



District 26-M7
The Heart of
Missouri Lions

Between the Lions



FEBRUARY 2026

2026 Mid-Winter Forum, February 6-7, 2026,
Jefferson City Courtyard by Marriot.

Lions District 26M7 District Meeting, February 14,
2026, Holts Summit Lions Club.

Lions District 26M7 Convention, March 6-7, 2026,
location TBD.

Lions State Convention, April 23-26, 2026 St.
Joseph, MO.

Lions International Convention, July 3-7, 2026,
Hong Kong.

Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute, July 17-
19, 2026, Baker University, Baldwin, KS.

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JOIN US FOR THE ANNUAL
MISSOURI LIONS

Mid-Winter
FORUM



FEBRUARY
6TH & 7TH 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:

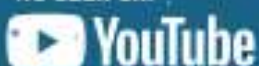
Josh McVicar



Comedy Magic & Hypnosis



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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 _____
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Any Special Meal Requirements? _____
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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](#)

EVENT SCHEDULE

Mid-Winter Forum 2026

FEB 6 HOSPITALITY NIGHT (Hosted by 2nd VDG) **6PM-11PM**

FEB 7 WELCOME! (Room A/B) **8AM-8:15AM**

FEB 7 SESSION SCHEDULE

Room A:

GUIDING LION PART 1

"LIONS LEADING LIONS"
8:30AM-10:00AM

GUIDING LION PART 2

"LIONS LEADING LIONS"
10:15AM-11:45AM

SOCIAL MEDIA / AI

"AI FOR LIONS:
SERVE MORE, STRESS LESS"
1:00PM-2:30PM

LIONS PORTAL

"CLICK LIKE A LION:
MASTERING THE LIONS PORTAL"
2:45PM-3:30PM

Room B:

LION 101

"LION BOOT CAMP: SERVE, LEAD, GROW"
8:30AM-10:00AM

RECRUITMENT/MEMBERSHIP

"MAKING A DIFFERENCE, ONE ROAR AT A TIME"
10:15AM-11:45AM

HEARING/ EYE MISSION TRAINING

"HEAR TO HELP, SEE TO SERVE"
1:00PM-2:30PM

LCI GRANTS/FUNDRAISING/SERVICE PROJECTS

"GRANTS THAT ROAR:
UNLOCK LCI FUNDING POWER"
2:45PM-4:15PM

Room A:

SAVING SIGHT

"SEE WHAT'S NEW!"
3:30PM-4:15PM

Room A/B



5:00PM-6:00PM



6:00PM-7:00PM



SPEAKER/
ENTERTAINER
7:00PM-8:30PM



8:30PM-10:00PM

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.



18th Annual District 26+M7 Convention

March 6-7, 2026

Wardsville Lions Club, 3505 Rte. M, Jefferson City, MO 65101



Our international guest is International Director Gary Steele from Cleveland, North Carolina. He was elected to serve a two-year term as an international director of Lions Club International at the associations 107th International Convention in Orlando, Florida, USA, July 13 through July 17, 2025.

Director Steele holds a bachelor's degree in management studies from the University of Maryland Global Campus. He served as assistant director of law enforcement and security for the U.S. Army's military police and received multiple commendations. In addition, he was a Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) officer.



A Lion since 2002, Director Steele has held several offices within the association including zone chair, second vice district governor, first vice district governor, district governor, district diabetes chair, district Lions staff administrator, council chairperson, council secretary/ treasurer, and diabetes awareness chairperson.

Director Steele has received numerous awards including two Lion of the Year awards, the Beacon of Hope Award, the Jack Stickley Fellowship, and the Helen Hudson Best Secretary award. He is the recipient of multiple International President's Awards and International President's Leadership Awards and is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

Director Steele and his wife Elizabeth, also a Lion and a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, have two children and seven grandchildren.

Friday, March 6 / Up stairs

Registration 5-6 pm
Hospitality (Free) 6-9 pm

Meat will be provided, please bring a dish
your Zone has been asked to provide.

Tea, lemonade, and water will be provided
BYOB

Lead to
Serve

Serve to
Lead

Saturday, March 7 / Up stairs

Registration 8-9 am
Morning Session 9 am – 12 pm
Governor's Luncheon 12-1:30 pm
Afternoon Session 1:30-3 pm
Election 3-3:30 pm
Adjournment

Name of Lion _____ Club _____

Name of Lion/Guest _____ Club _____

Phone Number _____ E-mail Address _____

Number Attending Friday evening _____ Number attending Saturday _____ X \$40 = _____

Register by February 23, 2026

Checks payable to District 26-M7. Mail to Lion Dakota Jones, 4911 Oakridge Rd., Jefferson City, MO 65109

dakota.jones2251@gmail.com

Or register online for a \$3 fee at <https://holtssummitlionsclub.square.site> or scan the QR code above.



The 104th Missouri Lions State Convention is fast approaching.

On Friday Night, April 24th, a silent auction will be held.

It is your opportunity to showcase to other Lions your talents and generosity.

We know there are painters, woodworkers, metal artists in our midst. And don't forget the wine makers and chefs. Are you talented in creating a basket of goodies to entice interest?

District Challenge? Maybe!

If you are not attending the convention, but have ideas and items, perhaps your district governor or another attendee might deliver for you.

Show the other districts what you are proud of from your own!

We look forward to your creativity!

ROCKY MOUNT

ROCKY MOUNT LIONS PANCAKE AND SAUSAGE BREAKFAST

ROCKY MOUNT COMMUNITY CENTER
20337 DELL DRIVE, ROCKY MOUNT, MO 65072

March 21st, 2026

8:am – 11:am



Pancakes & Sausage

Biscuits & Gravy

Scrambled Eggs

Coffee, Tea

Milk , Orange Juice

PUBLIC WELCOME, FREE TO ANYONE!

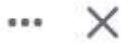
FREE WILL DONATIONS ACCEPTED

MOKANE



Mokane Lions Club of Mokane, MO

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Introducing our 2026 officers! Pictured from left to right-

1st Vice President- Andrew Felkner

Lion Tamer- Heather Vandeloecht

2nd Vice President- Josh Albrecht

Treasurer- Megan Horstman

Lion Tamer- Dan Arney

Secretary- Kelli Akers

President- Cameron Hall

Stay tuned for some new and exciting things happening this year!



HOLTS SUMMIT

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HOLTS SUMMIT
LIONS CLUB

JOSIE IS A 2ND GRADER AT NORTH ELEMENTARY WHO
IS BATTLING BONE CANCER. ALL PROCEEDS WILL BE DONATED
TO JOSIE'S FAMILY FOR COSTS ASSOCIATED
WITH HER CANCER TREATMENTS.

CAN'T MAKE IT BUT WANT TO HELP?
DONATE VIA VENMO @HOLTSSUMMIT-LIONSCLUB

\$10

SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER

**POSTPONED
UNTIL 2/15**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 24TH
4:30 - 6:30 PM**



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**116 E HILLCREST AVE
HOLTS SUMMIT, MO**



RUSSELLVILLE

The Russellville Lions Club is wanting to install lights on the small Ball field, we have located 5 - 60ft telephone poles located in Belle, Mo. The addition of these lights will help in providing light onto the ball field if games run into night, plus we could schedule tournaments that would run longer than daylight or practices later into the evenings. So if anyone knows of someone or company capable of helping us out contact me Dana Frisby 573-338-3823 or Ben Mehrhoff 573-645-0357 we are looking for someone with a trailer capable of hauling them from Belle to Russellville for us. We can pay for this if the price is not too high(we can cut the 60ft pole down to 53ft if we have to but would ideally like 60 ft).Thank You in advance

ELDON



Eldon Lions Club Treasurer Chuck Saak shown receiving prestigious International Melvin Jones award for his 36 years of service to the club and the Eldon community, presenting in M7 District Governor Bill Fogelson

FULTON

Induction of new members at Fulton Lions on Tuesday January 23, 2026. District Governor of M5 Alena Hoeffling (sponsor); Eden Hoeffling (member); Susan Colvin (member); Mark Schaeperkoetter (sponsor); District Governor Bill Foglesong (presiding).



CHAMOIIS

The Chamois Lions Club met for their regular monthly meeting on Monday evening, January 12, 2026 at the Chamois Community Center. Thirteen Lions and two guests were present for the dinner and business meeting. Guests included Misty Hilkerbaumer and prospective new member Chamois City Clerk Meghan Birmingham.

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 ham & bean soup, ham and potato soup, slaw, veggie tray, fruit tray, cornbread, and German chocolate cake and cherry cake for dessert.

Following the dinner and prior to the business meeting, Lion President Hilkerbaumer called on Lion Steve Duncan to induct a new member, Meghan Birmingham, into the Chamois Lions Club. Lion Duncan briefly explained the history of Lions Clubs International (LCI) and described the primary service projects



of LCI, the State of Missouri Lions, Lions District 26-M7, and the Chamois Lions Club. Lion Duncan then conducted a brief induction ceremony and presented Lion Birmingham with a membership packet to include the Lions lapel pin. Lion Birmingham was sponsored by Lion Jeff Kormann.

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 December 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. 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 recently met and elected a slate of officers for 2026. These officers are President Jeff Kormann, Vice President Steve Duncan, Secretary Sherry Starke, and Treasurer Susan Sundermeyer. The CIDC is working to develop a business directory for the Chamois/Morrison Area. The next meeting of the CIDC will be on March 12, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. in the basement of the Chamois United Methodist Church. The CHPC will next meet on January 21, 2026 and may have a potential contractor to bid on the restoration of the Old Bandstand. 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 (FCC), 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. New Lion Meghan Birmingham, who is the City Clerk for the City of Chamois, reported that the City election will be held in April 2026 and that the Chamois Day Committee had met on January 9, 2026 and will meet on February 11, 2026. Lion Scott Mertz, who is a member of the Chamois Fire Department, reported that the Fire Department responded to eight calls during the past month, has received \$123,000 from a grant for boots, gear, and equipment, and is in the process of applying for another grant. Lions Jeff Kormann and Steve Duncan, who are members of the Osage County Agritourism Council (OCAC), reported that the OCAC had a most successful Christmas Church Cookie Tour that was held on Friday, December 12, 2025 and are now working on a Farm Expo to be held in the Spring 2026.

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 to report on the status of repairs. Chamois City Clerk Meghan Birmingham reported that the City is in discussions with a local contractor to rebuild a section of the grandstand damaged in a windstorm last year.

Updates on various Christmas projects were provided. Lions Dale Hackmann, Mark Mehmert, and Steve Duncan will take down the City Christmas decorations and Lion Scott Mertz will coordinate with the Chamois High School junior class to undecorate the Christmas tree on the Old Town Square. Lion Donna Weiser donated additional ornaments for that tree and Lion Lana Hackmann has additional lights if needed next year. The Chamois Lions Club participated in the Osage Caring Projects "Adopt A Family for Christmas" and did shop for gifts and did deliver those gifts. Santa's visit to Chamois was a success with a nice parade of decorated vehicles and fire trucks, Santa's arrival and the distribution of candy to children, and a very successful PTO chili and hot dog supper that also included a silent auction.

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. A contractor, Lazarus Cemetery Mapping, has visited the cemeteries and flown a drone over the cemeteries and photographed all tombstones in an effort to map and plot those cemeteries. A contractor has been retained by the St. Johns UCC Cemetery and the St. Marys Catholic Church Cemetery to restore tombstones in those two cemeteries and plans are to hopefully generate donated funds for similar restoration efforts in the public cemeteries. Work days are being scheduled to cut brush in and around the cemeteries and future plans will be made for new signage, benches, and landscaping for the cemeteries. Lion Mark Mehmert has established a Facebook page for the FCC.

Two items of new business were presented and discussed.

Lion Vice President Randy Thoenen reported that the Chamois Lions Club has a certificate of deposit that will mature on January 13, 2026 and there is a need to renew that CD. Consensus of the Lions members was to renew that CD at Heritage Community Bank for a term that coincides with the club's cash flow needs and with a competitive rate of return.

Lion Steve Cramer introduced the idea of a television for the Community Center that could be used by renters to stream programs such as the Super Bowl or to show family or group videos and photographs. This feature would make the Community Center a more attractive venue to potential renters. In a similar vein, discussion briefly focused on the need for a cabinet or secure structure to house the Internet router and wiring.

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, a Lions District 26-M7 Cabinet meeting to be held on February 14, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. at the Holts Summit Lions Club, 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. Lion Secretary Beth Sieg reported that the Chamois High School senior class will host a Trivia Night at the Chamois Community Center on January 31, 2026. Cost to enter is \$20 per person with a maximum of 8 players per team. Snacks for the evening can be ordered from Lion Sieg.

December birthday wishes were extended to Lions Brandy Ruegge, Susan Sundermeyer, Randy Thoenen, and Lana Hackmann and former member of the Chamois Lions Club Robin Lienneke. Prayer concerns were expressed for many community members to include Lions Connie Smith and Pamela Kormann and former Chamois Lions Club member Gary Reynolds.

To conclude the meeting on a humorous note, Lion Steve Duncan shared two jokes entitled "Bad Moves" and "Fire Alarm" that were provided by Lion Duane Paulsmeyer.

The next meeting of the Chamois Lions Club will be on Monday, February 9, 2025 at the Chamois Community Center. Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. with the meeting at 7:00 p.m.



Chamois Lions

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We inducted a new member this evening. Welcome, Meghan!

JEFFERSON CITY HOST

JC Host received an email from JC Sam's Club requesting an eyeglass drop box. They just wanted a small box that they could place on a counter at their vision center.



Eyeglass and Hearing Aid Collection Boxes



Drop off your used eyeglasses and hearing aids at SEVEN locations around Jefferson City for recycling / reuse.

Drop Box Locations

Look for the Lions' yellow "mail box style" drop boxes located at:

1. Schultes Fresh Foods - 1904 Southwest Blvd.
2. Capital Mall - 3600 Country Club Dr (Southside).
3. Washington Park at Virginia Street.
4. Central Missouri Medical Park - 1705 Christy Drive.
5. Gerbes Super Center - 2101 Schotthill Woods Drive.
6. Eyes on Missouri in Schnucks Plaza - 1709 Missouri Blvd.
7. Sam's Club Optical Center - 849 Stoneridge Parkway (Small Drop Box inside the store at the Optical Center).

“PATRIOT POTS” **JEFFERSON CITY HOST LIONS CLUB** **FUNDRAISER**

AMERICA IS CELEBRATING ITS 250th ANNIVERSARY IN 2026
 Jefferson City Host Lions Club in cooperation with the Cole County
 250th Anniversary Committee want to beautify Cole County
 with containers of red, white, and blue flowers.



(This is representative only of the Patriot Pot)

Jefferson City Host Lions Club
are taking orders for
‘PATRIOT POTS’
\$25.00

Pick Up Your Patriot Pot on Saturday, April, 18, 2026
 Between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.
 at 2413 Hyde Park Road
 Jefferson City, MO 65109

If you would like to order a pot –
 Contact: jchostlionspp@gmail.com



Republican **sagree on** **primary**

As voters if the result of their vote
 not legally binding to the party
 will, like I was told to," said Rep.
 a Chairman, B-Nelson. "This
 has an impact on people when
 we want them to participate."
 (The following comments were made)
 by the committee:
 Rep. Kelly, St. Louis, and
 Randerson, St. Louis, presented
 respective bills (House bills 1001
 and 1002) to revise the presidential
 election and Randerson intend to
 see the bills.
 That goal is the right to vote that
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my month is different for them
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 as ObamaCare.
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to restrict **projects**

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 and Transportation Committee, with
 a of people wanting to build
 a outside the town.
 are still trying to get the
 state, as how and where
 projects can be built in the
 largely focusing on the success of
 and a project can take up the
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Prep **work**

ABOVE: Shirley Loesch,
 left, and Marlene Camm
 go through bins of
 beans on Tuesday,
 sorting out any un-
 usable ones, while pre-
 paring for today's 99th
 annual Ham and Bean
 & Chili Day fundraiser
 held by the Jefferson
 City Host Lions Club.
 LEFT: Sam Orr fills a
 bucket full of beans
 with water Tuesday so
 they can soak before
 being used for today's
 event. "This is the fun
 part," Orr said. BELOW:
 Roger Schwartz lines
 up bowls that will be
 used today. The event
 runs from 11 a.m.-1:30
 p.m. and 4-6:30 p.m.,
 while supplies last, at
 the Seeger Centre.



JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI

News Tribune



Darin Hochmann, left, and Martini Carlson scoop chili into styrofoam cups Wednesday during the annual Lions Club Ham and Bean & Chili fundraiser at the Selinger Centre.

Mild weather makes for productive fundraiser for Host Lions

Janet Palikathayil

With milder temperatures outside and no precipitation in sight, it was a "perfect day for ham and beans and chili," said Jefferson City Host Lions Club member Iyle Rosburg.

Wednesday was the club's annual Ham and Bean & Chili fundraiser — the club's largest fundraiser of the year, hosted at the Selinger Centre at St. Peter Catholic Church.

Club members aimed to raise about \$10,000 with all proceeds staying in the community, Rosburg said. This year's funds will support the National Atrial Fibrillation Awareness Project, said Roger Schmitt, Lions Club member and a past president.

Last year, the club served 1,500 meals in tougher weather conditions than this year, as members were hoping to see sales increase this time around. People had the option to take



Matt Schofield, left, and Larry Brandhorst hold a large cooler of boxes containing orders of ham and beans to take to drive-thru orders during Wednesday's annual Lions Club Ham and Bean & Chili fundraiser.

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Julie Smith/News Tribune

Nikki Reynolds helps fellow Lions Club members package chili dinners Wednesday during the annual Ham and Bean & Chili fundraiser. Down the table from Reynolds are Janice Bonnot, Debbie Hill, Bruce Bates and Anne Dulle.

Lions:

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in, get the food to go or have large orders delivered to their business.

People could choose the ham and beans box, which included ham and beans, sauerkraut, cornbread and a brownie, or the chili box, made up of chili, crackers, a hot dog, cornbread and a brownie.

As a line of cars prepared to turn onto Broadway Street to pick up curbside orders, volunteers in the basement of the Selinger Centre were busy packing meals into boxes in an assembly line.

Some volunteers arrived as early as 5 a.m. Wednesday to start cooking the food. On Tuesday, volunteers began setting up for the event and started food-prep tasks like sorting and soaking the beans.

Bruce Bates, president of the Host Lions, said his favorite part of the event is the service to the community.

"Our whole mission is built around service," he said while packing food into boxes.

Next to Bates was volunteer Debbie Hill, who drove in from Iberia to help. She's not a Lions Club member, but when she found out about the event from Schwartz, she volunteered.

"I'm just volunteering wherever

they need me," she said. "Just being a good Samaritan, I guess."

The fundraiser — now in its 60th year — started as just a ham and bean event, with chili getting added more than a decade ago.

"A lot of people don't like ham and beans, some only want ham and beans this time of year," Rosburg said. "So we're trying to address what they need."

Over the years, the cooks have continued to refine the ham and beans recipe. When the club added chili to the menu, cooks entered the recipe into a chili cook-off offered by the American Legion and won.

"Everyone seems to like it," Rosburg said.

LOHMAN

LOHMAN LIONS BBQ

- Sunday, June 28 – 10:30- until out.
- Dine-in or carryout.
- Chicken, Pork Steak, and Brat Dinners.
- 9am Patriotic Worship Service at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church on the hill.
- Mid MO Old Carl Club Cruise In from 10:30am to 2pm on Front Street "by the big tree".
- 9pm Fireworks at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church on the hill.





VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Volunteers are at the heart of KidSight, helping us make a difference in the lives of children and families across Missouri. This year, we are thrilled to launch our very first **Volunteer of the Year Award**, recognizing one outstanding individual whose dedication, passion, and positive impact truly stand out. We invite you to nominate a volunteer who goes above and beyond and help us celebrate the extraordinary people who make KidSight's work possible!

To Be Considered for the Award:

- Nominee must have made an impact with KidSight during the 2025 calendar year.
- Nominee must exemplify KidSight's mission and values.
- Nominations are open to all volunteer roles (screeners, assistants, clinic volunteers, event helpers, etc.).
- Nominee should have made a measurable or meaningful impact on the organization or the children/families served by KidSight.

Nominate A KidSight Volunteer Today!

- Scan the QR code to fill out a nomination form (one nomination per person).
- Deadline for submissions: Saturday, February 28, 2026.
- A KidSight Board Committee will review submissions & select the Volunteer of the Year.
- The award will be presented at our All-Team Meeting in Summer 2026.

Scan the QR code to make a nomination or email us at volunteer@kid-sight.org for more information.



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.

