

### West Grant Lions Club Donation to Wisconsin Badger Camp

For a number of years, the West Grant Lions Club has donated to the Wisconsin Badger Camp a large share of the money made at the Lions Club's annual golf tournament fund raiser. This year the club decided to donate \$1,000 and that a presentation should be made at the Badger Camp location. Pictured at left is long-time chairperson and organizer of the golf tournament Joe Mergen. In the center holding the check envelope is Austin Rist, Program Director at Badger Camp. At right is Jim Kachel, Club Treasurer.



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### McCracken

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that are doing specifically classic cars. Nobody's working doing specifically mechanical work on cars like this."

The downside of owning your own business is "there's no paid vacation; if I want to take a day off, I have to make sure I have everything squared away," he said.

"A lot of people are getting out and cruising," said McCracken. "My generation, a lot of them are doing '90s, even 2000s cars, and they want to drive and have fun."

Previous generations would race their cars at dragstrips and sometimes illegally on back roads, but dragstrips are harder to find now. McCracken

said the closest dragstrip is in Hillsboro.

The race tracks at the Grant County Fairgrounds in Lancaster and the Lafayette County Fairgrounds in Darlington are for dirt-track race cars, not quarter-mile races. McCracken said

oval racing is becoming "prohibitively expensive."

Car owners will bring their cars to the shop while not necessarily intending for McCracken to work on their car.

"They're doing it because it's something they enjoy," he

said. "They bring a couple guys over and if they don't work on it... it's an excuse to hang out."

McCracken's goal is to get "bigger" — "ideally you'd like to have enough work that I can get a bigger shop" so he could work on restoring more than one car per year.



McCracken has a love of cars that starred on the small screen, which includes having a 1969 Dodge Charger that matches the one from the TV show The Dukes of Hazzard, as well as a Gran Torino from Starsky and Hutch. His other love is for Mopar products, which includes this 1974 Dodge Charger.

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