



# Newsletter

Lions District MD26-M6

April & May 2025



M6 last cabinet meeting for DG Frank 2024-25, looking sharp, way to go on your year, Congratulations. Great information was presented for lions to take back to their clubs. Thank you to PDG Toni, District Treasurer & Lion Wendy, District Secretary for their work these past years, as their terms have come to a close. Lion After the mtg Zone Chairs for 2025-2026 trained for the new year, a couple were gone today. Along with some Presidents & Secretaries they trained today too. Thank you to everyone for coming out. And last thank you to Lamar Lions Club for hosting the meeting. DG Frank presented Lion Marlene with a medal for the work of getting a new Joplin club going again. Congratulations.



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<https://molionsm6.org/>



Missouri Lions District M6

## Missouri Lions Eye Missions in District M6

District M6 have completed several Eye Missions this Lions. Individuals have received eye, diabetes and hearing screenings. Nearly all went away with eyeglasses from the inventory of used eyeglasses or with prescriptions for eyeglasses furnished through the local Lions Clubs. Here are a list from the 26M6 communities which have benefited from Eye Missions to date:

- Branson/Hollister through Elevate Branson
- Springfield
- El Dorado Springs
- Lebanon through Elevate Lebanon
- Mountain Grove through Non-Lions Organization
- Aurora
- Joplin
- Ava
- Mount Vernon (TBA)
- Springfield (Fall event TBA)



Clubs that have sponsored Eye Missions have reported an uptick in membership as a result of the publicity and service provided by the Mission. You may contact Sight Chair Lion PDG Jerry Young at [jyoung3738@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jyoung3738@sbcglobal.net) for information or assistance with planned or desired Eye Missions in District M6.

Please submit any articles (already wrote up) & pictures. If it's just a flyer, great send that in. Email info anytime to [molionsm6@yahoo.com](mailto:molionsm6@yahoo.com).

Thank you,  
Lion Cathy Simpson  
M6 Media Publisher

Save the Date  
2026 M6 District Convention  
February 27-28, 2026  
Joplin, MO

Save the Date  
1<sup>st</sup> Cabinet Meeting  
of 2025-2026  
August 16, 2025  
Sarcoxie, MO

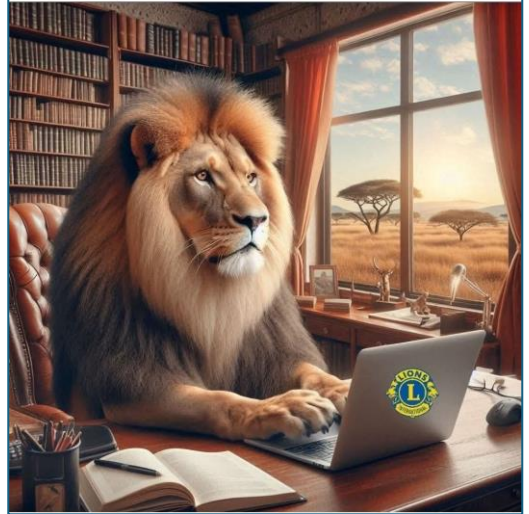
## 2025-2026 Lions M6 Directory

**I am working on the 2025-2026 Lions M6 Directory to get updated & I need your help....**

- ~ **New Service Projects** that needs added to your list from last year or any taken off.
- ~ **New Fundraiser Projects** that needs added to your list from last year or any taken off.
- ~ **Updated Officers Info** (Pres, Vice Pres, Sect, Treas only), UNLESS you have turned that into VDG Paula, LCI, or myself. Let me know where this info was updated. Please include their mailing address, phone number, & email.
- ~ What info do you **not use** in the directory & why?
- ~ What would you **like to see** in the directory & why?
- ~ I am also trying to get an idea of **how many** directories needs to be printed this year. If you are interested in one, please let me know how many & why. (Ex: 1– President OR 1-PDG)

Email me at [molionsm6@yahoo.com](mailto:molionsm6@yahoo.com)  
Thank you,  
Lion Cathy Simpson  
M6 Media Publisher

Getting next year's Officers entered and reporting Activities in the Lion Portal.



**Alone we can  
do so little;  
together we can  
do so much.**

– Helen Keller, who  
inspired Lions Clubs  
International to  
become “knights  
of the blind.



## **WE SERVE....**

And Joplin Lions Club Branch needs your service!

Joplin Lions Club Branch is planning to induct their new members soon.

Since a Branch Club does not have a charter night, they are in need of some “Start Up” items. As the Parent Club, Carl Junction Lions Club has given them \$100 to start and the President is receiving a gavel from the Joplin tornado.

How can M6 Clubs help? Perhaps a small monetary donation? Maybe something from the LCI Store? Your own ideas?!

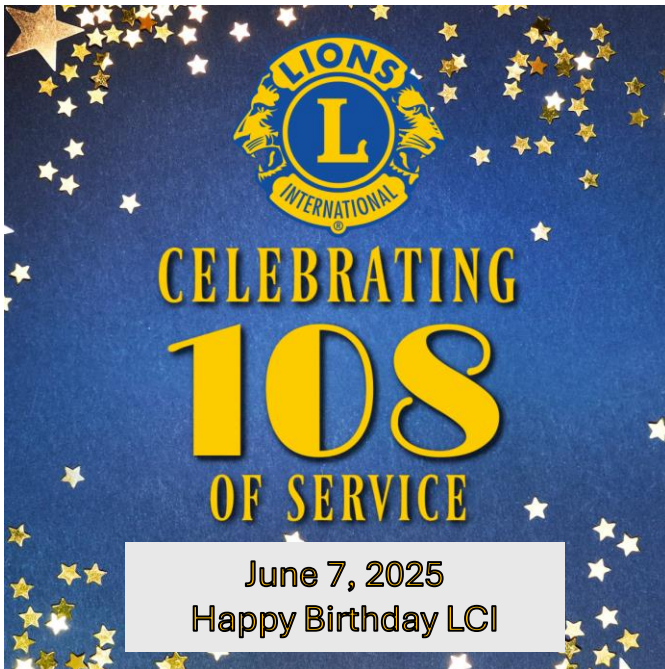
Contact Lion Marlene Payne, 2VDGE at [mpschoo@hotmai.com](mailto:mpschoo@hotmai.com) for more information of how to help.

**June 2025:**

- 2 = Seymour Lions Club, Community Blood Drive, 2-4 pm
- 6 = Mid-South Lions Golf Tourn, Olive Branch, MS
- 7 = Mid-South Meeting, Hamilton Eye Institute, Memphis, TN
- 7 = Elkland Lions 1<sup>st</sup> Annual BBQ Summer Cookoff
- 7 = Carl Junction Lions Club Breakfast, 7:30-10:30 am
- 7 = Miller Lions Club Hootenanny, Downtown Miller, 6pm
- 7 = Hartville Lions Truck & Tractor Pull, 7pm, Hartville Lions Club Park.
- 13-14 = Stockton Lions Club, food stand at the rodeo
- 14 = Elkland Lions Club, Ranch Rodeo, 5pm
- 21 = Mountain Grove Lions 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Soap Box Derby, 9am
- 27-29 = Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute, Baker University, Baldwin City, KS

**July 2025:**

- 5 = East Newton Lions Club 5K Run/Walk, 7am, Fire Station, Granby, MO.
- 13-17 = LCI Convention, Orlando, FL.
- 17-19 = Louisburg Lions Club, 2025 Picnic & Carnival
- 19 = Elkland Lions Club, Ranch Rodeo, 5pm
- 24-Aug 2 = Springfield Host Lions Club Duck Pond at the Ozark Empire Fair.



**Lions M6 Directory changes**

Page 2 – District Administrator, PCC Phyllis Krebs (Contact info on page 6)

Page 7 – Lion Susan Thibeault Linton. Delete Unit 2

Page 8 – Music (Not Band anymore)

Page 16 – Branson Lions Secretary, Lion Suzanne Wilson, suquannas@yahoo.com

Page 18 – Lion Wally is Treasurer and Lion Bobbie is Secretary

Page 22 – Lion Mark Maples is Freistatt President, No 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President.

Page 22 – Lion Joyce Jones is Fordland, MO 65652

Page 30 - Neosho Lions meets on Thursday. Lion Adrian's email is

[mcompton@comptoncpagroup.com](mailto:mcompton@comptoncpagroup.com).

Page 31 – Secretary is Lion Cindy, email is

[drdcooper@gmail.com](mailto:drdcooper@gmail.com),

Treasurer is Lion Ian Lindevald Sarcoxie – Lion James (JT) Roberson and Lion Christine (Chris) Culp

Page 30 - Mountain Grove Lions meeting at The Grove Restaurant, conference room, 12:00 p.m., on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month.

(**Bolded** info above is new to list.)



**TRUCK & TRACTOR PULL**

Admission: Adults \$10  
Kids ages 6-12 \$5  
Under 6 Free

**Saturday, June 7th @ 7pm**

Brought to you by the Hartville Lion's Club

A WW Pull with all sanctioned Classes including:

- Stock 2wd, Hot Street 4wd, Pro Stock 2wd, Hot Stock 4wd, 7000 Hot Stock Tractors, 6200 DOT 2wd, Pro Street 4wd, Pro Stock 4wd, 6200 Super Street 4WD, Small Block Super Stock, Small Block 2WD, Work Stock Diesel 4wd, P Pump Combo Tractors, 3.0 Diesel 4wd, 2.0 Pro Street Diesel, 11000 Altered Stock Tractors, 13200 Stock Tractors

-Plus-  
Hometown Gas / Diesel

**Hartville Lions Club Park**  
4715 MO 5, Hartville MO

www.wwpromotions.com



**Hartville Lions Club** has their Splash Pad up & running for the summer.

On May 18 they had a Trap Shoot of fun-filled clay pigeon blasting.

May 3 had a consignment & donation 20<sup>th</sup> annual auction.

Expect a brand-new look at the **Springfield Host Lions Club Duck Pond** this summer!!

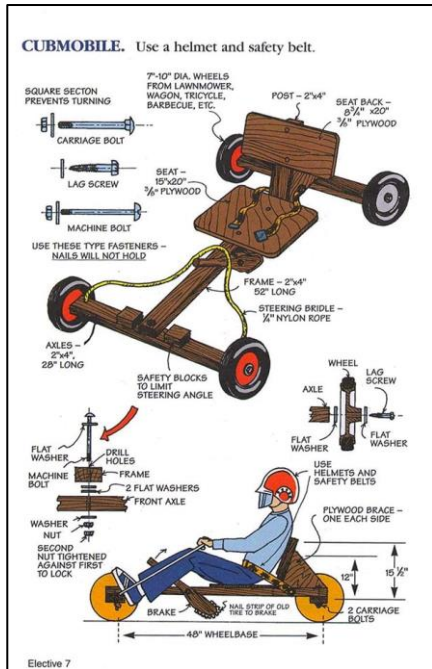
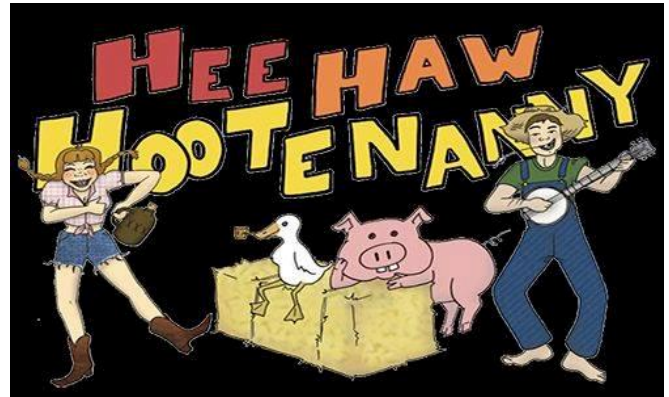
The building has had a new roof installed, the exterior painted and new signage installed.

We are excited to begin our next 75 years of Duck Pond fun. Every Duck's a Winner!

Thanks to Signeffx in Marshfield MO for the beautiful, updated signage!!



**Miller Lions Club** is gearing up for the Annual old-fashioned Hootenanny on June 7, 2025, beginning at 6pm. With Community entertainers & Our world-famous fish sandwiches, plus burgers and hot dogs. Benefitting the Moller Lions Emergency Fund. Around the Bandstand area in beautiful downtown Miller, Mo, so grab your chairs and come join us.



**Mountain Grove Lions Club**  
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[Mglions.org](http://Mglions.org)

Get your kiddo and join our 1st Annual Soap Box Derby right here in Mountain Grove. This is a project to get the youth paired up with a big and use their imagination to build a soap box car and join us for a little friendly competition.

Info and sign up on the website.

Mountain Grove Lions Club  
1ST ANNUAL Soap Box Derby  
DATE - June 21st  
Time - 9AM - Last Racer  
Deadline for Entry = May 30 2025  
Race Day = June 21st  
Rain Date = June 28th  
Please return form & \$20 to Stockman's Bank or Landmark Bank

Eligibility:  
Age categories: 7-10, 11-15  
Registration:  
All participants must register by MAY 21st 2025. A nonrefundable registration fee of \$20 must be paid upon registration. Each participant must sign a waiver and provide emergency contact information.

[mglions.org](http://mglions.org)  
Mountain Grove Lions Club - We Serve!

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### **Carl Junction Lions Beautify the Ruby Jack Trail with Redbud Trees.**

In the fall of 2023, Lions Stuart Payne and Ken Culbertson, from the Carl Junction Lions Club were taking a break from cooking during the monthly breakfast and talking about service projects. Lion Stuart looked out the window towards the Ruby Jack Trail and realized there was a lack of trees along the trail. He mentioned to Lion Ken that the club should plant trees along the trail after receiving approval from the club.

Not just any tree, but the Redbud tree that is native to Missouri. In the springtime, the Redbud will blossom showing beautiful pink and white blossoms that last for a few weeks. The tree is a hardy tree that is well suited to Southwest Missouri weather.

The Ruby Jack Trail is an abandoned railroad bed that runs sixteen miles from Carthage MO to the Kansas border. It is maintained by the Joplin Trails Coalition. Ruby Jack Trail – Joplin Trails Coalition.

First, Lion Stuart obtained permission from the Joplin Trails Coalition and the City of Carl Junction, and both were in favor of the Lions Club planting the trees.

The next step was to obtain the trees. They came from two sources. Twenty-five trees were purchased from the Missouri Department of Conservation (mo.gov). An additional twenty-one trees were donated by Liberty Utilities.

Phase one happened April 19, 2024. The twenty-five trees from the Missouri Department of Conservation were planted with help from Lions, children, and grandchildren of Lions. A routine was established quickly after the first few trees were planted. A Lion moved ahead staking out the area where the trees were to be planted. This was followed by the digging crew, digging the holes for the trees. Next came the planting crew putting the tree seedlings in the hole, Finally, came the watering crew.

Phase two started on May 10th marking and digging the holes for the next twenty trees from Liberty Utilities. The following day, the planting and watering crew came to plant the trees. At the very end, it was discovered that there was an additional tree that needed to be planted. Stakes for the trees were donated by Olsson Engineering to mark the trees.

The third and final phase happened May 3, 2025, with the planting of 30 additional trees. Stopping at stopping at North Roney.

The Carl Junction Lions Club would like to acknowledge the following groups for their assistance: The City of Carl Junction, Joplin Trails Coalition, Liberty Utilities and Olsson Engineering. Also, we would like to say thank you to the Carl Junction Chamber of Commerce and Carl Junction Fire District for the use of water for the trees.  
Submitted by PDG Stuart Payne

## Carl Junction Tree Planting



What a beautiful day to be a **Carl Junction Lions Club**. Another service project in the books!! A great turnout for trash pickup!!! And a great lunch at the Bull dog drive in!



**CARL JUNCTION LIONS CLUB BREAKFAST**  
**SATURDAY, JUNE 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2025**  
**7:30 AM TO 10:30 AM**  
**AT CARL JUNCTION COMMUNITY CENTER**

**JOPLIN ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND**

will receive a portion of the profits

*Pancakes, Sausage, Biscuits/Gravy, Eggs, Potatoes*

*Coffee, Milk and Juice*

*\$7.00 adults and children over 11 yrs. old*

*\$3.00 Children (ages 3-10) – Children under 3 are free.*

*Cash, checks or credit/debit cards accepted.*

*All tips go to the CJ LEO Club.*



## M6 Clubs Corner

**Carl Junction Lions Club** Sponsored an Eye Mission in Joplin, MO.

Oh, what a great turn out for the Lions today!!! Very close to 100 people screened !! A big shout out to everyone involved!! Dr Hale and her staff, Dr Lewton and the students from the KC Med school. All the Lions that came from all over the district to make this happen! Many of the Lions traveled 100's of miles to get here! The biggest thank you to the Joplin Church of the Nazarene for opening their church to us. Thanks Lion Stephen for keeping our train on the tracks!!



**El Dorado Springs Lions Club** had a Breakfast Buffet open to the public on Saturday, May 24, at the Lions Club building. Park Clean up Day. Maintaining and improving 5-acre park, and we take pride in it! It is in the middle of town and enjoyed by the whole community.



**Neosho Lions Club** has had a busy month! First, we honored our April Student of the Month: Evelyn Ritter from Seneca.

Evelyn is an accomplished Seneca High School senior who serves as Vice President of the Speech and Debate team and holds leadership roles in FFA and Student Council. She has earned numerous honors, including Academic All-State recognition, National Honor Society membership, and multiple top placements at state and national competitions in both FFA and Debate. Evelyn has also been deeply involved in community service, including organizing Veterans Day events and leading cemetery beautification efforts. She plans to attend Westminster College to study Business Administration and hopes to pursue a career connecting agriculture and business. Evelyn is pictured with Jeremy Boes of the Neosho Lions Club.



The Neosho Lions Club was proud to present two of this year's Will Cook Memorial Scholarships to Neosho High School seniors Emma Butler and Erin Schroeder! Lion Pris Reed had the honor of awarding each of these outstanding students with a \$500 scholarship. We are so proud of their accomplishments and excited to see what their futures hold. Congratulations, Emma and Erin! Keep making Neosho proud!

The Neosho Lions Club is proud to award \$500 Will Cook Memorial Scholarships to Seneca High School seniors Kaden Clouse and Evelyn Ritter. Lion Doug Addy presented the scholarships, which recognize students for their community involvement and academic achievement. Congratulations to these outstanding graduates! Submitted by Lion Jonathan Russell



## Clubs Corner



On Saturday May 24, The **Stockton Lions Club** held our annual Memorial Day Chicken Stampede fund raiser. Approximately 15 lions participated in this event. We barbecued and grilled about 300 chicken halves, baked 18 gallons of beans, and prepared 15 gallons of coleslaw. In addition, we served between 100 to 140 pounds of pulled pork. We began serving at 11:00 a.m. and we're sold out by 2:00 p.m. Rained almost stopped the cooking, but the United Missouri Bank provided their sheltered drive through area to protect our grilling of the chicken halves. Lots of hard work, but it was well worth our efforts.

Our next fundraiser will be the Stockton Rodeo on June 13 and 14 where we will serve funnel cakes and deep-fried Oreo cookies. On the 13th of June, in the morning, we will serve fish and hush puppies to the residents of the nursing home facility. We will again serve funnel cakes and deep-fried Oreos at the Stockton July 4 celebration.

Save the date for our Black Walnut Festival the last weekend of September.  
Submitted by: Lion Rick Spiker

The **Aurora Lions Club** received a community impact award from the Aurora Chamber of Commerce on May 17th. We were recognized for our diabetes kits which have went to assisted living homes, schools, churches and food pantry boxes. We also brought the Missouri Lions eye mission to Aurora and look forward to bringing that back.  
Submitted by Lion Dawna Morris



April 3, Aurora Lions Club Lions Patty, Peggy, and Charlene prepared food to serve Project Rise. They are looking for volunteers for childcare 1.5 hours on just a few Thursdays each month. Reach out to Marsha G. Egan if you would like to help.



## Clubs Corner

**Christian County Lions Club** recently celebrated our 15th Anniversary of serving Christian County MO!! It was a great evening with many guests including Mayor of Ozark, Don Currence. Lots of smiles, new club member, induction of next year's officers, and a renewed commitment to continuing service to Christian County, MO.



District Governor Elect, Paula Rodgers was acknowledged by Lion Gary Bird's 35<sup>th</sup> Annv. of loyal Lion service.



President, Lion Rosalie Watts presented Lion Jennifer Bass (& Ceasar) with club's Lion of the Year Award.



ID Debbie Cantrell, welcomed our newest member, Lion Steve Chapman into our club. Lion Steve is editor of Christian County Headliner.



PDG Bart Tibbs gave President, Lion Rosalie Watts, a hug for a great evening's celebration.

Join us in congratulating one of our scholarship winners, Kylie Lindsey of Ozark High School. Kylie plans to attend the University of Central Florida to pursue pediatric oncology care. She will attend Burnett Honors College at UCF to study biomedical sciences on a pre-med track. Pictured here, our club president, Lion Rosalie Watts, presented the award at Ozark High School senior awards night. Way to go, Kylie, and best wishes for a successful career. Godspeed.



We congratulate one of our scholarship winners, Gretchen Hause, of Chadwick High School. Gretchen plans to attend West Liberty University in WV to pursue a career in flying; fixed wing first then rotary wing (helicopter). Wow. Lion Rosalie Watts, our club president, presented the scholarship. Gretchen, your future is so bright. We wish you all the best!



## Clubs Corner

**Seymour Lions Club** held their Annual Pancake Feed & Shred Day on April 26, across from each other on the Seymour downtown square. It's always great to have breakfast with friends & catch up.



May 17, Seymour Lions Club participated in the Seymour High School Honors & Awards Night presenting the 2025 Lions Club Scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 to each. This year's the scholarships were awarded to Adelia King and Preston Lambeth.



Seymour Community Blood Drive Sponsored by Seymour Lions Club will be June 2, 2-4 pm at the Seymour Safe Room.



May 17 **Long Lane Lions Club**  
sponsored a Pony Pull.  
Lots of power with these ponies.

Save the Date for  
**Louisburg Lions Club**  
2025 Picnic & Carnival  
July 17-19.

### LONG LANE LIONS CLUB PONY PULL

MAY 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2025

Starts at 6:00 pm  
25 Park Trail  
Long Lane, MO

Concessions available!

NO ALCOHOL OR DRUGS ALLOWED!



**Ozarks Future Hope Lions**  
You can now drop off gently used eyewear and hearing aids at both Hyvee stores in Springfield.



# Clubs Corner

## Miller Lions Club

It was a great day to be a Lion!! Along with The Alliance of SWMO and the Miller FFA as well as the new Miller Cub Scouts. We handed out 150 boxes of food today!!



May 13, Miller Lions Club had the opportunity to do a service project with Convoy of Hope, and it was AMAZING!! Wonderful people and great Lions!!



We packaged all these bins to send to Florida.



We packaged seeds from Baker Creek Seeds to help families grow their own food.



**Ava Lions Club** hosted a Missouri Lions Eye Mission. Clubs from MD 26 M-6 came together and helped 55 people see life in a different way. Also inducted the newest member Matt Roe into Ava Lions Club. **Welcome to Lions International!!**



## Lebanon Host Lions Gun Raffle



Ruger American Ranch 5.56mm  
NATO Matte Black Bolt Action  
Rifle 16.12in.

Contact any Lebanon  
Host Lions Club member  
to purchase tickets.

OR

Call/Text 417-664-0616.



Drawing to be held August 1, 2025

Need not be present to win

**All Federal, State and Local Gun Laws apply to this Raffle**



**BRING YOUR CHAIRS** **CASH ONLY**

# Elkland Lion's Club RANCH RODEO

★ MUGGING ★ BRANDING ★ SORTING ★

**JUNE 14** ✨ **JULY 19** ✨ **SEPT 13**

**4 MAN TEAM- \$400 ENTRY-10 TEAM CAP**

**REGISTRATION AT 4 PM  
RODEO STARTS AT 5 PM**

**1ST PLACE: BELT BUCKLES  
2ND PLACE: BREAST COLLARS  
3RD PLACE: PRIZE \$**

**CONCESSIONS AVAILABLE  
\*\* NO ALCOHOL \*\***

**MUTTON BUST'N FOR KIDS 7 AND UNDER (65 LB LIMIT)  
\$20 ENTRY FEE**

**\$5 per person at the gate**

**1554 State Hwy AA, Elkland**

For more information and to register, call Mona at (417) 848-6327

## Clubs Corner

May 27, was a very special meeting with **Marshfield Lions Club**. We honored the late Lion Ron Cole with a Melvin Jones Fellowship. His wife, Corrine, and family members received the plaque.



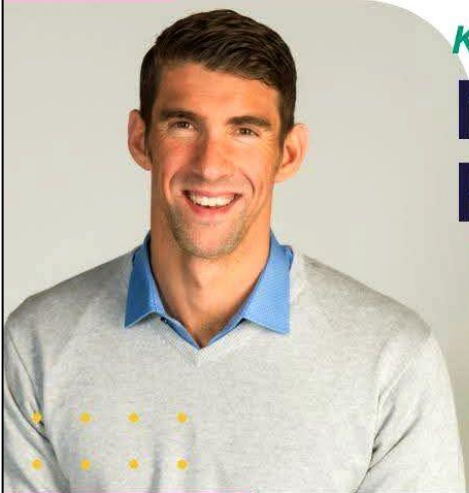
**Marshfield Lions Club** member, PDG Kevin Cantrell & ID Debbie Cantrell (Lebanon Lions Club) were in California recently for one of her many trips as an ID. They participated with making yarn wigs for children with pediatric cancer. Way to go PDG Kevin! During the last few months, they have traveled to Texas, Iowa, Nevada, New Hampshire and California!



JULY

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**#LIONSCON25**  
**A CONVERSATION ON**  
**MENTAL HEALTH & WELL-BEING**



*Keynote*

**MICHAEL  
PHELPS**



*Moderator*

**DIANE  
MACEDO**



**ORLANDO**

2025

107th LIONS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION