



**District 26-M7**  
**The Heart of**  
**Missouri Lions**

# Between the Lions



**NOVEMBER 2025**

Dear Leader Dog Community,

On September 5, the U.S. Department of Education eliminated all three national Braille Training Grants under the 235E Demonstration Program. This decision directly affects Leader Dog clients and the future of braille literacy and the independence of people who are blind, DeafBlind or low vision — including many individuals we serve.

**Without these programs:**

- Fewer professionals will be trained to teach braille.
- Adults and children will lose access to essential literacy tools.
- The braille literacy crisis will deepen across all age groups.

**How You Can Help:**

Please call your U.S. Senators and urge them to take action. [Find contact info.](#)

**Key talking points you can use:**

- Braille is literacy. Without it, people lose access to education, employment, and independence.
- This is not a budget issue—it's a policy decision that eliminates all federal braille training programs.
- These programs had a strong track record of success and national impact.
- Every state benefits from the professionals trained through these grants.

Let's stand together to protect braille literacy and ensure accessible education remains a reality for our Leader Dog clients and the blind community.

Sincerely,  
Melissa Weisse  
President and CEO  
Leader Dogs for the Blind



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## 26M7 First Vice District Governor Bruce Berger

Growing Our Membership



Did you know that our district (M7) is the largest in the state? Well, we are. And, we're growing. But, that doesn't mean there aren't some clubs that are struggling. As of October 26, there are eight clubs (out of 30) with fewer than 20 members.

The smaller clubs often struggle to continue putting on their signature events. As these clubs lose members, and their aging ones are less able to help with projects, the communities they serve suffer.

One glowing example of a club that met these challenges is Mokane. In July of 2023, they were down to nine members. In July of 2025, there were 14 members. Today? They are up to 32 members! And, some more will be coming in.

Rather than just wait to wilt and die as a club, Mokane reached out to the community. They let people know that one of their beloved events could not continue without additional members. Not only did people step up, but they pitched in with new ideas and energy and these new Lions are the younger generation we all dream about recruiting.

The district governor team had the privilege of visiting the club. We could all sense the energy as these new members came up with ideas to further serve the community. Rather than saying, "That's not the way we do things," the long-time Lions encouraged the younger ones to pursue their visions to serve the community.

As Lions strive to increase their service, getting new members is critical. We can all take lessons from the success of the Mokane Lions.





# CLUB OFFICER TRAINING



**District Administrator**  
Lion Dakota Jones



**M7 Global Leadership**  
Lion Missy Anderson, PDG

Join us for Club leadership training and workshops  
designed to make club management EASY!



NOVEMBER 15, 2025



9:00 AM - 12 PM

HOLTS SUMMIT LIONS CLUB  
116 E HILLCREST AVE  
HOLTS SUMMIT, MO 65043

**FREE**

RSVP TO LION MISSY  
@ 573-645-2263

# PAST INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR TJ TIJERINA ATTENDS MISSOURI COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS MEETING

PID TJ Tijerina from Texas attended the Missouri Council of Governors meeting on Saturday, October 25 and visited the Show Me Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center, processing hundreds of glasses.





Bruce Berger, “When you are asked to show the visiting PID around and you are directionally challenged, you might end up taking him to Thomas Jefferson’s headstone at Monticello Virginia.” Bruce and TJ ended up in Columbia to see Thomas Jefferson’s tombstone.



All Over the  
World Lions  
are Helping,  
Leading,  
Planning  
&  
Supporting  
Others.



We Serve

Join Now

# COMMUNITY REQUEST

From: Terry Nickerson <terry.nickerson@gentivahs.com>  
To: 'missourilions@gmail.com' <missourilions@gmail.com>  
Subject: Volunteers Needed at - Gentiva Hospice Jefferson City

Hi,

My name is Terry Nickerson, and I am the new Volunteer Coordinator for Gentiva Hospice of Jefferson City. I'm reaching out to see if the Lions Club may know of any members or community individuals interested in volunteering with us.

We are currently seeking both Patient Care Volunteers and Administrative Volunteers:

- Patient Care Volunteers visit and offer support to hospice patients and their families. This may include reading, conversation, companionship, playing games, singing, or simply providing a comforting presence. Volunteers may also offer caregiver or family respite or assist with arts and crafts activities.
- Administrative Volunteers help in our office with tasks such as filing, organizing supplies, and other supportive duties that help our team provide the highest level of care.

Our volunteers are an essential part of our interdisciplinary hospice team, which includes nurses, doctors, social workers, spiritual care providers, and aides. Volunteers may also assist with special events such as memorial services and veteran recognition ceremonies for our patients and families.

Volunteer requirements include:

- Must be at least 18 years of age
- Background check, interview, fingerprinting, and urine drug test
- Completion of orientation training and competency testing
- (schedule is flexible)

If your members or community contacts would like to learn more about hospice care or the volunteer experience, I would be happy to provide additional information or host an informational session.

Thank you for your time and for all that the Lions Club does for our community. Your support makes a meaningful difference, and any help spreading the word would be greatly appreciated.

Warm regards,  
Terry Nickerson  
Volunteer Coordinator  
Gentiva Hospice, KJC Branch  
1616 Southridge Drive, Suite 201  
Jefferson City, MO 65109  
573-469-4895 Ext 21011



JOIN US FOR THE ANNUAL  
MISSOURI LIONS

*Mid-Winter*  
 **FORUM**

**FEBRUARY**  
**6<sup>TH</sup> & 7<sup>TH</sup> 2026**

**COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT**  
**610 BOLIVAR ST.**  
**JEFFERSON CITY, MO 65101**

**FRIDAY:** REGISTRATION & HOSPITALITY NIGHT  
**SATURDAY:** FORUM, DINNER & ENTERTAINMENT

**EASY REGISTRATION!**

JUST FILL OUT THE BACK  
SIDE OF THIS FLYER



KEYNOTE SPEAKER/ ENTERTAINER:

**Josh McVicar**



**Comedy Magic & Hypnosis**



AS SEEN ON:



Nationally Touring St. Louis-based  
Comedy Magician & Hypnotist





## MISSOURI LIONS 2026 MID-WINTER FORUM REGISTRATION

Friday & Saturday, February 6 & 7, 2026  
Courtyard by Marriott, 610 Bolivar Street, Jefferson City MO

- Registration Packets may be picked up on Friday in the Hotel Lobby from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.
- First Session begins at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday
- Full Forum Registration includes: \* Friday Night Hospitality \* Saturday Seminars \* Saturday Lunch Buffet \* Saturday Dinner Buffet with Speaker/Entertainer.
- Anyone planning to attend any of the seminars/meals will require a full registration.
- No tickets are needed or issued for any of the events – your name will be on a list.
- Casual Attire. Please be sure to wear your name tag at all events.
- If you're planning to attend the Guiding Lion sessions please indicate below in checkbox.
- An optional Trivia Event on Saturday Night will require a separate registration form.
- Breakfast will be on your own and is available for purchase in the hotel lobby.

Registration and payment to Missouri Lions must be postmarked by December 15 for Early Bird Discount.  
Drawings will be held for First Timers and Early Birds! Complete one section below per person.

### Full Registration #1:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Club: \_\_\_\_\_ District 26-M \_\_\_\_\_  
Are you a Lion?        Is this your first Mid-Winter Forum?         
Special Program: ☐ Large Print ☐ Braille (requires 4 weeks' notice)  
Any Special Meal Requirements? \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ I am planning to attend the Guiding Lion sessions.  
If postmarked by December 15, 2025 **Early Bird Discount** ..... Amount Due: \$75 \_\_\_\_\_  
If postmarked after December 15, 2025 ..... Amount Due: \$85 \_\_\_\_\_

### Full Registration #2:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Club: \_\_\_\_\_ District 26-M \_\_\_\_\_  
Are you a Lion?        Is this your first Mid-Winter Forum?         
Special Program: ☐ Large Print ☐ Braille (requires 4 weeks' notice)  
Any Special Meal Requirements? \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ I am planning to attend the Guiding Lion sessions.  
If postmarked by December 15, 2025 **Early Bird Discount** ..... Amount Due: \$75 \_\_\_\_\_  
If postmarked after December 15, 2025 ..... Amount Due: \$85 \_\_\_\_\_

### TOTAL AMOUNT DUE

Mail registration form and check to Missouri Lions, 2415B Hyde Park Road, Jefferson City MO 65109  
No Refunds after January 25, 2026. A block of rooms is being held for this event at Courtyard by Marriott at a rate of \$159 King/\$164 Double Queen until January 6, 2026. (573-761-1400) Our group code is MLC.  
[Book your group rate for Missouri Lions](#)

## MISSOURI LIONS MID-WINTER FORUM

## TRIVIA

### REGISTRATION (OPTIONAL)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

CLUB: \_\_\_\_\_

DISTRICT: 26-M \_\_\_

INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION @ \$15.00 ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

CLUB: \_\_\_\_\_

DISTRICT: 26-M \_\_\_

INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION @ \$15.00 ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

OR ~

### TABLE REGISTRATION (TABLE OF 8 PLAYERS)

NAME OF TEAM: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF TABLE SPONSOR: \_\_\_\_\_

CLUB: \_\_\_\_\_

DISTRICT: 26-M \_\_\_

TABLE REGISTRATION @ \$100.00 ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL PAID ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

YOU CAN PAY WITH ONE CHECK PAYABLE TO "MISSOURI LIONS"  
FOR BOTH YOUR FORUM REGISTRATION AND TRIVIA.

# MID-SOUTH IS COMING TO MISSOURI IN NOVEMBER!

Fellow Lions and friends,

The second quarterly meeting of 2025-2026 for the Mid-South Lions will be November 14-15 at the Overland MO Lions Club Hall at 2358 Lackland Rd, Overland, MO 63114

There will be a hospitality night on Friday, November 14 at the Overland MO Lions Club Hall. Dinner will be served, and there will be food, drinks, and fun galore.

Saturday morning the Overland Lions will be providing breakfast from 8-9 AM. Our committee meetings will be IN PERSON beginning at 9:15 AM. A TENTATIVE agenda for committee meetings is listed below.

Following committee meetings the board will meet. Lunch will be served at about noon as we discuss the business of Mid-South. COST FOR THE ALL MEALS IS \$25 PER PERSON. Meals will be provided by the Overland MO Lions Club.

The HQ Hotel will be the Doubletree Westport at 1973 Craigshire Dr, St. Louis, MO 63146. Hotel reservations can be made by clicking the link below. The rates are \$129 plus tax per night. The group code is LCB. For detailed hotel information call 314-212-2137 OR 314-434-0100.

If you are only attending Friday evening, the cost is \$15 per person. If you are only attending Saturday, the cost is \$10 per person. But we'd really LOVE to see you Friday AND Saturday in Overland.

<https://group.doubletree.com/xsz152>

This meeting is extremely important to the organization and direction of Mid-South for 2025-2026. If you are on the board or a committee, please make every effort to be in attendance as we need to hear your voice as we move forward.

We look forward to seeing you in November.

Here is the agenda for the meeting:

THE PAST PRESIDENTS, TRUSTEES AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WILL MEET IN ADVANCE VIA ZOOM.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14 AT THE OVERLAND LIONS HALL

6:30 PM - HOSPITALITY OPENS

7:00 PM - DINNER PROVIDED BY THE OVERLAND LIONS CLUB

HOSPITALITY CONTINUES TIL...

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15 AT THE OVERLAND LIONS HALL

8-9 AM - BREAKFAST PROVIDED BY THE OVERLAND LIONS CLUB

9:15 - CASE SERVICE COMMITTEE

MEETINGS COMMITTEE

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

FINANCE COMMITTEE

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

NOON - LUNCH

BOARD MEETING

RESERVATIONS WILL ONLY  
BE TAKEN THROUGH THE  
APP. PLEASE  
MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND  
NOW. CLICK THIS LINK TO  
REGISTER

2025-2026 Second Quarterly  
Meeting - Mid-South Lions Sight  
and Hearing Service, Inc

We look forward to seeing you in  
Missouri in November! Thanks  
again for your support of Mid-  
South Lions.

Please direct any questions to us at  
901-543-5466.

Together in service

PCC Brad Baker, CEO / Mid-South  
Lions



# CATARACT-A-THON (CAT) 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,

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 Cokington 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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David [dm2ny@umkc.edu](mailto:dm2ny@umkc.edu)

Jenny [jsbhh@umkc.edu](mailto:jsbhh@umkc.edu)

Justin [jywvyh@umkc.edu](mailto:jywvyh@umkc.edu)

# CAPITAL LIONS

  
**JEFFERSON CITY CAPITAL LIONS**  
**2025 NUT SALES**  
**This year's freshly shelled Nuts from Georgia**  
**Great for baking, snacking or holiday gift giving!**  
  
**\$12.00 per bag**  
1 lb. Bag Mammoth Pecan Halves  
1 lb. Bag Broken Pecan Pieces  
1 lb. Bag Toasted & Salted Cashews  
12 oz. Bag Milk Chocolate Covered Pecan Halves  
12 oz. Bag Dark Chocolate Covered Pecan Halves  
10 oz. Bag Cinnamon Glazed Pecan Halves  
10 oz. Bag Caramel Pecan Clusters  
8 oz. Bag Glazed Pecans  
**\$11.00 per bag**  
1 lb. Bag English Walnuts  
1 lb. Bag Mixed Nuts  
*(toasted & salted pecan halves, cashews,  
brazil nuts, hazel nuts and large almonds)*  
  
***Proceeds to benefit local Lions projects***  
**573-230-9954 or 573-635-5564**

The Jefferson City Capital Lions Club is making these playing card holders and selling them for \$10 each as a fundraiser.

Lion Brenda Weider  
573-635-1773 Phone  
[missourilions@gmail.com](mailto:missourilions@gmail.com)



# CAMDEN COUNTY LIONS CLUB



**Camden County Lions Club**

**Stuff the Potter's House Food Pantry  
For the holidays**



**For every 3 non-perishable food items donated,  
receive 1 raffle entry\* for a chance to win a full  
Thanksgiving meal for a family of 10**

Drop off items at Hedges-Scott-Millard Funeral Homes

1270 S. Business Route 5, Camdenton

**Between October 15th—November 20th**

**Drawing on Friday, November 21st.**

Meal to be picked up on Wednesday, November 26th.

Food provided by Three Brothers Meat Market, The Butcher Shop, RJ's Café,

Kinney Bakery, Jan Amos, Momma Stephe's Sweet Stuff and

Ozark Cookie Company.

\*No limit on donations, or raffle entries!



## IBERIA

Installing the officers of Iberia Lions Club. On the left, Nathan Duncan, (Secretary/Treasurer), Travis Russell (President). First Vice District Governor Bruce Berger, on the right, presided.

# CALIFORNIA LIONS CLUB



California MO Lion's Club

34m · 🌐



Show your pride and support your community, without lifting a finger!  
Join the Flags Across California program with the California Lions Club.

For just \$35 per year, our members will install and maintain a flag at your business for every major holiday; from Memorial Day to Veterans Day and more.

- ✅ We handle everything — setup, takedown, and maintenance.
- 🇺🇸 You simply show your patriotic spirit.
- 💛 Funds support local programs like Boys & Girls State, Buddy Packs, Angel Trees, and more.

Know a business that you think would love to join this program? Tag them below! 📌

📩 Sign up today or contact us right here on Facebook for details!



**FLAGS ACROSS CALIFORNIA, MO**

Over 100 businesses and organizations participate in the flag program; Lions install and maintain a bracket at each participant's location; Flags are put out and brought in by club members – participants do not need to do anything;

**ONLY \$35 ANNUALLY**

Major holidays include MLK Day, Presidents Day, Memorial Day, Juneteenth, Flag Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Patriot Day (9/11), Columbus Day, General Election Day, and Veterans Day

Major fundraiser for some of the following projects and groups:

- Community Events
- Boys State and Girls State
- Angel Trees
- Reading Programs

## FLAGS ACROSS CALIFORNIA



Over 100 businesses and organizations participate in the flag program; Lions install and maintain a bracket at each participant's location; Flags are put out and brought in by club members – participants do not need to do anything except enjoy their flag each holiday.

**ONLY \$35.00 PER YEAR**

Major holidays include MLK Day, Presidents Day, Memorial Day, Flag Day, Juneteenth, Independence Day, Labor Day, Patriot Day (9/11), Columbus Day, General Election Day, and Veterans Day

To secure your flag, please send the bottom of this form to  
Lions Flag Project, P.O. Box 265, California MO 65018

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**PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO PARTICIPATE**

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

# HOLTS SUMMIT



Callaway Cares hosts a weekly BINGO night for folks ages 16 and up! Bring friends! There is a progressive pot each week!

Where: Lions Club in Holts Summit, MO.

When: Every Tuesday

ticket sales start at 4:30

Early Bird games start at 5:30 PM

Regular games start at 6:00 PM

Early Bird games are \$1.00 per game and \$4.00 per game pack.

Admission fee for regular games is \$18.00 and includes your first game pack.

Concessions are available!





## RUSSELLVILLE LIONS 75<sup>th</sup> CHRISTMAS PARADE

Saturday, December 6 with  
Line Up at 9am and Parade  
at 10am leaving Russellville  
(Cole R1) High School and  
traveling through  
Russellville (all north of  
Route C).



## Other Parades (non Lions):

- St. Martins Lighted Tractor Parade. Saturday, November 29 at 6pm.
- Jefferson City Jaycee Christmas Parade through Downtown Jefferson City. Saturday, December 6 at 4:30pm
- Wardsville KofC Christmas Parade from Blair Oaks High School (Cole R2) to St. Stanislaus Church. Saturday, December 13 at 11am,
- Russellville FFA Lighted Christmas Parade leaving the Russellville High School (Cole R1) through Russellville on Saturday, December 13 at 6pm.

## ELDON

Eldon Lions participated in the Eldon Chamber of Commerce Golf Tourney on Friday, October 17th. Lions provided lunch for all participants and had many members playing golf. We believe in giving back to the community that supports our projects.



# CHAMOIS

The Chamois Lions Club met for their regular monthly meeting on Monday evening, October 13, 2025 at the Chamois Community Center. Nine Lions and three guests were present for the dinner and business meeting. Guests included Lions District 26-M7 First Vice District Governor Lion Bruce Berger and Chamois City Clerk Meghan Birmingham in person and Chamois Mayor Marie Slusser via telephone.

Prior to the dinner, Lion President Jason Hilkerbaumer led the Chamois Lions in the Pledge of Allegiance and also offered the table prayer. The Ladies of St. Mary's Catholic Church served a delicious dinner of chili, cornbread, veggie tray, fruit, and cake for dessert.



Prior to the start of the business meeting, Lion President Hilkerbaumer introduced Lion Bruce Berger, who was visiting in his official capacity as First Vice District Governor. Lion Berger shared Lions Clubs International (LCI) President A. P. Singh's motto "Lead to Serve, Serve to Lead". Lion Berger reported on LCI's Vision 1.5 project to have 1.5 million Lions worldwide through efforts to charter new Lions Clubs, to strengthen existing clubs, and to focus on the retention of existing Lions members. Lion Berger also reported on the State of Missouri Lions' Long-Range Planning Committee's efforts to study how to operate the Missouri Lions State office either in a physical office or via employees working remotely and shared the dates of upcoming Lions meetings. Lions District 26-M7 will hold a Cabinet meeting on November 1, 2025 at the Missouri Lions State Office in Jefferson City, the Lions Mid-Winter Forum will be held on February 6-8, 2026, the Lions District 26-M7 Convention will be held on March 6-7, 2026, and the Missouri Lions State Convention will be held on April 24-26, 2026.

Lion President Hilkerbaumer presided at the business meeting and requested that the meeting agenda be approved. The Chamois Lions voted to approve the agenda. Copies of the minutes of the September 8, 2025 meeting had previously been distributed electronically by Lion Secretary Beth Sieg and paper copies were available for those Lions who prefer paper. The Chamois Lions voted to approve the minutes. In the absence of Lion Treasurer Nelson Sieg, paper copies of a financial report were distributed for the Chamois Lions general account and Building Co-Chairperson Lion Randy Thoenen presented an oral financial report for the Community Center. The Chamois Lions voted to approve the financial reports.

Lion First Vice President Hilkerbaumer called on Chamois Lions Club liaisons to other Chamois and Morrison civic groups for reports on the activities of those groups. Lion Melissa Arlen, who is the Mayor of the City of Morrison, and Lions Scott Mertz and Sean Hackmann, who are members of the Chamois Fire Department, were absent and thus there were no reports for those organizations. Lion Jeff Kormann, who is President of the Chamois Industrial Development Corporation (CIDC) and also a member of the Chamois Historic Preservation Commission (CHPC), reported for both organizations. The CIDC met on October 9, 2025 and heard a proposal from Michael J. Nolte for volunteers to undertake a restoration project for the cemeteries owned by the City of Chamois. These cemeteries include the City Cemetery, Oakland Cemetery, Stonner Cemetery, and the Black Cemetery. The CIDC will next meet on November 13, 2025. The CHPC will meet on October 15, 2025 and a focus for that group is to work with the City of Chamois to clear brush out of an alley near the Townley House and the barn. Guest Meghan Birmingham, who is the City Clerk for the City of Chamois, reported that the City has been contacted by the Cole County Historical Society's Military Restoration Group in regards to plans for that group to restore the grave of the last known Osage County Civil War veteran who is buried in the Black Cemetery. Ms. Birmingham also provided a brief review of Chamois Day. There are no final financial numbers yet, but the Chamois Day Advisory Committee has plans to meet.

Attendance at Chamois Day was very good with all concession stands selling out and there appeared to be numerous families participating in activities at the City Park. There are still Chamois Day T-shirts for sale. Lions Steve Duncan and Jeff Kormann, who are members of the Osage County Agritourism Council (OCAC), reported that the recent Farm to Table Dinner that was held on Saturday, September 27, 2025 was a huge success and that reservations for the Christmas Church Cookie Tour to be held on Friday, December 12, 2025 are selling fast. Finally, Lion Kormann reported briefly on the Missouri Community Betterment (MCB) Annual Conference to be held at Capitol Plaza Hotel in Jefferson City on November 17, 2025. The Chamois/Morrison Area Community Betterment Organization is a member of MCB.

Two items of old business, special project updates, and ad hoc committee reports were addressed.

Lion President Hilkerbaumer addressed the issue of City Park repair projects and called on other Lions to report on the status of repairs. Lion Steve Duncan reported that volunteer Guy Slusser has made the needed repairs to the ballpark fence along the third base line that was damaged earlier in the year when a light pole was blown down. Chamois City Clerk Meghan Birmingham reported that the City has received a bid to rebuild a section of the grandstand damaged in a windstorm last year. In regards to the proposed rebuild of the second story of the Old Bandstand and to remodel the lower level, there was nothing new to report.

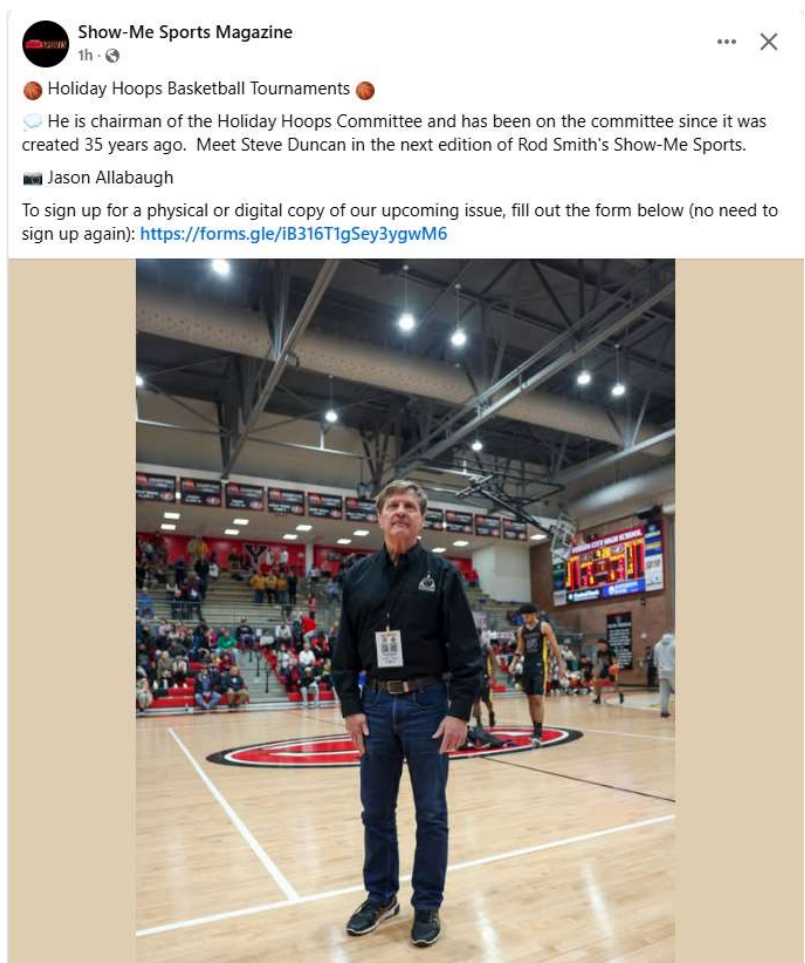
Internet capabilities have been installed at the Chamois Community Center. Some discussion has focused on the need to build a cabinet or devise an alternative secure way to house the router and other equipment needed for the Internet connection. No new information was available for this project.

Two items of new business were presented and discussed.

Chamois City Clerk Meghan Birmingham reported that the City of Chamois is working with the Meramec Regional Planning Commission staff to apply for a Land Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) grant to use for improvements to the City Park. Possible park projects include repairs and upgrades to the restrooms and enhanced lighting in the park. Longer term projects may include an outdoor basketball court and a walking trail. At this time, the City needs to finalize a plan and obtain cost estimates for the grant application. There will be a need for matching funds. Matching funds can include donated in-kind labor and use of equipment. There is also a need for letters of support for the grant application from the school, civic groups, churches, other organizations, and individuals.

Lion President Hilkerbaumer reported on his attendance at the recent Lions District 26-M7 Officer Training Session that was held at the Holts Summit Lions Club on Saturday, September 27, 2025. The training was outstanding and most beneficial for new officers. The duties of each Lions Club office were detailed and attendees were able to ask questions.

There was no correspondence to be shared and only one announcement. The Lions District 26-M7 Cabinet meeting will be held on Saturday, November 1, 2025 at the Missouri



Lions State Office which is located at 2409 Hyde Park Rd, Jefferson City, MO 65109. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. and conclude by 12:00 noon.

October birthday wishes were extended to Lions Jeff Kormann, Jason Hilkerbaumer, Beth Sieg, and Dawna Keilholz. Prayer concerns were expressed for many community members to include Lions Connie Smith and Michael Edwards and former Chamois Lions Club member Gary Reynolds.

To conclude the meeting on a humorous note, Lion Steve Duncan shared three jokes entitled "Family Reunion", "Face Lift", and "Trading Up" that were provided by Lion Duane Paulsmeyer.

The next meeting of the Chamois Lions Club will be on Monday, November 10, 2025 at the Chamois Community Center. Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. with the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

## JEFFERSON CITY HOST

The JC Host Lions visited MobilityUSA in Columbia, Missouri to help assemble Mobility Cars, tour their facility, and learn about their Mission.

<https://giftofmobility.org/>





## Jefferson City Host Lions Club

November 1 at 11:55 AM · 🌐

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JC Host Lions were proud to be part of this year's Lincoln University Homecoming Parade. JC Host Lions AND LU's Homecoming Parade are both 100 years old in 2025! WE SERVE!



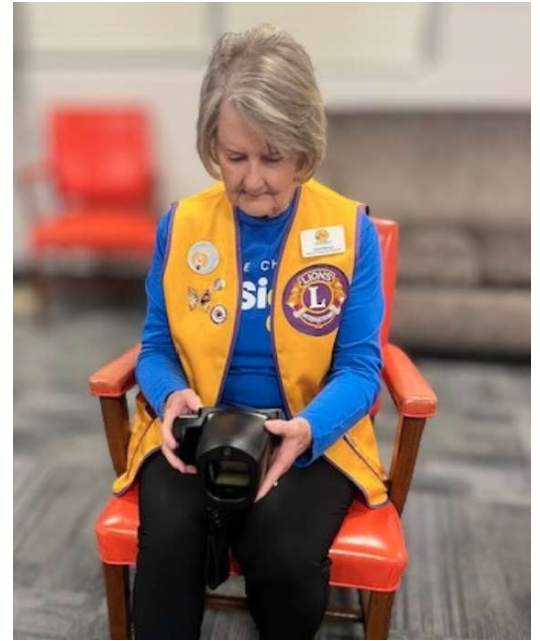
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# KIDSIGHT Volunteer Spotlight: Lion Janice Bonnot

For nearly two decades, Lion Janice Bonnot has been a steady, smiling presence at KidSight vision screenings across mid-Missouri. As a proud member of the Jefferson City Host Lions Club, she first began volunteering with the vision screening program in 2006—back when it was part of the Missouri Lions Eye Research Foundation. Inspired by Helen Keller’s call for Lions to become “knights of the blind and crusaders against darkness,” she answered that call by helping children see a brighter future.

At every screening, Janice takes time to connect with the kids, explaining why good eyesight matters—whether it’s reading in the classroom, playing sports, or simply seeing the faces of their family and friends. Over the years, she’s worked alongside countless KidSight staff members and continues to be inspired by their shared commitment to early detection and care.

Her passion and kindness make her a true ambassador for KidSight’s mission, reminding us that every clear view starts with a caring volunteer. Thank you, Janice!



**Dan Bernskoetter** is with  
**Janice Bonnot.**

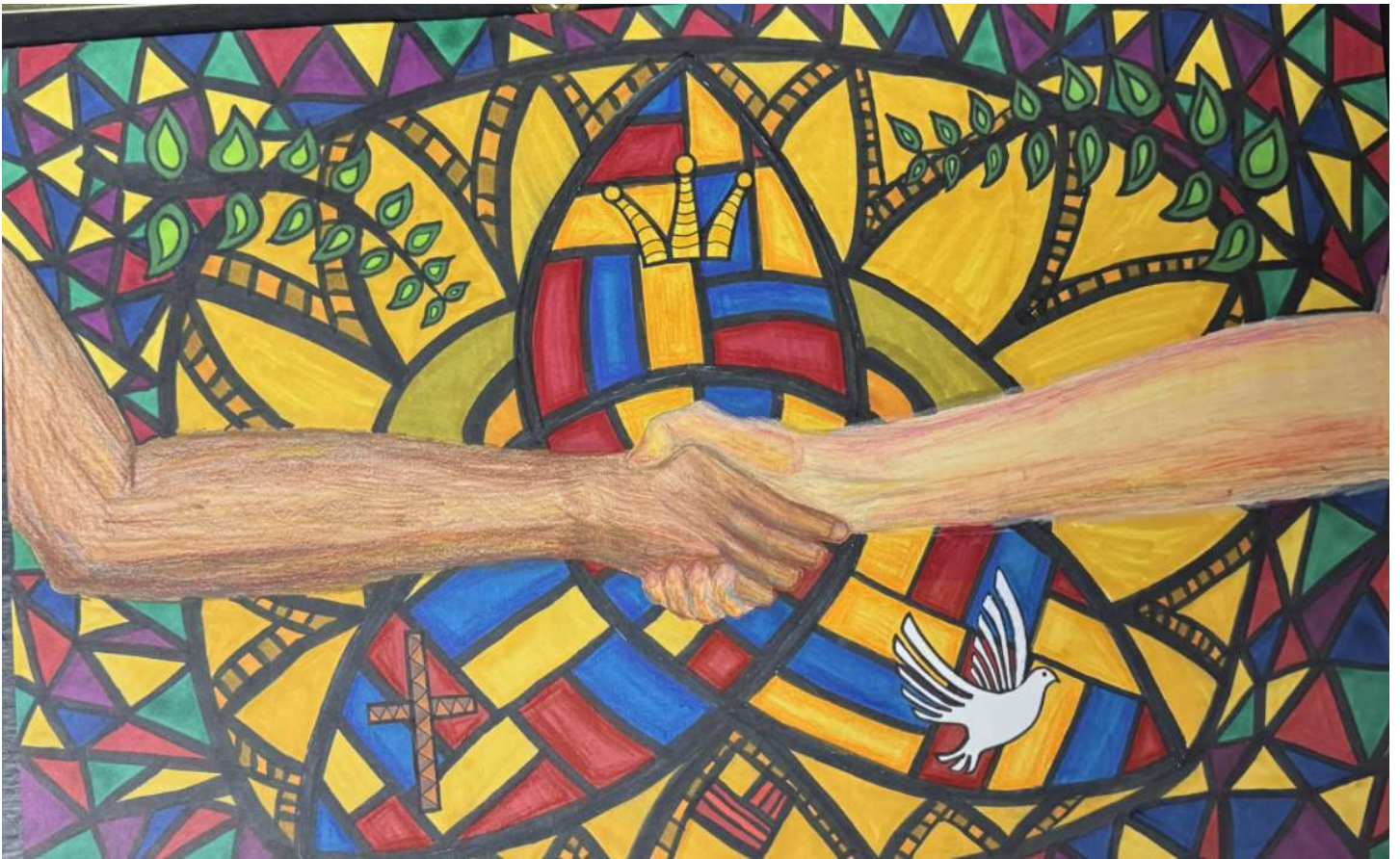
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This lady does an amazing job leading us on our Kids Sight project. I think over 3500 kids screened by our team this school year!



JC Host Lions Peace Poster winner Avery Clark who attends St. Martins Catholic School. Now on to District and, hopefully, State and International.

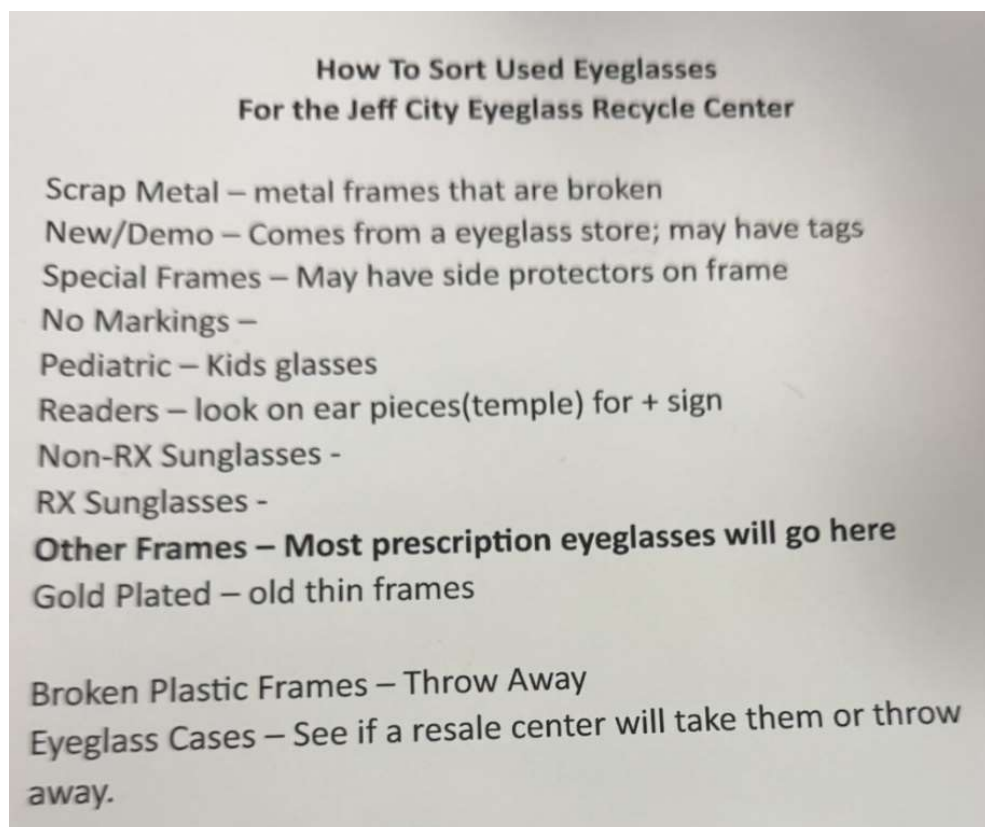


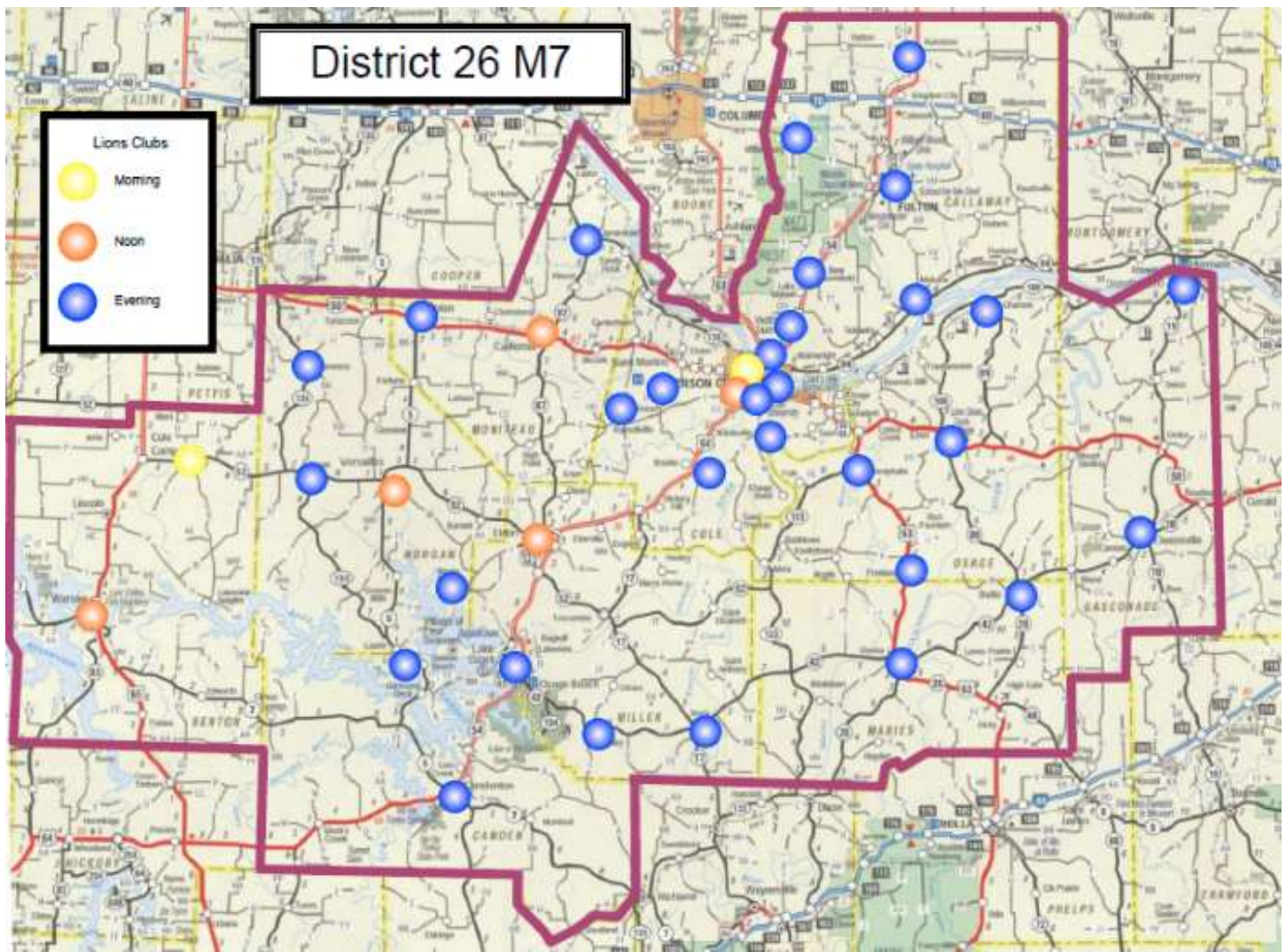
# SHOW ME LIONS EYEGLASS RECYCLING

The Show Me Lions Eyeglass Recycling Facility is located at 710 Sandstone in Cedar City / North Jefferson City, Missouri. Your group can help sort eyeglasses. To volunteer at the building, contact: Lion Don Soph, PDG, 314-304-5054 or email [donsoph@hotmail.com](mailto:donsoph@hotmail.com) or Lou Ann Hathcock, PDG, 573-338-4687 or email [balloonsisters@aol.com](mailto:balloonsisters@aol.com).

Lohman Lions Alberta and Gary Zumwalt are in charge of filling orders for recycled eyeglasses for mission trips. If anyone wants to contact them to help with this task, their phone number is 573-782-3560. Also, if anyone knows of a mission group that wants recycled eyeglasses, they can submit an email request to: [showmelionseyeglassrecycling@gmail.com](mailto:showmelionseyeglassrecycling@gmail.com).

**SPECIAL REQUEST:** We are in need of more volunteers to come to the building to work on eyeglasses - sorting, washing and reading, in order to be able to provide glasses to those that need them. Mission trips have increased and we need volunteers to be able to have glasses ready for distribution. If you cannot volunteer to work at the building but do collect glasses, you can still help. Glasses can be sorted by: readers, adult prescription, kids prescription, adult sunglasses and kids sunglasses. It would also help if the glasses were taken out of the cases, since we have no source for cases. All broken, scratched and parts-missing glasses can be separated and labeled as scrap which can be used to get money to use for shipping out the glasses for mission trips. All of this would help immensely. Thank you! – Alberta  
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