



Newsletter



September 2025

Lions District MD26-M6



So here we are almost two months into the 2025-26 year, and it feels surreal. I am trying to get around and visit the Clubs and some of the different events each of you are putting on right now. It's been fun to meet new people and get to talk to them about what each of their Clubs has been doing over the years.

Some things that I have noticed are that, during some of these events we are not tapping into enough of the funds. It has become a cashless society, as much as I don't like it, it's just the way it is now. But we have options. Please

check out something like Square, it is much easier to use than you think and opens a whole new door to bigger sales. Maybe talk to your bank or a representative about the option where the customer pays the fee and not you. LCI Grants: We all pay allot of money over the years into LCI for dues and such. So, the next time you decide to do a project or beautify a spot in your city please consider this. They are much easier to fill out than you think, if you need help please reach out to me and I would be glad to help!! It will make the money you have go allot further and you can do more.

We are headed to BLUE EYE on November 8th!! Are you coming with us? I promise you will talk to some good people, have some good food and definitely find out more about what is going on in the district. We will even do something a little fun after the meeting to make the trip more worthwhile. And if I see you and forget to tell you...

**THANK YOU FOR ALL THAT YOU DO!!
YOU ARE AMAZING!!**

*Lion Paula Rodgers
M6 District Governor*



The five most powerful words in a
Leader's vocabulary?

'How can I help you?'

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Missouri Lions District M6

District Cabinet Meeting

Great time at the Cabinet Meeting today to kick off 2025-2026 Lions Year in M6. DG Paula did a great job in leading the meeting & we're ready to "ROAR"!!! THANK YOU, Sarcoxie Lions Club for hosting the meeting.



A first of Lions District Cabinet of all women.

(Left to Right: 2nd VDG Marlene Payne, 1st VDG Tammy James, DG Paula Rodgers, ID Debbie Cantrell, Cabinet Treasurer Lion Linda Dohmen & Cabinet Secretary Lion Dawna Morris



District Directory 2025-2026

The District Directory is out & was passed out at the cabinet meeting. If you a cabinet member, club president, club sectary or club treasre, please email Lion Cathy at molionsm6@yahoo.com. You can download & print off a copy from our website www.molionsm6.org under the "log in" tab.



We Serve

M6 DISTRICT CABINET MEETING

I look forward to seeing everyone in Blue Eye for our 2nd Cabinet meeting. We will be collecting shoes, underwear and socks for the local kids.



November 8, 2025
Start At 10:00 Am



Meeting Location
Blue Eye Lions Club Building
138 State HWY EE, Blue Eye, MO



Questions?



Call Lion DG Paula Rodgers at (417) 880-9650

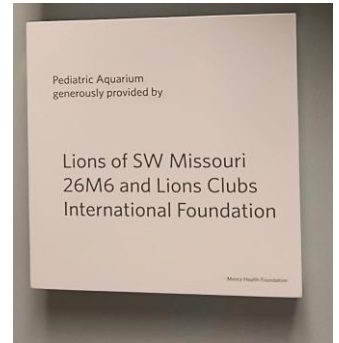
District M6 Picnic – Marshfield, MO

M6 Picnic 2024 was a Blast! We had over 90 in attendance. We had amazing food, lots of fun and fantastic fellowship with one another. Thanks to the PDG's for bringing this back and to the El Dorado Springs Lions Club for hosting!! 2025 we will do it again in Marshfield!! Don't miss out on all this fun! Photo overload by ID Debbie, imagine that!?!



District M6 Aquarium at Mercy Pediatrics

Lions of 26M6 are ROARING with excitement over the huge new fish aquarium at Mercy Pediatrics!! We had its dedication and blessing September 10, 2025. Just imagine all the kids that will benefit and enjoy this aquarium. Thank you, M6 Lions and Lions Clubs International Foundation, for your generosity and support of this beautiful project...for the kids!! We can accomplish anything we set our minds to because where there is a need, there is a Lion! Here are a few moments from the day (more pictures on our Facebook page, Missouri Lions District M6. This was a thought, and then a dream, but Lions got involved and it became REALITY!! [#LCIF](#) [#missourilions](#) [#WeServe](#) I am so proud! ID Debbie Cantrell



District M6 Alert Trailer



Old look had faded over the years.

We're thrilled with the fresh new look of our District M6 Alert Trailer!

THANK YOU, LIONS for your support with ALERT





The Magnificent Missouri Lions growing as Leaders at the USA Canada Leadership Forum!! We are having a great time and learning so much! Can you find our M6 Lions? [#WeServe](#) [#missourilions](#) Roar!

District M6 Lions pictured...2VDG Marlene Payne, ID Debbie Cantrell, PDG Phil Krebs, PCC Phyllis Krebs, PDG Kevin Cantrell & PDG Stuart Payne.

USA Canada Leadership Forum will be super close to us, in Memphis, TN on September 3-5, 2026. Stay tuned for registration information but Save The Date it will be great time & lots of Lions information to take back to your club. Maybe have your club sponsor your President &/or 1st Vice President or something like that.



26M6 Lion, ID Debbie Cantrell was named USA Canada Leadership Forum liaison International Director by our Lions International President. She was very busy at the Forum running the North American Directors Meeting, Moderating the International Director Candidates Session, Emceeding the Forum Luncheon and much more. Congratulations Lion Debbie!



Congratulations 26M6 Lions Sharon Baker & Tammy James on your graduations at the USA Canada Leadership Forum in Atlantic City, New Jersey! We are proud of you!



Next year the Forum will be in Memphis! Who will we see graduate there in 2026? Questions??? Ask these Lions!!

So, to make our Memphis Host Committee closing ceremony presentation "memorable", I (PDG Brad Baker) dressed up to sing. The Lions either laughed and loved it... or were scarred for life.



PCC Phyllis & PDG Phi Krebs helped work the registration table for the 2026 Memphis Forum.



Thanks for the Memories, Atlantic City!



See you in Memphis next year!



Zone 6 had our first meeting July 17, 2025, at Fair Grove, Thank you for hosting the meeting. All clubs attended, we had a nice mix of ideas and conversations. Our next meetings will be October 30, 2025, at Elkland Lions Club, March 26 at Halfway Lions Club, & June date TBA. Ozark Future Hope Club hope everyone has nice meetings to help club's communication with each other sharing ideas. Lion Rosalie Watts Zone 6 Chair.

Seymour Lions Club hosted **Zone 4**, 1st meeting of 2025-26 on Aug 30, 2025, along with Ava & Mountain Grove Lions present. The topic was about Serving, great round table of discussions with everyone's activities, goals, and how to report services. So much great information was presented. Thank you, Seymour for hosting. Next meetings will be in Mountain Grove Nov 22, Ava Lions Club February 21, June meeting TBA. Lion Cathy Simpson, Zone 4 Chair.



Zone 1, Meeting 1: All Clubs & Lions were invited to Ronald McDonald House in Joplin this month. Clubs were invited to bring items from their wish list & would count as a service project for LCI. Ronald McDonald House showed a short video of their mission, and how it coincides with the Lions Mission. Then we toured their facility, seeing where families stayed while having sick ones in the hospital, including the amazing kitchen, bedrooms, chapel, & playroom. Afterwards, PDG Stuart & I talked about our trip to USA/Canada & many things we learned.

Alignment of Missions

- Both serve families in times of crisis
- Global reach with strong local impact
- Commitment to children's health & healing
- Volunteer-driven service model
- Focused on supporting children & families
- Strong partnerships with healthcare systems
- Unite communities to meet urgent needs
- Rooted in compassion and dignity
- Decades of sustainable, lasting impact
- Shared values of hope, care, and support

Ronald McDonald House Charities
Keeping families close®

PDG Stuart was able to help other Lions with LCI Portal access (only IF your current club officers are listed at LCI). We enjoyed their homemade "McDonald's" cookies. Lion Marlene Payne, 2VDG, Zone 1 Chairman



*Look At Our Past Year
Now
Look at Our Future In M-6 For 2025-'26*

----- How was KidSight This Past Year Statewide -----

From July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, KidSight staff and volunteers provided vision screenings for **48,648 Children in 768 screening events** across the state of Missouri. This represents **an increase of over 3,500 children** screened during the previous fiscal year. We are proud to report that we've served children in 101 Missouri counties this year.

As a result of our screenings, **4,317 children were identified as needing a comprehensive eye exam**. Of those, 1,042 children were found to be at high risk for vision loss, presenting amblyogenic risk factors that could significantly affect their vision development in left unaddressed.

KidSight screened over 48,000 children this year! **That's enough to fill the Missouri State Fair Grandstand – SIX TIMES.**

Get Away To Branson Sweepstakes: This was the first year to have this sweepstake for KidSight. Three great shows, a hotel for two nights, and meals for two at Golden Corral. All these prizes were donated by each business. The winning ticket was drawn at the state convention going to Lion Sherl Horton. This project raised \$710 for KidSight.

----- How was KidSight This Past Year in M-6-----

SCREENING: Personally, I did 21 screening locations in the eastern parts of M-6 screening 764 children with 107 of them with referrals for more testing. Those communities that had screenings were Nixa, Mtn Grove, Ava, Gainesville, Bakersfield, Mansfield, Springfield, Grovespring, Hartville, Branson, Marshfield, and Sparta. With another team there was a total of 35 screenings, and 2,157 total kids screened in our district.

DONATIONS: There were 13 Lions Club making donations to KidSight. KidSight has three categories recognizing clubs. They are Visionaries donating \$5,000 or more, Champions of Sight donating \$2,000 to \$4,999, and Defenders of Sight donating \$1,000 to \$1,999. Four M-6 clubs earned the Defenders of Sight being Branson-Hollister, Monett, Seymour, and Springfield Host.

----- KidSight Active In M-6 This Year -----

Since August 2025, I have done screening at six locations being Cassville, Hollister, Lebanon, Ava, Mansfield, and two days at Gainesville.

At Gainesville in cooperation with the school, Care To Learn, and the Gainesville Lions Club we screened starting with preschool through the Senior class. That was 572 students.

This is a total of 755 screenings for this year and only 10 more topping all last year's screening. Statewide this year the state has provided more than 9700 screenings at 150 events.

----- GOALS FOR M-6 for 2025-'26 -----

1. More screenings in the district. Already two new communities have booked for August with four more in renewals from last year.
2. More clubs making donations to KidSight. Clubs, please put this State Lions project in your budget.
3. If your club or zone would like more information, please contact me for a program.
4. Have a second "Get Away to Branson" Sweepstakes with goal of \$1,000 to KidSight.

For more information Contact
PDG Bob Crump, Board Member
P.O. Box 575
Seymour, Mo 65746
Ph: (417) 464-4040 E-Mail: becrump213@yahoo.com

Fellow Lions!



Mark Your Calendars – HOB0 Day is COMING!

Get ready for a day of fun, fellowship, and fundraising!

HOB0 Day on Saturday, January 17, 2026

Miller Lions Club Building – 200 E Main Street, Miller, MO.

Doors open at 11:00 a.m.

Why HOB0 Day?

HOB0 Day is all about raising funds to support District expenses, which helps us keep District dues low while bringing Lions together for a day filled with laughter, fellowship, and community spirit.

Event Highlights:

- A Tasty Meal
- Live Auction
- Silent Auction
- 50/50 Pot
- Cake Walk
- Best Dressed HOB0 competition



How You Can Help

✓ Club Donations

Each club is asked to donate an item valued at \$35 or more or make a monetary donation.

- Items or donations can be given to your **Zone Chair, District Officers, or HOB0 Day Chair, Lion Theresa Kee.**
- Monetary donations can be mailed to:
 - Lion Theresa Kee
 - 911 Lakewood Drive
 - Monett, MO 65708
 - (Please make checks payable to Lions District 26-M6 HOB0 Day.)

✓ Silent/Live Auction & Cake Walk Contributions

Bring items for the **Silent Auction** or **cakes and goodies** for the Cake Walk to make the event extra special!

This is a FAMILY friendly event with fun to be had for all AGES!!

If anyone has any questions; is interested in helping with the event or would like more information please contact Lion Theresa at liontk2020@gmail.com or by phone 417-236-8201.

Thank you and hope to see y'all there!

PDG Lion Theresa Kee
HOB0 Day Chairperson

October 2025

- 4 = Lebanon Host Lions, Eye Mission
- 4 = Carl Junction Lions, Breakfast, 7:30-10:30 am
- 4 = Neosho Lions, Pancake Feed, 7-10 am
- 12 = Hartville Lions, Car Show during Hartville Fall Festival
- 18 = Elkland Lions, Fall Craft Fair, 9am-3pm
- 21 = Lebanon Host Lions, Build-A-Bear
- (Postponed)* 25 = Ozarks Future Hope Lions, Dining in the Dark
- 26 = Council of Governors Meeting, Eagles Club, Jefferson City, MO
- 30 = Zone 6 meeting at Elkland Lions Club
- 31 = Seymour Lions Club, Trunk or Treat

November 2025

- 1 = Carl Junction Lions, Breakfast, 7:30-10:30 am
- 8 = Cabinet Meeting at Blue Eye, MO, 10:00 am
- 14-15 = Mid-South 2nd Quarterly Meeting, in Overland, MO
- 22 = Zone 4 Meeting, in Mountain Grove, MO
- TBA = Seymour Lions Club, Turkey Shoot

(For more calendar of Events Feb 2025 and on, check on our district website at www.molionsm6.org)

Lions M6 Directory changes

- Page 5** = Hobo Day is Jan 17, 2025.
- Page 10** = PDG Theresa Kee address: 911 Lakewood Drive Monett Mo 65708
- Page 21** = Elkland Lions Club - Lion Cheynne Nava (Secretary) email: cheynnenava3@gmail.com
- Page 29** = Miller Lions Club Treasurer is Lion Marti Ruark, 5787 Lawrence 1155, Miller, MO 65707, R: 417-452-3308, C: 417-840-0389
Email: barmar@millertel.net.
- Page 29** = Monett Lions meet at Angus Branch Steakhouse (114 Chapel Dr.) & 1VP PDG Sue Blakley R: 417-342-1919
- Page 47** = COG Jan & May Meetings are in St. Joseph, MO.

If you are seeing your name, please email your correct info to molionsm6@yahoo.com Thank you.

(ALL Changes will be on our 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

“We can't help everyone, but everyone can help someone.”

WE SERVE



Clubs Corner

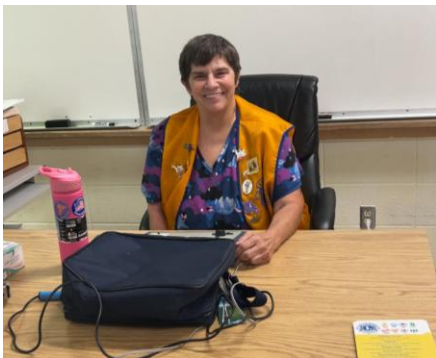


The **Stockton Lions Club** was at the Stockton Black Walnut Festival September 25, 26, and 27. This is our largest fund raiser of the year. We served fried curly onions, curly fried potatoes, funnel cakes, and deep-fried Oreo cookies.

The **Aurora Lions** put on Bingo during Ernte Fest. Funds raised help support sight projects. We screened for hearing needs at Back-to-School bash's in Aurora and Cassville. At the Cassville Bash we were joined by Kids Sight Chairman PDG Bob Crump.

Lion Dawna Morris

Aurora and Miller Lions club



Lebanon Lions Club
Build-A-Bear event will be
Oct 21, 2025.

**FREE
COMMUNITY WELLNESS
EVENT**

Sponsored by the
LEBANON HOST LIONS CLUB

FREE EYE SCREENINGS

In conjunction with the Missouri Lions Eye Mission Foundation,
free vision screenings will be given to all ages.

FREE EYE GLASSES

In conjunction with the Missouri Lions Eye Mission Foundation,
free eye glasses will be given to anyone in need.

FREE HEARING SCREENINGS

The Missouri Lions Club will be giving free hearing screenings.

FREE DIABETES SCREENINGS

Free screenings will be available to check for pre-diabetes and
diabetes.

WHEN AND WHERE

OCTOBER 4, 2025

10 AM—2 PM

SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH

360 S Madison Ave

Lebanon, MO 65536



Where there's a
need.....
There's a LION!



Contact 417-664-0616 or 417-718-7356

Lebanon Host Lions Annual Don
Hawkins Memorial Golf
Tournament Sept 26! Thank you
to our Team Sponsors and for our
Drawing donations! We can do
what we do in our community
because of your support!!





CARL JUNCTION LIONS CLUB BREAKFAST
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4TH, 2025
7:30 AM TO 10:30 AM
AT CARL JUNCTION COMMUNITY CENTER

VITA NOVA VILLAGE

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.

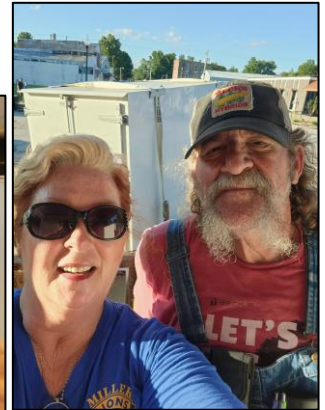


CJ LEO CLUB Pie Booth at the CJ Bluegrass Festival! Proceeds goes to Mental Health Awareness and Suicide Prevention.



Clubs Corner

Lamar Lions at the Lamar Fair.



The **El Dorado Springs Lions** sponsored the C&M circus.

Lots of business circus supporters: **Fugate Motors** providing the space at no charge, advertising and selling tickets; ticket sale locations: Community Bank of El Dorado Springs, Mike & Joe's, **The Home Store**, Shannon & Associates Realty & Auction; **Mid-Missouri Bank** for advertising. We appreciate all of them! Thank you to all who attended - a portion of ticket sale money goes to the Lions Club, which allows us to continue to offer our many service projects, like our 5-acre public park, vision and hearing support services, and others.



Clubs Corner



The **Branson-Hollister Club** recently held our 2025-2026 Officer Installation Banquet and also welcomed 3 new members to our Club. We were very inspired to have 2025-2026 DG Lion Paula Rodgers and 2024-2025 PDG Lion Frank Lambrecht attend the banquet and recognize our members. We look forward to having the most transformative year yet as we continue to uplift our community and advance our international endeavors. Club Officers include; President Lion Matthew Grindstaff, 1st Vice President Lion Jodi Blackwell, 2nd Vice President Lion Christine Deaton, Secretary Lion Suzanne Wilson, Treasurer Lion Tim Reech, Lion Tamer Lion Shawn Wilson and Tail Twister Lion Susan Linton.

New Members are; Lion Paula Clonts, Lion Brooks Logsdon and Lion Tracy Logsdon.



Our Club is also working on a Food Truck Court to be located in the lot next to our Clubhouse. The Court will have numerous spaces available, and we already have 2 spots filled. Each spot will have; power, water, trash and access to a grease barrel. For further information please call Chef Jeb at (520) 709-0872.

Cheryl Adair with Suitcases For New Beginnings recently opened a Foster Closet Thrift Store at 10726 East Hwy 76 Ste D in Forsyth MO. Hours are; Monday to Friday 9 to 5 and Saturday 9 to 3. They provide duffle bags and diaper bags to the Family Support Division for children who are entering foster care and also provide essential life skills training to young individuals transitioning out of foster care.

An upcoming event is the 11th Annual Night Of The Tiger Open House & Family Fair. This event will be held on August 14, 2025, from 5:00pm to 7:30pm. The Night was designed to help ensure students have everything they need to have a great first day of school and so that students and families can meet the teachers for the upcoming school year. Branson Hollister Lion's Club participates in this event, and we donate backpacks for the students to use. Our club will also be holding Vision & Hearing Screenings at the event. For additional information call; 417-243-4000.

Dining in the Dark (Postponed) Ozark Future Hope Lions

We regret to report we have decided to postpone the Dine in the Dark event scheduled for October 25. We are planning to reorganize for a late spring event in May or June 2026. We need more participation from our fellow Lions and sighted participants. Please announce to your club members and let me know if you are interested in working with our Planning Committee.

You are invited to a unique dining experience where you will be blind-folded and served a meal. You will experience dining as a blind person.

Catering is provided by The Hill Italian Restaurant, and tickets are \$60 per person. Reserve your seats today using Cashapp ([https://cash.app/\\$OFHLions](https://cash.app/$OFHLions)) or call Ian Lindevald to pay by credit card (660-349-9631). Email lindevald@gmail.com with your questions or to reserve a table. Seats are limited.

Keynote Speaker is Ingrid Fehr of The Dog Stays, a unique rescue and respite care organization for pets. A portion of the proceeds from this event will support The Dog Stays (thedogstays.org). A portion of the proceeds will support Lions International. Emcee and Music provided by Frank Facio.

Share this link to the event on our Facebook page with your family and friends:
<https://www.facebook.com/share/16y561yjdd/>

Many thanks,
Cindy Cooper, Secretary
Ozarks Future Hope Lions Club

21st Annual Marshfield Lions Club All SMTTPA Sanctioned Class

Truck & TRACTOR PULL

IN TRIBUTE TO **SAM EASTERLY** 1953 - 2016

IN TRIBUTE TO **Fred Replogle** 1952 - 2021

September 27, 2025
7:00 p.m. Webster County Fairgrounds

MCDONALDS	DON VANCE FORD	CARLSON'S AUTO BODY
MARSHFIELD MOTORS	MARSHFIELD TOWING	BOBCAT OF SPRINGFIELD
MARSHFIELD LUMBER	WEBSTER COUNTY TRACTOR	CASE HEATING & AIR
HAMPTON ACE LAWN & GARDEN	TCC CONCRETE	JIT TRANSPORT
NORTHEAST DIESEL	HERITAGE TRACTOR	BROOKS GAS
CRAWFORD TIRE	CHC HOME CENTER	STOCKMANS BANK
REPLOGLE CONCRETE	CR REALTY	LAS CUELAS SPORT SHACK
DAVISON SPRIGGS INSURANCE	COMPLETE REALTY	MARSHFIELD VET CLINIC
CLINT SPRIGG FARM REPAIR	CRAIG REPLOGLE	ROST READY MIX
MARSHFIELD ELECTRIC	PUMP SERVICE	DONC 3
MARSHFIELD BUILDINGS	ROB HUNT CONSTRUCTION	RUST CONTRACTING
	PERKINS DIESEL	

For more information contact Kevin Cantrell @ 417-880-2870

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Mt. Vernon, Missouri • September 3, 2025

\$1⁰⁰ (includes tax)

75 festivals, 75 degrees in Miller

By LeeAnna Garringer

The Miller Fall Festival hit Main Street for the 75th time in a row last weekend. The three-quarters-of-a-century milestone occurred Aug. 28-30. Many traditions have remained the same throughout the fair from the kiddie games to the parade that runs through town, to the "world famous" fish sandwich, which has continued with the same family for generations.

The theme for this year's fair was "Diamond in the Rough" to commemorate 75 festivals, which was mostly noticed in the parade and on the festival T-shirt. This was the 75th festival, the weather was 75 degrees the first day, and there were 75 kiddos who participated in the kiddie games.

Ten rides landed on the street along with games and craft booths. Even though the tradition of the fair has continued there was something that looked very different this year. Live music has always been performed on the Miller bandstand during the Miller Lions Club sponsored event. This year, however, there was a stage placed adjacent to the bandstand for the musical numbers to be played. Due to safety concerns the bandstand stage was not used, which led to the trailer stage. Parts of the bandstand are said to be



Children of all ages swing around and around on the swings Saturday at the 75th Annual Miller Fall Festival on Labor Day weekend. (Photo by LeeAnna Garringer)

over 90 years old and are in need of repair. The bandstand has been the center of many events including the hootenanny, the festival, auctions and even a wedding.

Even though many traditions have survived over the years, some aspects of the fair are long gone. One fairgoer was happy to recount his stories of how he remembered

the fair in the early years. He spoke most highly of the games, recalling when a person could win cigarettes, a pack of gum, and his favorite was the "Dish Dime" game, where a person could win a dish for a dime. He said that is how he and his wife were able to afford their first set of dishes as a married couple.

Change is inevitable, and

the bygone festivals are well in the rear view. Change is difficult, beautiful and the heartbeat of growth. Change was more noticeable at the 75th annual Miller Fall Festival thanks to a stage. Just like their theme, a diamond only becomes a diamond through change.

Framework for changing Monett city government unveiled

By Murray Bishoff

A pathway toward changing Monett's form of government took shape on Aug. 28 as members of the Monett City Council discussed the process with officials from West Plains, the only other city in the state that ran under the commission form until changing in 2013.

West Plains Mayor Mike Topliff and Sam Anselm, city administrator since 2021, reviewed the transition process with the three Monett council members and attorney Holly Dodge with the Lauber Municipal Law firm. Monett Commissioner Ken Gaspar had been asking for the discussion with West Plains officials since Mayor Randy Burke began pushing for a government format change.

Anselm said West Plains wanted to form a charter form of government. West Plains' commissioners set the process in motion by calling for an election of a charter commission, rather than initiating a petition drive to change the government. The subsequent election selected 13 people to serve on the charter commission, whittling the field down from 20 people. Topliff was one of those 20 candidates, later persuaded to run for mayor and has

This year Miller celebrated their 75th Fall Festival and its theme was "Diamond in the rough." The weather couldn't have been better, and the crowd was nice as we sold out of our Famous Fish Sandwiches as well as our Pulled Pork Nachos. Along with the carnival we had nineteen vendors come in and display their crafts with us. Can't wait until next year to do it again! We are off to take the food trailer to the Steam O Rama in Halltown in a couple of weeks so please come by then to Apple Butter Makin days to sell our Fish and Chips. Hope to see everyone there!

Clubs Corner

The **Seymour Lions Club** was busy on Sept 11-13 for the Seymour Apple Festival. Thank you to all the District Lions that came & helped fill in some shifts for us. It was a great weekend, with a little pop-up rain, but it's not the Apple Festival without one.



Louisburg Lions are thrilled to welcome you back to our beloved picnic grounds—now with some beautiful new additions! A brand-new patio for gathering and relaxing, Fresh landscaping that brings new life to the space, New tables, each one honoring a special family in loving memory, An expanded Bingo area, complete with its own patio and tables! We're so proud to be part of the Louisburg Lions Club—a community rooted in tradition, service, and celebration. And if those trees could talk... oh, the stories they'd tell!

Marionville Lions give out free bottles of water during their Apple Fest Sept 20, 2025, in Marionville, MO.





NEOSHO LIONS CLUB
Pancake Feed
\$5 at Neosho Civic **\$5**
SATURDAY
OCTOBER 4, 2024
7:00-10:00 am

Biscuits and Sausage Gravy and/or Pancakes



Elkland Lions Club 2025 Buckle Series Play Days



DATES

Friday, May 16th @ 7:00 PM

Friday, June 20th @ 7:00 PM

Friday, July 18th @ 7:00 PM

Friday, August 15th @ 7:00 PM

Friday, September 19th @ 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 17th @ 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.

Events	Location	Classes
Mutton Bustin	Elkland Lions Club	Lead-in \$2.00
Barrels	1554 State Hwy AA	(no points for lead-in)
Down & Back	Elkland, MO 65644	12 & under
Poles	<u>Cost</u>	13-18
Our Choice	\$15.00 mutton bustin	19 & up
	\$5.00 other events	

BINGO NIGHT

Get ready for an evening full of fun, excitement, and prizes at our Bingo Night! Fun for all!

Games Prize Party

1ST FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH
ELKLAND LION'S CLUB
1554 ST HWY AA Elkland, MO 65644

STARTS @ 6:30PM
BRING (2) \$1 PRIZED ITEMS
.50 DONATION CARD

ELKLANDLIONSCLUB868@GMAIL.COM

Elkland's Lion Club
turkey SHOOT

• \$5 PER ROUND
~WE WILL PROVIDE SHELLS~
• 50% PAYBACK

Saturday, September 27th @ 9am
1554 STATE HWY AA ELKLAND MO 65644

FOR QUESTIONS, MESSAGE THE CLUB'S FACEBOOK PAGE OR REACH OUT TO MONA 4178486327

Donations are greatly appreciated. All donations go back into the community and future projects.

FALL CRAFT FAIR

October 18th
9am - 3pm

HOMEMADE CRAFTS| FOOD TRUCKS| JEWELRY| CUSTOM SHIRTS| BAKED GOODS| AND MORE

This is an outside event, each spot is \$25.
Food Trucks welcome

Call Mona @ 417-848-6327

Elkland Lion's Club
1554 State Hwy AA
Elkland, MO 65644

Hotel Accommodations:



Attendees are responsible for securing their own lodging.

A block of rooms are being held until

March 31, 2026

Holiday Inn Express
(Convention Headquarters)

3600 N. Village Drive,
St. Joseph, MO 64506
816-232-2500

<https://bit.ly/4ghEgLP>

Fairfield Inn & Suites
4779 Tuscany Drive
St. Joseph, MO 64506
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Lions State Convention 2026



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**104th Annual Missouri
Lions State Convention**



April 23-26, 2026

Green Acres Banquet Hall

3500 N. Village Drive

St. Joseph, MO 64506



2026 Missouri State Lions Convention Registration

Lion Leo Guest Name (as wanted on badge) _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Address _____
 Phone _____ Email _____
 District _____ Club _____ Title (PDG, PCC, President, etc.) _____
 Special Dietary Needs? Yes No Details: _____
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 Have you attended a state convention before? Yes No
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District 26-M4 Lions

invite you to

**"Serve with Heart,
Lead with Vision"**

at the

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We welcome you to come
enjoy hospitality,
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with us at

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Mail Registration Form

& Payment to:

PDG Tina Anderson
802 N. Gallatin Ave.
Hamilton, MO 64644

Checks Payable:

Missouri Lions 2026 State
Convention

(No refunds will be issued
after March 31, 2026)

Full Registration:	\$100 x _____ = _____
<i>(Includes registration, luncheon & banquet)</i>	
Registration & Luncheon:	\$65 x _____ = _____
Registration & Banquet:	\$80 x _____ = _____
Registration ONLY:	\$40 x _____ = _____
After 4/10/2026, ADD	\$10 x _____ = _____
Grand Total:	= _____

****Registrations received on or before Feb. 1, 2026, will be eligible for an "Early Bird Special" drawing. Prize is reimbursement of the \$100 registration fee. Only one lucky winner will be named.**



July 10, 2025

Multiple District 26 - Council Meeting
Jefferson City, Missouri

I would like to thank the Multiple District, Districts, and Clubs for their donations as well as individuals who are Boosters or Champions of Mid-South over the past year.

Through the end of May'25, MD 26 has 23 active Sight Patients and 3 active Hearing Patients, and the total amount donated by Clubs is \$45,604. For the entire Mid-South region, we have 650 active Sight Patients and 108 active Hearing Patients with total amount donated by Clubs of \$201,629 against our budget of \$200,000. Unfortunately, we still have 54 patients on our waiting list.

This most recent Cataract-A-Thon surgery day happened on June 14, 2025. This event served 20 patients. Even though many of the patients come from our waiting list, the surgeries will cost Mid-South and our patients \$0. This happens through the generosity of about 70 Health Care Professionals from the surrounding area, corporate donations, the Hamilton Eye Institute Lions Club, and other volunteers.

Lastly, working through a matching grant with Lions Club International and in cooperation with Alcon and the Hamilton Eye Institute Surgery Center, The First Ever Alcon Unity System has been installed in the Hamilton Eye Institute. It's the first of its kind that can perform Cataract and Retinal Surgeries. This purchase will allow Mid-South to provide 175 additional surgeries for the next two years. Thank you to everyone who donated the matching funds to make this possible.

If you are not a Champion of Mid-South, you can join us by making a minimum of \$10.00 donation or more per month using the Church Center App. There is a link to this from our website www.midsouthlions.org. You can also become a Booster by making a one-time donation as well through the Church Center app. You can have the donations taken out of your bank account or as a charge on your credit card.

Upcoming Meeting and Event Dates:

August 2, 2025 – First Quarterly Meeting, via Zoom

November 15, 2025 – Second Quarterly Meeting, Overland MO LC, Maryland Heights, MO

March 7, 2026 – Third Quarterly Meeting, Hamilton Eye Institute, Memphis, TN

April 10-11 or 17-18, 2026 – Visiting Lions Weekend, Hamilton Eye Institute, Memphis TN

June 5, 2026 – Mid-South Lions Golf Tournament, Cherokee Valley, Olive Branch MS

June 6, 2026 – Annual Meeting, Hamilton Eye Institute, Memphis, TN

On behalf of myself, and Mid-South Lions Sight and Hearing Service family, I would like to thank you for helping us make "A Miracle A Day".

Yours in Lionism,

James Korich, 4th Vice President 2025-2026
Mid-South Lions Sight & Hearing Service



CATARACT-A-THON COMES TO KANSAS CITY



Fellow Lions and Friends, what wonderful news out of Kansas City. Many Lions (particularly PDG Mickey Beach) there have been encouraging UMKC residents to organize a Cataract-A-Thon like we have in Memphis. This is where many patients come to a location and receive free cataract surgery, basically, at no cost to patients and very little cost to Lions.

We have conducted CAT since 2017 and have provided over 150 patients with the miracle of restored sight.

What we need from you, especially all of you Lions in west Missouri, is to beat the bushes and find enough patients to make this first Missouri Cataract-A-Thon a huge success. These doctors cannot make the contacts and write up the applications...we need YOU to help with that. To that end I am attaching a Mid-South Lions sight application for you to copy and use.

Our financial guidelines are only 100% of poverty income, but this effort allows patients to make up to 200% of poverty income thus increasing the applicant pool significantly.

BUT WE CAN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU!!!

Please make this a high priority in your community and let's make this work for everyone. And then maybe we can make this an annual event to help those in need on an even larger scale.

Now, please read the email below for all the details on what is needed. And if you can make time to come and volunteer on the CAT date (January 16 or 23, 2026), the more the better. It will change your life too.

Contact me or the docs listed below for more information and for how you can make a difference in these people's lives.



We'll keep you updated on the exact date, time, location and what is needed from the Lions.

Together in service,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brad Baker".

PCC Brad Baker, CEO
Mid-South Lions





**PLEASE READ THIS FROM THE STUDENTS WHO
ARE ORGANIZATION THIS EVENT TO GET A
BETTER PICTURE OF THE 2026 MISSOURI
CATARACT-A-THON**

Hi Brad,

I hope you're doing well! We're excited to be partnering with the Cokingtin Eye Center for the Cataract-A-Thon and are looking at either January 16th or 23rd for the event. The next big step is finding patients who qualify and are in need of cataract surgery, and I was hoping you could help us with this. Do you have suggestions on the best way to get started?

From what I understand, Operation Sight's requirements include:

- Household income at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level
- Being uninsured or underinsured (Medicare Part B recipients are ineligible)
- A recent, medically necessary cataract diagnosis
- Permanent U.S. residency

Thank you for your help! We really appreciate it.

Sincerely,

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Cokingtn Eye Center

