



Newsletter



May/June 2026

Lions District MD26-M6



DG Paula held her last cabinet meeting today in Lebanon, Mo. Congratulations Lion Joyce Jones for receiving a Lions International Presidential certificate. Thank you to Lebanon Host Lions for hosting & for lunch afterwards. The gavel was handed over to DGE Tammy, but this year isn't over till July so keep serving strong.



Missouri Delegation at the Mission 1.5 Summit in Atlanta, Georgia, June 21!

Brought home those ideas and your enthusiasm!! Thank you for your dedication to Lions!

Stay Connected!



<https://molionsm6.org/>



Missouri Lions District M6

District M6 – District Picnic

Save the Date for the District M6 Family Picnic

Saturday, September 12, 2026.

All District 26-M6 Lions & their families are invited. Location and more details to follow.



LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL

FREE 18-INCH ROAD SIGNS

GET YOURS TODAY!



Show your impact. Inspire your community.

FREE 18-INCH ROAD SIGNS available while supplies last

LIMIT ONE REQUEST PER CLUB Thank you for helping us spread the word!

FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED Signs will be fulfilled on a first-come, first-served basis.

REQUEST YOUR SIGN TODAY:
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LIONS 18" STREET SIGN

2026-2027 CLUB EXCELLENCE AWARD

★ **RECOGNIZING CLUBS MAKING A DIFFERENCE**

★ **New clubs chartered after January 1, 2027, are not eligible for the award.*

CLUB EXCELLENCE AWARD CRITERIA

- MEMBERSHIP**
 - Achieved a net growth of two (2) members or 10% or more members (Reinstated members and charter members above the minimum 20 members will qualify.)
 - OR
 - Sponsored a new Lions club or Club Branch
- SERVICE**
 - Report a minimum of four (4) service activities. (Three (3) must align with our Global Causes around Youth, Vision and Environment (one in each Global Cause) these service projects can be completed throughout the 2026-2027 Lion year.)
- LEADERSHIP & ORGANIZATIONAL EXCELLENCE**
 - Clubs in Good Standing; not in Status Quo or Financial Suspension. Club dues paid and no unpaid balance with Lions International greater than US\$500 outstanding 90 days or more.
 - Report newly elected club officers for the 2027-2028 Lions year in the Lion Portal by May 15, 2027.
 - Club officers to attend instructor-led club officer training (in person or virtual), organized and reported in Learn by GLT coordinator, between March 1, 2026 - October 31, 2026.
 - The club president for the current Lion year must not have served in that role more than two consecutive years.
 - 10% of the club's members complete any three (3) courses in the Lions Learning Center.
- LCIF**
 - Contributed to LCIF a minimum of the club's membership total at the start of the 2026-2027 Lion year multiplied by US\$20.
- DISTRICT, REGION AND ZONE CRITERIA**
 - For the District, Zone Chairperson and Region Chairperson, 50% of the clubs must earn the club excellence award for them to receive this award.

INVEST IN LEADERS. STRENGTHEN YOUR CLUB. SERVE YOUR COMMUNITY.

TOGETHER WE SERVE. TOGETHER WE EXCEL.

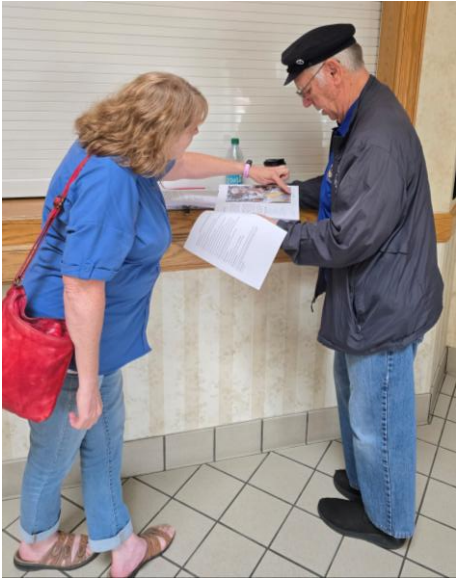
Making a Difference, Together

WE SERVE WITH COMPASSION. WE LEAD WITH PURPOSE. WE IMPACT LIVES.

District M6 – Officers Training

District M6 Officer Training Day was June 6, 2026.

Thank you to everyone who came out from Club Presidents, Club Treasures, Club Secretaries, and Zone Chairs. Lots of questions were answered to get these Lions off to a great 2026-2027 Lions Year.



Dear Friends,

More details will be shared as plans continue to develop, but please mark your calendars now for the **Together We Rise for Debbie Fundraiser** honoring ID Debbie Cantrell.

Date: Saturday, August 1, 2026

Time: 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Location: Marshfield Community Center, Marshfield, Missouri

Attached you will find the event flyer and a photo of the fundraiser t-shirts. If you would like to purchase a shirt, please contact Tammy using the information below.

We are currently seeking donations for both a **Silent Auction** and an **Online Auction:**

Silent Auction: Gift baskets similar to those seen at District and State Conventions are greatly appreciated.

Online Auction: We are looking for smaller items that can be easily mailed to winning bidders. The online auction will be held through the *Together We Rise for Debbie* Facebook page.

We are expecting approximately **300 attendees** and are seeking donations to help support the event. From our Lions family, we are looking for contributions for the meal. If you are able to provide something please reach out to see what the needs are.

Dawna Morris

Email: LionDawna@gmail.com

Phone/Text: 417-316-1082

While this is not an official Lions event, Debbie has touched the lives of many Lions across our district, and we are grateful for any support you can provide. We already have a wonderful group of volunteers, but additional help is always welcome.

T-Shirt Pre-Orders

Pre-orders are now being accepted, and shirts will be available for pickup at the fundraiser on August 1.

Small – XL: \$20

2XL: \$22

3XL: \$23

4XL: \$24

5XL: \$25

To order, contact:

Tammy

Email: liontammy65536@yahoo.com

Text: 417-664-0616

Thank you for your continued generosity, compassion, and willingness to serve others.

Your support means so much to Debbie and her family as they navigate this journey.

Sincerely,

Dawna Morris

Fish Fry **BUY NOW** **Live Band Dixie Hix** **Fellowship**

Online Auction **Silent Auction**

TOGETHER we RISE for Debbie

BENEFIT & FISH FRY
with the Dixie Hix Band
Online & Silent Auction

SATURDAY AUGUST 1, 2026
Proceeds to
DEBBIE CANTRELL
Ovarian Cancer Journey

STARTS AT 11 AM
AT THE MARSHFIELD MISSOURI COMMUNITY CENTER

JOIN US. SUPPORT. MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

STRONGER TOGETHER. FIGHTING TOGETHER. HOPE TOGETHER.
♥ *we rise with Debbie* ♥

🍴 Great Food 🎵 Great Music ❤️ Great Cause





**2025-'26 About To End -
What Is In Need To Have Healthy
Eyes for Young Kids In 2026-'27**

In Missouri: From July 1, 2025, to May 31, 2026, the staff and volunteers provided screenings for **62,629 children** at **851 screening events** across the state. That’s over 14,000 more children reached than this lame last year.

At these screenings, we **identified 5,841 children** who needed a full eye exam –of those referred children, 23% **who were at high risk for vision loss.** (Those are amblyogenic risk factors.) So far this year, we have served children in **98 Missouri counties** across the state.

KidSight Care Coordinator has worked directly with 322 families to help them overcome barriers to care – coordinating no cost care, replacement glasses, connecting families with providers in their community, etc.

In District 26-M6: Screening in M-6 has increased since July 1, 2025.

	<u>Children Screened</u>	<u>Referrals</u>	<u>Screening Events</u>	<u>Counties</u>
This Year to March 25	1,894	148	18	11
Year of 2024-25	764	107	21	9

KidSight staff are busy now booking screenings for 2026-'27

THANK YOU to M-6 Clubs that made their annual Donation to KidSight

As of May 31, twelve clubs have donated to KidSight. A big Thank You to each of these clubs for your donation.

- Defenders of Sight (\$1,000 to \$1,999) Seymour Lions Club
- Protectors of Sight (\$500 to \$999) Branson Hollister – Miller – Springfield Host Lions Clubs
- Advocates Of Sight – (\$.00 to \$249) Christian County – Elkland – Grovespring – Hartville – Lebanon Host – Long Lane Lions Clubs – M6 Honorary Committee

For 2026-'27 asking clubs to PLEASE consider placing KidSight as one of your club’s donations and asking for a screener coming into your community to screen children in your school, Head Start, and/or daycare center.

If your club would like to donate or to receive more information about this Missouri Lions Program, contact **PDG Lion Bob Crump, PO Box 575, Seymour, Mo 65746 or call 417-464-4040.**



AURORA LIONS CLUB

— *will be hosting our* —

26M6 DISTRICT CABINET MEETING



AUGUST 22ND, 2026



STARTING AT
10 AM



AURORA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
1211 S CARNATION DRIVE
AURORA, MO. 65605



*A meal will be available
for purchase*

DETAIL TO COME LATER

District Cabinet Meeting Minutes are posted on our district website at www.molionsm6.org (go to the “Log In”, then down the page to the “Lions M6 Cabinet Minutes” click on the blue box link, there you can see all of the minutes.)

Calendar of Events

July 2026

3-7 = International Convention Hong Kong

4 = Hartville Lions, 4th of July Fireworks & Gun Raffle Drawing Winner announced

10-11 = Miller Lions Club, Lawn Mower Pulls on 10th & Truck & Tractor Pulls on 11th

16-19 = FDI, Baldwin City, KS

17-19 = GPLLI, Baldwin City, KS

August 2026

1 = Together We Rise for Debbie Fundraiser, 11 am – 4 pm, Marshfield Community Center

1 = Grovespring Lions, Foxtrot Horseshow

8 = Mt. Vernon Lions (To-Be), Eye Misson, 10am – 2pm, Old Marc Building

8-9 = Branson-Hollister Lions, A dinner theater fundraising event, 8th at 7pm & 9th at 2pm

21-22 = Freistatt Lions, Ernte Fest

27-29 = Miller Lions, Miller Festival

29 = Seymour Lions Eye Mission, 10am – 2pm, Methodist Church

September 2026

3-5 = USA/Canda Forum, Memphis, TN

10-12 = Seymour Lions, Concession stand at the Seymour Apple Festival

12 = District M6 Family Picnic, Location & more details to follow.

19 = Aurora Lions Memorial Golf Tournament, 8:00 am (Registration at 7am)

19 = Christian Count Lions Annual 5K Fundraiser

22 = District Cabinet Meeting, 10:00 AM, Aurora United Methodist Church, Aurora, MO.

(For more calendar of Events, check on our district website at www.molionsm6.org)

Please submit any articles (already wrote up) & pictures. If it's just a flyer, great send that in. Newsletters will be going out at the end of each month.

Email to molionsm6@yahoo.com.

Thank you,

Lion Cathy Simpson, M6 Media Publisher

Aurora Lions

We just had our new officer induction ceremony and Lion Peggy Stone will be our new President. She also was awarded the Lion of the year award from outgoing president Lion Randall Todd.



Ava Lions

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who assisted with the Lions Club Eye Mission at the MO Ozarks Wellness Center! We had a fantastic turnout, and our team was proud to provide free diabetes and hearing screenings alongside the Lions Club's vital vision care and eyeglasses distribution.



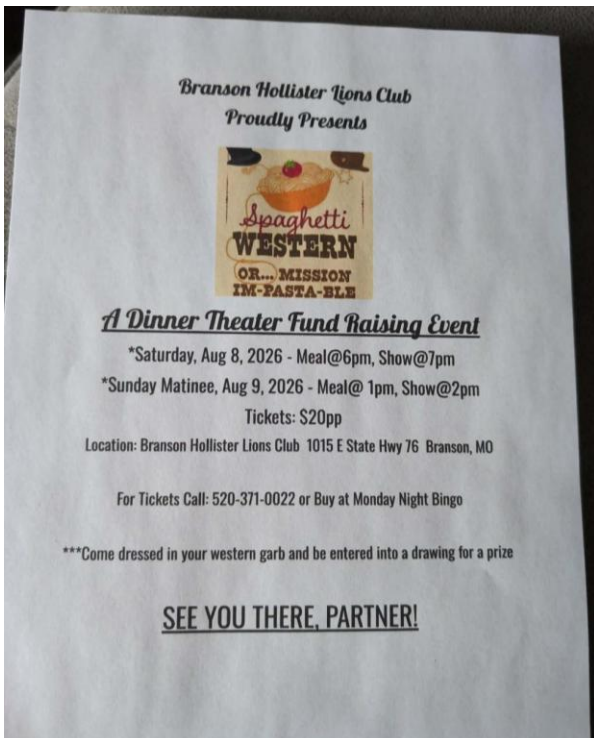
Branson-Hollister Lions

Branson Hollister Lions Club 2026-2027 Officer Installation Ceremony. Current DG Lion Paula Rodgers, DGE Lion Tammy James, 2VDGE Dawna Morris and District Treasurer Linda Dohmen performed the ceremony & pinned the officers. The club very much appreciated getting to meet the District Officers and we thank them again for conducting the ceremony and visiting our club.

Branson Hollister Lions Club Officers for 2026-2027 are as follows:

President Lion Jodi Blackwell, 1st Vice President Lion Christine Deaton, 2nd Vice President Lion Jen Deall, Secretary Lion Suzanne (Suzi Q) Wilson, Treasurer Lion Tim Reech, Lion Tamer Lion Shawn Wilson, Tail Twister Lion Susan Thibeault Linton

We will be conducting our Member Awards Ceremony on June 18th. Submitted by Suzanne Wilson



Buffalo Lions (Still in the process to become a club)

Sat, May 30, 2026, had a Lions Eye Mission at the Grace Community Church in Buffalo, MO. We had 23 Lion Volunteer workers and served 30 attendees that received vision & hearing screenings along with blood sugar checks. Lion Cheynne Nava did a great job chairing this event, to rock. If you are a Lion and have never attended an Eye Mission, I HIGHLY ENCOURAGE you to. The feeling you get when someone walks out of the Mission able to SEE WHERE THEY ARE GOING is a feeling like no other! Especially when it's a small child. This has been such a blessed day indeed.



Meet & Greet

JUNE 13, 2026



Meet & Greet will be at the Grace Community Church at 10 AM



IMPROVE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING



STRENGTHEN COMMUNITIES



SUPPORT THOSE IN NEED

What is a Meet and Greet? It's to explain what the Lions Club could do for our community and how we can volunteer our help. It is to ask and answer questions, and also to gain potential volunteer members. We would love for everyone to come out and join us. Refreshments and snacks will be provided.

Lions Club International is the largest service organization in the world, with 9 Global Causes & Initiatives. Our focus here in Buffalo is Vision Care, Hunger Relief, Environment, Disaster Relief, and Youth Services. How can we help? For more information, please contact: Cheynne at 417-402-9835



Christian County Lions

Summer is heating up and our projects are red hot, too!

Scholarships – In May 2026, we were proud to award three scholarships to graduating seniors:

Carolynne Wilson from Ozark HS will be attending MSU to earn a degree in Nursing. She is minoring in Military Science and plans to join the ROTC.

Rylee Nichols of Ozark HS will attend Crowder College in Neosho, MO. She plans to be a veterinarian technician.

Reese Loveland, a 4.1 GPA student (Wow!) from Sparta HS will study diagnostic sonography.

Photos of scholarship winners from left to right. Congratulations, all!!!



Wellness Events – We supported two M6 at the Wellness Events. One in Buffalo, MO on May 30. We served 30 people at this event. The other wellness event was in Ava, MO Great job, Lions!!!

Environment – We continue to partner with Trex Corporation to recycle over 1,000 pounds of soft plastic every year. That’s right, over 1,000 pounds of plastic every year. Oooph, I’m tired just thinking about that. On May 2, we hosted our first ever Shred Event to safely dispose of sensitive documents and recycle the paper. Led by Lion Wally Kowitz (pictured, left side in white hat) we served 152 customers and shredded 5240 pounds of paper in 2 hours. We were grateful to our sponsors, picked donations, and spread lots of goodwill throughout the community.



Clubs Corner



We are starting a new fiscal year! Fresh ideas but with the same heart for serving our community. On June 16, 2026, Past District Governor Bart Tibbs inducted our officers. Lion Rosalie Watts remains our President (left picture). We enjoyed our end of year picnic (right picture are our members).



Annual Fund Raiser – We will continue to host our major fund raiser for the year on **Saturday, September 19, 2026**. Christian County was proud to open the Chadwick Flyer Trail in Ozark. This allows us to redesign the route. We will also be able to expand the options for our participants: **10K (6.2 miles), 5K (3.1 miles), or 1 mile walk**. If you know any serious runners ... or walkers that just want to log their steps for their fitness trackers, we invite all. Join us! Submitted by Lion Liz Josephson

El Dorado Springs Lions

Last night we installed new officers, inducted three new members, and gave out awards. Lion Chris Keith received Lion of the Year. Lion David Barger received our Heart-of-a-Lion award. Lion David Barger also received the Melvin Jones Award. This is a very prestigious honor and we are very proud of him. Congratulations to all. We welcome our new members with open arms and wish our new officers all the best this next year. Thank you to District Governor Paula for doing this for us.



Diamond Lions

National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior
George Washington Carver NM
Diamond, MO

Prairie Day 2024

September 14, 2024
10 AM - 3 PM

Performances: Music Tent
10:00 a.m. Pickers Post
11:00 a.m. Abbey Waterworth & Josh Gilbert
12:00 p.m. The Vogts Sisters
1:00 p.m. Abbey Waterworth & Josh Gilbert
2:00 p.m. The Vogts Sisters

Performances: 1881 Moses Carver Home
10:00 a.m. Ann and Bill Riggs
11:00 a.m. Holmes Brigade Shirkers
1:00 p.m. Pickers Post
2:00 p.m. Nathan McAlister

Exhibitors:
Master Naturalists
Treadle Sewing
Dutch Oven Cooking
Master Gardeners
Crochet Demonstrations
Woodworking
Weaving and Spinning
Flax Spinning

Toys and Games
Therapy Horses
Basket Weaving
Butter Churning
Candle Dipping
Quilling Box
Apple Cider Press
Archaeology

The Vogts Sisters
Abbey Waterworth & Josh Gilbert
Nathan McAlister

Free of Charge!!

George Washington Carver National Monument
3645 Carver Rd.
Diamond, MO 65640
(417) 325-4151
www.nps.gov/gwcar

Concessions by Diamond Lions Club
Meet our amazing volunteers!

Elkland Lions

Elkland Lions Club 2026 Buckle Series Play Days



DATES

- Friday, May 15th @ 7:00 PM
- Friday, June 19th @ 7:00 PM
- Friday, July 17th @ 7:00 PM
- Friday, Aug 21st @ 7:00 PM
- Friday, Sept 18th @ 7:00 PM



The above dates will be scored (May thru September)

The play days have a buckle for each age group & scoring goes by points acquired throughout the summer.

Friday, October 16th @ 7:00 PM

Dress in your Halloween costume (rider & non-rider) no scoring.

Check out our Facebook page for rainout and cancellation information.
Concessions will be open for all play days until 9 PM or while supplies last.

Please see rules and regulations

Events	Location	Classes
Barrels	Elkland Lions Club	Lead-in \$2.00
Down & Back	1554 State Hwy AA	(no points for lead-in)
Poles	Elkland, MO 65644	12 & under
Our Choice	Cost	13-18
	\$5.00 per event	19 & up

ELKLAND LIONS CLUB

RANCH RODEO

TRAILER LOADING-SORTING
MUGGING-DOCTERING

MAY 9TH SEPT 12TH OCT 3RD

4-MAN TEAMS \$400 PER TEAM ENTRY

1ST PLACE - BUCKLE
2ND PLACE - CASH
SERIES PRIZES

REGISTRATION AT 6PM
RODEO AT 7PM

\$5 PER PERSON
6 AND UNDER ARE FREE

*CONCESSIONS AVAILABLE

1554 State Hwy AA, ELKLAND MO 65644
For questions and info call/text Mona- 4178486327

Freistatt Lions

Ernte Fest is August 21-22. We need volunteers for parking and the food stand. We are asking for volunteers to work a 5-8 or 8-midnight shift. Please reach out to Lion Glen at 417.737.1456 if your available to help. Submitted by Dawna Morris

Southwestern FOXTROT HORSESHOW

AUGUST 1ST, 2026

GROVESPRING FAIRGROUNDS

Sponsored by GROVESPRING LIONS CLUB

Bring a friend and your **LAWN CHAIR** and enjoy the **FOXTROT Horse Show!**

Snack Shack
OPEN WITH all your favorites!

\$5 A PERSON
5 AND OVER

Hartville Lions

With this being the 250th birthday of America, **Hartville Lions** are doing something special. We will be drawing the lucky winner on the 4th of July! This is a very limited production item so make sure you buy your ticket soon and buy lots!

Tickets Available HERE

Benefit
Hartville Lions Club
Semiquincentennial
Gun Raffle

America's 250th Anniversary Limited Edition Engraved Rifle
Individually Numbered 1 thru 2026 Henry Golden Boy
Ticket Prices \$5 each or \$20 for 5 Tickets
Don't wait, Limited Number of Tickets

Double Eagle (417) 741-1182	Fishers Feed (417) 741-6182	Lila Dean's (417) 250-2894	MFA Agri Service (417) 462-3266
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Lebanon Lions

Lebanon Host Lions Club built *100* Build a Bears on June 25th at Battlefield Mall in Springfield. LHLC donates annually *50* Bears to Mercy Pediatric Cancer kids and *50* Bears to the COPE Domestic Violence Shelter. It's so much fun to make these Bears for the kids!!



LHLC Member Tammy James, District Governor Elect, is training in Atlanta!! She is attending the Mission 1.5 Summit with around 400 Lions across the United States. Pictured are Missouri Lions Tammy, Kathy and Kelly. Learn a lot and bring it home!!

Joplin Lions

Corley Memorial Trust Grant is a local grant to non-profit groups in the Joplin area. After applying for the grant, checks are awarded to recipients by Southwest Missouri Bank. 90 applications were received this year with 72 winners announced totaling \$270,276.00. This was the first year for the Lions Clubs to apply. Carl Junction Lions Club received \$1,000 to be used for eyeglass assistance and eye missions. Joplin Lions Club Branch received \$1,000 for General Operating Expenses and will be used as startup funds for service projects and fundraisers. PDG Stuart Payne accepted for the Carl Junction Club and President Elect Rhonda Thompson received for the Joplin Branch.

IPDG Frank Lambrecht came to Joplin Lions Club Branch and installed the new officers for 2026-2027, as they celebrated their first year of existence with a potluck meal. It was a great evening!

Submitted by Marlene Payne

Miller Lions

Upcoming dates:

July 10th is Miller's Lawn Mower Pulls

July 11th is Miller's Truck and Tractor Pulls

August 27-29 is the Fall Festival

October 9, 10 and 11 is Apple Butter Makin Days

Submitted by DG Paula Rodgers & Willie Williams

Miller Lion's Club could use some help in their food trailer on Friday, July 10th and 11th in the evening. If you are available to either help serve or cook, please contact DG [Paula Rodgers](#).

TRACTOR & TRUCK PULL
SATURDAY, 7/11/26
 PULL STARTS @ 7 PM / GATES OPEN AT 4 PM

ALL CO-SANCTIONED CLASSES INCLUDING

TRUCKS	TRACTORS
Stock 2WD	P Pump Combo
Stock 4WD	7000 Hot Stock
Hot Street 4WD	8200 Stock
6800 D.O.B 2WD	8500 Modified
Pro Stock 2WD	6000 Pro/75
Pro Stock 4WD	9000 Open
Small Block 2WD	6000 Super Farm
4 & Pro Street Diesel	6600 Light Ltd Super Stock
Hot Stock 4WD	
Work Stock Diesel 4WD	
Small Block Super Stock	
6200 Super Street 4WD	
8.1 Diesel 4WD	
6800 Pro Street 4WD	

MINI TRUCKS
 4300lb Mini Trucks

PLUS: HOMETOWN GAS / DIESEL
 CO-SANCTIONED PULL BETWEEN
 WJ PROMOTIONS AND SCVPA
 FEATURING THE INTIMIDATOR SLED

ADULTS \$10
 AGES 6-12 \$5
 5 & UNDER ARE FREE!

MILLER LIONS CLUB
 MILLER, MO
 AT LIONS FIELD (LOCATED 1/2 MILE EAST OF HWY 39 ON DD HWY.)

TRY YOUR TRUCK
 IN THE HOMETOWN CLASSES!

MILLER LION'S CLUB
 JOIN US FOR THE 76TH ANNUAL
Miller Fall Festival
 August 27th-29th 2026

Monett Lions

Monett Lions Club celebrated their 80th Anniversary last night, May 30, 2026. Awards received to several Lions for their achievement through the years. Congrats to each and every one of you and thank you for your service!



Apple butter canning is underway. We have been hard at work getting it ready for **Apple Butter Makin' Days (Official)** in October.





LIONS CLUB OF MT VERNON MISSOURI

WE'RE STARTING *Something Great!*

A NEW LIONS CLUB. A STRONGER COMMUNITY.

The Lions Club of Mt Vernon, Missouri is launching a new club—and we need **YOU** to be part of it!



FREE VISION SCREENING
Check your vision. Protect your future.



HEARING SCREENING
Better hearing. Better living.



DIABETES TESTING
Know your numbers. Take control.



AND MORE!
Health info, resources and community support.

FREE EYE GLASSES WILL BE AVAILABLE!

SATURDAY AUGUST 8TH, 2026

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

OLD MARC BUILDING
Mt Vernon, Missouri


WE'RE LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS & VOLUNTEERS!

Be a part of something bigger.
LEND YOUR TIME. SHARE YOUR TALENTS. CHANGE LIVES.


TOGETHER, WE CAN DO MORE FOR MT VERNON, MISSOURI!

JOIN US. SERVE OTHERS. STRENGTHEN OUR COMMUNITY. *We Can't Do It Without You!*

REACH OUT TO:
LION PAULA BY TEXT- 417.880.9650
LION DAWNA @ 417.316.1082



You Are Invited to
"Dine in the Dark"
with
Ozarks Future Hope Lions
Saturday June 27, 2026



WHERE: Springfield Elks Lodge
2223 E Bennett St Springfield, MO 65804

TIME: 5 – 7 pm

COST: \$60 per person

Join **Ozarks Future Hope Lions Club** of Springfield MO for a unique dining experience. This is a fund raiser for **The Dog Stays**, a respite care program for dogs when their owner is temporarily unable to care for them due to illness or hospital stay. Come join us for an evening of fun and enlightenment. There will be a silent auction and cash bar. Program includes table games and guest speaker from **The Dog Stays**.

RSVP and pay by June 13, 2026

Check or Credit Card contact Lion Ian Lindevald
660-349-9631 or Lindevald@gmail.com

CashApp \$OFHLions

For more information contact Lion Debra Whitt
President and Event Coordinator
417-922-0227

Seymour Lions

Congratulations to Lion Bob Crump – KidSight’s Volunteer of the Year! Bob, a member of the [Seymour Missouri Lions Club](#), has been a true champion for KidSight and the children we serve. While he officially became a KidSight volunteer in 2019, his support of our mission goes back decades. This past year, Bob served children across 11 Missouri counties and personally screened more than 1,600 children. Beyond screenings, Bob serves on KidSight’s Board of Directors, organizes an annual District raffle fundraiser to benefit KidSight, and is always willing to step up, lend a hand, and advocate for early childhood vision screening. Bob’s dedication reflects the very best of KidSight: service, compassion, and a deep commitment to helping children see clearly, learn confidently, and thrive. Please join us in congratulating Bob Crump on this well-deserved recognition. Thank you, Bob, for all you do for KidSight and the children of Missouri!



FREE TO EVERYONE

Eye Mission and Health Screening

Sponsored by the *Seymour Lions Club*,
District 26-M6 Lions, and the
Missouri Lions Eye Mission Foundation

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29, 2026
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Seymour Methodist Church
204 N. Main St., Seymour, MO

- Free Vision Screening
- Free Eye Glasses, if available
- Free Hearing Screening
- Free Diabetes Testing
- Free Health info, resources & more.

Open to all ages,
NO Residency Restrictions
& NO Income Restrictions

DONATE GLASSES HERE
Drop off your used eyeglasses.
(Not used day of eye mission)



Shell Knob Lions

Lions Make School Awards. Each year the Shell Knob Lions Club recognizes students at Shell Knob School for their academic performance. This year's 8th grader with the highest academic performance is Emilie Davis. Emilie received a certificate and a Fire Tablet in recognition of her hard work and commitment. The Lions also present a certificate and gift card to the most improved student in each class. For 2026, these achievers are Rayden Cleveland in Kindergarten,

Hunter Nichols in 1st grade and Liam Peterson for 2nd grade. Draven Henry was most improved in 3rd grade and Tripp Stewart in 4th. The 5th grader showing most improvement is Katlyn Peoples and Rava Lange in the 6th grade class. Kimberly Lawson received the recognition for 7th grade and Cassandra Stallings for 8th grade. Shell Knob Lions wish all these students well in their continued academic work and recognize Shell Knob School teachers and staff who teach and inspire our children. Submitted by Tom Koob



On May 9th, Shell Knob Lions and civic-minded community members at CCC Park clean-up



Springfield Host Lions

We are getting ready for the annual Duck Pond to open during the Ozark Empire Fair, July 30-Aug 8, 2026. If you would like to help, please let us know & we'll get you on the schedule. Free parking and admission tickets will be covered for you.



Table Rock Lake Lions

Table Rock Lake Lions boxed up over 300 pair of eyeglasses recently. We received \$3,000 from the Caring Americans Trust Foundation for our vision program. This will empower us to get eye exams and glasses for more Stone County needy! We are very grateful and excited. I would like to recognize our Vision Chair Donna Stanton for all her excellent work in getting the word out and getting glasses on faces!

Our June meeting is Tue June 16th at 5:15PM at the Kimberling City Hall Community Room. This is our the last for the summer, and we will pay dues and have a summer supper. We're hosting a food drive with goods going to Christian Action Ministries (CAM) for food distribution. Any of you are most welcome to join us. Just let us know so we have enough food. (We did get overrun with unannounced visitors one time!)

Submitted by **Rev Dr Ronda Del Boccio**



We had a fundraiser in June. Kimberling City Summerfest has a tendency for rain, and this year was no exception. It did water the petunias in our patriot pots, but it made my LD Glamour quite unhappy, as she does not like rain. We made \$142 dollars and sadly did not sell out on plants.





So excited for this fundraiser project for Mid-South!!! You can participate in the race individually, as a club, or a sponsor. Win prize money or our grand prize; a night at the Peabody and breakfast for 2!! Watch the video on their website midsouthlions.org Purchase some duck & help us help others!

USA/Canda Forum – September 2026



Website Link



Registration
Link

ONLY 5 HOURS FROM OUR DISTRICT M6!!!

Have you registered yet? There's still time!!! Do it today to reserve your spot & don't forget your hotel room.

First of all, this is an historic USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, **celebrating our 50th year** of bringing some of the **top educational sessions** in Lions to the members of the United States, Its affiliate and Canada.

Memphis, Tennessee is a beautiful city located at the crux of interstate 40 , 55 and 69 – easily drivable for many Lions. There are lots of exterritorialy activates in and around the city.

- Bass Pro Shops at the Pyramid
- Sun Studios
- Memphis Music Hall of Fame
- Elvis Presley's Graceland
- Beale Street (during the day)
- and more

Registration covers:

- 4 meals that include an anniversary party on Thursday Evening.
- Motivational speakers, 80-plus educational seminars,
- 2026-2027 International President Mark S. Lyon – Sat luncheon
- Sat evening, singer, songwriter, & entrepreneur Floyd Armstong. And a Lion charter member of the All City Entertainment Lions Club.
- Forum Store, exhibits
- Meeting International Officers & Directors
- Fantastic fellowship with other Lions
- and so much more.

Don't miss this once-in-a-lifetime experience of the 50th USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum.

You can register at the LionsForum.org or by scanning the QR Code above.



**MISSOURI LIONS
STATE CONVENTION**

April 29 - May 2, 2027
Columbia, MO



SERVICE PROJECTS



Food Pantry:
Friday
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM



Strides Walk:
Friday
1:00pm - 2:00pm



Magic Yarn:
Saturday

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**ANTHONY "TONY" BENBOW
INTERNATIONAL THIRD VICE PRESIDENT**

Tony Benbow from South Vermont, Australia, was elected to serve as international Third Vice President of Lions Clubs International at the association's 107th International Convention held in Orlando, Florida, July 13th through 17th, 2025.

Vice President Benbow is a retired head of operations in banking.

A member of the South Vermont Lions Club since 1985, he has held many offices within the association, including International Director, Club President, District Governor, Council Chairperson and GMT Area Leader.

In recognition of his service to the association, he has received numerous awards, including a Membership Advancement Key, Club President Excellence Award, two International President's Certificates of Appreciation and nine International President's Awards. He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lion activities, Vice President Benbow has been active in numerous professional and community organizations, including an associate member of the Institute of Community Directors, chairman of Lions House Foundation and chairman of the Australian Lions

State Convention Registration Form

1st Registrant

Name:

How it will appear on your nametag

Full Name: _____
 Club: _____
 District: _____
 Email: _____

2nd Registrant

Name:

How it will appear on your nametag

Full Name: _____
 Club: _____
 District: _____
 Email: _____

▲ Dietary needs _____

▲ Full Registration _____ \$100 X _____ = _____

▲ Registration & Lunch _____ \$60 X _____ = _____

▲ Registration & Banquet _____ \$80 X _____ = _____

▲ Registration Only _____ \$30 X _____ = _____

*Add \$10.00 after 4/7/27 \$10 X _____ = _____

▲ Total: \$ _____

First time attending? If so, check here:

Or Scan here to pay: (3% Convenience fee)



Checks Payable To:

MO Lions 2027
 State Convention
 (No refunds will be issued after March 31, 2027)

Mail Registration To:

PDG Susan Paden
 25105 Hwy J
 Mexico, MO 65265

Early Registration:

Prize for those who register by 12/31/26!!

Rooms/Rates:

Courtyard by Marriott
 573-443-8000
 Double or King...\$125.00
 Block ends March 29, 2027
 ****Use Code: MISSOURI LIONS****

Hospitality Night:

Friday 6:00pm - 11:00pm
 FOOD + DRINKS + DJ + all at the Hotel!
 Theme: "RED, WHITE 'n BLUE & YOU"
 Wear your Patriotic Outfits!!

Breakfast:

Breakfast will be on your own.

Sunday:

Memorial Service