



District 26-M7
The Heart of
Missouri Lions

Between the Lions



APRIL 2026

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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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.



PEACE POSTER CONTEST

Bruce Berger First Vice District Governor



One of the best ways to get youth involved with Lions is through the Peace Poster Contest. Each year, the contest has a theme. This year's (2025 - 2026) theme was "Together as One." Next year (2026 - 2027) the theme is "Harmony in Humanity."

Youth between the ages of 11-13 are eligible to enter the contest. The link below has more detailed information of what is required for the contest. Next year's kits can be ordered now. Clubs interested in participating are encouraged to order kits early, and to contact schools that might be interested now. Here is a link for more information:

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/member-resource-center/marketing-events/events-programs/international-peace-contests/peace-poster-contest>

Even though a club does not need to submit its winning poster to the district governor until mid-November, waiting until then could end up depriving an entry of consideration. The reason is, a poster winning the district contest must be submitted to the state level by December 1. If the poster is delayed in the mail, this deadline may not be met.

An example of this occurred in our district. The Hermann club mailed their entry to the district governor by the deadline in November 2025. The poster was received on March 21. After paying \$28.00 to mail the poster, it appears the USPS decided for that amount, the artwork should go on tour before being delivered. Because of the delay, Hermann's poster was not in the running.

By ordering kits early, and possibly having the artwork submitted prior to the end of the current school year, there's a better chance that a club's winning poster will be received on time. Of course, rather than mailing, arrangements can be made to personally deliver a poster. Below are the two known posters from the district. Who knows? Maybe others will show up.



Hermann Poster



Jeff City Host (and district winning) poster

26M7 Second Vice District Governor District Convention Recap & Looking Ahead

Our District Convention was a wonderful success, and I want to personally thank everyone who attended and helped make it such a meaningful event. Your time, energy, and commitment to Lionism truly make a difference. To those who were unable to join us—you were missed, and we hope to see you at our next gathering.

A special thank you goes out to Lion Jeff Hilke and Lion Randy Cole for preparing a fantastic fish dinner on Friday evening. It was delicious and appreciated by all—great food and great fellowship are always a winning combination.

We were fortunate to have several strong presentations throughout the convention. One highlight was hearing from Mike Clayton, who shared more about Wonderland Camp and the incredible work being done right here in our district. This organization provides life-changing experiences, and there are many ways for Lions to get involved. One opportunity to consider is volunteering at their Monday night carnivals. They typically need 10–15 volunteers each week, making it a perfect hands-on service project for clubs looking to make an impact.

Friday night hospitality also brought a special moment as we met an inspiring young woman eager to start a Leo Club in the Brazito/Honey Creek area. Her enthusiasm, curiosity, and passion were contagious, and we are excited to support her as she begins this journey. This is exactly how we grow Lionism—through energy, mentorship, and connection.

I would also like to sincerely thank you for your confidence in myself and Lion Bruce as we step forward into the next level of leadership. We are honored and ready to serve. We are also excited to welcome Lion Robb as a new member of our team next year.

I am truly energized by the direction of our district and the work we are doing together. The passion, service, and camaraderie I saw at convention remind me just how strong we are—and how much more we can accomplish.

As I shared during my presentation, I want to leave you with one simple challenge: invite just one person to join the Lions this year. Just one. Think about where we could be a year from now if every Lion did that. The growth, the impact, and the lives we could touch would be incredible.

Let's make it happen. Lion April Underwood. 573-353-7943



Lions District 26-M7
Quarterly Cabinet Meeting
February 14, 2026
Holts Summit Lions Club

Meeting Called to Order: At approximately 8:30 a.m. the Lions of Lions District 26-M7 enjoyed a brief time of fellowship and a continental breakfast of biscuits & gravy, pancakes, donuts, coffee, milk, and orange juice provided by the Holts Summit Lions Club. At approximately 9:00 a.m. the meeting was called to order by District Governor (DG) Lion Bill Foglesong. DG Lion Foglesong led the Lions in one verse of “America”.

Invocation: Prior to the start of the business meeting, the invocation was given by 2nd Vice District Governor (2nd VDG) Lion April Underwood.

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by First Vice District Governor (1st VDG) Lion Bruce Berger.

Roll Call of Clubs: Cabinet Secretary (CS) Lion Steve Duncan called the roll of clubs in attendance. Twenty-six Lions from eight clubs were in attendance. Clubs represented Included Auxvasse, Camden County, Chamois, Eldon, Fulton Branch of Auxvasse, Holts Summit, Jefferson City Host, and New Bloomfield. Among the attendees were five club presidents and four club secretaries. Lions District 26-M7 Cabinet members in attendance included DG Lion Bill Foglesong, 1st VDG Lion Bruce Berger, Second Vice District Governor (2nd VDG) Lion April Underwood, CS Lion Steve Duncan, Cabinet Treasurer (CT) Lion Larry Brandhorst, Global Leadership Team Coordinator Immediate Past District Governor (IPDG) Lion Melissa Anderson, and Global Services Team Coordinator Lion Dakota Jones. Also in attendance was Past International Director (PID) Lion Donal Knipp.

Business Session: Approval of the November 1, 2025 Cabinet Meeting Minutes: On a motion by PID Lion Donal Knipp and a second by Past Council Chairperson (PCC) Lion Jeff Hilke, attendees approved the minutes of the Lions District 26-M7 Cabinet meeting of November 1, 2025 that was held at the Missouri Lions State Office in Jefferson City.

Cabinet Treasurer’s Report: Cabinet Treasurer (CT) Lion Larry Brandhorst presented the January 13, 2026 financial report. For the current 2025-2026 fiscal year, the district has general revenues of \$12,639.50 and expenses of \$10,603.00 and the eyeglasses recycling program has revenues of \$16,229.26 and expenses of \$8,261.09. The district has total cash assets of \$57,900.83 with \$42,900.83 in the checking account and a \$15,000 certificate of deposit. Of the \$42,900.83 in the checking account, \$20,459.40 is the general balance and \$22,441.43 is the eyeglass recycling account balance. On a motion by IPDG Lion Melissa Anderson and a second by Past District Governor (PDG) Lion Ed Bierbower, attendees approved the district financial report.

District Governor Remarks: DG Lion Foglesong outlined plans for the Lions District 26-M7 Convention to be held on March 6-7, 2026 at the Wardsville Lions Club. The theme for the convention is “Serve to Lead, Lead to Serve”. There will be a free social on Friday evening, March 6, 2026, beginning at 6:00 p.m. with fried chicken, fried fish, and sides provided by the clubs in the district. Earlier in the day on Friday, DG Lion Foglesong and convention keynote speaker International Director (ID) Lion Gary Steele from Cleveland, North Carolina will tour Camp Wonderland. On Saturday, March 7, 2026, the convention will feature an address by ID Lion Gary Steele, a presentation by the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Camp Wonderland Mike Clayton, a service project to assemble hygiene kits (shampoo, soap, conditioner, and a razor/shaving cream) for homeless persons, a delicious lunch of fried chicken and roast beef, the presentation of awards, and the election of officers for the 2026-2027 Lions year. Lions District 26-M7 has a full slate of proposed officers for 2026-2027 with Lion Bruce Berger as District Governor, Lion April Underwood as First Vice District Governor, and Lion Robb Young as Second Vice District Governor.

DG Lion Foglesong next shared some good news. Lions District 26-M7 is in the top ten in terms of district membership growth in the United States. To date, clubs in the district have added 102 new members and the district has seen the establishment of two new clubs, the Camden County Lions Club (originally a branch of the Eldon Lions Club) and the

Fulton Lions Club (branch of the Auxvasse Lions Club). The Camden County branch club has now merged with the former Camdenton Lions Club and has retained the Camdenton Lions Club charter with the merged club now named the Camden County Lions Club.

DG Lion Foglesong next addressed one more Lions District 26-M7 Convention issue. Each year at the convention, a Lion is recognized for exceptional service to the district with the presentation of the Lion B W Robinson Award. DG Lion Foglesong requested nominations for this award. The selection of the Lion B W Robinson Award winner is made by the previous winners of this award.

First Vice District Governor Remarks: 1st VDG Lion Bruce Berger offered brief remarks. 1st VDG Lion Berger made reference to the Lions District 26-M7 as the “Heart of Missouri Lions” and called attention to the Heart of Missouri Lions Facebook page and the “Between the Lions” newsletter published by Lion Lyle Rosburg. 1st VDG Lion Berger complimented the district for having a full slate of proposed district officers for 2026-2027. This shows a great job of succession planning within the district.

Second Vice District Governor Remarks: 2nd VDG Lion April Underwood offered brief remarks. 2nd VDG Lion Underwood called on all Lions in Lions District 26-M7 to consider taking a leadership role in the district. If any Lion is interested in serving the district, please express such interest. The Lions leadership training classes are excellent. 2nd VDG Lion Underwood did point out that there cannot be two Lions from the same Lions Club on the District Cabinet. 2nd VDG Lion Underwood echoed the comments of DG Lion Foglesong as to the membership growth in the district. The Fulton Lions Branch Club has 11 members and the newly formed Camden County Lions Club has 20 members. The Jamestown Lions Club and the Mokane Lions Club have experienced significant growth and the Brazito-Honey Creek Lions Club has expressed interest in forming a Leo Club.

Zone Chairperson Introductions and Remarks: This is an area that continues to require much attention and hopefully some volunteers. There are five zones in Lions District 26-M7 and only two zones, Zone 2 and Zone 3, have a Zone Chairperson. The zones are organized as follows:

- Zone 1 (California, Cole Camp, Florence, Jamestown, and Warsaw)—Vacant
- Zone 2 (Brumley, Camden County, Eldon, Iberia, Lake Ozark, Rocky Mount, and Versailles)—Lion Robb Young is Zone Chairperson
- Zone 3 (Chamois, Freeburg, Hermann, Linn, Owensville, Vienna, and Westphalia)—Lion Jim Meier is the Zone Chairperson
- Zone 4 (Brazito, J C Capital, J C Evening, J C Host, Lohman, Russellville, and Wardsville)—Vacant
- Zone 5 (Auxvasse, Holts Summit, Millersburg, Mokane, and New Bloomfield)—Vacant

Lion Young in Zone 2 and Lion Meier in Zone 3 were absent so there were no Zone Chairperson reports.

Board Reports:

Lion Business Opportunities for the Missouri Blind: Past District Governor (PDG) Lion Don Soph is chairperson and presented a detailed report. There are no new managers of facilities at this time. The newest facility at the VA Benefits Building in St. Louis is exceeding all expectations with sales of \$2,500 to \$3,000 per week. The new NGA Complex in St. Louis is nearing completion in April of this year. There have been 6 vending machines in the complex since July 2025 with excellent sales. When complete, the NGA Complex will have approximately 20 vending machines. This is the 90th anniversary of the Randolph Shephard Program.

Saving Sight: Lion Patrick Mills is the Lions District 26-M7 representative on the Saving Sight board of directors and serves as Treasurer. Lion Mills was present and reported. Saving Sight has been in service for 66 years, has 100 employees, and is the fourth largest eye bank in the United States. Cornea transplant volumes are approximately 3,500 transplants per year. Vital Tears is the dry eye serum and sales have been approximately 100,000 units during the past ten years. First Gift is a new program which uses placenta tissue after a cesarean birth delivery as a patch in certain eye surgeries to aid in recovery. Lion Mills encouraged Lions to donate cornea tissue and to designate donor status on their driver’s license.

KidSight: Past District Governor (PDG) Lion Mark Schaeperkoetter is the KidSight representative. PDG Lion Schaeperkoetter was absent, but Lion Patrick Mills reported on his behalf. Missouri Lions continue to perform the majority of the almost 45,000+ annual screenings. These screenings refer approximately 9% of the children to an optometrist for further evaluation. KidSight has one full-time equivalent (FTE) employee in the office.

Mid-South Lions Sight & Hearing: Past Council Chair (PCC) Lion Jeff Hilke is the Mid-South representative. PCC Lion Hilke was present and offered a short report. Each year, Lions from Missouri take a day to visit Mid-South. There will be a visit in April 2026. Cost to ride the bus will be \$75.

Show-Me Lions Eyeglasses Recycling: PDG Lion Lou Ann Hathcock is the Eyeglasses Recycling representative. PDG Lion Hathcock was present and reported. The Eyeglasses Recycling Center is going strong. As always there is a huge need for volunteers. There is a need for Lions to host visitors who volunteer to do the sorting, reading of prescriptions using the lensometers, and labeling and packaging of outgoing eyeglasses. For the year 2025, 135,516 pairs of glasses were distributed to mission groups. Larry Merry's mission trips used 116,800 pairs and other mission trips used 18,716 pairs. Saving Sight awarded the Show-Me Lions Eyeglasses Recycling Program a grant in the amount of \$7,100.00 which was used to purchase a third Visionix lensometer at a cost of \$7,100.00. PDG Lion Hathcock complimented Lions Gary and Alberta Zumwalt for their volunteer efforts. There are six pallets of scrap metal ready to be shipped to a recycler in California. This is a significant source of revenue. Two building issues were reported. PDG Lion Hathcock reported that the toilets in the building will be replaced. PCC Lion Jeff Hilke, who has been most active in the creation of the Show-Me Lions Eyeglasses Recycling Program and has served in the past as the Eyeglasses Recycling representative, reported that he had received a letter from the City of Jefferson expressing possible interest in purchasing property around the building as the Corps of Engineers is looking at a secondary levee location. At this time, the location of a possible levee is unknown. The Show-Me Lions Eyeglasses Recycling Program owns 4.94 acres.

District MyLCI Administrator: Lion Dakota Jones is the District 26-M7 Administrator. This is a critical position in the district as Lion Jones has great expertise in using the Lions Portal. Her contact information is telephone at 573-418-5654 or e-mail at dakota.jones2251@gmail.com. Lion Jones has business cards with her contact information. Lion Jones reported that she is checking on service projects entered by Lions Clubs into the Lions Portal. Clubs are encouraged to report all service projects

Committee/Coordinator Reports:

Alert: Lion Michael Rayheart is chairperson. Was absent/No report.

Athletic: Vacant

Music: Lion Dakota Jones has volunteered to serve on the State Music Committee. Was present and reported that the Music Committee has not met.

Constitution and ByLaws: Vacant

Convention: Vacant. DG Lion Foglesong reported on the Missouri Lions State Convention, which will be held in St. Joseph, MO on April 23-26, 2026. Convention Registration Forms are available and there are two hotels, Holiday Inn Express and Fairfield Inn & Suites, that are accepting room reservations.

LCIF: Lions Steve Mueller and Jim Meier are co-chairpersons. Were absent/No report.

Global Leadership Team (GLT): IPDG Lion Melissa Anderson is the coordinator. IPDG Lion Anderson reported that she and Lion Dakota Jones have hosted two Lions Officer Training Sessions and that a third training session will be held on June 13, 2026 at the Holts Summit Lions Club. To date, Lions District 26-M7 has completed training for 50% of the Zone Chairpersons and 6% of the Lions Club officers.

Global Extension Team (GET): 1st VDG Lion Bruce Berger is the coordinator. 1st VDG Lion Berger reported that the mission of the Global Extension Team is to start new Lions Clubs. Great efforts have been made in Lions District 26-M7 to establish new Lions Clubs in Fulton and Camden County. The Fulton Branch Lions Club is sponsored by the Auxvasse Lions Club and the new Camden County Lions Club (branch club sponsored by the Eldon Lions Club that has

merged with the former Camdenton Lions Club to create the Camden County Lions Club) has gained enough members to be a full-fledged Lions Club.

Global Membership Team (GMT): PDG Lion Mark Schaeperkoetter is the coordinator. Was absent/No report.

Global Services Team (GST): Lion Dakota Jones is the coordinator. Lion Jones was present but had no report.

Hearing: DG Lion Bill Foglesong is the chairperson. DG Lion Foglesong reported that he has Hearing Sweepstakes Raffle tickets for each Lions Club to sell. Please sell tickets and return to DG Lion Foglesong prior to the District Convention.

Information Technology: Lion Patrick Anderson is the chairperson. Was present. The Investment Committee has not met.

Investment: DG Lion Bill Foglesong is the chairperson. State of Missouri Lions' investments are doing well. Investment income in 2025 was good. Two members of the Investment Committee are financial advisors.

Marketing/Communications: Lion Dakota Jones is the chairperson. Lion Jones reported that the State Marketing/Communications Committee is slowly building the social media presence for all Missouri Lions Clubs. The State Marketing/Communications Committee has shared TikTok videos with LCI and have increased the presence of Missouri Lions on Instagram and Facebook. The Social Media Manager is Lindy Deters-Ankelman, who is the daughter of Past District Governor (PDG) Carol Deters. Clubs are encouraged to take photos and videos at club service projects and send those to Lion Jones who will forward to Lindy. Lindy will be working on posting more about clubs throughout the State of Missouri and will give shoutouts to those Lions Clubs who do send in photos and videos.

Leader Dog: Lion Lisa Foglesong is the chairperson. Lion Foglesong was present and reported that leader dog trainers are working at the training facility in Rochester, Michigan. There is a need for puppy dog raisers. There is now an option to utilize partnering trainers where one trainer raises a puppy to a certain age and then a second trainer finishes the training process. All District Governors and Second Vice District Governors are invited to tour the facility where leader dogs are trained.

Lion Opportunities for Youth/Youth Exchange: DG Lion Foglesong has assumed the chairperson role for this committee and reported that the State of Missouri Lions Opportunities for Youth/Youth Exchange Committee has met. Missouri Lions will not host a Summer Youth Camp as in the past, but are trying to revamp this program.

Long Range Planning: IPDG Lion Melissa Anderson is the chairperson. Was present. The Long Range Planning Committee has not met.

World Services for the Blind: Lion Ron Pharris is the chairperson. Was absent/No report.

Sight Conservation: Vacant

Club Announcements: Lions Clubs and Cabinet officers were given an opportunity to make announcements. The following announcements were made:

- Auxvasse Lions Club—Celebrated 75th Anniversary
Pancake Day will be held on February 21, 2026. This is the start of Loafers Week.
Holding a fundraiser raffle with Baumgartner Furniture Store recliner as a prize.
- Holts Summit Lions Club—Spaghetti Supper will be held on February 15, 2026 with proceeds to benefit a child with cancer.
Bingo every Tuesday evening.
Breakfast and bingo is held once a month.
- Eldon Lions—Pulled pork dinner on April 30, 2026.

- J C Host Lions—Patriot Pots (red, white, & blue flower pots) to celebrate the 250th Anniversary of the USA are on sale for \$25. Will be ready for pickup on April 18, 2026.
- Fulton Lions Club—Lion Warren Hollrah will speak at a Fulton Kiwanis Club meeting about Lions Club. Safe baby box is being installed in the Fulton community to alert authorities that a baby has been abandoned.

Date and Place of Next Cabinet Meeting: June 6, 2026 at the Auxvasse Lions Club.

Adjournment: DG Lion Foglesong thanked all attendees for their attendance and participation. Meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Lion Steve Duncan, Cabinet Secretary



HOLTS SUMMIT



Last night at our club meeting Past District Governor Melissa Anderson gave a Melvin Jones award from our officers to our very own Linda Baker.

Linda, we are incredibly grateful for all that you do for not only our club and building, but our community as well!

You show your lionism in all aspects of your life!

ROCKY MOUNT



COMMUNITY Craft Fair & Rummage **SALE**

** April 18, 2026 **

8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

LOCATION: Rocky Mount Lions Community Center
20337 Dell Drive, Rocky Mount, MO

Table or Booth spaces available – Contact

Lion Ruth 573-280-6441 for information

We will be open rain or shine!

ELDON

FFA advisor Colleen Abbott and her debate team show off their skills for the Eldon Lions Club. Shown in no particular order are Colton Birdsong, Jayce Campbell, Connor Carender, Grant Carender, Evan Cornett, Kaydin Davis, and Kyleigh McDaniel



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Shown attending the MD26 M7 district convention from Eldon are Mike Clayton, Lisa Fogelsong, DG Bill Fogelsong, 2nd VDG Rob Young, Linda Bierbower, PDG Ed Bierbower, Twyla Limbaugh



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The **Eldon FFA** Ag Issues team joined our meeting last week to present their presentation on aging water systems. Lions asked many questions to the students about real solutions to this challenge in our community. The team will present at the Eldon Senior Center on Monday, 3/16 at 11:15 and on Friday, 3/20 at Eggs and Issues.



CHAMOIS

The Chamois Lions Club met for their regular monthly meeting on Monday evening, March 9, 2026 at the Chamois Community Center. Twelve Lions and four visitors were present for the dinner and business meeting. Visitors included Osage County R-1 School Superintendent Lyle Best, Chamois City Council member Lacey Garrett, and prospective new Lions Club members Mercedes Durham and Darrell Chrisenberry.

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 St. Patrick's Day dinner of Dublin coddle, slaw, Watergate salad, homemade bread and dinner rolls, and Watergate cake and lemon cake for dessert.

Prior to the start of the business meeting, Osage County R-1 School Superintendent Lyle Best made an informative presentation on Proposition K.I.D.S., a \$1,750,000 general obligation bond issue that will appear on the April 7, 2026 election ballot. This bond issue is to provide funds to complete heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) improvements and to complete other repairs and improvements to existing facilities. Such improvements would include electrical system upgrades and an improved intercom system for security reasons. It is estimated that the debt service levy would increase from \$0.00 to \$0.65 per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation of real and personal property. Mr. Best answered in detail questions raised. There will be a public meeting on Tuesday, March 24, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the school library if school patrons have questions.

Lion President Jason 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 February 9, 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 a report on Community Center finances.

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), reported that the CIDC will meet next on March 12, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. in the basement of the Chamois United Methodist Church with a focus on the development of a Business & Services Directory. Lion Susan Sundermeyer, who is a board member of the Chamois Historic Preservation Commission (CHPC), reported that the CHPC will again host a Spring Fling on May 1, 2026 at the Chamois Community Center with a focus on local craft and specialty vendors. Lions Jeff Kormann, Susan Sundermeyer, Sabra Paulsmeyer, and Steve Duncan are all members of the Friends of the Chamois Cemeteries (FCC), a relatively new organization which is working on 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. Lion Duncan reported that the FCC has been meeting regularly in an effort to develop a donor database, to monitor progress on tombstone restoration efforts in both the public cemeteries and church cemeteries (Catholic Cemetery and UCC Cemetery), the installation of steps and a new fence and archway at the Stonner Cemetery, the removal of brush and tree trimming, and to plan for the May 25, 2026 dedication ceremony of a restored tombstone for Jerry Berry, who was the last Civil War veteran buried in Osage County. As to the May 25, 2026 Jerry Berry tombstone dedication service, tentative plans call for the Sons of the Union, the Capital City Lodge #9 of the Prince Hall Freemasons, Chamois Masonic Lodge #185, the Linn VFW, Chamois American Legion Post 506, Abraham Lincoln impersonator Mark Rehagen, author Julie Allen, and hopefully State of Missouri government leaders to be involved in the ceremony with much media coverage of the activities. The day's activities will also include efforts to showcase progress on the restoration efforts underway in the



cemeteries. Lion Meghan Birmingham, who is the Chamois City Clerk, reported that the City is meeting with local contractor Grayson Light as to reconstruction of a section of ballpark grandstand that was destroyed by a windstorm and that Chamois Day planning has been taken over by a Community in Action (CIA) group. This group will meet each first Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Chamois United Methodist Church. Lion Scott Mertz, who is a member of the Chamois Fire Department, reported that the Fire Department had responded to nine calls in January and seven calls in February. The Fire Department has focused on training, especially with the junior fire fighters, and has begun to receive gear purchased with funds from a FEMA grant. Lion Kormann, who was a board member of the Missouri Community Betterment (MCB) which recently ceased operations and distributed remaining cash assets to those communities such as Chamois who were still members, reminded Chamois Lions that the funds received by the Lions Club should be earmarked for a community betterment project. The Chamois Lions voted to earmark those funds for use only on a community betterment project. Lion Steve Duncan, who is president of the Osage County Agritourism Council (OCAC), reported that the OCAC is working on a Farm Expo to be held at the Loose Creek Community Center on Saturday, March 28, 2026.

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

Some discussion focused on 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 possible 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. Efforts continue to find a contractor to work on the Old Bandstand. Lion Mark Mehmert will look into an enclosure for the Internet router located in the Community Center.

A work-day at the Chamois Cemeteries scheduled for March 7, 2026 was cancelled due to inclement weather and has been rescheduled for Saturday, March 21, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. Lions were encouraged to volunteer and bring chain saws, loppers, rakes, and other tools to assist in brush and tree limb removal.

Lion Steve Duncan reported that he and Lion Steve Cramer had purchased a 65-inch TCL television at Wal-Mart for the Community Center. The TV 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. Plans are to paint the walls surrounding the stage and then Lion volunteers will install the TV on the back wall of the stage.

The Chamois Lions Club has for many months discussed a possible dinner for the community. Discussion focused on a pancake and sausage breakfast that would be hosted in appreciation of community residents. This event will be scheduled for some time in the Summer.

At the February 9, 2026 meeting, interest was expressed in replacing some of the Community Center tables. Following discussion, the Chamois Lions voted to purchase twelve 60-inch round tables from Sam's Club.

Lions Nelson Sieg, Beth Sieg, and Steve Duncan attended the Lions District 26-M7 Convention held at the Wardsville Lions Club on Saturday, March 7, 2026 and reported on that event. Approximately 65 Lions and guests were present at the convention to hear remarks by Lions International Director Gary Steele of Cleveland, North Carolina, Wonderland Camp Chief Executive Officer Mike Clayton, Missouri Cares representatives Lions April and Alan Redman, and representatives from Lions Clubs in the District who have experienced significant growth in membership. In addition to these wonderful speakers, the convention featured a service project to assemble hygiene kits for homeless individuals, a wonderful luncheon prepared by the Wardsville Lions Club, and the presentation of awards. To close the convention, officers were elected for the 2026-2027 Lions year. These new officers include Lion Bruce Berger of the Jefferson City Host Lions Club as District Governor, Lion April Underwood of the Camden County Lions Club as First Vice District Governor, and Lion Robb Young of the Eldon Lions

Club as Second Vice District Governor.

Two items of new business were presented and discussed.

The annual Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 4, 2026 at the Chamois City Park at 1:00 p.m. Children pre-kindergarten through fourth grade are invited to participate. Lions Club volunteers are needed to hide eggs and distribute candy at this event.

Given the anticipated number of guests for the Jerry Berry tombstone dedication service to be held on Memorial Day, May 25, 2026 and the media coverage expected, there is a need for a city-wide clean-up day. Sunday, May 17, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. was set as the day and time for this important community project. Lions, community members, and youth are encouraged to turn out and pick up trash, clean streets, cut weeds, and spruce up landscaped areas on that day.

One item of correspondence was shared. Lion Secretary Beth Sieg read a thank-you note from the family of Jolene Leach for support during the time following Mrs. Leach's passing. One announcement was made. Lion Steve Duncan announced that the Missouri Lions State Convention will be held on April 24-26, 2026 in St. Joseph, MO.

There were no March birthdays. Prayer concerns were expressed for Lions Connie Smith, Pamela Kormann, and Dawna Keilholz and former Chamois Lions Club member Gary Reynolds.

To conclude the meeting on a humorous note, Lion Steve Duncan shared three jokes entitled "Grating Grammer", "Easy Fix", and "A Patient Doctor" that were provided by Lion Duane Paulsmeyer.

The next meeting of the Chamois Lions Club will be on Monday, April 13, 2026 at the Chamois Community Center. Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. with the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

MOKANE

Fri, Sep 4 - Sep 6

2026 Mokane Lions Club World's Fair

301 East River Street, Mokane, MO



Mokane Lions Club of Mokane, MO



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Easter egg hunt



🚨 !! GUN RAFFLE ALERT !! 🚨 The Mokane Lions Club is holding a gun raffle fundraiser just in time for turkey season! Venm... See more

GUN RAFFLE



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Who: Mokane Lions Club
Fundraiser

What: Tristar Raptor II Mossy
Oak Country Roots 12 gauge 28"
shotgun- over \$500 value!

When: Drawing to be
livestreamed on our Facebook
page April 8th at 7pm

Cost: \$10 per ticket



Firearm to be picked up at your convenience
from Bogg's Creek, Inc. in Jefferson City, MO.

WESTPHALIA

Friday, April 10, 2026



BBQ



Westphalia Lions Club

Proceeds for park and playground maintenance

Serving 11:00 am to 6:00 pm

DRIVE THRU ONLY

*****MENU (plates include baked beans & cole slaw)*****

BBQ PORK STEAK PLATE. . . . \$12

BBQ PORK STEAK ONLY. . . . \$9

BBQ PORK BURGER PLATE . . . \$8

BBQ PORK BURGER ONLY . . . \$5

- > Delivery available for 10+ orders within 10-mile radius
- > Pre-orders accepted for 10+ quantity
- > Call Charles at 573-619-4335 for 10+ pre-orders and/or delivery

Cash, Check, or Credit Card



JEFFERSON CITY HOST

Accepted by the JC Host Lions Club on behalf of all Lions Clubs that participated on Red Kettle - Lions Day all around Jefferson City on Friday, December 5. Given to the volunteer group with the most hours.

February 23, 2026. Lions Roger Schwartz, and Dennis Gragg present Host Lions girls traveling basketball trophy to Jefferson City 57 - 53 over Helias.



Lion President Bruce Bates and Past President Charles Lindquist present the Host Lions Traveling Basketball Trophy to Capital City on February 23 win against Jefferson City 66 - 54.



JC Lions has added an eighth eye glass drop box location at the Missouri River Regional Library (214 Adams Street), second floor Librarian's Desk in the Children's area. All drop box locations listed at <https://jchostlions.org/eyeglass-%26-h-a-recycling>



1. Schultes Fresh Foods / Hen House - 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).
8. Missouri River Regional Library - 214 Adams Street. (Small Drop Box at the Librarian's Desk, Children's Section, Second Floor.)

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 Car 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.





LEADING THE WAY



Leader Dogs for the Blind & Lions Newsletter

April 2026



The last Wednesday of April is International Guide Dog Day. On April 29, **we celebrate the work of guide dogs around the world** and raise awareness of the importance of guide dog services to **help people who are blind live life on their terms.**

When You Give in April, Leader Dog Gets Double

April's Matching Gift Challenge gives you and your club the opportunity to double your impact on the lives of our clients. **When you donate during the match, your generous gift to Leader Dog is matched by a contribution from one of our generous donors.** Visit LeaderDog.org in April to learn how you can make twice the difference. Donate by mail or online at LeaderDog.org - Donate. Include a note with your Lions Club so we can recognize your gift.

Leader Dogs for the Blind, Attn: Lions Department
1039 S Rochester Rd
Rochester Hills, MI 48307

Guide Dog Myths and Misconceptions Explained

How much do you know about guide dogs?

- True or False: Once people get a guide dog, they no longer need their white cane.
- True or False: A guide dog already knows where their handler wants them to go.
- True or False: A guide dog should go anywhere and everywhere with their handler.

It may surprise you that each of these statements is false! **These are some of the most common misconceptions about guide dogs.** The guide dog mobility instructors at Leader Dog recorded a video describing the truth behind each myth. **Find it posted by Leader Dog on YouTube** by searching '[Guide Dog Myths and Misconceptions Explained](#)'. Share it on social media to celebrate International Guide Dog Day and spread awareness of Lions & Leader Dog's work for vision.



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Lions International

Assessing Readiness to Apply for a Guide Dog

- Does your routine include regular outings for work, school, errands, or exercise multiple times per week?
- Are you confident in your orientation and mobility skills, able to navigate routes independently, problem-solve, and use safe street-crossing strategies?
- Are you prepared to train and work with a guide dog long-term, using positive reinforcement techniques, providing ongoing care and advocating for both you and your dog?
- Do you have the relationship skills to build a strong bond with your guide dog and serve as the primary caretaker, providing daily physical and mental stimulation beyond guide work?

These are some of the questions prospective guide dog clients will find on Leader Dog's guide dog readiness assessment, **a tool that can help someone who is blind decide if a Leader Dog is right for them.** Leader Dog is one of only nineteen accredited guide dog providers in North America. Our guide dog program eligibility requirements ensure that clients are prepared to work with their Leader Dog for many years.

We are members of the International Guide Dog Federation (IGDF), a group of organizations who collaborate and champion the cause of vision around the world. **Together, we share best practices and resources to refine guide dog and handler training.** Leader Dog's guide dog program eligibility requirements are based on the standards set by IGDF. To review the readiness screening, go to LeaderDog.org and search [Guide Dog Qualifications](#).



Mission Moment

"Leader Dog Ivy is really going to help me walk with confidence. I'm able to get places faster and be more confident. In addition to being a best friend, she's going to help me go more places. **We are going to travel the country and go everywhere together.**"

Manny, Guide Dog client from New York, with Leader Dog Ivy



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Lions International

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.

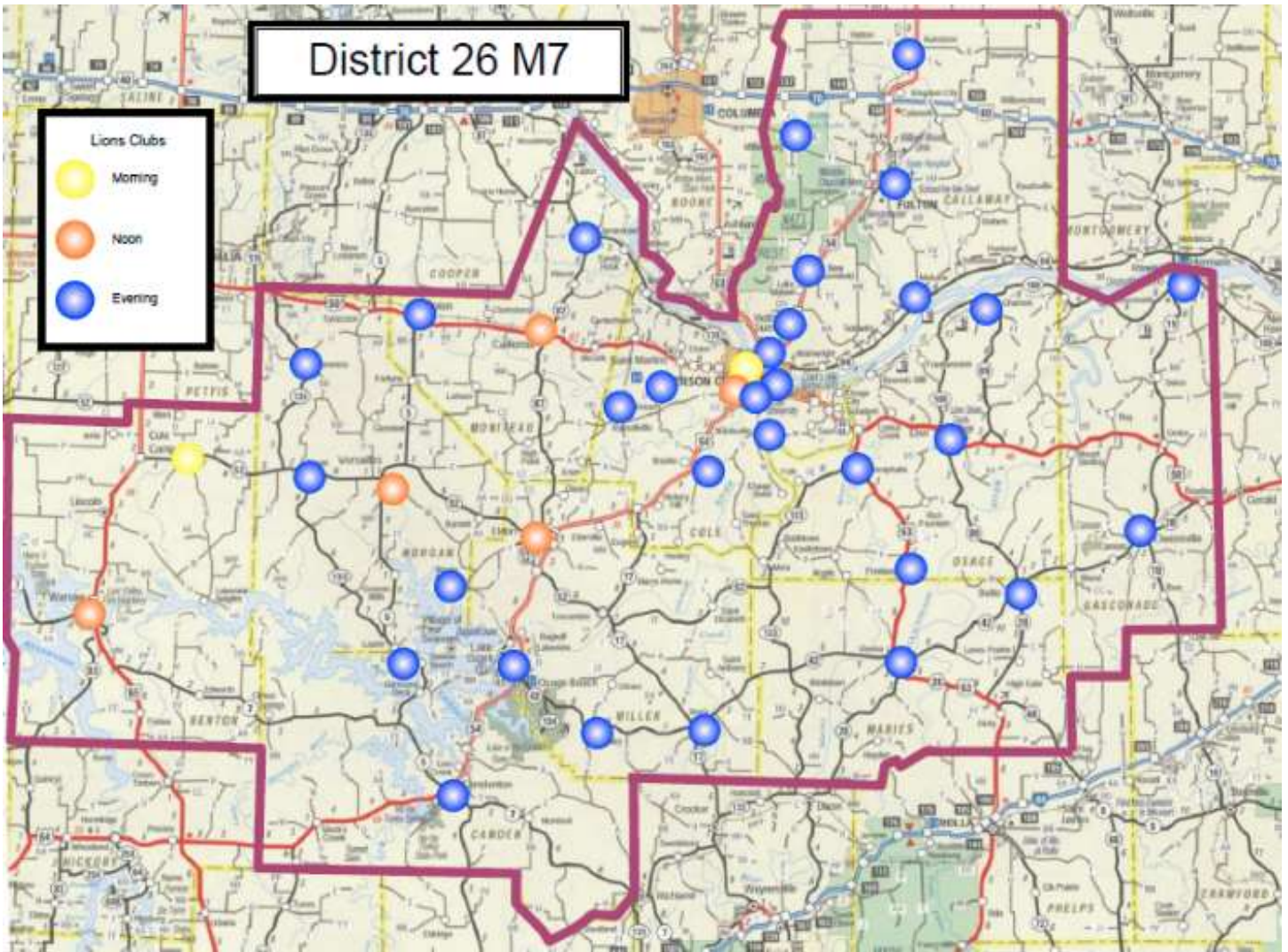
Lohman Lions Alberta and Gary Zumwalt are in charge of filling orders for recycled eyeglasses for mission trips. If anyone wants to contact them to help with this task, their phone number is 573-782-3560. Also, if anyone knows of a mission group that wants recycled eyeglasses, they can submit an email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



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	