Between the Lions

District 26-M7
The Heart of
Missouri Lions



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What does the Lions Clubs International emblem mean?

Liberty
Intelligence
Our
Nation's
Safety

The Slogan represents the Association

Past achievements

Looking ahead to be a Great Future

Gold ring/circle:
Circle the Earth in Service

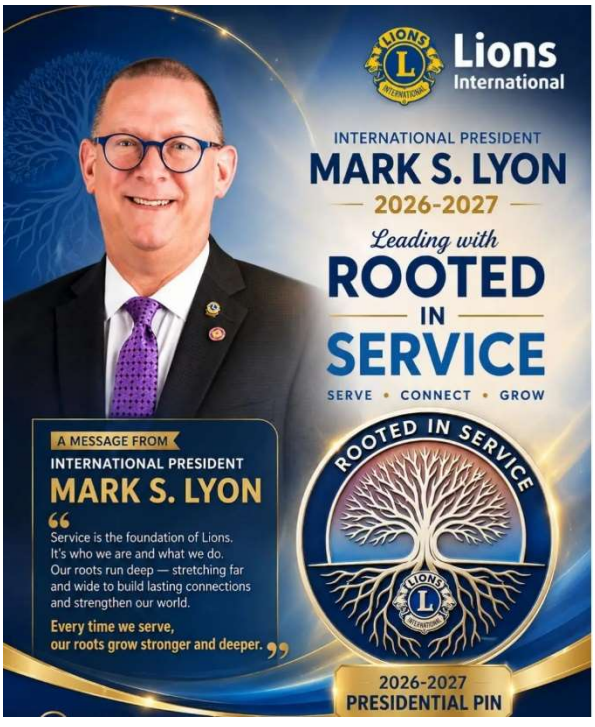
Gold "L" in the center:
Law-Liberty-Labour-Loyalty-Love-Life & Lions

Signifies worldwide presence

The Colours

Traditional colour of strength, courage & tireless dedication to a cause & sincerity of purpose, liberty in judgement, purity of mind, heart, and love towards fellow men.

Loyalty to one's self, friends, country, & integrity of mind.



Reporting Club Officers

1. From LCI Main page (www.lionsclubs.org), click on **Lion Portal.**
2. Log on to your Club's Portal site.
3. Select "Member Actions", which is to the right of your screen.
4. Click on 'Manage Club Officers'
5. A small pop-up box will appear. Click on 'Create New Assignment'
6. The next pop-up box will ask "When should this assignment begin?" Select 'the upcoming year'. Then hit the NEXT button.
7. On the next pop-up box, you will be asked "What is the Officer and Title Type for this title?". Under Officer Type, click on the small arrows on the right and select either Officer or Administrator. Do the same for the next item, Title Type, (Official or Local). Click on the NEXT button.
8. A list of your club membership will be shown and at the top you select the officer type. Once done selecting member to fill office, click on the next button. You may need to use the grey bar on the right side to slide down to find the NEXT button.
9. Always select **YES** for adding officer address.
10. Make sure the officer's information is correct, if not make necessary updates.
11. You will follow the same procedure for each of your elected officers.



Growing Membership Through Service

Bruce Berger – District Governor

The Importance of Reporting Service
By District Governor Bruce Berger

Every act of service tells a story. Every life we touch makes a difference. Let's make sure the world knows what the Lions of District 26 M7 are doing in the heart of Missouri!
Across our district, Lions are making a meaningful difference every day—meeting community needs, helping those facing challenges, and bringing hope to people who need it most. These acts of service are at the heart of who we are as Lions. But to truly share our impact, we need to make sure our service is reported and counted.
That's why one of our district goals for the 2026–2027 Lions year is to have at least **75% of our clubs report their service activities in the Lions Portal.** Reporting our service helps tell the story of what we accomplish together and demonstrates the difference Lions make in our communities.

Resources to Help Your Club Report Service
To help your club get started, the following resources provide guidance and information:

- **How to Report Service in the Lions Portal:** View the service reporting guide to learn what information is needed to report your club's service activities.
- **Why Reporting Service Matters:** Visit the Lions International service reporting resource to learn more about the importance of reporting service and sharing the impact of our work.

Help Is Available!
If your club needs assistance with service reporting, help is available. Our district has an administrator who is ready and willing to help your club enter its service information into the Lions Portal.
Please contact **Lion Dakota Jones** for assistance:

- **Email:** dakota.jones2251@gmail.com
- **Phone or text:** 573-418-5654

Lion Dakota is ready to help your club make service reporting easier and ensure your activities are recorded.

Let's Show the World Who We Are!
Every club has a story worth sharing, and every service project contributes to the difference Lions make in our communities. By reporting our service, we celebrate our accomplishments, demonstrate our collective impact, and show others what it means to be a Lion.

Thank you for all you do to serve your communities and make a difference!

26M7 First Vice District Governor





Lion April Underwood
Bloom Together – Grow Through Service.
573-353-7943



Registration Information

- Registration packets may be picked up on Friday in the hotel lobby from **3:00 pm to 8:00 pm**. For those arriving Saturday, packets will also be available for pickup prior to the Opening Session.
- **Saturday Opening Session begins at 8:00 am.**
- Full forum registration is required for all attendees and includes Friday evening hospitality with karaoke, Saturday breakfast buffet, educational breakout seminars, Saturday lunch buffet, and two General Sessions.
- Please indicate which meals you plan to attend for accurate meal counts. Both breakfast and lunch are included in the registration fee.
- Meal tickets will be on your registration badges.
- Casual attire. Please wear your name tags at all events.

Registration and payment to Missouri Lions must be postmarked by December 15th for the Early Bird Discount.

Drawings will be held for First-Timers and Early Birds!

HOTEL INFORMATION

A block of rooms is being held for this event at the Lodge of the Four Seasons at a rate of $139 Jr. King/Double at the Main Lodge until January 20, 2027 (888-265-5500).

*Hotel can't take the resort fee off the link, but when they process the reservation in-house, they remove it at time of processing.

QR Code for Hotel

QR Code for Payment

No Refunds after January 31, 2027.

Please return bottom portion with payment to:

Missouri Lions, 2415B Hyde Park Road, Jefferson City, MO 65109

Complete one section below per person.

Full Registration #1 (Full registration is required for all attendees)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Club: _____ District 26-M _____

Are you a Lion? _____ Is this your first Mid-Winter Forum? _____

Do you plan to eat breakfast? **Yes** **No** Lunch? **Yes** **No**

Special Meal Requirements? _____

If postmarked by December 15, 2026 (Early Bird Discount) ..... Amount Due: $75 _____

If postmarked after December 15, 2026 ..... Amount Due: $85 _____

Full Registration #2 (Full registration is required for all attendees)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Club: _____ District 26-M _____

Are you a Lion? _____ Is this your first Mid-Winter Forum? _____

Do you plan to eat breakfast? **Yes** **No** Lunch? **Yes** **No**

Special Meal Requirements? _____

If postmarked by December 15, 2026 (Early Bird Discount) ..... Amount Due: $75 _____

If postmarked after December 15, 2026 ..... Amount Due: $85 _____

Total Amount Due: _____

2027 FACULTY DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE (FDI)

Purpose of Faculty Development Institute (FDI): As a train-the-trainer focused institute, the primary purpose is to enhance training delivery skills and training techniques that will increase the quality of training and overall effectiveness of Lions leadership development programs. Given the limited FDI slots, acceptance into the institute is not guaranteed. Each applicant will be vetted prior to final selection to attend the training. Accepted applicants will be notified by the Curriculum Coordinator/Registrar. Applicants not selected will have their course fees returned.

FDI Qualifications and Expectations:

- Current active member of a club within the constitutional area.
- Not attended an FDI within the last five (5) years. (International or Local)
- Have an interest in improving training delivery skills.
- In-depth knowledge of Lions' culture, Lions leadership experience, and comfort in using PowerPoint is preferred.
- **Expectations**: **Upon acceptance, participants are obligated to the following conditions.**
  - **Attend all sessions of the 3-day institute.**
  - **Arrange personal travel to and from the institute.**
  - **Complete all pre-assignments prior to arrival.**
  - **Arrange to be observed and evaluated conducting a local training event within 6 months of attending the FDI. The evaluation will be certified by the GLT MD Coordinator and Council Chair.**
  - **Upon "certification", assist in facilitating leadership training at the District, Multiple District, and area levels.**

FDI Sponsors: Multiple Districts 3 (Oklahoma), 9 (Iowa), 17 (Kansas), 26 (Missouri), and 38 (Nebraska).

WHEN: July 15-18, 2027 Registration is from 3:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. on Thursday, July 15, 2027. Classes begin at 8 A.M. on Friday, July 16, 2027. Checkout by Noon on Sunday, July 18, 2027.

WHERE: Baker University, 615 Dearborn St, Baldwin City, Kansas 66006.

COST: US $230 per attendee if payment received on or before April 30, 2027. Cost increases to US $250 beginning May 1, 2027. Registration covers lodging eight meals, and all course materials. Lion attendees may request to room together, if desired. Mail application and full payment by check or Venmo (@Hans-Neidhardt) to PID Hans Neidhardt, 2744 E Ironstone St, Park City, Kansas 67219.

SPECIAL Needs: If you have special needs (meals, mobility, sight, hearing, etc.) please be sure to provide this on your application. Attached additional sheet if necessary.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES: Download the fillable PDF application and provide complete information to the entire application before printing and submitting it. If you are given a hard copy of the application, please print the information legibly. **Note: Application deadline is June 1, 2027.**

Curriculum Coordinator/Registrar

PID Hans Neidhardt
2744 E Ironstone St, Park City, Ks 7219
316-435-2800
hnwizardofoz@gmail.com

2027 FACULTY DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE
Sponsored by the Lions of Multiple Districts 3, 9, 17, 26, and 38
Baker University,
615 Dearborn Street, Baldwin City, Kansas 66006
July 15-18, 2027

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$230 if received by April 30, 2027**, and must accompany the registration form. **Beginning May 1, 2027, the base fee increases to US$250**. Make checks payable in US funds to GPLLI or use Venmo (@Hans-Neidhardt). Mail registration form along with check (if paying by check), to PID Hans Neidhardt, 2744 E Ironstone St, Park City, Kansas 67219. You can also email the registration form to PID Hans Neidhardt (hnwizardofoz@gmail.com).

Application Deadline: June 1, 2027

"Applications will not be accepted without full payment."

Your registration fee includes eight meals, all Institute costs and dormitory rooms (3 nights) 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 3:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. on Thursday, July 15th and check out must be completed by 8:00 A.M. on Sunday, July 18th. We offer a souvenir shirt for an additional US$30. 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 Faculty Development Institute may be directed to: PID Hans Neidhardt, Registrar, 2744 E Ironstone St, Park City, Kansas 67219, (316) 435-2800, or hnwizardofoz@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 2027 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 of this form.
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** 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.

2027 GREAT PLAINS LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE (GPLLI)

GPLLI Event Description: "Training to prepare Lions for leadership positions throughout the organization. The GPLLI program is customized to best accommodate the needs of the area." Dynamic facilitators from across the Great Plains will provide emerging Lion leaders with modules on Fast and Effective Teams, Public Speaking, Personal Mission Statement, Overcoming Resistance, International Priorities, Diversity, Time Management, Keeping Members Engaged, Lions Fundamental, and Meeting in a Face-Paced World.

GPLLI Candidate Description: "Qualified candidates are Lions ready to pursue leadership roles within their Lions communities. Club Leaders would benefit from attending." **NOTE: Previous attendees are not eligible to participate without prior approval from the Institute Coordinator**.

GPLLI Sponsors: Multiple Districts 3 (Oklahoma), 9 (Iowa), 17 (Kansas), 26 (Missouri) and 38 (Nebraska).

WHEN: July 16-18, 2027. Check-in will take place at the Harter Student Union from 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. on Friday, July 16, 2027. Adjournment and checkout, by Noon on Sunday, July 18, 2027.

WHERE: Baker University, 615 Dearborn St, Baldwin City, Kansas 66006.

COST: US $230 per attendee if payment received on or before April 30, 2027. Cost increases to US $250 beginning May 1, 2027. Registration covers single occupancy room, six meals, and all course materials. Lion attendees may request to room together if desired. Mail completed application and check to PID Hans Neidhardt, 2744 E Ironstone St, Park City, KS 67219. You may also pay registration fee by Venmo (@Hans-Neidhardt).

SPECIAL Needs: If you have special needs (meals, mobility, sight, hearing, etc.) please be sure to provide this on your application. Attached additional sheet if necessary.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES: Please download the fillable PDF application and provide complete information to the entire application before printing and submitting it. If you are given a hard copy of the application, please print the information legibly. Application deadline is June 1, 2027.

Curriculum Coordinator/Registrar

PID Hans Neidhardt
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25th 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
July 16-18, 2027

REGISTRATION FORM (Please type or print legibly)

NAME_____ Badge Name_____ Gender ___
Last First Initial

ADDRESS_____
Street/PO Box City State/Province Zip/PC

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Application Deadline: June 1, 2027

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Your registration fee includes six meals, all Institute costs and dormitory rooms (two nights) 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, July 16th and check out must be completed by 8:00 A.M. on Sunday, July 18th. We offer a souvenir shirt for an additional US$30. Shirt size_____ (they run a little large).

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Please list any other special requests_____
Questions about the Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute may be directed to: PID Hans Neidhardt, Registrar, 2744 E Ironstone St, Park City, Kansas 67219, (316) 435-2800, or hnwizardofoz@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.

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Lions and Special Olympics: 25 Years of Partnership

DG Bruce Berger

Did you know that Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) and Special Olympics have been partners since 2001? For 25 years, this partnership has supported health, inclusion, and athletic opportunities for people with intellectual disabilities.

The partnership began with the Opening Eyes program. Since then, LCIF has awarded more than US$28 million to Special Olympics to support programs including Opening Eyes, Family Health Forums, Healthy Hearing, Special Smiles, and inclusive sports.

Lions and Leos contribute to this work by volunteering at events and supporting athletes. Leos also participate as partners in Unified Sports, helping promote teamwork, friendship, and inclusion.

Special Olympics in District M7

District M7 has a special connection to this partnership, as Jefferson City is home to the state headquarters of Special Olympics Missouri and their Training for Life Campus. District Lions have supported the Opening Eyes program, and the Wardsville Lions Club regularly volunteers at the annual bocce ball tournament.

These efforts demonstrate how Lions can make a meaningful difference in their communities by supporting athletes and promoting opportunities for everyone to participate.

Get Involved

Clubs and individual Lions looking for volunteer opportunities are encouraged to consider supporting Special Olympics Missouri. Helping at competitions is a great way to serve athletes, strengthen community connections, and put the Lions' commitment to service and inclusion into action.

To learn more about upcoming competitions and volunteer opportunities, visit:

Special Olympics Missouri: https://somo.org/competitions/

Through partnerships like this, Lions continue to build stronger, more inclusive communities through service.

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Missouri Department of Social Services

Business ENTERPRISE Program

90 YEARS ANNIVERSARY

LIONS INTERNATIONAL

LBOMB

90 Years of the Randolph-Sheppard Vending Program

Celebrating opportunity, innovation, and independence through the Business Enterprise Program

TRAINING

We currently have no one in training and are actively recruiting in the Jefferson City, St. Louis, and Kansas City areas.

NEW FACILITIES

Micromarkets will be installed in the newly constructed State of Missouri Health Lab in Jefferson City and at Empower:Abilities in Springfield. The Empower:Abilities market will be our first private businesses location in over 20 years. In Springfield, our vendor will open a café in the VA Clinic to provide meals, beverages, and snacks to visitors and tenants.

BUDGET

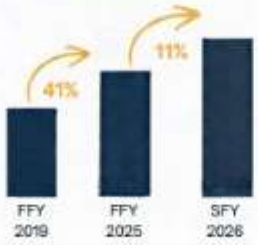
$447,240

LBOMB finished Federal Fiscal Year 2026 with a surplus of $447,240, including $110,000 from ERTC refunds. ERTC is a refundable tax credit for eligible businesses and tax-exempt organizations that retained employees on their payroll during the COVID-19 pandemic.

GROWTH

Median Net Vendor Earnings increased from $53,120 in FFY 2019 to $78,246 in FFY 2025, a 41% increase and $86,895 in SFY 2026, an additional 11% increase. Facilities converted to micromarkets are showing sales increases of up to 58% while producing profit margin increases of up to 30%.

MEDIAN NET VENDOR EARNINGS



REACH

The Business Enterprise Program and Blind Managers operate in 148 buildings, including 576 vending machines, 24 micromarkets, a idid 20 Roadside Rest Areas. Additionally, our Military Dining Facilities at Fort Leonard Wood serve nearly 26,000 meals daily.

YOUR DONATIONS AT WORK

Because federal regulations changed several years ago to allow only items above $1,000 to be purchased with Federal Grant money. Your donations help purchase items under $1,000 that managers need to continue business, including microwaves, popcorn machines, merchandising fixtures, credit card readers, and Point of Sale systems.

90	$447,240	148	576	24	26,000
YEARS	SURPLUS	BUILDINGS	VENDING MACHINES	MICROMARKETS	MEALS DAILY

CAPITAL LIONS





Jefferson City Capital Lions Club
Hand-Made Playing Card Holders
$8 each

JEFFERSON CITY CAPITAL LIONS
2026 NUT SALES

This year's freshly shelled Nuts from Georgia

Great for baking, snacking or holiday gift giving!

$13.50 per bag

* 1 lb. Bag Mammoth Pecan Halves
* 1 lb. Bag Broken Pecan Pieces
* 1 lb. Bag Toasted & Salted Cashews
* 10 oz. Green Foil Bag Milk Chocolate Covered Pecan Halves
* 10 oz. Green Foil Bag Dark Chocolate Covered Pecan Halves
* 12 oz. Bag Dark Chocolate Covered Pecan Halves (Stuckey's)
* 10 oz. Green Foil Bag Cinnamon Glazed Pecan Halves
* 10 oz. Green Foil Bag Caramel Pecan Clusters
* 8 oz. Green Foil Bag Glazed Pecans

Proceeds to benefit local Lions projects
573-230-9954

All Proceeds help us support these local causes:

- Cole Co. Residential Services Dances
- The Central Missouri
- Foster Care & Adoption Association
- The Sneaker Project
- Cole County Senior Nutrition Council
- HALO Home of Jefferson City
- Rape & Abuse Crisis Service
- Samaritan Center
- Boys & Girls Club of Jefferson City
- Jefferson City Salvation Army
- Lions Clubs International Foundation (helps with natural disasters, such as Joplin and Jefferson City tornados)



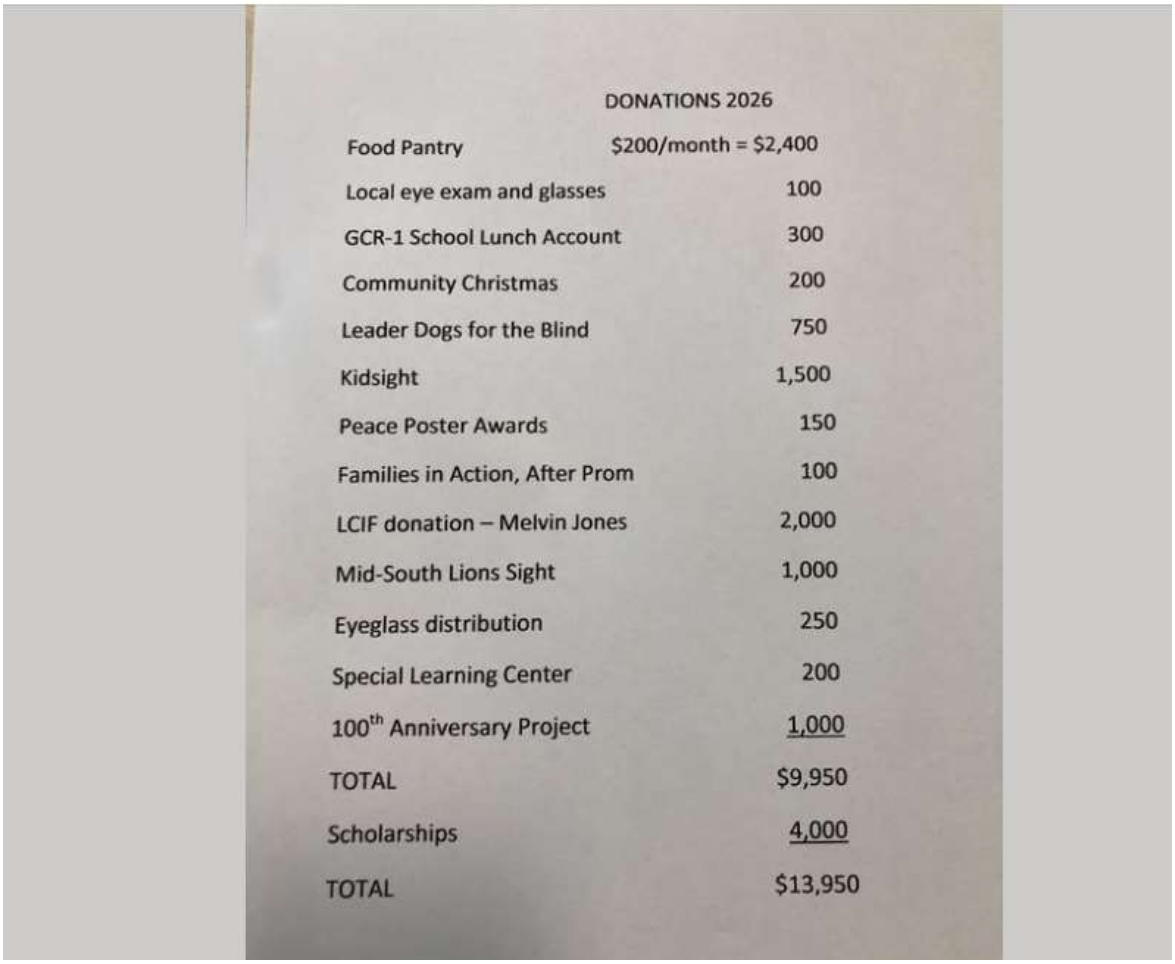
The JC Capital Lions had a bench made through MVE to donate to the Primrose Retirement Community.

CAMDEN COUNTY



HERMANN

People often ask what the Hermann Lions Club do with the proceeds from our popcorn sales.



DONATIONS 2026

Food Pantry	$200/month = $2,400
Local eye exam and glasses	100
GCR-1 School Lunch Account	300
Community Christmas	200
Leader Dogs for the Blind	750
Kidsight	1,500
Peace Poster Awards	150
Families in Action, After Prom	100
LCIF donation – Melvin Jones	2,000
Mid-South Lions Sight	1,000
Eyeglass distribution	250
Special Learning Center	200
100th Anniversary Project	1,000
TOTAL	$9,950
Scholarships	4,000
TOTAL	$13,950



Dale J Maune
October 17 at 1:20 PM ·

Hermann Lions club members pictured: Ernestine Mueller, DeAnn Els, Karen Kuebler, and Lori Henry. Not pictured: Melissa Engemann, and Maria Hellebusch. This is the group of ladies who do the eye testing for KidSight for our Hermann schools and surrounding schools. **See less**



Hermann Lions Club
September 16 ·

This group of Lions from the Hermann Lions Club grilled the brauts for the luncheon prior to the start of the Crusade Against Cancer 2026 golf tournament on Monday Sept.14th.
For the after tournament meal these three members and another Hermann Lion, Ray Haeffner, proceded to the the Hermann VFW Post 4182 where they deep-fried chicken and returned it to Loutre golf coarse for the golfers to enjoy.
What is "unique" about this previous paragraph's content is that there is three completely different orginizations mentioned with the same goal, Helping Others.
The world is full of good people. **See less**

At the Hermann Lioons Club meeting on Sept.15th Lion Steve Strubberg was presented with the Lion Key award. Lion Steve was the sponser of two new members last year. Congratulations Lion Steve.
Presenting the award is Hermann Lion Club President Jim Meier. **See less**



HOLTS SUMMIT





JEFFERSON CITY HOST

Fall 2026 – Holiday Cash Raffle.
February 3, 2027 – Ham & Bean and Chili Day.
May 21, 2027 – Dusty Deskins Peanut Day

Jefferson City Host Lions

HOLIDAY CA$H RAFFLE

$7,500



Cash Prizes!

$10.00 per Ticket

Drawing: November 18, 2026

(Need not be present to win)

***** 65 Winners *****

GRAND PRIZE: $1200

2ND PRIZE: $600
3RD PRIZE: $400
4TH PRIZE: $200
Next 41 tickets drawn win $100
Next 20 tickets drawn win $50

Lions are dedicated volunteers who work together to make their communities better places to live and work. Awards are based on 1500 tickets sold. In the event less tickets are sold, prizes will be based on the percentage sold. The Jefferson City Host Lions Club reserves the right to cancel all awards and return donations. To purchase a ticket or for more information call (573) 680-1122 or (573) 690-4108.



Jefferson City Host Peace Poster winner for 2026 was created by Elizabeth Doolittle, a sixth grader at Saint Joseph Cathedral School. This year's theme was Harmony in Humanity.

WANTED

"Knights of the Blind in this crusade against darkness"
Lion Janice Bonnot



The JC Host Lions KidSight Vision Screening Team has expanded our screening locations to outside of Cole County. This was done at the request of KidSight. We have traveled to Versailles, Osage Beach, Eldon, Ashland, Stover, Holts Summit and New Bloomfield. Our screening team consists of 11 members. We use two SPOT cameras at the school screenings and we have five volunteers work at each screening.



During the fall screening schedule, we usually have 2-3 screenings a week. This year we have had a difficult time getting volunteers and had to reschedule some. Fortunately, we were able to add two more volunteers; Lions Pat Mills and Darin Hackmann. We have also reached out to other Lions clubs in our district to become KidSight volunteers, and Lion Twyla Limbach from Eldon has answered the call. But, we can use more help, especially from clubs in the communities we serve outside of Jefferson City.



To become a KidSight volunteer, please complete and submit a volunteer application at https://kid-sight.org/kidsight-volunteer-application/. After KidSight approves the

application, the you will need to watch a training video set up by KidSight. Once this is done, you will be an official KidSight volunteer.

Volunteers from other clubs could assist at the vision screenings in their area. Mainly, they would be used to read the student's name from a class roster and work with the technician when the camera shows a referral. If we could get a couple volunteers to assist at a screening, we would only need 3 volunteers from the Host Lions team.



The KidSight vision program gets better every year, their staff is constantly getting grants to help kids get free eye exams/eyeglasses. Last year they partnered with Focus on Family Eyecare. This organization brings their mobile eye clinic to a school that recently completed a KidSight vision screening. The kids that were referred at the KidSight screening, will have their eyesight tested by an ophthalmologist.

If it is determined that the child needs eyeglasses, the child gets to pick out frames for two free pairs of eyeglasses. The only thing the parent needs to do is complete a consent form for the child to be tested by an ophthalmologist. This is a fantastic program, in that it doesn't cost the parents any money or time away from the work and the child will have better vision to do well in school and play. When the child receives the two pairs of eyeglasses, one pair remains at school and the other pair is for use at home.

KidSight has also partnered with another company to get free eyeglasses for kids with broken or lost eyeglasses. The parent completes an application for this program to be eligible for free eyeglasses. Another winning program.



Nurse Donna at North Elementary receiving Kidsight screening results

ELDON



Lions Club of Eldon
17 hours ago ·

Eldon Lions Club served lunch at the Chamber Golf Tournament on Friday. Special thanks go to all of our members that helped out that day.

RUSSELLVILLE

Russellville, MO - Community Page
Dana Frisby · 5 hours ago ·

The Russellville Lions Club would like to give a shout to Chandler / CWC Concrete and Josh /Hooks landscaping for donating their help and machinery to pour 2 concrete pads for 2 dugout on little field and 3 bases for drop boxes for our culvert. We appreciate all their help as we try to improve the Lions Club park. After the culverts are finished we start on small field lights and hopefully get a nice playground down by the ball fields. It is support from people like these guys that make our tasks alot easier, as we are trying to make our park a nicer place to come visit. **See less**








Russellville Lions Club
ANNUAL
Christmas Parade
DECEMBER 5TH, 2026
AT 10:00AM

FULTON

It's Lions Clubs International week of service for vision. The Fulton branch of the Auxvasse, Missouri Lions Club is doing its part. The group, including potential members, helped to sort, clean, and read the lenses of glasses to be used on mission trips, both internationally and within the state.

Stopping by were Lions Gary and Alberta Zumwalt, who work to keep the facility running smoothly.

Today was also an occasion to celebrate 10 years of service for Lion Susan Colvin from the Fulton branch club. Even after the old club folded, Lion Susan continued to collect eyeglasses to make life better for those in need.

Even though this is designated as a vision week of service, lions are involved every day in improving the lives of those who need vision care.











VERSAILLES



Lucky 7's Promotions
October 7 at 12:58 AM ·

🍎🏁 THANK YOU, VERSAILLES! 🏁🍎

A huge thank you to everyone who came out for the 2026 APPLE BASH – DEMOLITION DERBY & FIGURE 8! We appreciate all the drivers, crews, fans, sponsors, and everyone who helped make the night happen. Another great night of racing and hard-hitting action! 💥

WARSAW

Labor Day 2026 - Downtown Warsaw, Missouri. Thanks to all the businesses that support the Lion's Club Flag Project!



BRAZITO-
HONEY CREEK





Brazito - Honey Creek Lions Club
October 18 at 7:25 PM ·

I wasn't able to get pictures of all the Trunk-or-Treaters, but what an AWESOME turn out for our first try! We enjoyed seeing all the smiling faces, went through almost 200 hot dogs, and raised money for Bikers Against Child Abuse!

JEFFERSON CITY EVENING

Recognizing Jefferson City Evening Lions for their years serving in the largest service organization in the world. Those recognized have from between 10 and 55 years. They are still going strong, serving the community.



We may not have won the Capital City Cookoff but won the Mayor's choice. Great job!!! Doug Hagenhoff Gary B. Kempker Stan Horn Brian Rackers Ed Zagorac Robert Kraus Kyle Heislen



CHAMOIS



The Chamois Lions Club met for their regular monthly meeting on Monday evening, October 12, 2026 at the Chamois Community Center. Fifteen Lions and three visitors were present for the dinner and business meeting. Visitors included Misty Hilkerbaumer, Elise Brochu, and City of Chamois Mayor Shawn Mitchem.

Prior to the dinner, Lion President Jason Hilkerbaumer led the Chamois Lions in the Pledge of Allegiance and offered the table prayer. The Ladies of St. Mary's Catholic Church served a delicious breakfast meal of egg casserole, biscuits and gravy, French toast, fruit, cinnamon rolls, and coffee cake.

Lion President Hilkerbaumer presided at the business meeting and requested that the meeting agenda be approved. The Chamois Lions voted to approve the agenda. Copies of the minutes of the September 14, 2026 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 Lion Building Co-Chairperson Randy Thoenen presented the Community Center financial report. The Chamois Lions voted to approve both financial reports.

Lion Building Co-Chairperson Dale Hackmann reported that the Community Center storeroom has been cleaned and the contents better organized. Some mold was found on chairs and tables and these items were cleaned.

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 Susan Sundermeyer, who is a board member of the Chamois Historic Preservation Commission (CHPC), reported that the CHPC had a most successful Chamois Day with excellent ice cream sales. Lions Steve Duncan and Susan Sundermeyer, who are members of the Friends of Chamois Cemeteries (FCC), shared a detailed report on activities of FCC. FCC hosted a very successful Cemetery Walk on October 3, 2026 with six families featured. Maintenance efforts continue with additional brush clearing and wood chipping by Derby Tree Service and the use of ground penetrating radar by the contractor Know What's Below to locate unmarked graves. To date, 319 unmarked graves and one mass grave have been identified in the Black Cemetery and 31 unmarked graves located in the Stonner Cemetery with unmarked graves previously located in the Chamois Cemetery and the Oakland Cemetery. In addition to cemetery maintenance projects, several improvements have been made to the cemeteries. A new black wrought iron fence and arch have been installed at the City/Oakland/Black Cemeteries, new landscaping installed at the entrances to the Stonner Cemetery and the City/Oakland/Black Cemeteries, and new signage installed that identify the entrances into the City/Oakland/Black Cemeteries with brief histories documented on the signs. There is a need for additional donations and fundraisers to continue cemetery maintenance efforts. Mayor Shawn Mitchem reported on City of Chamois activities. Mayor Mitchem with assistance from Lions Dale and Lana Hackmann and Steve Duncan cleaned and painted the interior of the concession stand at the City Park ballfield. The concession stand was used during Chamois Day and a profit of $265.00 was generated for the Park Fund. Lion Sean Hackmann, who is a member of the Chamois Fire Department, reported that the Fire

Department was heavily involved in Chamois Day activities to include a Fire Department battle with the Morrison Fire Department and the operation of a food stand at the City Firehouse that served smoked pork loins and wings and pork rinds. Proceeds from the concession stand will be used for equipment. In addition to Chamois Day activities, the Fire Department responded to five calls in the previous month, placed in service a new First Responder truck, and continued with training for firefighters. Lions Sundermeyer and Duncan, who are members of the Osage County Agritourism Council, reported on upcoming events to include the Christmas Church/Cookie Tour on December 11, 2026 and the Farm Expo on March 20, 2027.

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

Some discussion focused on four projects within the Chamois City Park and the Community Center. There is a need for ballpark fence repairs, repairs to the shed door, and the removal of the batting cage. Lion Randy Thoenen will lead efforts to assess what materials and labor are needed and then schedule a work-day in the Fall. Second, Lion Susan Sundermeyer is in the process of completing a Floodplain Development Permit Application in an effort to pursue repairs and enhancements to the Old Bandstand. Third, now that the wall behind the stage in the Community Center has been painted, there is a need to hang the new 65-inch TCL television. Lion Treasurer Nelson Sieg volunteered to hang the TV. This TV could be used by renters to stream programs such as the Super Bowl or to show family or group videos and photographs and thus make the Community Center a more attractive venue for potential renters. Finally, as reported by Lions Building Co-Chairpersons Hackmann and Thoenen, there is still a need to monitor Community Center roof leaks and take further corrective action if needed.

Brief discussion focused on the CIDC's "Back-to-School Supplies" Program. Lion Susan Sundermeyer reported that this project is complete with approximately $1,000.00 in donations received and the proceeds used to buy school supplies for students at Osage County R-1 School.

To conclude the reports on special projects and old business, Lion Sean Hackmann provided some follow-up information on Chamois Day. The Community in Action (CIA) group under the leadership of Rhonda Mitchem has met and reviewed the finances and the various activities and consider the day a huge success. There seemed to be adequate volunteer help with the various activities, the raffle was a success, and considering the hot weather the crowd was good. One suggestion for next year is the possible addition of a two-day softball tournament that would bring additional visitors to town and would offer another activity at the City Park.

Four items of new business were introduced and discussed.

Lion Mark Mehmert proposed an upgrade to the security camera system in use at the Community Center and City Park. A six-camera security system that is solar-powered and that works with the current Internet service in use in the Community Center would provide much better overall security and is very affordable. Following much discussion, the Chamois Lions voted to purchase the new cameras for the City Park and to retain the hard-wired cameras that are inside the Community Center. Lion Mehmert will order the cameras.

Lion President Hilkerbaumer and City of Chamois Mayor Mitchem reported on an issue with the Community Center dumpster. This dumpster is a private dumpster for use by Community Center renters, but unauthorized individuals have been using the dumpster to get rid of appliances, building materials, and trash. Several preventative actions were discussed. A security camera could be focused on the dumpster, additional signage warning that the dumpster is private property could be posted, and lockable dumpsters are available. Consensus of the Chamois Lions was to investigate the costs of using a lockable dumpster and only renters of the Community Center would be given a key for use during their event.

As a follow-up to the Community Center maintenance issue of mold, some discussion focused on the possible need for a dehumidifier. Lion Mark Mehmert suggested the use of 9,000 BTU mini-split which could work much better than a dehumidifier. Further research into this issue and possible solution will be performed.

To conclude new business items, Elise Brochu presented a request to use the Community Center on December 3, 2026 for a town hall meeting held by the newly-formed Tri-County Coalition for Suicide Prevention. Ms. Brochu and Denise Nolte are members of this organization. Suicide is much too common and is an issue that needs to be addressed. The group plans to hold informational meetings in six Osage County communities with Chamois being one of those communities. The Chamois Lions voted unanimously to allow use of the Community Center for this most important meeting.

Following the discussion on new business items, Lion Secretary Beth Sieg reported that there was no correspondence to share. Lion Steve Duncan shared three announcements. Lions District 26-M7 will hold a Cabinet meeting on October 31, 2026 at the Rocky Mount Lions Club. Breakfast will be served at 8:30 a.m. with the meeting at 9:00 a.m. The meeting will conclude before 12:00 noon and attendees are then invited to tour Wonderland Camp. There will be a Community Health Fair at the Osage County R-1 School on Thursday, November 5, 2026 from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. There will be a variety of local resources and services to support your health, wellness, and family's well-being. Finally, Lions District 26-M7 will hold Lions Club officer training at the Holts Summit Lions Club on Saturday, November 21, 2026 beginning at 9:00 a.m.

October birthday wishes were extended to Lions Beth Sieg, Jeff Kormann, Jason Hilkerbaumer, Becca Mehmert, and Dawna Keilholz. Prayer concerns were expressed for several community members to include Lions Connie Smith and Pamela Kormann.

To conclude the meeting on a humorous note, Lion Steve Duncan shared several jokes on marriage tips to include "Beware of a new Amazon scam. My husband ordered me some expensive jewelry, but motorcycle parts came instead. Thankfully, they fit his bike." and "Always make sure that someone in a relationship has good credit. That is why its called significant other."

The next meeting of the Chamois Lions Club will be on Monday, November 9, 2026 at the Chamois Community Center. Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. with the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

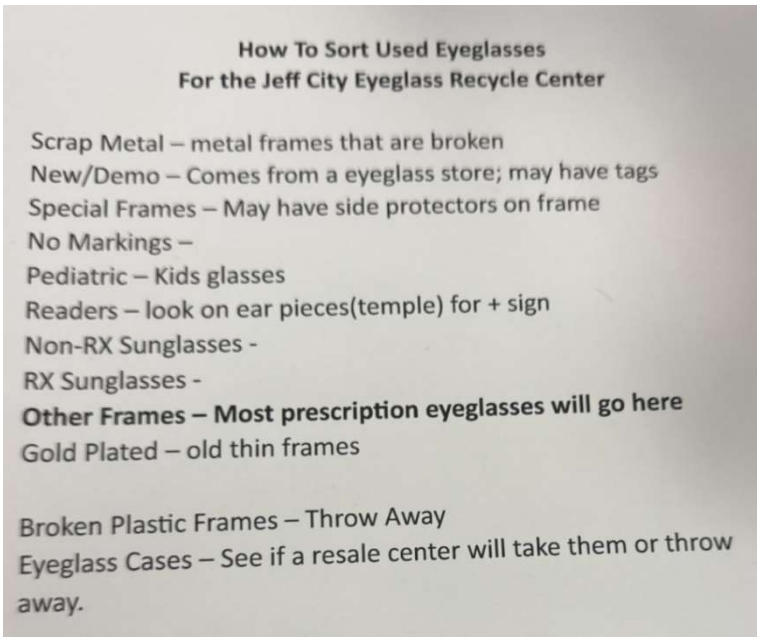


Missouri Lions District 26-M2 · Join
Lyn Haefner-Karrer · 8 minutes ago ·
Lions from all over the state helping out at the recycling center in Jefferson City last weekend

HOW 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.

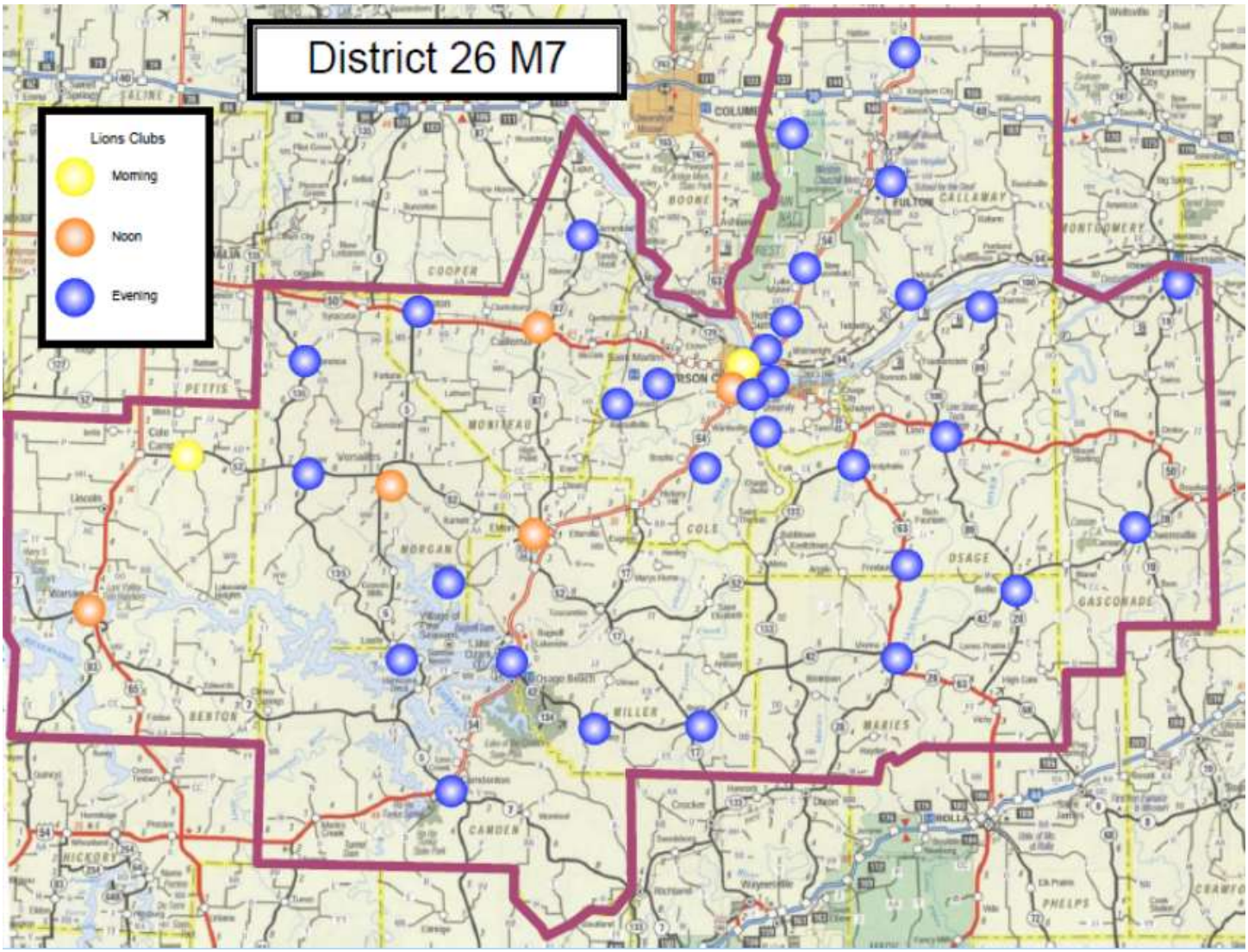


ATTENTION: EYEGLASS RECYCLING

The STATE OFFICE IS NOT an eyeglass recycling drop-off location.

- **If you have a LARGE amount of glasses for drop-off, please call (no texting) Lions Gary & Alberta Zumwalt at 573-782-3560 or by email: Gzumw@aol.com BEFORE dropping them off at the Recycling Center.**
- **If immediate assistance is needed, contact PCC Jeff Hilke at 573-690-8272 or email: lionjeffhilke@gmail.com**

***Please remove the glasses from their cases. Eyeglass cases and loose lenses are not accepted for recycling.



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	