

March 27, 2015

Lions Club to host All-Star Basketball Classic on April 19

FOR THE FROSTBURG EXPRESS

FROSTBURG — The Frostburg Lions Club will host the 35th Annual All-Star Basketball Classic on April 19 at 1 p.m. at Frostburg State University's Cordts Physical Education Center. This year's event is being presented as a reunion, where players from previous classics can get together and renew old friendships.

"We are always encountering folks who played in the games," said Frostburg Lions Club President Bill Munck. "We thought we would invite all of the players to attend, relax and just have a good time."

About 2,000 high school basketball players have participated in the classic since its inception in 1980. Garry Clem and Jim Newlon, along with the then Bruce High Sportsmen Club, founded the Western

Maryland All-Star Basketball Classic with the idea of honoring the best senior high school basketball players from the Eastern Panhandle of West Virginia and Western Maryland. Unlike many other all-star games at the time, the area's top girls were also invited to compete.

The inaugural showcase, modeled after the AVAC Classic in Ohio, was unveiled to a near-capacity crowd at the Bruce High School gymnasium. The event has since moved to FSU, but like every game since its inception, the proceeds generated from the Classic still benefit local non-profit and charitable organizations by way of the Frostburg Lions Club.

For more information or for history about the All-Star Classic, visit www.frostburglions.org/projectsbasketball.html or call 301-687-0212.