – 10:30 am.



## Bringing light to the darkness

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS) Light the Night event is a time for the community to celebrate, honor, and remember those touched by blood cancers. Friends, families, schools, corporate teams, and sponsors come together to bring light to the darkness of cancer. The funds raised support lifesaving research, advocacy and support for blood cancer patients and their families. Since 2017, LLS has helped advance 85% of the blood cancer treatment options approved by the FDA.

This year's Light the Night Walk will be held in Midland at the Midland Farmer's Market/ Dow Diamond on September 22 at 6:00 pm. This will be Merrill Community Team's 6th year of fundraising for the LLS. Last year they brought in over \$12,000! You can find more information about the walk on the "Merrill Community Team! Let's Light the Night for LLS!" Facebook page.

For your ease in donating, we have included a QR code that will take you directly to the Merrill Community Team webpage for registration or donations. If you prefer to submit your donation via check, please reach out to Mrs. Beverlee Glazier at [weigilou2@aol.com](mailto:weigilou2@aol.com).

No matter how you decide to participate, please know that your support in the fight to cure cancer is greatly appreciated! Thank you so much for your continued support of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society and of the MERRILL COMMUNITY TEAM in helping to BRING LIGHT to the darkness of cancer!

