

# Whistle Stop

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## From the Grand Chef de Gare

Greetings Voyageurs,

Well, I hope everybody enjoyed the holidays. 2020 is finally over and we welcome in a new year. As of now Spring Cheminot is still a go and will be hosted by Voiture 746. The Cheminot will be held at American Legion Post 324 in Jackson on the 13th of March. Please refer to the Official Call for details.

Next will be my Homecoming, which will be held at American Legion Post 491 in Leslie on the 10th of April. Well, that's it on upcoming events. I hope to see you all there.

Right now we are losing more members than we are gaining. We all need to bring new members into our ranks. They're out there, we just need to ask them.

As you all know, COVID-19 hasn't disappeared like a lot of us hoped. Please stay safe.

I know I'm reaching but if there is anybody from the UP listening please let me know how you are doing. Myself, Chef de Train and Avocot would like to make a trip there to visit. Please give me a call at 517-652-4847. That's it for now.

**For God & Country**  
**Grand Chef Lonnie Haynes**



## From the Grande La Presidente

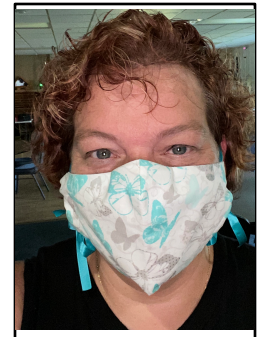
Dear Dames,

Happy New Year!!! I hope this finds all you healthy and happy. I know how hard this past year has been and I pray for a much better year for everyone. Although this situation has been tough we are still here, working towards our new goals and striving forward.

I am looking forward to Spring Cheminot in March hosted in Jackson ☺ I am hoping to see everyone although I know that not everyone will be comfortable and I completely understand, but still hope to see you. If you do not feel safe coming out just shoot me a note or give me a call, I understand but I still want to hear from you. I miss you all terribly.

We have traveled some difficult roads this year so just remember "Difficult roads often lead to beautiful destinations," author unknown. I reflect on this saying often I hope it brings you a little happiness and it has brought me great joy throughout my life and the roads I have traveled on, but I found I relied on it this past year. Please always remember I am here even if you just need a shoulder to lean on! Please feel free to reach out!

**Yours in service**  
**Lori Majeske**  
**Grande La Presidente**  
**Grande du Michigan**



### From the Grand Correspondant

Greetings Voyageurs,

Happy New Year. We have put 2020 in our rearview mirrors, and now look ahead to 2021. I sincerely hope this 12 months brings healing, good health and a return to normal, or as much normal we can squeeze out of the year.

Spring Cheminot is still planned for March 13, hosted by Voiture 746. We will gather at American Legion Post 324, 1190 Fahahee Road in Jackson. I hope we can equal or exceed the number of Voyageurs who were at Fall Cheminot.

As our Grand Avocot wrote, we have lost three fellow Voyageurs. Mike Hemker, Les Hoskins and Jeff Johnson could always be counted on to attend Grand events. They will be missed, and I offer condolences to their families.

You will also see on Page 4 plans for the Homecoming for Grand Chef Lonnie Haynes with special recognition of Grande La Presidente Lori Bolly Majeske on April 10. It will take place at American Legion Post 491 in Leslie. It would be great if he had good attendance at this celebration of his two years as Grand Chef de Gare.

**Yours in service,  
Rich Adams  
Grand Correspondant**

### From the Grand Avocat

Greetings Voyageur's! I hope everybody survived the Holidays and this pandemic to the best of your ability. Until we can open up and start having Promenades, etc., it is of the utmost importance that we continue to check on each other. Physical and mental health are both issues that need to be addressed and monitored. A phone tree is a great way to check on our members.

In the last couple of months, we lost Grand Cheminot Mike Hemker out of Coldwater, and just last week (1-5-21) we lost our Grand Lampiste, Les Hoskins, Voiture 181, and 4th District Grand Cheminot Jeff Johnson, Voiture 545 (1-26-21). All were dedicated Voyageurs. This further adds to the need to get qualified members to get in and fill out various positions we have open. We cannot forget about our programs.

I still have about 40 Nurses Training pins. I dearly hope we will be able to have our Spring Cheminot in Michigan Center. Questions? Call me! Until then, take care of yourselves and each other.



**Yours in service,  
James Coe II  
Grand Avocot  
Nurses Training Director  
Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer Passe**

## Grand du Michigan



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### La Societe Des Quarante Hommes ET Huit Chevaux

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| To: Grand Officers | Grand Committeemen        |
| Grand Cheminots    | Grand Executive Committee |
| Voiture Officers   | Interested Voyageurs      |

By order of the Chef de Gare, Grande Voiture du Michigan, the Spring Cheminot will be held on Saturday, March 13, 2021 at Voiture 746, American Legion Post 324, 1190 Falahee Road, Jackson MI 49203.

Pre-registration \$10, send to Rich Adams, 15855 Turnberry St. Lansing MI 48906  
 MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO VOITURE 746  
 Doughnuts, fruit and coffee will be available at registration desk.

Femmes pre-registration \$10, send to Lori Coe, 277 Maple Run, Mason MI 48854  
 MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO CABANE 746

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE meets at 1100, then each committee will be called in order, then the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE will close the meeting.

#### SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 13, 2021 Time and Place, 1130 hours  
 Saturday, lunch available for \$7  
 CHEMINOT CONVENE at 1300

ALL OFFICERS, CHEMINOTS AND COMMITTEE DIRECTEURS ARE ADVISED TO PROVIDE A WRITTEN COPY OF THEIR REPORT to the Correspondent.

Grand Chef Lonnie Haynes will host a social hour after Cheminot

Lonnie Haynes  
 Grand Chef de Gare

Rich Adams  
 Correspondant

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# Chef's Homecoming



Celebration of **LONNIE HAYNES** Year as



**GRAND CHEF DE GARE GRAND DU MICHIGAN**

**WITH SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF**

**GRANDE LA PRESIDENTE LORI BOLLEY-MAJESKE**



**Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup>**

**4:00 PM Social & Appetizers**

**5:00 PM Dinner & Program to Follow**



**American Legion Post 491, 422 Woodworth, Leslie**

**Dinner Choices: Ribeye OR Stuffed Asparagus & Tomato Chicken Breast served with roasted potatoes & carrots, rolls and lots of desserts.**

**\$15 (Check Payable to V-746) Please indicate how you would like your Ribeye cooked.**

**R = Rare MR = Medium Rare M = Medium WD = Well Done**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken\_\_ or Ribeye \_R\_MR\_M\_WD

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken\_\_ or Ribeye \_R\_MR\_M\_WD

Complete the bottom portion and mail with payment to: **Lonnie Haynes**  
506 Mill St. Leslie, MI 49251 If you Questions, call **Lonnie @ (517) 652-4847**

Date Sent: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_ Check#: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken\_\_ or Ribeye \_R\_MR\_M\_WD

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_ Check#: \_\_\_\_\_