

## AVON LIONS HOST SWC PREVIEW

Last year the Avon Lions Club announced the creation of the "Silver Rail" trophy to recognize the winner of the Avon Eagles vs. Avon Lake Shoremen varsity football game. The unveiling of the rivalry trophy took place last year at the first Southwest Conference preview hosted by the Avon Lions Club. Avon High School head football coach Mike Elder and Avon Lake High School head football coach Dave Dlugosz



Paul Johnson, Avon Lions Club president, Mike Elder, Avon High School head football coach, Dave Dlugosz, Avon Lake High School head football coach and Doug Wetzig, Avon Lions Club program chair.

reviewed their varsity football squads, gave their thoughts on the new Southwestern Conference and thoughts on the upcoming game. The proceeds of the program were donated on behalf of both schools in support of the Avon/Avon Lake Community Resource Services (CRS) annual SOUPer Bowl food drive competition between the two schools.

The Avon Lions Club hosted the event again this year following the same format as each coach talked about the upcoming season and previewed their game together which takes place Sept. 2 at Avon Lake High School Memorial Stadium, 175 Avon Belden Road, Avon Lake.

More than 50 people attended the annual event last week and through the generous donations from participants, and a matching gift from the Lions Club, \$1,000 will be donated to CRS.

The Silver Rail trophy will be presented to the winning team upon completion of the game Sept. 2. The Silver Rail signifies the railroad tracks which serve as a boundary between Avon and Avon Lake.

## SOUPer Bowl Food Drive

The sixth annual SOUPer Bowl food drive, benefiting Avon/Avon Lake Community Resource Services (CRS), will take place Sept. 2 during the Avon vs. Avon Lake varsity football game at Avon Lake High School Memorial Stadium, 175 Avon Belden Road. Collections trucks will be at the stadium at 6 p.m. There also will be drop off locations throughout both communities, as well as the school buildings this month.

The friendly competition challenges the two communities to collect the most food. Bragging rights and a trophy are awarded to the community with the heaviest truck. Monetary donations are also accepted as each \$1 contributed will be counted as 5 pounds. Items most needed include peanut butter, cereal, canned meats and fruits,

and paper products. Food items must be non-perishable and not have expired dates.

Congratulations to Avon for winning last year's SOUPer Bowl, although the real winner is CRS and the families served in Avon and Avon Lake. The generosity of students, staff and community members from both Avon and Avon Lake was overwhelming. Both communities together donated \$14,287 and 9,538 pounds of food. These donations combined provided the CRS food pantry with the equivalent of close to 81,000 pounds of food. Since its inception in 2010, the SOUPer Bowl Food Drive has collected \$59,083 in cash donations and 37,118 pounds of food.

For more information, call Pam at 440-933-5639 or go to [aalcrs.org](http://aalcrs.org).

Avon and Avon Lake began playing one another in 1939 but the competition took a break from 1960 until 2007. Avon Lake leads the series 17 - 16.

CRS will be hosting a food drive during the game Sept. 2. A trophy will be awarded to winning community collecting the most food donations.

**SOUPER BOWL**  
FOOD DRIVE  
HELP SCORE A TOUCHDOWN FOR  
YOUR LOCAL FOOD PANTRY

**Friday, September 2nd, 2016**  
Avon vs. Avon Lake Varsity Football Game  
Avon Lake High School Memorial Stadium

Avon & Avon Lake collection trucks will be at the stadium at 6PM.  
There will be drop off locations (see below) throughout Avon and Avon Lake including all schools. Please call CRS for location information.

**TROPHY AWARDED TO THE COMMUNITY WITH THE HEAVIEST TRUCK!**

- Items most needed: peanut butter, cereal, canned meats and fruits, paper products.
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- Monetary contributions also accepted.
- Each \$1 contributed will be counted as 5 pounds!
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