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LIONS STATE CONVENTION RECAP:



Paul Carr
Admin · May 2 at 11:41AM · 🌐
What a great crowd at the Missouri Lions 2025 State Convention Strides walk and learning about diabetes awareness!

We have a great turn out for the 4th Council of Governors meeting this afternoon.
What a great start to the [Missouri Lions State Convention 2025!!](#)



Many of the Lions from District 26-M7 that attended the state Lions convention in St. Louis this weekend.



ORLANDO **2025**
107th LIONS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

LIONS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

Orlando, Florida. July 13-17, 2025.

https://lionscon.lionsclubs.org/?utm_source=Eloqua&utm_campaign=CON_EN_LionsConOrlandoPromo2_1564608773&utm_medium=email

23rd ANNUAL GREAT PLAINS LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE
Sponsored by the Lions of Multiple Districts 3, 9, 17, 26 and 38
Baker University,
615 Dearborn Street, Baldwin City, Kansas 66006
June 27-29, 2025

UPDATED REGISTRATION FORM (Please type or print legibly)

NAME _____ Badge Name _____ Gender _____
Last First Initial
ADDRESS _____
Street/PO Box City State/Province Zip/PC
PHONE () _____ () _____
Home Bus/Cell Email
Home Club _____ Sub District Number _____ LCI Mbr # _____
Years in Lions _____ Highest Office Held _____

Registration Fee is US\$220 if received by April 30, 2025, and must accompany the registration form. Beginning May 1, 2025, the base fee increases to US\$240. Make checks payable in US funds to GPLLI and, along with the registration form, mail to ID Hans Neidhardt, 7400 NW Ayr Road, Potwin, Kansas 67123.

Application Deadline: May 31, 2025
"Applications will not be accepted without full payment."

Your registration fee includes seven meals, all Institute costs and dormitory rooms (Friday and Saturday) at Baker University. Please note that the dormitories are smoke free. You are permitted to request a specific roommate. Check in will take place at the **Harter Student Union** from 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. on Friday, June 27th and check out must be completed by 8:00 A.M. on Sunday, June 29th. We offer a souvenir shirt for an additional US\$25. Shirt size _____ (they run a little large).

The following information must be completed before registration will be accepted.

_____ Diabetic Diet requested _____ Vegetarian Diet requested
_____ Wheelchair Access required _____ Vision Impaired (List what accommodation(s) are needed)
_____ Hearing Impaired (List what accommodation(s) are needed)

Please list any other special requests _____

Questions about the Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute may be directed to: ID Hans Neidhardt, Registrar, 7400 NW Ayr Road, Potwin, Kansas 67123, (316) 435-2800, or hwizardofoz@gmail.com. Additional information will be sent to attendees prior to the start of the training session, to include directions, campus map, daily schedule, etc.

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

We are asking for the following information in case of an emergency arising during the 2025 Institute. This information will be maintained until the close of the Institute and then shredded.

Emergency Contact Name _____ Relationship _____

Contact telephone: HOME _____ WORK _____ CELL _____

Medical information that needs to be shared with emergency responders: Please feel free to use the back.

**** LCIF Donations Collection: Historically, we have accepted individual and/or club donations during the training course. Donations are entirely up to each individual and/or clubs, and are in no way mandatory.**

HERMANN LIONS



Hermann Lions Club

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The village of Brown Shanty hosted a wonderful chicken dinner for the Hermann Lions Club on Tuesday April 22. It was so good. Just a few pictures of some of the club members enjoying food and fellowship.



Hermann Lions Club

May 3 at 10:59 PM · 🌐

Hermann Lions Club's Lion Steve Mueller was awarded the leadership award from our District Governor Melissa Anderson at the State Convention Saturday evening. Congratulations Lion Steve!



Hermann Lions Club

May 3 at 2:34 PM · 🌐

A few of Hermann Lions Club officers attending the Lions State convention in St. Louis today.



Hermann Lions Club

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What a day! The Hermann school district hosted its annual Special Olympics today. Students from fifteen different school districts attended. The administrative staff with the district did a phenomenal job of organizing and running this great event!

Members of the Hermann Lions Club along with members of the Masonic Lodge #123 cooked and served hamburgers, hotdogs, and of course the Mason's made and cooked their famous brauts for the over 800 students attending the event.

It was a great day!



Lion Betty Knipp Obituary

Betty Ann (Smithee) Knipp was greeted into Heaven by her beloved parents, siblings and friends on May 2, 2025. She passed away unexpectedly at Boone County hospital in Columbia, Mo, surrounded by her adoring family.

Betty was born on June 28, 1944 in Auxvasse, Mo, the daughter of the late Wilmon C and the late Elizabeth M. (Lee) Smithee. She and her siblings, David, Clint, Dale, Molly, Wilmon, (Betty), Ronnie and Kenny had many adventures together and Betty was known as a nurturing and motherly figure in their lives.

On June 2, 1963 Betty married her high school sweetheart Donal Knipp of Auxvasse. She was welcomed into his large family and loved spending time with them. Over the next 62 years of their marriage they navigated life's struggles and triumphs together, never failing to be there for each other.

Donal and Betty welcomed 2 children, Stan and Tammy. Betty's life centered around being a devoted wife and mother. She worked tirelessly throughout her life to provide a warm and loving home where everyone continues to gather frequently. Betty established many family traditions that they will continue to enjoy with loving memories of her.

As years passed the Knipp family grew. Betty's grandchildren have been the absolute light of her life. Elizabeth Ann Knipp, Hadley Wayne Knipp, Clayton Gochenour, Lacy Lam Ford and Tyler and Ely Huston Lam and Kelsie Martinez, were fortunate to call her Grandma. She took special interest in each of them. She loved reading to them and held them in her lap lovingly singing Jesus Loves Me. She also passed on her love of cooking to them with lessons in the kitchen and lit up when they visited at meal time. With Donal's assistance she has recently written a cookbook to pass down to her Grandchildren.

Betty loved God and was a lifelong member of Grand Prairie Baptist Church in Auxvasse. She served as Sunday School teacher and Sunday School Superintendent, as well as music leader, in addition to many other duties. Betty loved her church and took great joy in decorating it, and tending to the flowers until the time of her death. She enjoyed providing meals and special dishes for church dinners. A devoted Christian, Betty most loved teaching children in the church about Jesus. Betty and Donal also attend the Riding High Cowboy Church in Mexico Mo. She took great joy in baking cookies to share with her church friends after each service.

Betty drove the Book Mobile for North Callaway School district for several years. She then became bookkeeper for the district before leaving to work at Mexico Electric Supply/ABS where she enjoyed the opportunity to work for her brothers, Dale, and

Kenny Smithee and with Clint Smithee and Josh Smithee, all family members.

Besides her love of baking and cooking, Betty was an avid reader and loved music. She tended her flowers and decorated her home beautifully, with warmth and love. She learned to sew at a young age and continued to sew frequently. We will fondly remember her homemade hot rolls and pies. She baked beautiful and delicious pies. It was not unusual for friends and family to discover that she had baked them a pie, just because she knew it was their favorite.

Betty also had a heart for helping others and was a member of the Auxvasse Lions Club. Lions believe in changing the world by serving the needs of their communities. Betty made an additional impact serving in the District and State and as she traveled the world with Donal. Betty served with a smile and a grateful heart, making friendships and memories along the way. Being a Lion is special. The lives Betty touched through service changed lives for the better.

Surviving Betty are her husband, Donal Knipp of the home, children Stan Knipp and Cathy of Boonville, Tammy Lam and Bryce Kristofferson of Mexico. Grandchildren: Elizabeth Ann Knipp of Auxvasse, Hadley Wayne Knipp of Holts Summit,

Clayton Gochenour of Ashland, Lacy Lam Ford and Tyler and Ely Huston Lam and Kelsie Martinez all of Clinton Mo. Brothers Ronnie Smithee of Auxvasse, Kenny Smithee and Dawn of Everton, Arkansas. Numerous nieces and nephews and friends worldwide.

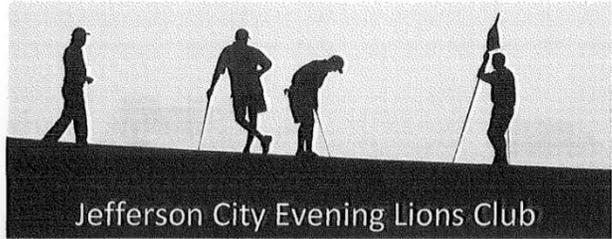
Preceding Betty in death were her parents Wilmon and Elizabeth Smithee, and brothers David Smithee, Clint Smithee, Dale Smithee, Wilmon Smithee, and sister, Molly Shellabarger.

Memorial services will be held at Maupin Funeral Home on Thursday May 8, 2025 at 2:00 pm with Pastor Eddie Schoeneberg, and Pastor Jason Smithee officiating. Visitation will be held at Maupin Funeral Home on Wednesday, May 7, 2025 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Inurnment will be held in the Auxvasse Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Grand Prairie Church of Auxvasse c/o Maupin Funeral Home, 301 Douglas Blvd, Fulton, MO 65251.



JC EVENING LIONS



Lions club Jefferson City Evening

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Capital City Cookoff. Always a great time with great guys. 9th place finish. Great work fellas.



32nd Annual Benefit

Golf Tournament

Three-Person Scramble

Friday • June 13, 2025

10:30 Lunch • 11:30 Shotgun Start

Oak Hills Golf Course • Jefferson City

Prizes

- Men's & Women's Longest Drive in Fairway
- Longest Putt on Green
- Closest to the pin on each Par-3 Hole
- Hole-In-One

Entry Fee \$100per person (\$300 per team) includes:

- 18 holes with cart
- Lunch
- Beverages
- Gift

Tournament limited to first 38 teams with Full paid entry fees

Skins Game (optional) \$15 per team with 50% payback

Cash Prizes

Payout per team, 4 flights:

1st Place – \$300 • 2nd Place – \$240 • 3rd Place – \$180

Entry Information

Entries received on a first come basis and limited as noted above

Cash prizes based on full tournament

Mail entries and check to:

Jefferson City Evening Lions Club

c/o Dan Muessig

1916 Whitney Woods Drive

Jefferson City, MO 65101

NAMES

EMAIL ADDRESS

PHONE NO

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LOHMAN LIONS



Lohman Community Bldg. - 8910 Lincoln St.
Dine-in or carryout - starting at 10:30 am -until out
Chicken, Pork Steak & Brat Dinners \$14.00

Patriotic Worship Service - 9 am

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church - on the hill

Corner Collectables - open 9 am - 3 pm

Lohman Community Center Open House - 10:30 am - 3 pm

Historical display of Millbrook, Stringtown & Lohman

Old historic Lohman Mill tours - 12 pm - 3 pm

Book-signing by Jeremy Amick

Mid-Mo Old Car Club will be on Front St., under the big tree, from 10:30 - 2:00

Everyone is welcome to bring their cars and show them off

St. Paul's Church will be serving on Church grounds beginning at 6 pm:

Hot dogs, Nachos & cheese, chips, Root beer floats, Dessert, Soda & Water

Fireworks - 9 PM

On the grounds of St. Paul's Lutheran Church sponsored by:

Lohman Lions Club

City of Lohman

Xtreme Body & Paint

Farmers Bank of Lohman

Weber-Millard Funeral Home

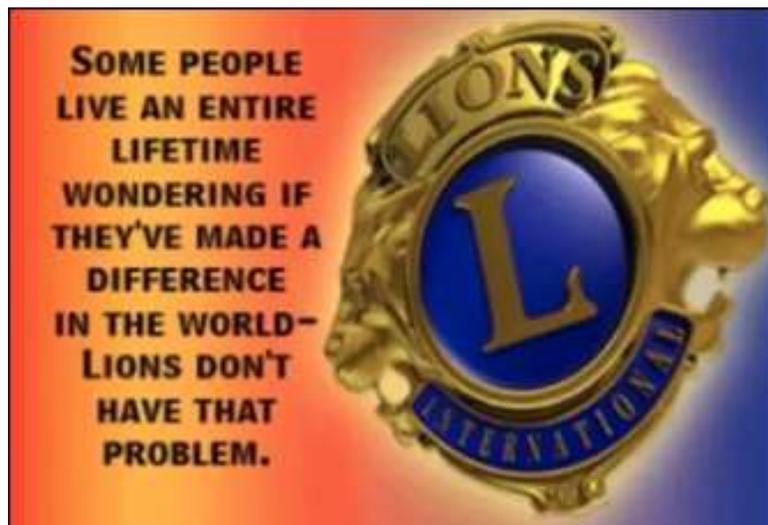


Not responsible for accidents

ELDON LIONS

ELDON GOOD DEEDS DAY

Lions Twyla Limbauch and Linda Bierbower shown at school event teaching 4th and 5th grade students about the Lions Eye Glass recycling program. Students help sort and clean donated glasses. Other Lions not shown were Bill and Lisa Fogelsong, Rob Young, Megan Hess, Lauren Beard, and Ed Bierbower.



May 1st was a busy day for the Eldon club at their annual dinner and silent auction. It was again a successful event. FFA students are shown helping serve.



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

<https://jchostlions.org/%22a-century-of-service%22>



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.

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF SERVICE

The Jefferson City Host Lion Club will be celebrating their 100th anniversary on June 13-14, 2025. The club was chartered on June 11, 1925, with 28 members. Today, the club consists of over 125 men and women who are committed to helping their community. Their main focus has always been to serve the youth in the community. They have succeeded in this goal over the past 100 years by providing playground equipment and wading pools for city parks, sponsoring baseball teams, sponsoring Easter Egg Hunts and Soap Box Derby's, sponsoring the School Safety Patrol since its inception, assembling food for the Buddy Pack School Program, and the list goes on. In the past 25 years, the club has screened over 40,000 school children for vision issues; ensuring that all children have a good start in life by having good vision.

You can drive around Jefferson City and easily see the presence of the Jefferson City Host Lions Club. The club built the restroom facility on West Edgewood greenway, had a bridge restored and installed to extend the greenway trails, installed a water station along the greenway, built the original shelter house at the Washington Park Ice Area and at

Hough Park, provided funds for the Jefferson City High School Stadium and track upgrade, electronic score boards for the middle schools, Miller Performing Arts Center, planted a flower garden at the Deborah Cooper Park for their 100th Anniversary Project, and again the list goes on.

Club members unselfishly volunteer their time and talent in helping other organizations in the community, such as Boys & Girls Club, Senior Nutrition Center, Samaritan Center, Salvation

Army, National Federation of the Blind, Court Appointed Special Advocated, and again the list goes on.

The Host Lions also support their neighbors around the world by participating in the Mobility Worldwide program; they purchase, decorate, and donate a mobility cart to those in need in other countries. On a monthly basis, club members collect, and process used eyeglasses which are recycled and used for mission trips around the world and in Missouri.

The Lions motto is “We Serve;” members of the Jefferson City Host Lions Club embrace each day fulfilling this motto. Members believe their club is here to stay and here to serve! The club meets each Wednesday at 12:05pm in the Hy-Vee Community Room, 3721 West Truman Blvd. Guests are always welcome to attend.

JC HOST LIONS 63rd ANNUAL DUSTY DESKINS PEANUT DAY on Friday, May 16 selling peanuts for \$1 a bag or 6 for \$5 at multiple locations around Jefferson City.



COLECOUNTYHISTORY



Courtesy/Gracie Leonard
JC Host Lions Club partnered with the Jefferson City Parks and Recreation to develop the Aurora Street park and playground.

JC Host Lions Club celebrates 100 years serving city

Jerry Smith
Historic City of Jefferson



The Lions Club was established in 1917.

Being a lion and lion duster at the JC Host Lions Club annual fundraiser has brought you more than your dinner over the years. It brought playgrounds, ballfields, scholarships, eyeglasses, safety permits and houses of other things.

The International Lions Club was founded in 1917 in Chicago by Melvin Jones. It quickly spread nationally and internationally. Currently there are 45,000 chapters in more than 200 countries. The name is an acronym for Liberty, Intelligence and Our Nation's Safety and was established for the purpose of community betterment. Their motto is simple: "We Serve."

The first president of the Jefferson City Host Lions Club was James Hocking, owner of Star Manufacturing Company, one of the industries that employed prison labor inside the walls. The Jefferson City club was chartered on June 11, 1917, with 30 members. This year will mark six years of service to the Jefferson City area.

One of its earliest projects was an athletic carnival. The stated purpose for the proceeds were "to acquire interest in club contents and ... to create a municipal park and athletic grounds here." They possessed their own, a boxing match, the promised to be a "worth-while reward to the greatest glory of our home town." A December 25, 1921, Central Missouri paper proclaimed that it was the occasion of the spectacle that it was, "the best sporting exhibition ever held in Jefferson City."

The Lions Club eyeglass campaign started in 1931 and was called the White Case project. They distributed cases to the blind and eyeglasses to those with partial sight. This program has since expanded to include vision testing of schoolchildren and recycling of eyeglasses and hearing aids. It continues to this day and there are six collection drop-off bins in Jefferson City. Donations and hearing aids are sorted and used for distribution

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in typical missions around the globe.

The club recognized the need to help the blind find employment and in 1921 began a program called BOMB, Business Opportunities for Missouri's Blind. The campaign, Light for Light, was initially funded by the sale of light bulbs. Later their funding came from Halloween candy sales.

In 1923, the local club chartered the Lions Kidlight USA Trip Van Award for its record number of vision tests administered to schoolchildren. This included the challenging COVID years.

Jefferson City is rich in its parks and recreational venues, but this did not begin with a city-financed department.

The early Lions recognized the need for playgrounds, and the first playground they built was in 1917 on the Park School ground at the St. Mary's Boulevard.

This was followed by a joint project with the WPA to build play centers at Washington Park, Seitzinger Center, St. Peter's School, McClung Park and Community Center.

These programs were so popular that by the end of the summer of 1928 they had finished playgrounds at Hickory and Adams, Fairview School (44 E. High St.) and West School (107 W. Main St.).

In coordination with the Jefferson City Park Board, the Lions sponsored summer playgrounds from 1924-26, contributing \$10,000 toward this program. It was this effort that provided the

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ROCKY MOUNT LIONS



CHAMOIS LIONS

Chamois Lions Club News

The Chamois Lions Club met for their regular monthly meeting on Monday evening, April 14, 2025 at the Chamois Community Center. Twelve Lions and one potential new member, Sean Hackmann, were present for the dinner and business meeting.

Prior to the dinner, Lion Third Vice President Randy Thoenen led the Chamois Lions in the Pledge of Allegiance and Lion Steve Duncan offered the table prayer. The Ladies of St. Mary's Catholic Church served a delicious dinner of roasted pork loin, cheesy Texas potatoes, slaw, fruit salad, vegetable tray, Hawaiian dinner rolls, and two different kinds of cake for dessert.

In the absence of Lion President Robin Lieneke, Third Vice President Randy Thoenen presided at the business meeting.

Prior to the start of the business meeting, Lion Third Vice President Thoenen called on Lion Steve Duncan to induct Sean Hackmann into membership in the Chamois Lions Club. Lion Duncan explained briefly the history of Lions Clubs International (LCI), explained some of the major LCI service projects, described some of the Chamois Lions Club's local service projects, administered the LCI oath to Lion Hackmann, and presented Lion Hackmann with a Lions lapel pin and other information about service as a Lion. Lion Steve Cramer was the sponsor for Lion Hackmann.

Lion Third Vice President Thoenen Lieneke requested that the meeting agenda be approved and with no objections voiced, the agenda was approved. Copies of the minutes of the March 10, 2025 meeting had previously been distributed electronically by Lion Secretary Beth Sieg and paper copies were available for those Lions who prefer paper. With no objection voiced, Lion Third Vice President Thoenen declared the minutes approved. Lion Treasurer Nelson Sieg presented a detailed written financial report for the Chamois Lions general account and Lion Third Vice President Thoenen, in his role as Building Co-Chairperson, presented a brief financial report for the Community Center and also reported that he had replaced light bulbs in the Community Center kitchen.

Lion Third Vice President Thoenen 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, was absent and there is no Lion who is a member of the City of Chamois government so there were no reports for those organizations. Lions Jeff Kormann and Susan Sundermeyer, who are members of the Chamois Historic Preservation Commission (CHPC), reported on the CHPC's upcoming Spring Fling, which will be held at the Chamois Community Center from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on May 1, 2025. This fundraiser to benefit the Townley House Museum and the Old Bandstand restoration project will feature spinning, weaving, rug making, and hand-carved spoons along with a plant sale of various house plants, lilies, hostess, and cana bulbs. Food and drinks to include homemade cinnamon rolls, pulled pork sandwiches, hot chicken sandwiches, various chips, an assortment of homemade desserts, and lemonade and water will be served beginning at 11:00 a.m. Lion Kormann next reported on behalf of the Chamois Industrial Development Corporation (CIDC). The CIDC will next meet on Tuesday, May 13, 2025 and Lions were encouraged to attend as the CIDC is focused on economic development and the revitalization of downtown. The meeting location and a tentative agenda for the meeting will be communicated. Lions Scott Mertz and Sean Hackmann, who are members of the Chamois Fire Department presented a detailed report on recent Fire Department activities. During the past month, the Fire Department responded to three calls. There have been lots of improvements in the Fire Department with new members and now a total of 25 volunteer fire fighters. The Fire Department is in the process of purchasing a new brush truck. The Chamois Fire Department has provided mutual aid to the Owensville Fire Department. A training class in how to deal with anhydrous will be held at the Chamois Firehouse on April 27, 2025 and the Chamois Fire Department will host the Four Rivers Fire Fighters Association for discussion and training on May 28, 2025. The Chamois Lions Club voted to make the Chamois Community Center available for this meeting. Lion Steve Cramer, who is a member of the Osage County R-1 School Board, reported on the recent school bond issue, Proposition Kids, that appeared on the April 8, 2025 ballot and the election of two new school board members. Sadly, the bond issue, which required a four-sevenths majority, failed by only two votes. Lions Steve Duncan and Jeff Kormann, who are members of the Osage County Agritourism Council (OCAC), reported on a planned bus tour of Hope, MO on May 7, 2025 that will visit the General Store, the old Grist Mill, the one-room school, the Salem Hope Presbyterian Church where lunch will be served, the Hope Creek Longhorn Cattle Ranch, and Bob Campbell's collection of Allis Chambers tractors. Cost of the tour is \$75 per person and includes a wonderful lunch. Reservations for this tour are filling up quickly. The Chamois Lions Club is a non-profit organization member of OCAC. To conclude the reports on activities of other civic groups, Lion Kormann, who is a member of the Missouri Community Betterment (MCB) Board of Directors, had no report to offer at this time.

Four items of old business, special project updates, and ad hoc committee reports were listed on the meeting agenda.

Lion Third Vice President Thoenen addressed the issue of City Park repair projects and reported that he has completed the installation of a new door on the Chamois City Park ballpark storage shed. City Park projects still to be addressed include some minor repairs to ballpark fences, to hopefully rebuild the second story of the Old Bandstand and to remodel the lower level, to complete the rebuild of the ballpark grandstand, and the cooperative project with American Legion Post 506 and Chamois Masonic Lodge #185 to erect a 40-foot

flagpole that is visible both from inside the park and from the Missouri River. Due to a recent windstorm, a major repair project has been added. One of the ballpark light poles snapped and must be replaced along with the lights. This damage has been reported by the City of Chamois to the City's insurer for action.

Much discussion next focused on Chamois Day. Lion Scott Mertz reported on the recent meeting of the Chamois Day Advisory Committee. Ten members of the committee were in attendance at the meeting. The committee is comprised of representatives from the City of Chamois, the Chamois Lions Club, the Osage County R-1 PTO, the Chamois Fire Department, Chamois Masonic Lodge #185, and hopefully other civic groups and churches. The focus of the Chamois Day Advisory Committee has been to enhance the parade, possibly include more kids' activities, and to raise money in the form of business sponsorships and individual donations. As always, an issue is the need for more volunteers to help with planning, the raffle, staffing all the various activities, and set-up and clean-up on the actual day of Chamois Day. The next meeting of the Chamois Day Advisory Committee will be on Thursday, April 24, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. at either the St. John's UCC Church Educational Building or City Hall.

Discussion also focused on the annual Easter Egg Hunt to be held on Saturday, April 19, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. at the Chamois City Park. Lion Connie Smith, who has chaired this event for many years, reported on the purchase of eggs and candy and plans for the egg hunt. Several members of the Chamois Lions Club to include Lions Nelson and Beth Sieg, Micheal Edwards, Steve Duncan, and Jeff Kormann volunteered to help hide eggs and to oversee the actual Easter Egg Hunt.

Due to the absence of Lion President Robin Lieneke, discussion on a community dinner was tabled until the May 12, 2025 Chamois Lions Club meeting. This dinner would be an opportunity for the Chamois Lions Club to give back to the community and to share information about Lions Club and Lions community projects. A tentative date of July 2025 was proposed with the menu to perhaps be a fish fry or chili supper.

Two items of new business were presented and discussed.

Lion Steve Duncan reported that his son Kirk Duncan has filed the 2024 IRS Form 990-N or e-Postcard for tax year 2024 for the Chamois Lions Club. As a non-profit corporation, the Chamois Lions Club is required to file a Federal income tax return and since the Chamois Lions Club is on a calendar year financial reporting basis, the annual tax return is due by May 15 each year.

Next, Lion Duncan shared an e-mail from Jenn Millard, who is the Moniteau County and Osage County Community Organizer for Central Missouri Community Action, in regards to a possible cooking demonstration by the University of Missouri Extension Council. This demonstration would hopefully provide ingredients and cooking instructions for a meal for 10-12 families. A tentative date of April 29, 2025 and a time of approximately 5:30 p.m. has been proposed if funding is available. The Chamois Lions Club voted to make the Chamois Community Center available if the cooking demonstration comes to pass.

With no other business to be addressed, April birthday wishes were extended to Lions Connie Smith, Debbie Mehmert, and Steve Duncan. Prayer concerns were expressed for those community members who have health issues to include Lions Becca Mehmert, Mark Lieneke, and Michael Edwards.

To conclude the meeting on a humorous note, Lion Steve Duncan shared several "Some deep thoughts.....". Two such thoughts included "One good thing about being wrong is the joy it brings to others" and "I want someone I can share my life with who will leave me alone most of the time".

The next meeting of the Chamois Lions Club will be on Monday, May 12, 2025 at the Chamois Community Center. Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. with the meeting at 7:00 p.m.



California MO Lion's Club

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What a Day!

Our hearts are full after the incredible 37th Annual Lion's Club Track Meet!

With 16 schools and nearly 500 amazing athletes, the energy and spirit on the field were nothing short of inspiring.

We are deeply grateful to our entire community —

from the passionate competitors to the families cheering from the sidelines.

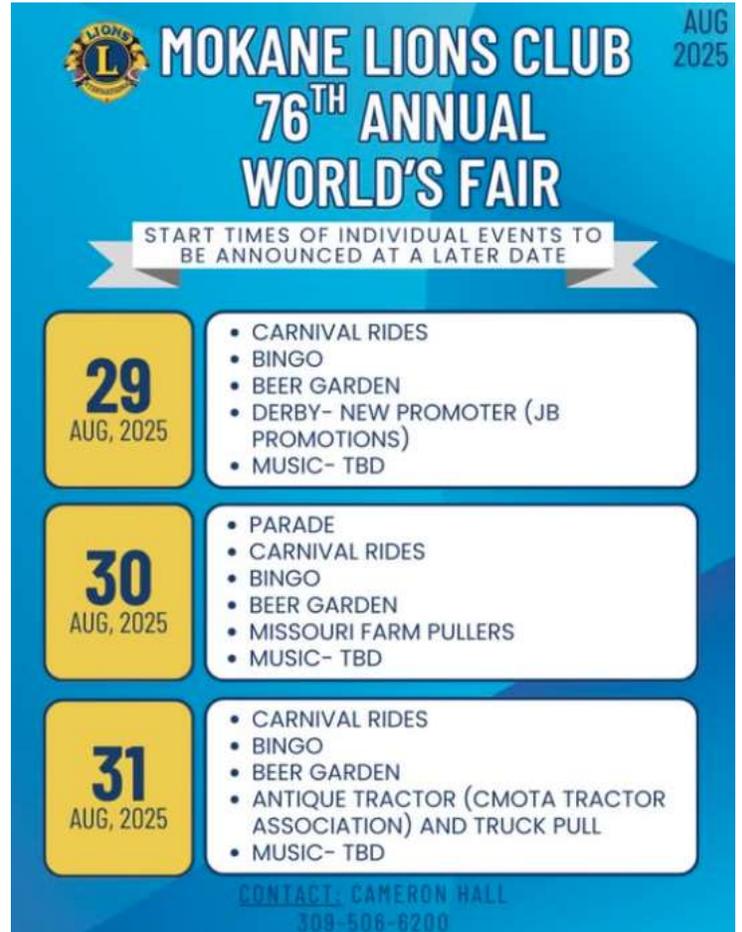
A very special thank you to the 60 dedicated volunteers who made the day run seamlessly. Your time, effort, and love created a space for memories, sportsmanship, and smiles.

Mother Nature even blessed us with beautiful weather to top it all off!

It was a perfect day of fun, friendly competition, and community spirit.

Thank you for being part of this cherished tradition —

we can't wait to do it again next year!

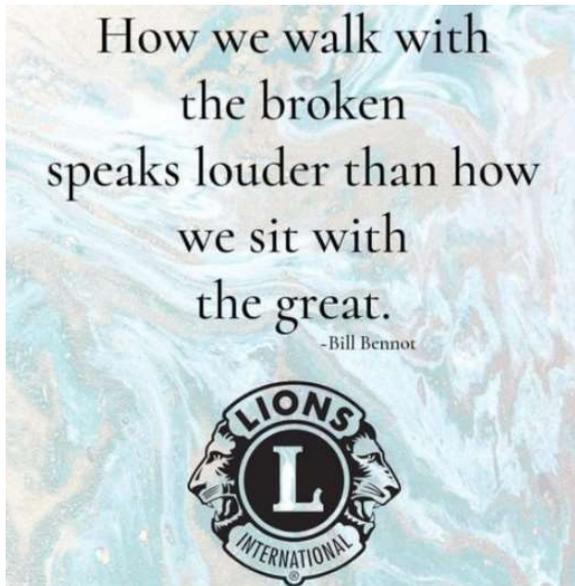


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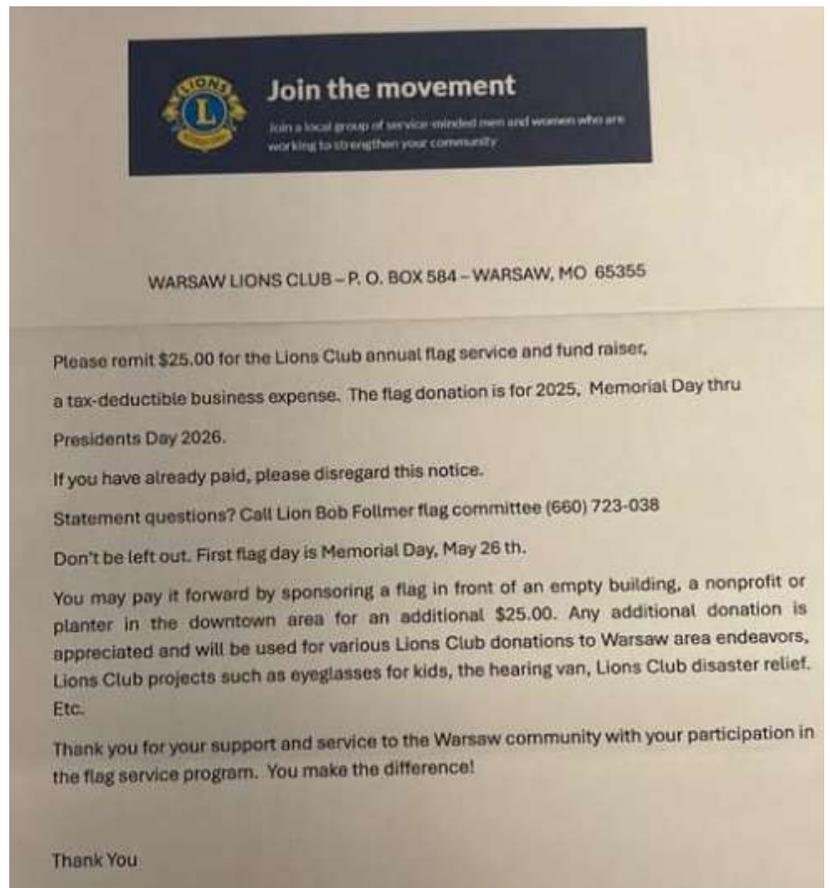
START TIMES OF INDIVIDUAL EVENTS TO BE ANNOUNCED AT A LATER DATE

29 AUG, 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CARNIVAL RIDES • BINGO • BEER GARDEN • DERBY- NEW PROMOTER (JB PROMOTIONS) • MUSIC- TBD
30 AUG, 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PARADE • CARNIVAL RIDES • BINGO • BEER GARDEN • MISSOURI FARM PULLERS • MUSIC- TBD
31 AUG, 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CARNIVAL RIDES • BINGO • BEER GARDEN • ANTIQUE TRACTOR (CMOTA TRACTOR ASSOCIATION) AND TRUCK PULL • MUSIC- TBD

CONTACT: CAMERON HALL
309-506-6200



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

Join the movement
 Join a local group of service-minded men and women who are working to strengthen your community.

WARSAW LIONS CLUB – P. O. BOX 584 – WARSAW, MO 65355

Please remit \$25.00 for the Lions Club annual flag service and fund raiser, a tax-deductible business expense. The flag donation is for 2025, Memorial Day thru Presidents Day 2026.

If you have already paid, please disregard this notice.

Statement questions? Call Lion Bob Folmer flag committee (660) 723-038

Don't be left out. First flag day is Memorial Day, May 26 th.

You may pay it forward by sponsoring a flag in front of an empty building, a nonprofit or planter in the downtown area for an additional \$25.00. Any additional donation is appreciated and will be used for various Lions Club donations to Warsaw area endeavors, Lions Club projects such as eyeglasses for kids, the hearing van, Lions Club disaster relief. Etc.

Thank you for your support and service to the Warsaw community with your participation in the flag service program. You make the difference!

Thank You

LIONS YOUTH CAMPS AND EXCHANGE

We have received applicants and still have some yet to receive but I have accepted the following so far.

Female	Ekin Kabakci	Turkey
Male	Lutfu Ata Uysal	Turkey
Male	Remo Wibler	Germany
Female	Henriette Wundisch	Germany
Female	Inkeri Leskela	Finland
Male	Myagmarsuren Munkhbat	Mongolia
Female	Shuuderkhen Khurts	Mongolia
Male	Franciszek Kowalski	Poland
Female	Roberta Albanese	Italy

I'm hoping you have some Host Families waiting to choose an International youth for 10 days.

They arrive in St. Louis July 1st, picked up by first host family until Thursday July 10th, transfer day to second host, second host will have their youth until camp Sunday July 20 after 6pm with dinner provided delivered to "Camp Brim Shire" St. James, Mo. First Host Family will pick up after camp until the youth returns home, around July 28-29.

Please provide me with emails and I will get the youth's information to them for choosing.

I could use ideas for more activities at camp and a male and female around 20-25 to help at camp as peers. Maybe Leos in your area might want to help. There would be no cost for their stay at camp.

We will NOT have a meet & greet at the end. We will try to have a get together with the youths' food dishes during camp. The meet & greet were only attended by Host families and Lions that helped prepare the location for the event. The meet & greet were done to encourage our youths and other Lions to attend and to learn about this wonderful program.

I have attached the Host Family application and information.

Look forward to hearing from each of you.

Thanks
Lion Toni Mahoney
314-805-7391



Become a Host Family

Is Hosting Right for Me?

Hosting an exchange youth is guaranteed to be a rewarding experience because:

- You experience the joy of sharing your culture and customs.
- You learn about the exchange youth's customs and culture.
- You open a new world of thinking to the exchange youth.
- You make a new friend - maybe a friend for life.

If this sounds rewarding, you may enjoy being a host family for the

Lions YCE Program! Please check out the following video:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l4M9d31AAJ0&ab_channel=LionsClubsInternational

Expectations of a Host Family

Room and Board - You are expected to provide room and board for the youth. It is recommended that youth be roomed with youth of similar ages and similar genders. Meals should be balanced and healthy.

Transportation - Typically, you are responsible for all the youth's transportation during the exchange. Travel may include but is not limited to, transfers to and from the airport or train station, transfers to other Host Families or International Camp, transportation to and from any planned activities by you and/or the Host Club.

Financial responsibilities - Payment for cultural activities is dependent on the agreement made between you, the youth, and the Host Club. Some programs offer stipends or scholarships for participating Host Families.

Selecting an Exchange Youth - Hosting a youth is dependent upon desired age, gender, interests, and nationality and upon the availability of the youth meeting those requirements. Your local YCE Chairperson will advise you of available youth. You can learn more about the roles and expectations of a YCE Host Family by checking out the [YCE Host Family Handbook](#)! Potential Host Families must be screened by the Host Lions Club and YCE Chairperson. Availability: It is important that you make sure your family's schedule allows accommodation to spend enough quality time with the youth.

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.

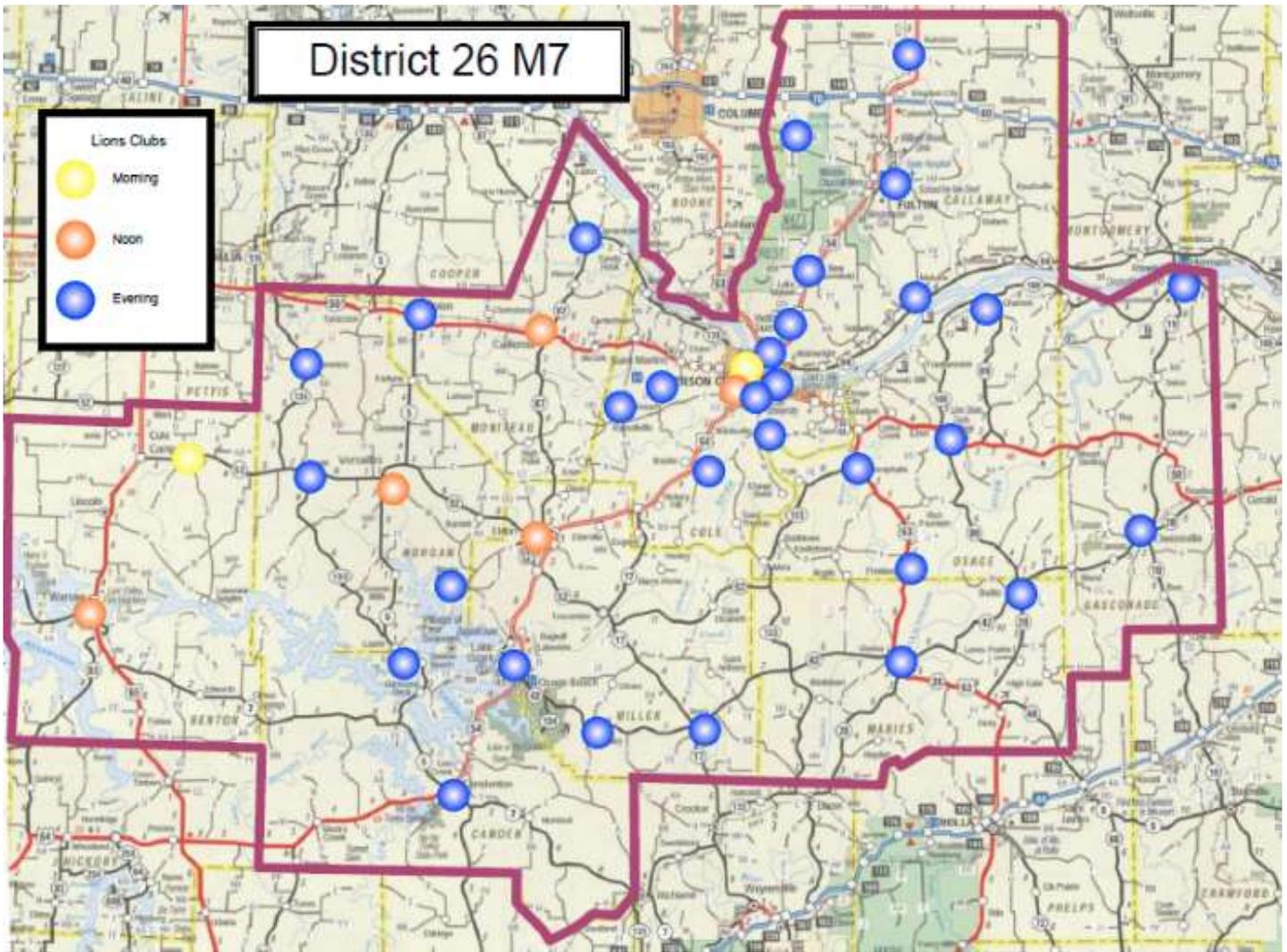
Lohman Lions Alberta and Gary Zumwalt are in charge of filling orders for recycled eyeglasses for mission trips. If anyone wants to contact them to help with this task, their phone number is 573-782-3560. Also, if anyone knows of a mission group that wants recycled eyeglasses, they can submit an email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



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	