



# MPFFU Boot News

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## FIREFIGHTER SPOTLIGHT

*Portage Local 1467*

***Billy Graham***



Billy was an integral part in getting L1467 back out filling the boot in the streets in 2019! Billy set up a meeting with the Director of Public Safety and came prepared with statistics, a safety plan and other options that they have tried to make money other than the traditional fill the boot in the streets. L1467 was given the opportunity to get back in the streets for 2019 - one day for 4 hours! We have hopes that we will be given the blessing from the director to hit the streets for three days in 2020 and get their totals back up to the \$20,000 mark! Outside of filling the boot, Billy has assisted with their golf outing and helped facilitate a fill the boot at a local business open house this year too.

## MPFFU/MDA Liaison

***Monty Nye***

***5th District Vice President***



The State-wide MPFFU/MDA Liaison's main role is to be the "official" contact person for the MPFFU and firefighter locals in Michigan regarding any and all things to do with MDA, the Fill The Boot fundraising campaign, Annual FTB Boot Camp, Dispute Resolution and promoting the MPFFU/MDA partnership while protecting the MPFFU brand and its members. Monty has been in this role for 17 years and has helped both MDA and MPFFU achieve success with our Fill the Boot campaign and partnership.





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## 2020 MDA Michigan Ambassador

### Brooklynn

Age 10

Diagnosis: Facioscapulohumeral Muscular Dystrophy: (FSHD) is a neuromuscular disorder that causes weakness prominently of the muscles of the face, shoulder blades, and upper arms. It is one of nine types of muscular dystrophy.

#### Favorite School Subject/Activities:

Brooklynn's favorite school subject is math and her favorite activity is art.

#### Favorite People and/or Pets:

Brooklynn's favorite people are her family...mom, dad, bubba, Kenzie, grandma and grandpa, and her dog, Bronco.

#### Interests:

Brooklynn is a Junior Girl Scout and enjoys sideline cheerleading. She started playing the clarinet in band this year. And spends lots of time with her friends.

#### *Quote from mom, Kim, about what MDA means to them and their family.*

MDA offers a place of normalcy for Brooklynn. She struggles some days with the little tasks in life but MDA offers her opportunities to feel like the most important person in the room.

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### 5 Fun Facts About Me:

1. I attended MDA Summer Camp for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time in 2019.
2. I want to be an actress when I grow up.
3. I love warm and sunny places, especially the beach.
4. I love all animals, but love my 2 dogs, 1 cat, 17 chickens and 1 rabbit the most.
5. I love to make funny Tik Tok videos with my friends.

Thank you for your  
support of the  
Muscular Dystrophy  
Association!



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## Save the Date!

**Thursday, May 14, 2020**

The View at Lansing Lugnuts  
Stadium

More information to follow

## 2020 Fill the Boot T-shirt





# FILL THE BOOT - BOOT BOOSTER IDEAS

Looking for ideas to **boost** your departments boot total? Check out these ideas for fun events, that will also raise money for the MDA. Please contact us if you are interested in hosting an event in your area!

Host a bowl-a-thon  
or cornhole  
tournament

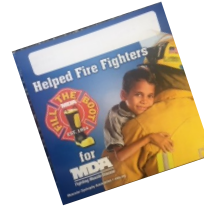


Host a Firefighter  
appreciation night at  
your local Applebee's.  
A portion of the sales  
will go to MDA!  
\*\*\*several other  
restaurants will offer  
similar opportunities

Have your  
department  
host a Golf  
Tournament



Have a local Business sell  
Pin-Ups for \$1 or \$5



Hold a Brew  
Fest in your  
local area



Please feel free to contact us with any questions!

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