



District 26-M7
The Heart of
Missouri Lions

Between the Lions



SEPTEMBER 2026

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.



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INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT
MARK S. LYON
— 2026-2027 —
Leading with
ROOTED IN SERVICE
SERVE • CONNECT • GROW

A MESSAGE FROM
INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT
MARK S. LYON

“Service is the foundation of Lions. It's who we are and what we do. Our roots run deep — stretching far and wide to build lasting connections and strengthen our world. Every time we serve, our roots grow stronger and deeper.”

ROOTED IN SERVICE

2026-2027
PRESIDENTIAL PIN



Growing Membership Through Service

Bruce Berger – District Governor

DG Comments Cabinet Meeting August 1, 2026

Thanks to IPDG Bill for stepping up Lion Bill faced several obstacles:

- Not recognized by LCI as official VDG, so wasn't included in training opportunities.
- Did not have access to vital information prior to being named DG.
- Had to scramble to get up and running.

Special recognition:

- Mokane gets International Platinum award for membership growth (double by at least 20 new members and retain all current members).
- Camden County wins dinner from district for having the highest percentage increase of membership (375%). In addition to Camden County and Mokane, the New Bloomfield Lions increased their membership with younger Lions. All three of these clubs, and others, are letting their new and younger Lions step up. This is critical to our goal of getting new members: providing meaningful opportunities for service and letting a younger generation come forward with new and better ways to serve our communities.
- With our growing clubs, last Lion's year, we were the only district in the state to have positive net growth. We added 44 net new members. This year isn't starting off so great. We are already at negative 12.
- For some reason, one of our clubs which hadn't updated member numbers since 2022, dropped 11 members in July. If our IPDG wasn't a man of the cloth, I would suspect he encouraged this club to keep its membership intact through June and then drop beginning in July. I have appointed a special committee to investigate and recommend appropriate punishment, if warranted.

Our District goals for this year:

- 150 new members (+ 20 for new club)
- Net gain of 75 new members
- One new club (Tipton)
- Train at least 50% Zone Chairs
- Train officers from at least 30% of clubs
- Increase reporting to at least 75% of clubs
- Concentrate on global causes of environment and youth
- Increase LIF giving by at least 10% of individuals and 25% of clubs

This year's DG theme is "Serving the Heart of Missouri." It ties in with IP Mark's "Rooted in Service," with the idea that serving our communities is the most important thing we do. That is how we grow.



We are a "FAN" of DG Bruce!

26M7 First Vice District Governor

Recently, I had the opportunity to travel to Leader Dogs for the Blind in Rochester Hills, Michigan, along with my fellow First Vice District Governors from Missouri. Once there, we joined First Vice District Governors from other states for a weekend of learning, sharing and experiencing firsthand the incredible work being done at Leader Dogs.

I knew about Leader Dogs. I knew Lions had a long history with the organization. And, like many Lions, when I thought about ways to support Leader Dogs, one of the first things that came to mind was puppy raising.

After visiting, I realized there is so much more to the Leader Dog story — and so many more ways for Lions and Lions Clubs to be part of it.

That may have been one of my biggest takeaways from the weekend, and something I knew I wanted to bring home and share with the Lions in our district.

Experiencing the Mission

During our visit, we put on blindfolds and experienced just a small glimpse of what it is like to navigate without sight. We learned how a white cane is used and then had the opportunity to experience being guided by a Leader Dog.

There is something pretty powerful about putting on that blindfold and realizing you have to trust.

You have to trust the training. You have to trust the process. And when that Leader Dog is beside you, you have to trust that four-legged partner to help guide you safely forward.

Our few minutes under a blindfold certainly cannot compare to the everyday experiences of someone who is blind or visually impaired, but it gave me a much greater appreciation for the confidence and independence these services can provide.



We also had the opportunity to hear directly from Leader Dog clients. Their stories helped put everything we were seeing into perspective. A Leader Dog isn't simply helping someone get from Point A to Point B. The skills, training and partnership provided through Leader Dogs can mean greater independence — going to work, traveling, navigating a community and doing the everyday things many of us don't think twice about.

And these vital services are provided to clients at no cost.

That is where we, as Lions, come in.

More Than Raising a Puppy

Puppy raisers are an incredibly important part of the Leader Dog mission, and Leader Dogs could not do what they do without them. But one thing I hope more Lions understand is that you do not have to raise a puppy to make a difference.

That was something I really wanted to bring back from this trip.

There are many ways our clubs and individual Lions can support Leader Dogs.

A club can make a one-time financial contribution or choose to support Leader Dogs throughout the year. Clubs can symbolically sponsor a Future Leader Dog for \$500, giving members an opportunity to feel connected to a puppy and its journey even when physically raising one isn't possible.

Clubs can also purchase a tribute brick on the Leader Dog campus. Seeing the names of Lions, Lions Clubs and loved ones represented there is a wonderful reminder of the long relationship between Lions and Leader Dogs. A brick could honor a special Lion, remember a member who has passed, commemorate a club anniversary or simply leave your club's mark on a program Lions helped create.

Another option is the Lion Leader Dog Medallion. This gives clubs and districts an opportunity to recognize a Lion for outstanding service while also supporting the Leader Dog mission.

For clubs wanting to make an even larger commitment, Leader Dogs also recognizes Top Dog Clubs that contribute \$5,000 or more during a fiscal year.

And financial support can make a very real difference. Gifts help provide things such as lodging, meals and transportation for clients while they are on campus, veterinary care and equipment, and the specialized instruction that allows clients to develop the skills they need for greater independence.

But supporting Leader Dogs isn't limited to writing a check.

We can invite a Leader Dogs speaker to a club or district meeting. We can educate our communities about the services available. We can share their story. We can volunteer. We can raise puppies or host breeding dogs. And perhaps most importantly, we can help connect someone who is blind or visually impaired with services they may not even realize are available to them.

Sometimes connecting the right person to the right resource is service, too.

A Program Born from Lions

Leader Dogs for the Blind began in 1939 because Lions saw a need and decided to do something about it. More than 85 years later, that spirit of service continues.

I came home from this trip with a much greater appreciation not only for what Leader Dogs does, but also for the many opportunities we have as Lions to be part of it.

When we hear "Leader Dogs," I don't want our first thought to only be, "Could I raise a puppy?"

Maybe you can — and that would be an incredible contribution.

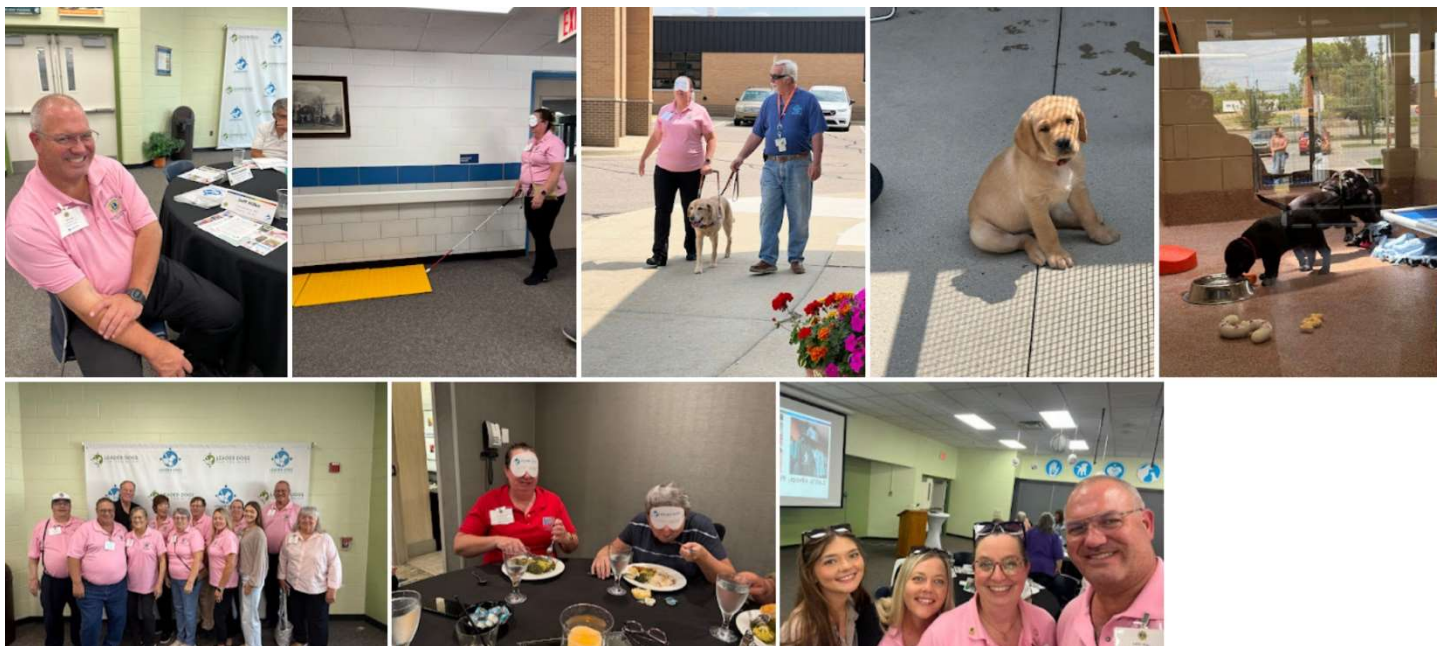
But maybe you can't.

Your club can sponsor one. Purchase a brick. Honor a Lion with a medallion. Hold a fundraiser. Make Leader Dogs part of your club's annual giving. Invite a speaker. Share information about their programs. Or help connect someone in your community with services that could change their life.

There isn't just one way to support Leader Dogs.

There is simply a need — and a lot of ways for Lions to answer it.

After all, that is what Lions do. We Serve.



Link to Leader dog support options: <https://give.leaderdog.org/for/ldb/info/website>

Lion April Underwood

Bloom Together – Grow Through Service.

573-353-7943



DISTRICT CABINET MEETING (8/1/26)





COLE COUNTY READY Festival

**Saturday
Sept 19, 2026**

Jason Gym, Lincoln University
807 Lafayette St., Jefferson City
11 am - 2 pm



**A FAMILY-FRIENDLY EVENT TO FOSTER FAMILY &
INDIVIDUAL PREPAREDNESS, SAFETY & RESILIENCE!**

Readiness information & fun for the whole family!

- COMMUNITY RESOURCE BOOTHS WITH YOUTH ACTIVITIES
- EMERGENCY VEHICLE TOURS
- BOUNCE HOUSE & OTHER FUN FOR THE KIDS
- ICE CREAM TRUCK
- PRIZES & GIVEAWAYS
- ...AND MORE!

**FREE
ENTRY**

DISASTER FEEDING DEMONSTRATION OPERATION
**FREE
HOT DOG
CHIPS
WATER**
WHILE SUPPLIES LAST



Visit our Facebook event!
Cole County Ready Festival



MILLERSBURG



LIONS CLUB of MILLERSBURG TURKEY MATCH COMPETITION Fund Raiser

FALL 2026 SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

OCTOBER 11, 2026

OCTOBER 25, 2026

NOVEMBER 8, 2026

NOVEMBER 22, 2026

DECEMBER 6, 2026

DECEMBER 20, 2026

Shot Gun &
22 Caliber Rifle

SIGN UP TO PARTICIPATE STARTS AT 9:00AM

GREAT FOOD AND DRINKS AVAILABLE

Proceeds benefit Kid's sight and Building Maintenance

**Check us out on Facebook: Lions Club of
Millersburg, MO**

CAMDEN COUNTY

What a special night for the Camden County Lions Club!

We were honored to recognize Lion Ken Olive for an incredible 75 years of service as a Lion! Ken served as District Governor in 1960–1961 and, at 99 years old, continues to stay active with our club.

Ken is truly the definition of a Lifetime Member — not simply because of the title, but because he has spent a lifetime living out what it means to be a Lion. Seventy-five years of service is an extraordinary milestone, and we could all learn a thing or two from Lion Ken about dedication, service, and commitment to our communities.

We were also proud to be recognized for our club's growth. During the Lions year ending June 30, 2026, the Camden County Lions Club grew by 375% — the highest growth in our district!

We are incredibly proud of that growth, but even more proud of what it represents: more hands to serve, more ideas, and more people committed to making a difference in our community.

A very special thank you to District Governor Bruce Berger for joining us and presenting these recognitions.

We appreciate you taking the time to celebrate these milestones with our club!

It was a pretty great night to be a Camden County Lion.

We Serve. And we're growing so we can serve even more.



Fri, Sep 4 - Sep 6

2026 Mokane Lions Club World's Fair

301 East River Street, Mokane, MO



77TH ANNUAL

MOKANE LIONS CLUB WORLD'S FAIR

SEPT. 4-6TH, 2026

FRIDAY SEPT. 4	4-11pm: Bingo 5-8pm: Boone County Ramblers Band 5-close: Beer garden 5-10pm: Food stand 6-10pm: Carnival rides 7pm: Truck pull 8-11pm: Safari Sound DJ
SAT. SEPT. 5	11am: Parade 1-5pm and 6-10pm: Carnival rides 11am-10pm: Food stand 11am-close: Beer garden 12:30pm: Kids pedal tractor pull (registration 11:30am) 1pm: Antique tractor pull 12pm-11pm: Bingo 5-8pm: Murphy's Ford Band 7pm: MO Farm Pullers tractor pull 8-11pm: Safari Sound DJ
SUNDAY SEPT. 6	3-10pm: Carnival rides 11am-10pm: Food stand 12pm: Fiddlers contest (registration at 11am) 12pm-close: Beer garden 12pm: Cornhole tournament (registration at 11am) 12pm-11pm: Bingo 3pm: Flat Footin' Follies Cloggers 5-8pm: Rock City Band 7pm: Lucky 7 Demolition Derby & Motorcycle Raffle 8-11pm: Safari Sound DJ

FAIR HIGHLIGHTS

-  **CARNIVAL RIDES**
Armbands available
-  **DELICIOUS FOOD**
Our Famous Mutton
-  **SHOP LOCAL**
Vendors & Crafts
-  **LIVE MUSIC**
Fiddlers Contest
Returning
-  **FAMILY FRIENDLY**
Kids Pedal Tractor
Pull & Parade
-  **FREE GENERAL
ADMISSION**
& free parking



ROCKY MOUNT



Sweet Corn Festival Sept 5th, 2026

Rocky Mount Fire Department

20401 Brendel Blvd

Rocky Mount, MO 65072

Food & Games,

Crafters & Vendors will
be available here!



(All inside building with AIR CONDITIONING)

Rocky Mount Lions Club

20337 Dell Drive

Rocky Mount, MO 65072

DEEP FRIED CORN
\$2.00

Bar-B-Que Pork Steak or Chicken Dinners - \$15.00

Kids - Hot Dog, chips & cookie - \$5.00

Dine in or Carry Out available!

MANY; **Crafters & Vendors** will be available at the

Rocky Mount Lions Community Center!

Proceeds go to the Fireman's Benevolent Fund

OWENSVILLE

Three bidders are not giving an inch! Something very important is on the auction block. The Auctioneer cries, Who will start out on this. Bidder #13 raises his hand and shouts “\$750.00. The Auctioneer bellows “Great Start but is worth twice that, Who’ll make it \$1,000.00?” Bidder #24 raises his hand and the Auctioneer says “now we have an auction going. I’ve got \$1,000.00. Immediately the Auctioneer says “Do I Hear \$1,300.00? Bidder #13 jumps and pumps his hand high into the air! The Auctioneer seizes the moment and says “who’ll make it \$1,750.00? Bidder #30 jumps in and shouts “Since it’s America’s 250 birthday and I raise the bid to \$2,500.00. The Auctioneer exclaims “I’ve got \$2,500.00 from bidder 30, \$2,500.00, \$2,500.00. Going Once,



Bidder #13 pounces, \$3,000.00, as the astonished crowd goes silent! “Ladies and Gentlemen going once, going twice, sold to bidder #13, as the Auctioneer’s hammer hits the table!”

The Owensville Lions recently donated \$3,000.00 to the Gasconade County School District’s crisis fund. The fund is used to help students in family situations which lack resources to assist the students to stay in school and not have to be concerned with financial obligations which arise.

The picture above from left to right is Lion Linda Geisler, Lion Dr. Staci Johnson and Lion President Patty Burt. Geisler and Burt are the club’s Bingo Chairpersons.

The Owensville Lions Club will hold its annual golf tournament on October 10, 2026, at the Owensville Golf Course. The club is hoping to have a Ladies Flight with a 3-Ladies teams. Prizes galore, unique gifts not seen in any other tournaments, a swagger bag, food and drinks delivered. Of course, there will be mixed flights if Ladies prefer to play with their spouse in a three person scramble. For the attractive registration fee of \$165.00, this is the best tournament you will ever play in for the money and the amenities.



GOLF TOURNAMENT

Sat. Oct. 10, 2026

Owensville Municipal Golf Course
702 N. Maple Owensville MO

Team Registration

Check In: 9 am

Shotgun Start: 10 am

Lunch provided after 11 am

3 Person Scramble

\$165 per team

50/50 raffle

Cash Prizes

Return Registration to: Owensville Lions
Club

Team Captain: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Player 2: _____

Player 3: _____

c/o Shannon Lang

509 W Lincoln, Owensville MO 65066

573-437-2031 or 573-291-2291

JEFFERSON CITY HOST

Fall 2026 – Holiday Cash Raffle.

February 3, 2027 – Ham & Bean and Chili Day.

May 21, 2027 – Dusty Deskins Peanut Day

The Jefferson City Host Lions Sight Squad is at the School of the Osage Back to School Fest in Osage Beach. Stop by to get a free vision screening!



The JC Host Lions KidSight Sight Squad provided vision screenings on Thursday, August 13 at the JC HOME EDUCATORS BACK TO SCHOOL EVENT. Good eyesight ensures a successful school year!!



Kids are getting ready for a new school year & the Jefferson City Host Lions Vision Screening Team is helping them have a good year. On Saturday (8/1), the Lions travel... [See more](#)



Jefferson City Host Lions

HOLIDAY CASH 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.

ELDON

Chris Reynolds, Eldon Ministerial Alliance treasure and pastor of Ninth Street Christian Church speaks to the Eldon Lions Club.



Lions Club of Eldon

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Very proud of our Eldon Lion Mike Clayton for being on KRCG 13 this morning representing Wonderland Camp



Today the Eldon Ministerial Alliance sponsored the Back to School Luncheon for Eldon Schools. Eldon Lions Club was happy to help serve. We had people at all three churches assisting.



RUSSELLVILLE

A Halloween-themed poster for 'Granny's Haunted Shack'. The background features a dark, spooky illustration of a wooden shack with a full moon and bats in the sky. A sign on the shack reads 'GRANNY'S HAUNTED SHACK'. A ghostly figure is visible in the doorway. In the foreground, there are two carved jack-o'-lanterns. The text is in various fonts and colors, including orange, white, yellow, and green. The Lions Club logo is also present.

GRANNY'S HAUNTED SHACK

PRESENTED BY
**RUSSELLVILLE
LIONS CLUB**



📍 **13625 HIGHWAY C**
RUSSELLVILLE, MISSOURI 65074
ACROSS FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL

**COME SEE US
IF YOU DARE!**

EVERY FRIDAY & SATURDAY IN OCTOBER

 NO SCARE	 SCARE
\$5.00	\$10.00
5:30 PM – 6:00 PM	6:00 PM – 10:00 PM

COME SEE US IF YOU DARE!

The Russellville Lions Club would like to give a huge shout out to Kiowa Electric for sending their crew out to set out light poles for the small ball field lights. It is a great help to us so we can get lights installed so we can light up that field for night games. That crew work hard during the heat and we appreciate their hard work. It warms our heart to know that there are still people who care about helping others out when help is needed so kudos to Kiowa Electric See less



BRAZITO-HONEY CREEK



SPAGHETTI & FETTUCCHINE DINNER

Fundraiser



Pricing:
(dine-in AYCE or carry out)
Adults: \$12
Children (6-12): \$8
Children 5 and under: Free

Meal includes:
Spaghetti or Fettuccine
Salad
Garlic Bread
Dessert
Tea/Lemonade/Water/Coffee

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

11:00 AM - 2:00 M

**BRAZITO-HONEY CREEK LIONS CLUB
3220 ROUTE E, JEFFERSON CITY, MO, 65109**

BRUMLEY

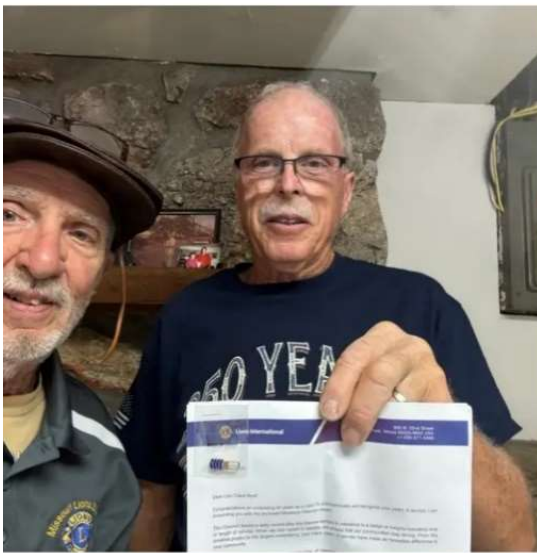


Bruce Berger

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At the Brumley Lions Club, I presented Lion Claud Byrd with a chevron award for 40 years of service to Lions. The Brumley club takes the Lions motto "We Serve," quite literally. Every month (except some winter months) on the 3rd Saturday from 4:00 - 7:00 they serve a ham and bean supper to the community.



CHAMOIS

The Chamois Lions Club met for their regular monthly meeting on Monday evening, August 10, 2026 at the Chamois Community Center. Nineteen Lions and one visitor, Misty Hilkerbaumer, were present for the dinner and business meeting.

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 dinner of spaghetti and meat sauce, green beans, veggie tray, mixed fruit, garlic bread, and white cake and chocolate éclair cake for dessert.

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 July 13, 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 in the absence of Lion Building Co-Chairperson Randy Thoenen Lion Steve Duncan presented the Community Center financial report. The Chamois Lions voted to approve both financial reports.

Lion Building Co-Chairperson Dale Hackmann and Lion Lana Hackmann reported on several planned maintenance projects at the Community Center. Lions Lana Hackmann, Debbie Mehmert, and

Stacey Lauderback plan to clean out the kitchen cabinets and clean out and rearrange the storeroom on Tuesday, August 11, 2026. Whenever cooler weather arrives, there are plans to paint the west exterior wall of the Community Center. Lion Randy Thoenen plans to have a work-day to check the south side of the roof and tighten any loose screws there. To further seal the screws, Lion Dale Hackmann suggested daubing flex steel on the screw heads.

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 met for a work session on July 20, 2026 with a continued focus on the development of a Business & Services Directory with hopes to have this directory complete by Chamois Day. Lion Susan Sundermeyer, who is a board member of the Chamois Historic Preservation Commission (CHPC), reported that the CHPC is finalizing plans for Chamois Day and will again have the Townley House open, will serve honey ice cream, will feature as entertainment the Rost Family Singers, will display 24 Memorial American flags in celebration of the 250th anniversary of the United States, and will have for sale three books. The books include the "History of Chamois" by George Kishmar, "Farmhouses Before the Great Flood of 1993" by Susan Sundermeyer, and a new Susan Sundermeyer book "A Great Memorial Day/Jerry Berry Day Service". Lion Meghan Birmingham, who is the City Clerk, reported on City of Chamois activities. Lion Birmingham thanked all those involved in hosting MR340 Race participants



and serving food and drink as race participants camped at the Chamois City Park campground on Wednesday evening, July 22, 2026. In particular, Lion Birmingham thanked Mayor Shawn Mitchem and Lion Michael Edwards for their efforts in welcoming visitors to Chamois. Lion Birmingham also reported that the damaged section of the ballpark grandstand has been rebuilt. Lion Sean Hackmann, who is a member of the Chamois Fire Department, reported that the Fire Department recently sent some firefighters to a school bus accident extraction training class and those firefighters will then share that training with the rest of the Fire Department members. The Fire Department plans to be involved with Chamois Day activities to include a Fire Department battle with the Morrison Fire Department, the operation of a food stand at the City Park that will serve BBQ and pork rinds, a rubber duck race, and an open house at the fire house that will have a display of the names of all former Fire Department volunteers. Lions Kormann, Sundermeyer, and Steve Duncan, who are members of the Osage County Agritourism Council, reported on upcoming events to include a Taste of Osage County on September 12, 2026, the Farm-to-Table Dinner on September 26, 2026, the Christmas Church/Cookie Tour on December 11, 2026, and the Farm Expo on March 20, 2027.

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

Some discussion focused on five 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, efforts continue to find a contractor to work on the Old Bandstand and Lion Susan Sundermeyer reported that she recently attended a Chamois City Council meeting on July 22, 2026 to discuss the Old Bandstand restoration project and will meet again with the City Council in late August. Third, with efforts to better secure the Internet router located in the Community Center still under review, Lion Mark Mehmert suggested that the router could be located near a window in the storeroom and a repeater added to boost the signal. Fourth, 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. 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, Lions Dawna Keilholz, Nelson Sieg, and Beth Sieg reported that the twelve new 60-inch round tables for the Community Center have been received and that the older tables will be offered for sale.

Brief discussion focused on the Chamois Lions Community Breakfast to be held on Saturday, August 22, 2026 from 7:30 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. The breakfast will feature pancakes and sausage, biscuits and gravy, coffee, juice, and milk. While the breakfast is free, a free-will offering will be accepted as a donation with any proceeds used to help pay for the Community Center improvements of the big-screen TV and new tables and for any possible City Park improvements.

The annual Chamois Day city-wide clean-up day was discussed in detail. The Chamois Community in Action group (CIA) hopes to have a clean-up day on Saturday, September 12, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. with local volunteers and volunteers from Linn First Church involved. Chamois Lions were encouraged to assist on this day.

To conclude old business, discussion focused on the CIDC's "Back-to-School Supplies" Program. Lions were encouraged to make individual donations to this important program. Donations may be mailed to Lion Susan Sundermeyer at 207 East Third Street, Chamois, MO 65024.

Five items of new business were introduced and discussed.

Lion Steve Duncan provided a detailed report on the Lions District 26-M7 Cabinet meeting that was held at the Holts Summit Lions Club on Saturday, August 1, 2026. Highlights of the meeting included a report by District Governor Lion Bruce Berger on the Lions International Convention that was held in Hong Kong on July 1-7, 2026. New Lions International President Lion Mark Lyon's theme for the 2026-2027 Lions year is "Rooted in

Service” and Lion Lyon has set forth four priorities—1) Get back to our roots by focusing on meaningful service, 2) Plant seeds of growth by inviting new members, 3) Let leadership shine by advocating for others, and 4) Support LCIF and let it support you. District Governor Lion Berger, First Vice District Governor Lion April Underwood, and Second Vice District Governor Robb Young all offered comments to include Lion Berger setting forth his theme for the year, “Serving the Heart of Missouri”.

Lion Duncan next reported that he had filed the 2026 Annual Registration Report with the Missouri Secretary of State for the Chamois Lions Club. This is a required filing for all Missouri corporations. The Chamois Lions Club is a non-for-profit corporation.

Lions Susan Sundermeyer and Steve Duncan presented a request from Mary Ann Gelven of the Osage County Agritourism Council (OCAC) to use the Chamois Community Center on June 3, 2027 to host a bus tour. The “Are We There Yet Tours” group from St. Louis has plans to offer a “Osage County Rivers & Rail Towns of the Past” tour through Osage County with stops in Chamois and Bonnots Mill. The tour stop in Chamois will allow participants to view the beautiful Chamois City Park and the incredible view of the Missouri River and to enjoy Lion Susan Sundermeyer’s display of farmhouses in the Missouri River Bottom prior to the 1993 flood. In addition, tour participants will enjoy a catered lunch in the Chamois Community Center. The Chamois Lions voted unanimously to make available the Chamois Community Center for this opportunity to bring visitors to Chamois.

Brief discussion focused on storage issues at the Community Center. Trash cans for Chamois Day are stored in the storage room and take up much space. There is a need to find a better location to store these trash cans.

Brief discussion also focused on the need for a sound system at the Chamois Community Center as it is sometimes difficult to hear discussion during Lions Club meetings and other community meetings. The Lions Club does have the portable sound system that was used during the bingo fundraiser still available and this system will be tested to see if it solves the need.

Following the discussion on new business items, two items of correspondence were shared by Lion Secretary Beth Sieg. The Chamois Lions Club received a letter and a Membership Satisfaction Award patch from Lions Clubs International (LCI) for the Chamois Lions Club banner as a result of another successful Lions year and growth in membership. A thank-you letter was received from the Chamois Historic Preservation Commission (CHPC) for use of the Chamois Community Center for their recent Spring Fling.

Two announcements were made. There is still a need for many volunteers for Chamois Day, which is scheduled for Saturday, September 19, 2026. This is a community-wide celebration that requires many volunteers for set-up, selling raffle tickets, working at the various activities, and clean-up at the end of the day. All Lions and all community members are urged to volunteer for at least a few hours. Rhonda Mitchem has a volunteer sign-up sheet so please contact her. The Friends of Chamois Cemeteries will host a Cemetery Walk on Saturday, October 3, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. Six families will be featured during this event.

August birthday wishes were extended to Lions Mercedes Durham, Mark Mehmert, and Scott Mertz. Prayer concerns were expressed for several community members to include Lion Connie Smith.

To conclude the meeting on a humorous note, Lion Steve Duncan shared two jokes entitled “The Con Man and the Thief” and “The Atheist and the Loch Ness Monster” that were provided by Lion Duane Paulsmeyer.

The next meeting of the Chamois Lions Club will be on Monday, September 14, 2026 at the Chamois Community Center. Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. with the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

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.

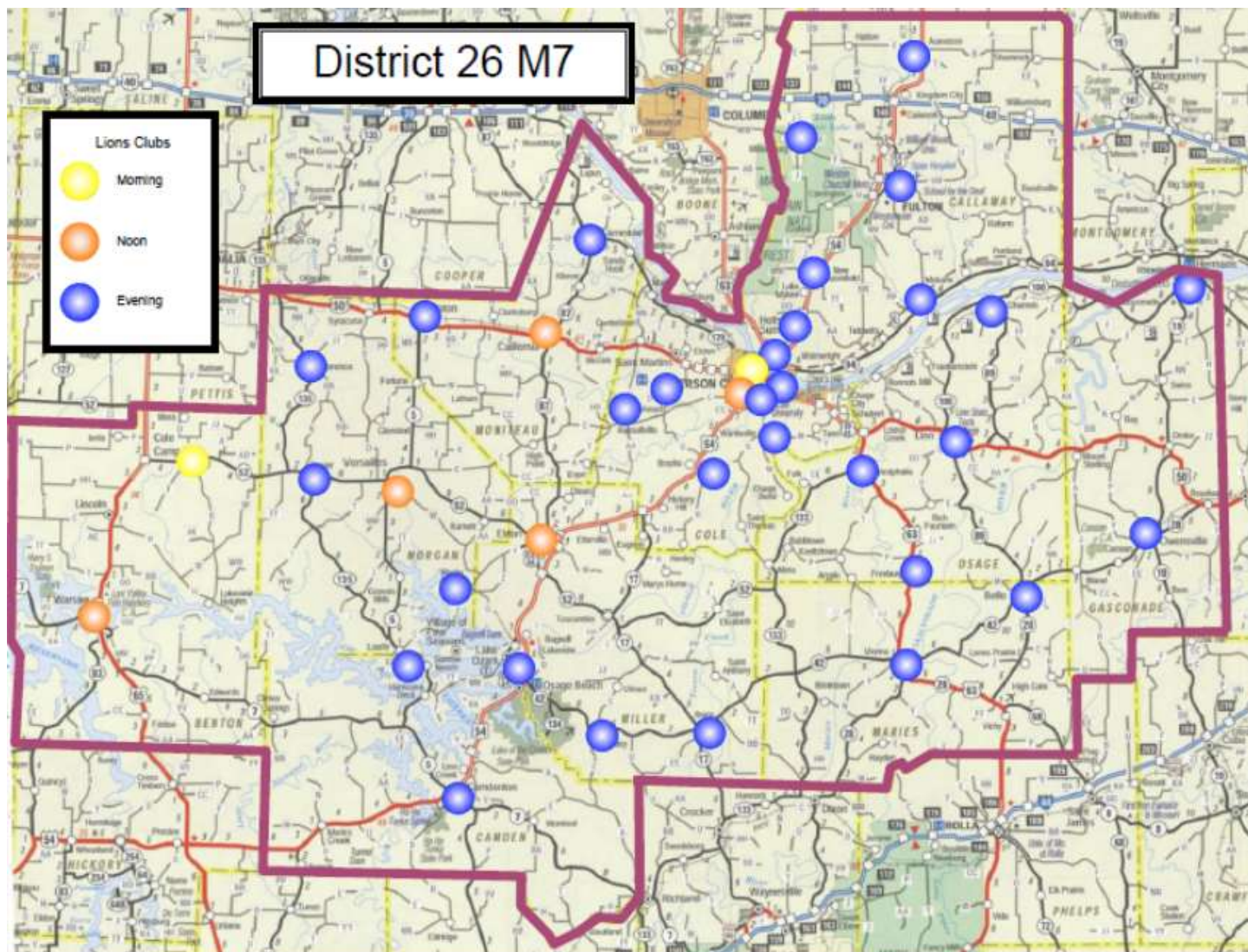


ATTENTION: EYEGLASS RECYCLING

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	