



District 26-M7
The Heart of
Missouri Lions

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Between the Lions



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DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

Excited to brainstorm with all of my fellow Lions at the Cabinet Meeting this month!

Lion DG Melissa

*nothing changes
if nothing changes.*

DISTRICT 26M7 CABINET MEETING

Please join us for the 1st District Cabinet Meeting of the New Lions Year! This meeting is open to **ALL Lions** and we encourage you to attend.

This will be an informative and engaging 2-hour meeting with the Lions of Mid-Missouri. We will not be sitting and listening to reports. Let's talk about the growing needs of our communities and brainstorm as to how we can serve more people than ever before!

DATE: AUGUST 17, 2024
LOCATION: HOLTS SUMMIT LIONS CLUB
116 E HILLCREST AVE
HOLTS SUMMIT, MO



AN INVITATION FROM
THE DISTRICT LEADERSHIP TEAM
Lions DG Missy, 1VDG Bill and
2VDG Bruce

**RSVP not required,
but appreciated.**
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Free breakfast provided by the
Holts Summit Lions Club
starting at 9:00 am.

Men recognized for stopping attempted funeral home shooting

By Cameron Gerber

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The two men who stopped an attempted shooting at an Eldon funeral home in 2021 accepted an international award for their bravery in Jefferson City this week.

Jeff Hilke, of Jefferson City, and Scott Duncan, of Kansas City, received the Carnegie Medal, an honor granted to people in the U.S. and Canada who risked serious injury or death to save or attempt to save others. They were presented the awards Monday morning at the Cole County Sheriff's Office.

Hilke, a funeral director with Millard Family Chapels, was helping to conduct a service for the Duncan family to mourn the loss of their father. Officials said 15 members of the family were at the funeral home when Scott Duncan's estranged brother, Bradley Duncan, of Chesterfield, entered the room where the family was gathered and displayed a .45-caliber gun in a threatening manner toward his ex-wife.

Hilke and Scott Duncan pinned him to the ground until Eldon Police Department officers arrived and secured him in handcuffs. A round went off during the scuffle, but no one was injured. Scott Duncan secured his brother's arm when the magazine fell out of the gun and he reached for another one.

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Julie Smith/News Tribune

Bob Davidson and his wife, Marti, look at the Carnegie Hero Award medal just presented to Jeff Hilke, left, Monday following a brief ceremony for Hilke and Scott Duncan.

First Lions Council of Governors Meeting of the year under our belt! It's going to be an amazing year with this team by my side! [#roar](#)
[#weserve](#)



Recognized:

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Hilke said when the men fell to the ground his chest landed against concrete stepping stones, breaking his sternum and bruising a few ribs.

He said he initially thought he was having a heart attack, but the chest injuries just took a while to heal.

While the incident wasn't a pleasant ordeal, he said he was ultimately glad it was him working that day.

"Originally I was not supposed to be there. One of our other directors was supposed to be there, and at the last minute it got switched up," Hilke said. "I just feel I was there for a reason — I don't know what the reason was that that incident happened, sure, but I'm just thankful that I was there."

Hilke said he acted on instinct in the moment and fell back on his training as a reserve deputy for the Cole County Sheriff's Department. If he'd stopped to think, he said, things could have gone very differently.

Despite the heroic response, Hilke said he doesn't feel like he did anything that extraordinary.

"That day, I saw something that needed to be done, and I reacted to it. I would hope that anybody in that position would do that," he said. "I appreciate the different awards that I've been given, but I don't know that I did anything special. I'm just glad that

everything turned out the way it did."

Scott Duncan said he felt similarly. In the three years since, his brother was found guilty of first-degree assault, armed criminal action and unlawful use of a weapon in Moniteau County and sentenced to 34 years in prison. The case was transferred to Moniteau County as Miller County was not equipped to handle the associated publicity.

Scott Duncan said it was a situation he's tried to move on from.

"I've just tried to move forward with my family and my friends. It's just odd having to do that from my brother," he said. "It's nice having some recognition, not that I wanted it in any way, shape or form. I would be a lot happier if this had never happened, but it could have been a lot worse."

Cole County Sheriff John Wheeler introduced the men during the event, commending them for their bravery and quick action he said likely saved lives.

"This is a true testament character of both individuals involved for selfless acts of valor resulting in no loss of life," Wheeler said. "I'd also be remiss if I did not recognize Eldon PD staff for their swift action in responding to such a chaotic scene and taking the subject into custody without any further incident. So to you two gentlemen, I say thank you very much."

Hilke and Duncan were among 17 people recognized in this round of Carnegie Medals. Learn more about the program online at carnegiehero.org.



SECOND VDG MESSAGE:



As a newly minted 2nd Vice District Governor, I look forward to working closely with District Governor Melissa, and 1st Vice District Governor Bill. We should all take pride in what our clubs do for our communities. Whether it's sponsoring events for our youth, or donating funds to a community organization, we add value to our communities.

We all hear about how Lions need to embrace new technology to help spread our message. Taking that to heart, here is information gleaned from ChatGPT by asking "What is best about Lions Club?" Pretty impressive, and accurate result, don't you think? Well, for number 1 we don't have over 1.4 million members, but we're working on that!

From ChatGPT:

The best thing about the Lions Club is its strong commitment to community service and humanitarian efforts. Here are some key highlights:

1. **Global Impact:** With over 1.4 million members in more than 200 countries, the Lions Club has a vast reach, enabling it to address a wide range of issues and support numerous communities worldwide.
2. **Focus on Health and Vision:** Lions Clubs are renowned for their efforts in combating blindness and supporting vision-related projects. They conduct vision screenings, provide eyeglasses, and support eye health initiatives.
3. **Community Projects:** Lions Clubs engage in various local projects, including disaster relief, environmental conservation, youth programs, and hunger relief. This local focus ensures that they address specific needs within their communities.
4. **Leadership and Personal Development:** Members have opportunities to develop leadership skills, network with like-minded individuals, and take part in meaningful service activities, which can be personally rewarding and professionally beneficial.
5. **Non-Political and Non-Religious:** The Lions Club is non-political and non-religious, welcoming people from all walks of life who are dedicated to making a difference in their communities.
6. **Volunteerism:** The organization provides a structured and supportive environment for individuals who want to volunteer their time and talents to help others.

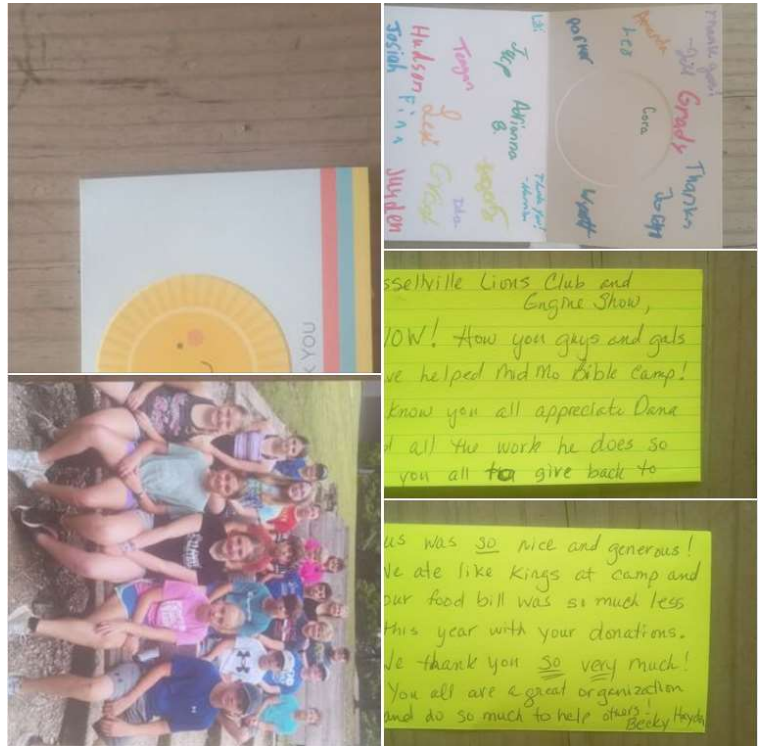
These aspects make the Lions Club a highly respected and impactful organization dedicated to improving lives and communities around the world.

Second VDG Bruce Berger and his assistant, ChatGPT.

RUSSELLVILLE LIONS

Lion (PP) Dana Frisby: I am proud to be a Lion!!! We received this card the other day (pics enclosed) the Russellville Lions Club donated \$250 worth of snack and food items to the MidMo Bible Camp, and this was their response.

Now for my rant, I hear people say all the time " what does the Lions Club do? " well that was just one of the things we do, but we host all the little league games, (not mentioning running the concession stand 5 nights a week for the games) we give awards to the kids at school for Kid of Character, we host the 4th of July fireworks, Figure 8 races, ATV Rodeos, we host the Christmas Parade every year, we let other organizations use our complex (granted we may charge a fee, but we have expenses for those events, such as lights, water and sewer, trash disposal) and other minor events, that we deem beneficial to our community.



We do all this with 6 to 7 active members and their family members. We have almost 20 acres of grass to cut, 2 ball diamonds to keep up, an arena to keep up. We do all this with our active members, who all have daytime jobs. Is it a lot of work yes! (I am proud to be a Lion)

It is gratifying when we receive notes such as the one posted earlier. Could we use help YES, but it seems the community does not care, just as long as we continue doing what we do. So when you say, "what does the Russellville Lions do", think about it, not much but we care about our community. So if anyone wants to say "I AM PROUD TO BE A LION" contact one of our members and we can make you Lion. I AM PROUD TO BE A LION.

JC CAPITAL LIONS CLUB

Lion Dee Hughes, VP of the JC Capital Lions Club presented Lion Cynthia Sullivan with the C Wayne Henderson Youth Service Award. Lion Cynthia welcomed & hosted 50+ youth in over 14 yrs to stay in her home during youth exchange week in our Lion's district. They were from 10+ foreign countries sharing their youth activities with others. Lion Cynthia also hosted the annual pool parties that included all the youth visiting our district at the close of their week's visit to Missouri. This award was well deserved with sincere thanks & she shared many memories of hosting these youth.

JEFFERSON CITY HOST LIONS



JC Host Lions KidSight Screening Team:
Janice Bonnot, Billy Bonnot, Roger Schwartz, Dennis Gragg, Bruce Berger, Dan Bernskoetter, Sam Orr, Geri Surface, Debbie Lindquist, Charlie Lindquist, Dianne Brandhorst, Larry Rhea, Marlene Carlson will be joining the team in mid-August.

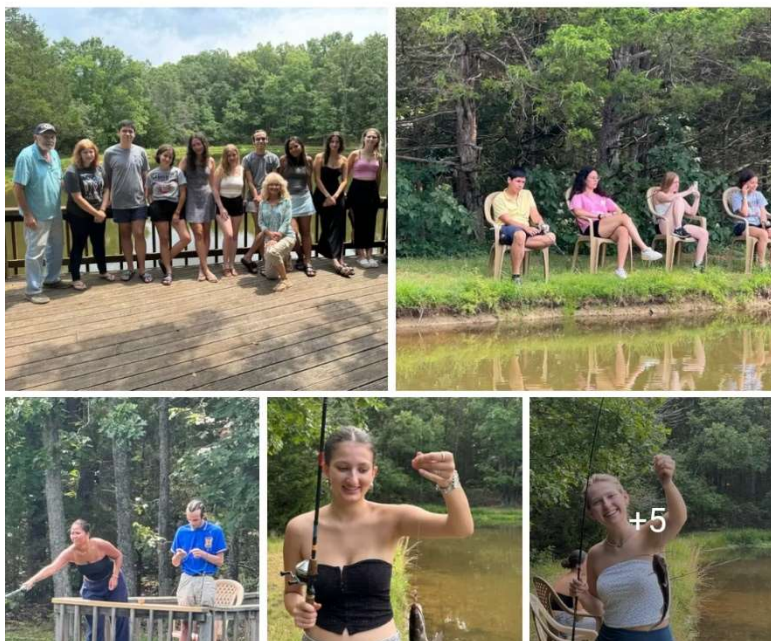
July 24, the Jefferson City Host Lions hosted 8 Lions Youth Exchange students. There were a total of 8 students, 2 from Italy, 3 from Germany, and the others from Denmark, Turkey, France & Italy.

Lion Jeanne Schwaller gave them a tour of our MO State Capitol. The students then attended the Host Lions club meeting & shared information about themselves. The club treated them to lunch at Hy-Vee. Next stop was a tour of Runge Nature Center. Lion Darin Hackmann gave them an excellent tour and provided the opportunity to experience archery. Last stop of the day was ice cream treats at Central Dairy.



Conservation Educator Dwight Warnke, and Runge Conservation Nature Center volunteers provided a fishing experience for eight foreign youths from Germany, France, Italy, Denmark, and Turkey. The youths were taking part in a Lions Club youth exchange program at Camp Brim Shire near St James, MO. The youths caught over 72 fish. Even a snake got in on the action!

Can you identify all the Lions in the first picture? Hint: There are five.

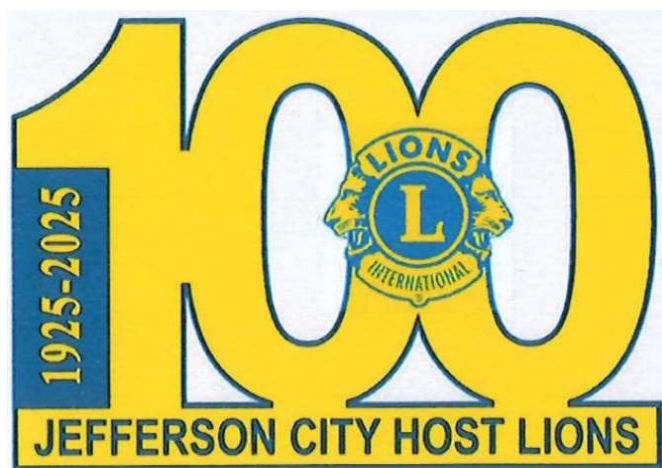


SAVE THE DATES: Jefferson City Host Lions will celebrate a CENTURY OF SERVICE with events on June 13 & 14, 2025.

June 13, 2025 - Evening reception with our International guest at Canterbury Hill Winery & Restaurant in Holts Summit

June 14, 2025 - Evening buffet dinner to celebrate our 100th Anniversary at Canterbury Hill Winery & Restaurant in Holts Summit.

We hope you can attend.



Jefferson City Host Lions Club
July 31 at 10:30 PM · 📍

JC Host Lions were pleased to provide landscaping materials and labor as part of our 100th anniversary year at the Deborah Cooper Park on Adrians Island in Jefferson City. WE SERVE! Deborah Cooper Park was officially dedicated on Tuesday, July 30, 2024.



ELDON LIONS CLUB



Lions Club of Eldon

9 hours ago · 🌐



Thank you Lion Robb Young for helping and serving during [Official Wonderland Camp's](#) carnival night! Looks like you enjoyed running the leap frog booth.



How we walk with
the broken
speaks louder than how
we sit with
the great.

- Bill Bennot



Steve Duncan, a JC Parks & Recreation Foundation member, has a long history of service and support for **#JCMO**. Previously a commissioner for our department, he also served for 14 years for **Visit Jefferson City**. He is currently active on boards for the Special Learning Center, CVB Athletic Events, the Oak Hills Advisory Committee, and more!

You might see him catching one of his grandkids' t-ball, basketball or soccer games -- or say "hi!" when you see him walking the Greenway. We're grateful to work alongside Steve to make JCMO a great place to live, work and play! **#NationalParksAndRecreationMonth** **#NPRM** **#WhereYouBelong**



STEVEN DUNCAN
FOUNDATION MEMBER

"My entire family loves the park facilities and programs - we use the greenway, playgrounds, and especially love Adrain's Island.

NATIONAL PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH
#WHEREYOUBELONG



DID YOU KNOW?

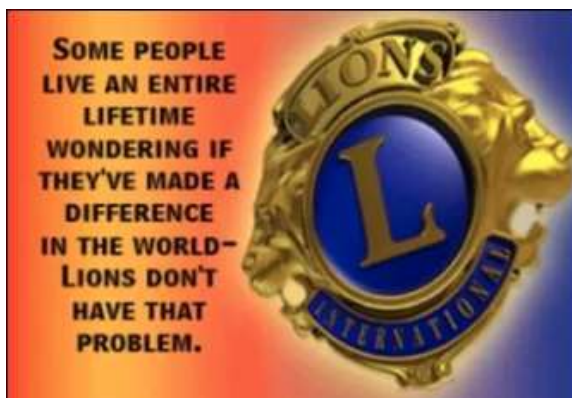
The 50+ full-time and dozens of seasonal staff put tremendous effort into developing new trails and parks, maintaining existing facilities, and organizing programs to help families belong.



NATIONAL PARKS
AND RECREATION MONTH

AUXVASSE LIONS

Donal Knipp and Betty were honored today in Auxvasse, Missouri as the Grand Marshals of the town's 4th of July Parade. And before the parade, the **Lions Club**, which Donal and Betty belong to, sponsored a great meal as a fundraiser for the Auxvasse Community Center. Was a nice day in that neat little Missouri town of Auxvasse! Kudos to the whole town! 🇺🇸❤️👍



MISSOURI STATE LIONS WEBSITE:
<https://lionsofmissouri.org/>

SHOW ME LIONS EYEGLASS RECYCLING

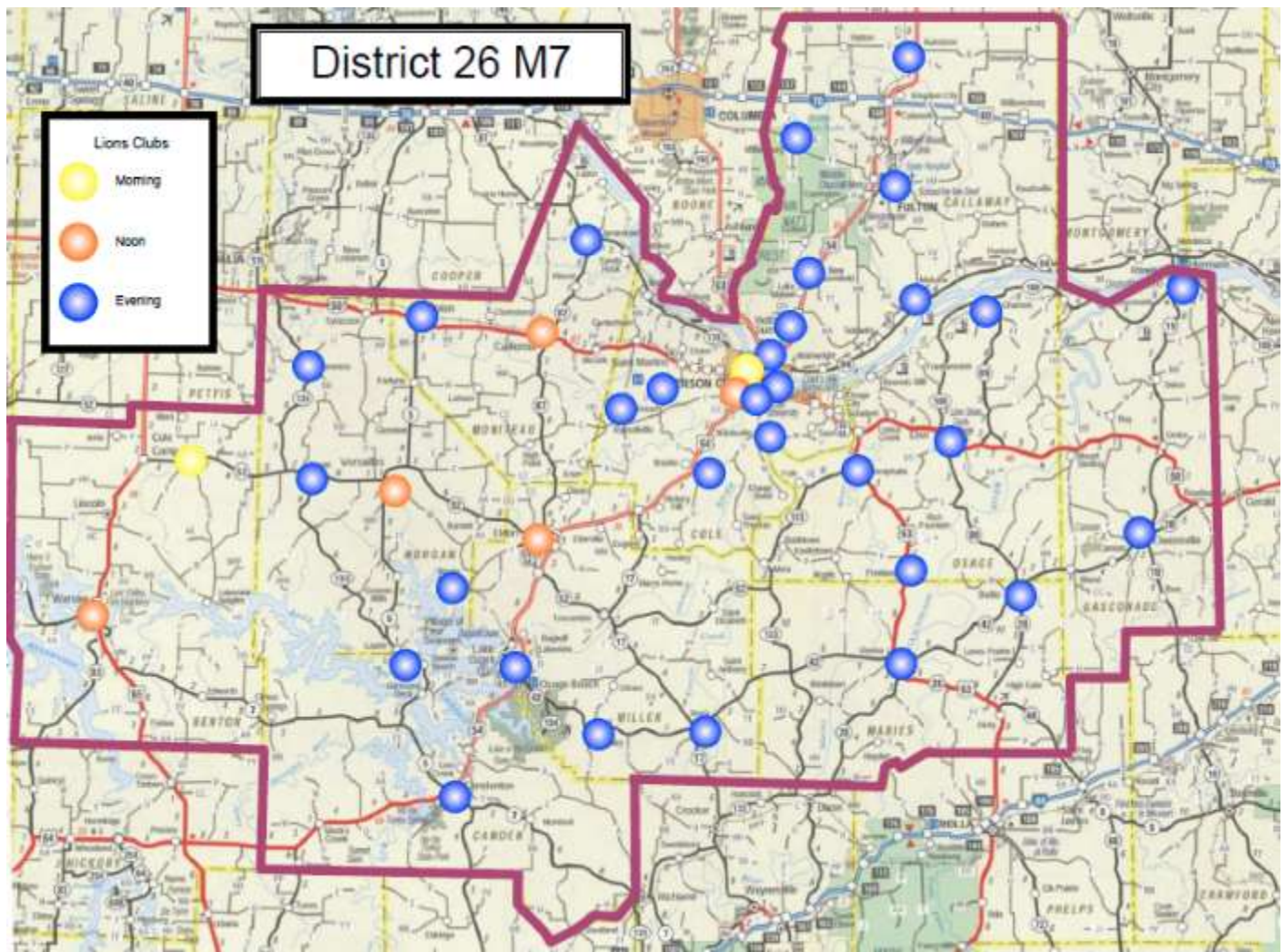
The Show Me Lions Eyeglass Recycling Facility is located at 710 Sandstone in Cedar City / North Jefferson City, Missouri. Your group can help sort eyeglasses. Contact Jesse Hathcock at 573-338-5530 or jess26m7@aol.com.

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.

EVENTS AROUND THE DISTRICT:

- DISTRICT CABINET MEETING at the Holts Summit Lions Club. Saturday, August 17. Breakfast provided starting at 8am and meeting starts at 9am. RSVPs preferred to hslionmissy@gmail.com
- LINN LIONS CLUB Bull Bash Rodeo. Saturday, August 24 gates open at 6:30, rodeo at 8pm. Linn Lions Club Fairgrounds. Adults (13+) \$12 in advance or \$15 at the gate.
- HOLTS SUMMIT LIONS 3rd annual “DINNER IN THE DARK”. Saturday, October 12 at 4pm. Holts Summit Lions Den at 116 E Hillcrest Ave / Holts Summit. Proceeds benefit Lions Business Opportunities for the Blind (LBOMB). For tickets: https://holtssummitlionsclub.square.site/?fbclid=IwY2xjawEUemhleHRuA2FlbQIxMAABHe1Xvb6PyJoV5M8seu8YYkA67V4m7mwNkPeXnSGGiBpl3Z3jgnybG1Fl4g_aem_3JVMrABTHISTPacrFPHLYw
- JC HOST LIONS “2025 69th HAM & BEAN and CHILI” event on Wednesday, February 5, 2025 with drive through carryout box lunches of Ham & Bean or Chili serving 11-1:30 and 4-6:30 at St. Peters Church in Jefferson City (next to the Capitol). Workers and eaters are welcome!
- 103rd Annual MISSOURI LIONS STATE CONVENTION. May 1-4, 2025 at the DoubleTree Hotel in Westport-St. Louis / 1973 Craigshire. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/337080649465347> or 2025convention@Lions26m2.org or Gina Boettcher at 573-368-1333.
- JC HOST LIONS “2025 63rd DUSTY DESKINS PEANUT DAY” on May 16, 2025 selling all around Jefferson City for \$1 a bag or 6 for \$5.
- JC HOST LIONS “SAVE THE DATES”: Jefferson City Host Lions will celebrate a CENTURY OF SERVICE with events on June 13 & 14, 2025.

Submit your event or article to Lyle at lrosburg@hotmail.com for inclusion in the next District Newsletter.



ZONE 1	ZONE 2	ZONE 3
California	Brumley	Belle
	Camdenton	Chamois
Florence	Eldon	Freeburg
Jamestown		Hermann
	Iberia	Linn
	Lake Ozark	Owensville
Versailles	Rocky Mount	Vienna
Warsaw		Westphalia

ZONE 4	ZONE 5
Brazito-Honey Creek	Auxvasse
Jefferson City Breakfast	
Jefferson City Capital	
Jefferson City Evening	Holts Summit
Jefferson City Host	Millersburg
Lohman	Mokane
Russellville	New Bloomfield
Wardsville	