

Between the Lions



DECEMBER 2025

Peace Poster Contest

One exciting part of being a Lion is recognizing accomplishments of young people in our communities. At a recent presentation, JC Host Lions president Bruce Bates had the honor of presenting a certificate and check to Avery Bax of Saint Martin Catholic School. Avery was the winner of the Peace Poster contest sponsored by the club.

Each year, the Peace Poster contest has a different theme. This year's was "Together as One." Avery used her artistic creativity to capture the theme beautifully.

District clubs are encouraged to have their local schools participate in the contest. Who knows? Maybe a club winner can go on to be chosen for the district. After that, it can be state honors, or even international. The Peace Poster contest is a great way for clubs to connect with youth!





Above left: Winning poster by Avery Bax of St. Martin Catholic School. Above right: Presentation of the Jefferson City Host Lions Peace Poster contest winner at St. Martin Catholic School in St. Martin. From left: Jennifer Gerber (art teacher), Bruce Bates (president of Jefferson City Host Lions Club), Avery Bax (contest winner), and Bruce Berger (club Peace Poster coordinator).

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DID YOU KNOW LIONS ARE EVERYWHERE?

Within 30 miles of the Columbia shop is Jefferson City, MO. The Jefferson City Hosts Lions Club brought 19 members over to work for one hour before they held a short meeting and lunch. In one hour, they assembled carts, upper chain guards,



crank handles, pop rivet brake handles, and other tasks. Hosts Lions have decorated and sponsored a cart each year for Hearts for Carts. Mary



Wang'ang'a, the Mobility Program Director with Partners for Care in Kenya, is also a Lion (pictured). Lions help around the globe improving lives with mobility!!!

Thank you, Lions.

Lioness Mary delivers another cart in Kenya (PFC).



JOIN US FOR THE ANNUAL MISSOURI LIONS



FEBRUARY 6™ 7™ 2026

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

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

EASY REGISTRATION!

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER/ ENTERTAINER:

Josh McVicar

Comedy Magic & Hypnosis



AS SEEN ON:
YouTube

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MISSOURI LIONS 2026 MID WINTER FORUM REGISTRATION

MISSOURI LIONS MID-WINTER FORUM

REGISTRATION (OPTIONAL)

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CLUB:

Friday & Saturday, February 6 & 7, 2026

- Courtyard by Marriott, 610 Bolivar Street, Jefferson City MO
- Regionation Packets may be picked up on Enday in the Hotel Lobby from 4.00 6.00 p.m. First Session begins at 8:30 a.m. on Saurday
 - Full Forum Registration includes: "Friday Night Hospitality" Saturday Seminars"
- Anyone planning to attend any of the seminars/meals will require a full registration. Saturday Lunoh Buffet * Saturday Dianor Buffet with Speaker-Entertainer.
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- 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.
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Registration and payment to Missouri Lions must be postmarked by December 15 for Early Bird Discount. Drawings will be neld for First Timers and Larly Diras! Complete one section below per person.

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No Plefunds after January 25, 2028. A block of rooms is being held for this event at Courtyard by Marriott at

Mail registration form and check to Missouri Lions, 24158 Hyde Park Road, Jefferson City MO 65109

a rate of \$159 King/\$164 Double Queen until January 6, 2026. (\$73-761-1400) Our group code is MLC.

Book your group rate for Missouri Lions

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

FLORENCE

When you're in Lions, you visit some interesting clubs Tonight, DG Bill and I got to experience the Florence Lions. They meet in Keith Bremer's shed. A laid-back atmosphere, with delicious chicken and dumplings. Their big event is a tractor pull on Labor Day weekend.





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





CAMDEN COUNTY LIONS CLUB



We would like to thank everyone that donated to our food drive.

The winner drawn for the prepared meal, has chosen to donate the meal to a family in need also and thus will be donated to one of the families on the food pantry list of families getting meals.

Please watch for more service projects from our growing club. If you are interested in joining, reach out to us or come to a meeting.

We hope everyone has a safe and Happy Thanksgiving!





CALIFORNIA LIONS CLUB





Lions Club members don't just volunteer; they lead. 👩

Every project is an opportunity to learn new skills, meet new people, and make a real difference.

Our members come from all walks of life, business owners, teachers, retirees, parents, and students - united by one goal: making our town better.

Interested in joining? Send us a message, we'd love to meet you! #LeadershipInAction #LionsServe #CaliforniaLionsClub



MOKANE



Holts Summit Lions Club offers another reason for thanks

Joe Gamm

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Groceries are expensive these days.

And even though SNAP benefits have been restored for the nation's hungry, some parents still will struggle to feed their families, said Melissa Anderson, treasurer of the Holts Summit Lions Club.

Anderson spoke about the challenge that people feeding her community face Saturday afternoon as the club prepared to serve free Thanksgiving meals to community members.

"For my normal job, I work with the Department of Social Services," Anderson said. "Knowing that millions were not going to be getting their SNAP benefits, knowing that the food pantries are empty or running low, we said, 'What can we do immediately that will help?'

"So, knowing that the (Holts Summit) Soup Kitchen does their Thanksgiving meal the week before Thanksgiving, we decided to pick the weekend before that and do a free meal as well."

The soup kitchen is this coming Thursday. Anderson added that an organization like the Lions Club holds numerous fundraisers.

"This is what we need to do with our funds. We're serving the community the best that we know how," she said.

Immediately after letting Holts Summit leaders know there was going to be another Thanksgiving meal in the city, members of the community began to reach out to her to ask how they might help.

She said the random phone calls and text messages came from everywhere in Holts Summit. They came from many people she didn't even know. She told callers to bring desserts.

"That takes one thing off of our plate," Anderson said. "So we were here last night, and there were just people dropping off pies and desserts. ... It's amazing to watch our community come together like this."

The Lions Club put out a request for donations on Venmo, and they began to roll in. It also has a donation box, where people who come to events may drop in whatever they want to donate to Lions Club projects. The box was out during the Thanksgiving meal Saturday night.

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"But we don't expect anything, because this is what people need," Anderson said. "The thing that we think about the most — when people lose SNAP benefits, or they're out of school — is the kids."

The Lions Club publicized the event on social media, in Jefferson City and elsewhere, she added. It was not going to turn anybody down who wanted a free meal, she said, no matter where they came from.

"If you're hungry, come eat," she said.

Her 9-year-old son, Henry, came to the event prepared to help, he said. He's been a Cub Scout for four years, and he said he and another Scout (named August) intended to help with Saturday's event.

"Mom likes to volunteer me for stuff," Henry said, pulling at the front of his gray T-shirt. "I also helped with fireworks this year. I'm wearing my fireworks shirt."

Henry said he and August would be clearing tables.

"We're going to be going around, taking plates from people — dirty things," Henry said. "We're going to be taking trays and stuff in there for them to wipe down and clean."



Caroline Glydewell/ News Tribune

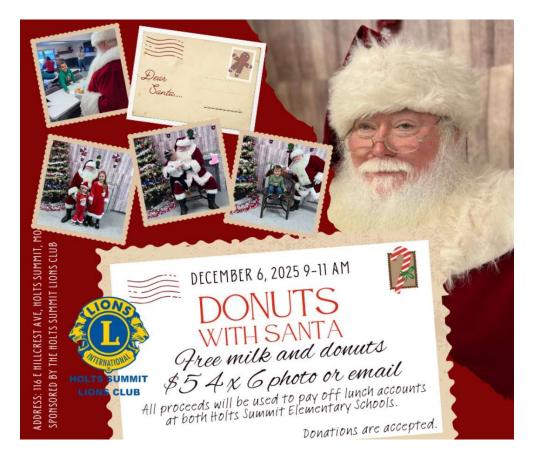
LEFT: Four-yearold Elizabeth Basnett takes a look at the offerings on the dessert table Saturday evening during the Holts Summit Lions Club's complimentary Thanksgiving dinner. BELOW: Members of the club serve the food.





Caroline Glydewell/News Tribune

Dakota Jones pours some gravy onto the plate of Jennifer Lloyd on Saturday during a complimentary Thanksgiving dinner provided by Holts Summit Lions Club.





NEW BLOOMFIELD

The New Bloomfield Lions Club

is requesting your presence at our 75th Anniversary celebration on Thursday, December 18 in the Community Room on lower level of Central Bank 100 State Road AE, New Bloomfield Dinner 6:00 pm ----- Cost \$22.00 per person Please RSVP (with payment) by December 8 to Evelyn Thomas, 8363 State Road BB, New Bloomfield, MO 65063

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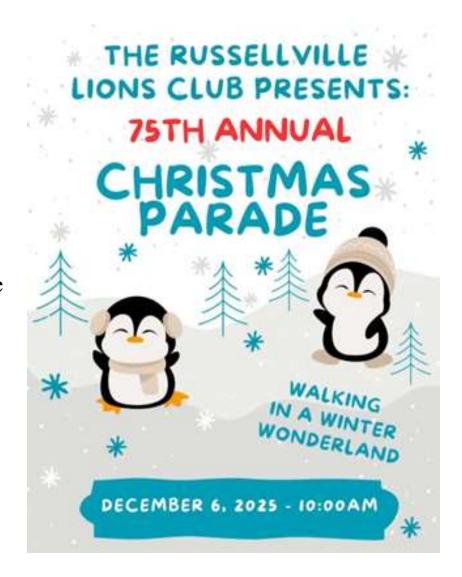
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In September our Lions Club challenged the Auxvasse Lions Club to collect food for the Serve, Inc. pantry. Loser buys dinner. Well they collected over 1,000 pounds of food and left us in the dust. Tonight we admit defeat but we are excited to do this again next year! #WeServe



RUSSELLVILLE LIONS 75th 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

A few members of the Lions Club of Eldon volunteered at the Show Me Lions Eye Glass Recycling Center. Amazing. Hundreds of thousands of donated eyeglasses need to be sorted, cleaned and measured for distribution to Lions charities and mission programs. It's a job that will never been done.



CHAMOIS

The Chamois Lions Club met for their regular monthly meeting on Monday evening, November 10, 2025 at the Chamois Community Center. Eighteen Lions and five guests were present for the dinner and business meeting. Guests included Misty Hilkerbaumer, Justin Bathke, Chamois City Clerk Meghan Birmingham, and prospective new members Darrell Chrisenberry and Mercedes Durham.

Prior to the dinner, Lion President Jason Hilkerbaumer led the Chamois Lions in the Pledge of Allegiance and Lion Sabra Paulsmeyer offered the table prayer. The Ladies of St. Mary's Catholic Church served a delicious dinner of turkey pot pie, green bean casserole, sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, and poppy seed cake and pumpkin crunch cake for dessert.



Prior to the start of the business meeting, Lion President Hilkerbaumer called on Lion Steve Duncan to report on the Lions District 26-M7 Cabinet meeting held on Saturday, November 1, 2025 at the Missouri Lions State Office in Jefferson City. Nine Lions Clubs were represented at the meeting with District Governor Lion Bill Foglesong, First Vice District Governor Lion Bruce Berger, and Second Vice District Governor Lion April Underwood offering remarks and various committee chairpersons providing reports on Lion projects. A Fulton Lions Branch Club has been sponsored by the Auxvasse Lions Club and a Camden County Branch Lions Club has been sponsored by the Eldon Lions Club. The Camden County Branch Lions Club will merge with the Camdenton Lions Club and retain the Camdenton Lions Club charter with the new club named the Camden County Lions Club. Key Lions projects are Saving Site where approximately 3,000 cornea transplants are done each year and a new program called First Gift has been established, KidSight where 49,000 children were vision screened during the past year, and the Eyeglasses Recycling Program where 119,056 pairs of eyeglasses were distributed for mission projects this year. Lion Duncan then reported that immediate Past President Lion Robin Lieneke of the Chamois Lins Club had been awarded a Lions Presidential Award for her efforts to retain members during the past Lions year.

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 October 13, 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. Lion Treasurer Nelson Sieg presented the financial report for the Chamois Lions general account and Building Co-Chairperson Lion Randy Thoenen presented the financial report for the Community Center. The Chamois Lions voted to approve the financial reports.

Lion President Hilkerbaumer called on Chamois Lions Club liaisons to other Chamois and Morrison civic groups for reports on the activities of those groups. 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 will meet on November 20, 2025 and the CHPC will meet on November 13, 2025. Several members of the CIDC and the CHPC along with other volunteers are in the process of forming a new organization, Friends of the Chamois Cemeteries, which hopefully will assist with the mapping and plotting of the four public cemeteries (City, Oakland, Stonner, and Black) in Chamois, restoration of tombstones in those cemeteries, and the establishment of a perpetual care plan to ensure that the cemeteries are maintained. Guest Meghan Birmingham, who is the City Clerk for the City of Chamois,

reported on efforts by the City to obtain a Land Water Conservation Fund (LWCS) grant for Chamois City Park improvements. Lions Scott Mertz and Sean Hackmann, who are members of the Chamois Fire Department reported that the Fire Department responded to six calls during the past month and are working on three grant opportunities. These grant applications include a \$130,000.00 FEMA grant for boots, gear, and equipment, a \$41,000.00 Firehouse Subs grant for battery operated extraction equipment, and a grant for fire departments with budgets less than \$50,000.00 with funds if awarded to be used for fire truck valves. Lions Steve Duncan and Jeff Kormann, who are members of the Osage County Agritourism Council (OCAC), reported that reservations for the Christmas Church Cookie Tour to be held on Friday, December 12, 2025 are sold out with a waiting list. 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.

Three 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 and guests to report on the status of repairs. 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 regard 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.

Lions Jeff Kormann, Steve Duncan, and Sabra Paulsmeyer provided additional information on the Friends of Chamois Cemeteries organization and restoration efforts at the Chamois Cemeteries. Volunteers from the Cole County Historical Society's Cemetery Restoration Group will work in the Black Cemetery on Tuesday, November 11, 2025 in an effort to restore the tombstone of Jerry Berry, the last Civil War veteran buried in Osage County. In addition, Jodie Lewis, who is a douser, will also visit the Chamois Cemeteries on November 11, 2025 in an effort to locate unmarked graves and identify empty grave sites for future use.

Six items of new business, four of which pertain to the Christmas season, were presented and discussed.

The annual Chamois Lions Club Christmas dinner and party will be held on Monday, December 8, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. at the Chamois Community Center. Spouses are invited. For the traditional White Elephant "Rob Your Neighbor" gift exchange, the gift amount limit was set at \$20.00.

The annual Santa's Visit to Chamois has been scheduled for Saturday, December 13, 2025. Santa will arrive on a fire truck at the Old Town Square at 4:30 p.m., there will be a parade of decorated side-by-sides and other vehicles on Main Street at 5:00 p.m., and the Osage County R-1 School PTO will host a chili and hot dog supper at the Most Pure Heart of Mary Parrish Hall at 5:30 p.m. The Chamois Lions Club will provide candy for all children, will make a cash donation to the PTO to assist with the purchase of food and drink supplies, and will provide volunteer labor to assist the PTO in serving the meal.

The Chamois Lions will again put up the City of Chamois Christmas decorations and will provide a financial gift to the junior and senior classes of Chamois High School to decorate and then undecorate the Christmas tree that is located on the Old Town Square. Lions Dale Hackmann, Sean Hackmann, Scott Mertz, Mark Mehmert, and Steve Duncan volunteered to put up the City Christmas decorations.

Lion Lana reported on the Osage Caring Projects "Adopt-A-Family for Christmas" project. The Chamois Lions Club will again adopt a family. Lion volunteers selected various family members to shop for. Various Lions will make cash donations to pay for the gifts.

Lion Secretary Beth Sieg presented a request for the Chamois High School senior class to use the Community Center for a Trivia Night fundraiser on January 31, 2026. Consensus of Chamois Lions Club members was to grant this request and allow use of the Community Center at no cost.

Lion President Hilkerbaumer reported that Chamois American Legion Post 506 and Chamois Masonic Lodge #185 have completed installation of the 40-foot flagpole at the Chamois City Park. Efforts are underway to select a date for a formal flagpole dedication service. Lion President Hilkerbaumer solicited input on a possible date.

There was no correspondence to be shared. Several announcements were made. Lion Steve Duncan reported that Lions Hearing Sweepstakes Raffle tickets are available for purchase and will be available at the next few meetings. Lion Duncan also announced several upcoming Lions events to include the Lions Mid-Winter Forum to be held on February 6-8, 2026 at the Courtyard by Marriott in Jefferson City, the Lions District 26-M7 Convention to be held on March 6-7, 2026, and the Missouri Lions State Convention to be held on April 24-26, 2026 in St. Joseph, MO.

November birthday wishes were extended to Lions Melissa Arlen, Steve Cramer, Michael Edwards, and Duane Paulsmeyer. 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 two jokes entitled "Let's Talk" and "The Nerve!" that were provided by Lion Duane Paulsmeyer.

The next meeting of the Chamois Lions Club will be on Monday, December 8, 2025 at the Chamois Community Center. Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. with the meeting and Christmas Party at 7:00 p.m. Again, spouses are most welcome to attend.

JEFFERSON CITY HOST



Today, the Jefferson City Host Lions KidSight Vision Screening Team screened 188 students at Thorpe Gordon Elementary School in Jefferson City. This is the last screening on their fall schedule. Since August 1, 2025, the team has screened around 4500 kids!

This is an amazing testimony for fulfilling Helen Keller's request for Lion members to be "knights of the blind and rusaders against darkness". The team believes every child should have good eyesight and a bright future.

In January, 2026, the vision screening team will begin screening at daycares. If you would like for the team to do a vision screening at your daycare contact KidSight at kid-sight.org.





He will be missed.



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Obituary information for Mark S Schreiber

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 or Lou Ann Hathcock, PDG, 573-338-4687 or email 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.

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 To volunteer at the building, contact: Lion Don Soph, PDG, 314-304-5054 or email donsoph@hotmail.com or Lou Ann Hathcock, PDG, 573-338-4687 or email balloonsisters@aol.com.

How To Sort Used Eyeglasses For the Jeff City Eyeglass Recycle Center

Scrap Metal – metal frames that are broken

New/Demo - Comes from a eyeglass store; may have tags

Special Frames - May have side protectors on frame

No Markings -

Pediatric - Kids glasses

Readers - look on ear pieces(temple) for + sign

Non-RX Sunglasses -

RX Sunglasses -

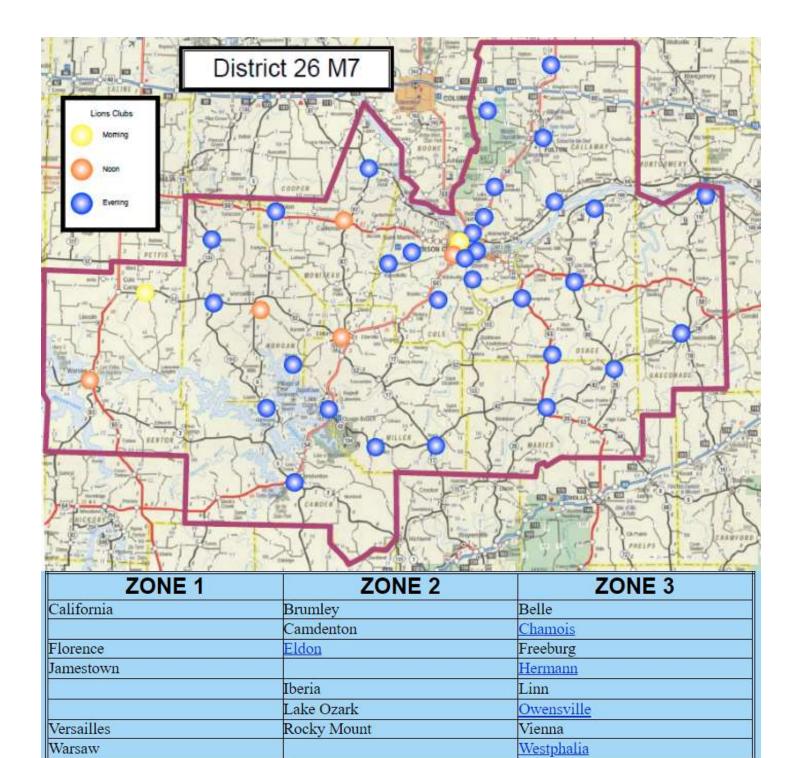
Other Frames - Most prescription eyeglasses will go here

Gold Plated - old thin frames

Broken Plastic Frames - Throw Away

Eyeglass Cases – See if a resale center will take them or throw

away.



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| Jefferson City Breakfast | |
| Jefferson City Capital | |
| Jefferson City Evening | Holts Summit |
| <u>Jefferson City Host</u> | Millersburg |
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| Russellville | New Bloomfield |
| Wardsville | |