

First United branch helps Lions kick off tourney ad campaign

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FROSTBURG — The Frostburg Branch of First United Bank helped the Frostburg Lions Club kick off the ad campaign for the 28th Annual All Star Maryland West Virginia Basketball Tournament, to be held this spring at Frostburg State University.

Mary Lynn Longley, Frostburg branch manager, presented the check to Lion President Bill Munck recently at the Frostburg branch.

"First is first," Longley joked. "Seriously, we're proud to help our local Lions kick off of this great event," indicating the long running local rivalry tourney.

"We recognize the importance of supporting local organizations," Longley said. "We live here, too."

The basketball tournament, celebrating its 28th anniversary,

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Mary Lynn Longley, branch manager of First United Bank, Frostburg, presents Frostburg Lion Bill Munck the first advertising check for the 28th Annual Basketball tournament that will be held this spring at Frostburg State University.

Frostburg grandma sets new directions for her life as Lion

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Grandma, friend, mom and now Lion Phyllis Thomas has set new directions for her life. She became a Lion recently, "so I can give back to my community."

Thomas is a mother of two and grandmother of four.



Originally from

Arbutus, a suburb of Baltimore, Thomas came to Frostburg "more years ago than I care to count" to be near her daughter Stephanie Flanigan of Eckhart. Her son, Dale Thomas, still resides in Baltimore. "I like the area," she said. "People here are friendly and caring."

Friendly and caring is what prompted her to choose a new direction. "This senior

isn't washed up yet," she said. "I want to be a part, to help make change and make things better."

Not only is being a member of the Frostburg Lions Club a great opportunity for Lion Phyllis to help with community activities, it also allows her to stay active. "I like that part," she says. "A lot of 'seniors' just sit around, not me, there are things that need doing."

Additionally, she gets to meet new people, visit other Lions clubs and attend a variety of different functions. "As my schedule permits," she said. "Hear that, I have a schedule now."

Lion Phyllis has helped with the Lions participation in the Appalachian Festival at Frostburg State University, chicken barbecue and will be working with the Lions Vision Screening Committee this winter.

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