

First United, Lions partner to save sight

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FROSTBURG — First United Bank & Trust recently made a significant contribution to the Frostburg Lions Club, to assist with the purchase of a Welsh-Allyn Vision Screening device. Frostburg and Lonaconing Lions have purchased the device.

Mary Lyn Longley, community office manager, of the Frostburg Branch of First United said, "First United is a member of the community, and we want to participate in our community as much as possible."

First United has been a longtime partner with the Frostburg Lions Club, assisting with many different projects.

The Welsh-Allyn Vision Screening device is not a camera, but as imaging device that uses computer technology to screen a Childs eyes, for a variety of visual problems. Trained and certified Lions can read on the spot computer printouts, and make recommendations to parts, if a problem is detected.

"This is amazing technology," said Lion President Bill Munck. "and without First United, we may not have been able to bring it to Allegany county" Frostburg and Lonaconing Lions are paying over \$3,000 for the device, with assistance from the Lions Saving Kids Sight Foundation.



First United Bank recently helped with the purchase of Welsh-Allyn Vision Screener by making a contribution. From the left are Mary Bond, customer service officer, First United; Bill Munck, president, Frostburg Lions; and Mary Lyn Longley, community office manager, Frostburg.

The Lions clubs will begin a series of vision screenings in area schools, and then set up screening in various areas of the county. There is never a charge for Lions vision screenings, if parents need assistance with the purchase glasses, Lions have a program for that as well.

"If we can correct the vision of one child," said Munck, "then every penny will have been well spent."

Longley concurred, saying that: "we at First United hope that every parent will take advantage of this program.

This is one of the many ways we give back to our community."

The Welsh-Allyn, in addition to being able to screen the eyes of children, can also be used with adult, and Lions hope to imitate adult screenings this winter as well. Lions advise that all public vision screening will be posted in the Cumberland Times-News, and that all screening will be free of charge.

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