



AGENCY OF THE MONTH

Highlighting one non-profit agency needing volunteers!

The WIU Fraternal Order of Police Lodge is an organization of active and retired police officers. Its primary purpose is to provide for the welfare of its membership through social activities. In a secondary role, the group sponsors youth activities throughout the area including little league teams, a cub scout pack, girls softball, girls basketball, bike safety programs for kids, book scholarships for local college students, and a host of other community service activities. Nearly \$500 in toys were purchased for the Pediatrics Department at MDH, "How to call 911" books were provided for area day care centers, and money was donated to Bushnell Pool Fund, Macomb High Track Fund, Easter Seals, Special Olympics, St. Jude's Hospital, WIRC, Samaritan Well, Loves and Fishes, and many other area groups.

In Fall 2001, the local FOP received a license from the city of Macomb to repair and upgrade an old girl scout camp located on city property at Spring Lake. The camp had seen minimal use the last ten years. The bridge needed replacement, as did the wiring in the stone lodge which was built in 1934. The lodge kitchen was not connected to the sewer system. All of the buildings required repair.

Since taking over the facility, the following improvements have been made: New doors replaced all the old wooden doors, which were unsuccessful in keeping animals out of the buildings. A sewer line was run to the main lodge, and a handicapped accessible restroom was added to the building. All of the electrical wiring in the building was replaced. The bridge was rebuilt, and a new fence installed at the entrance. Steps were removed for wheelchair access, and the fire ring was redone. The bathhouse received a new roof, and the kitchen was remodeled.

From 2002 through 2005, over 5,500 persons utilized the facility for their various activities. The FOP offers the facility for use by any not-for-profit youth, church, or school group, and charges no fee.

In 2004, the WIU FOP received an award from the Macomb Quality of Life Committee for their contributions to the area. In 2006, we were recognized by the State Fraternal Order of Police for our involvement in the area.

Thank you WIU Fraternal Order of Police!
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