



**District 26-M7**  
**The Heart of**  
**Missouri Lions**

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**JULY 2025**

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## Message from DG Foglesong

First, I would like to share my deep gratitude to IPDG Missy Andersen for a great year of service and focus for our 26M7 district growth and development that she helped to foster during her tenure. As I look at the year that is ahead it is my hope to lead through our district passion toward service and to work toward advancing the mission 1.5 initiative of growing our membership and supporting our local clubs.

If you need help with a project of service or fundraiser activity please contact one of your 26M7 cabinet members and we will gladly assist your club efforts. We would love to assist with any officer and membership inductions or awards ceremonies that you would like to have us present to celebrate with you.

I am in search of members who have a passion for the following committees

1. Athletic
2. Constitution and By-Laws
3. Convention
4. LCIF
5. Music
6. Sight
7. Youth

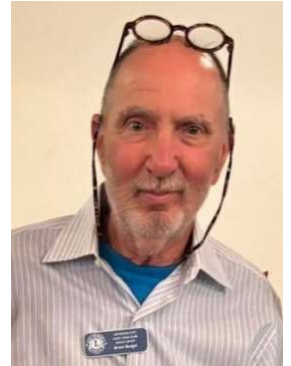
If you are interested and/or if you know of someone that fits one of these committees call, text, or email me at 573.680.4170 or at [revdocfoglesong@gmail.com](mailto:revdocfoglesong@gmail.com) . We are lions who love service let's "Make Our Mark" this year by growing and reporting what we do best!

## Let's Grow! Mission 1.5 in Action

### 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor Bruce Berger

As we begin a new Lions year, we're entering the final phase of **Mission 1.5**—a global push to reach **1.5 million members by June 30, 2026**. But real progress starts right here in our district.

With help from our **Global Membership Team (GMT)** and **Global Extension Team (GET)**, we're working to recruit **93 members** and **start at least one new club** this year. In June, our GMT and GET leaders attended a Mission 1.5 Summit in Las Vegas, returning with fresh ideas and a clear action plan.



Even before the new Lions year, we've been seeing hope:

- A successful info meeting, in **Camdenton**, arranged by 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG April Underwood sparked strong community interest.
- In **Fulton**, outreach is gaining momentum.
- We're exploring a **"Join Together Club"** with a local nonprofit—an exciting new model for service.

Every new member strengthens our impact. Every new club brings hope to a community. Let's grow together—and show the world the power of Lions!

**2VDG April Underwood is spearheading meetings to form a new Camden County Lions Club. First meeting was held June 24, 2025.**





# CAPITAL LIONS

The Jefferson City Capital Lions Club is making these playing card holders and selling them for \$10 each as a fundraiser.

Lion Brenda Weider

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**ORLANDO** **2025**  
107th LIONS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

**LIONS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION**

**Orlando, Florida. July 13-17, 2025.**

[https://lionscon.lionsclubs.org/?utm\\_source=Eloqua&utm\\_campaign=CON\\_EN\\_LionsConOrlandoPromo2\\_1564608773&utm\\_medium=email](https://lionscon.lionsclubs.org/?utm_source=Eloqua&utm_campaign=CON_EN_LionsConOrlandoPromo2_1564608773&utm_medium=email)

## HERMANN

The Hermann Lions Club held their monthly meeting tonight and we had two new members join the club.

Pictured is sponsor of the new members, Lion Dale Maune, new member Lion Kristan Wilson, new member Lion Steve Lenger, Lion DeAnn Els, Tail Twister and installing officer at tonight's meeting, and the President of the Hermann Lions Club, Lion Paula Pierce.

Welcome to the Hermann Lions Club Lion Kristan and Lion Steve.

If you would like to join the Hermann Lions Club just get ahold of any current member.



## MOKANE



# MOKANE LIONS CLUB

## 76<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL WORLD'S FAIR

AUG 2025

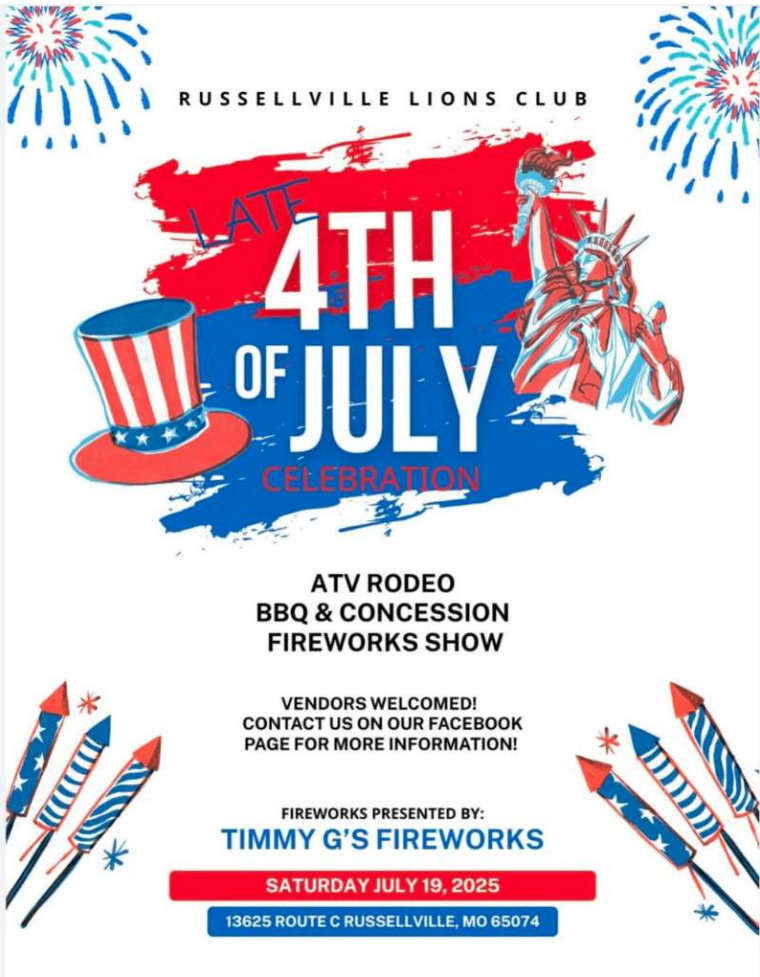
START TIMES OF INDIVIDUAL EVENTS TO  
BE ANNOUNCED AT A LATER DATE

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

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# RUSSELLVILLE



# AUXVASSE



**LouAnn Peters Hathcock**

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Fun evening spent with the Auxvasse Lions club I was honored to install officers and induct two new members into the club. The installation was a construction team theme. And we have PID Donal wearing his construction helmet proudly and ready to start the new Lions year.





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# Lohman Lions Club

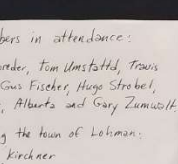




The Lohman Lions Club  
erects a flag pole in  
Lohman.

Project idea - Ray Lister

November 13, 2010

Dedication of the flag  
By Gustav Fischer, Jr

The flag was raised by  
Tom Umstotff • Cleto Heindbroder



Lion members in attendance:  
Cleto Heindbroder, Tom Umstotff, Travis  
Zunswelt, Gus Fischer, Hugo Strobel,  
Ray Lister, Alberto and Gary Zunswelt.

Representing the town of Lohman:  
Tom Kirchner

*Aug. 1, 1974*

# New Lions Club in Lohman

The first official meeting of the Lohman Lions Club was held March 11 at the Community Building. Those credited for forming the club are Harold Remley and Brad Bradshaw of the Jefferson City Evening Lions, H. George Gretlein, Jr., past president of Honeycreek-Brazil Lions, and Elmer Bax, current president of the Honeycreek-Brazil Lions.

Charter night for the new club was held May 11. The men report an excellent turnout marked a good start for the Lohman Lions. Composed of twenty members at present, the Lohman Lions hope to increase their membership as the club progresses.

**Officers**

Raymond Lister,	President,
Robert L. Bryant,	Secretary,
Walter Zimmerman,	Treasurer,
president, David Van Loo;	1st vice
president, Artvin, Ehrhardt;	2nd vice
president, Ralph C. Kirchner;	3rd
Tail Twister, Cletus Heidmeyer,	
Larry Jungmeyer,	
The directors are Freddie	
Fischer, Roy Weba,	
Muehler, and Emil E. Fischer.	

Other men belonging to the club include Emmett Dawson, Gustav Fischer, Cletus Heidmeyer, Don Loethen, Greg Moller, Jackie A. Stewart, Hugo Strobel, Gary formerly belonged to the Jamestown Lions Club. One of the primary goals of the new club is to provide a park for the community. A fish fry is planned for Aug. 4, with proceeds to be used for this purpose.



# JC EVENING



Missy Anderson

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Honored to be installing officers and witness 2 Melvin Jones presentations this evening! The Jefferson City Evening Lions Club welcomed 5 new members this Lions year! ROAR! 🦁 #WeServe





# ELDON

Eldon Lions volunteered at the Camp Wonderland Carnival.



Charles J. Miller had a dream. It all started in the summer of 1969 during a conversation with the Executive Director of the Woodhaven Learning Center, a school for children with disabilities in Columbia, Missouri.

His dream was of a residential summer camp on property he and his brother-in-law, Harry Brown, owned, located on the Lake of the Ozarks, a camp for everyone whatever their ability level. Their goal was to create a place for people and campers with disabilities to experience the exhilaration of outdoor play. A camp designed to match their special medical needs and provide them with the maximum safety with freedom to enjoy nature.

Meetings and discussions with concerned groups including the Missouri State Division of Mental Health, United Cerebral Palsy of Missouri, and Woodhaven Learning Center, led to a meeting with the Missouri Jaycees Executive Committee.

Mr. Miller told the Jaycees of his dream, and on May 17, 1970, the Missouri Jaycees voted to adopt the camp project. Mr. Miller and Mr. Brown donated their land; 35 undeveloped acres adjoining the Lake of the Ozarks with an additional 200 acres for nature trails and out camping.



They named it Wonderland Camp and it was incorporated as a not-for-profit foundation by the State of Missouri.

Jaycee chapters throughout the state came forward to contribute. The Kansas City Jaycees provided the professional architectural and planning services. The Southern Platte Chapter took on half the cost and labor involved in the installation of a well and pump. And Missouri Jaycee Chapters throughout the state gave liberally of their labor to build the facilities.

Although only a few buildings were completed, the camp was functionally sound and usable enough to welcome its first campers in the spring of 1972. By the August closing date, 157 children and 83 counselors and staff had used and thoroughly enjoyed the new Wonderland Camp.

Since the first small start, construction has gone forward. Facilities have been expanded to provide an outdoor camping experience for over 1,000 campers each summer. The camp is still growing. [Click here to take a visual tour of the facilities at Wonderland Camp.](#)

## Eldon Lions Induction of Officers

Pictured are Ed Bierbower (PDG) Linda Bierbower (3rd VP) Chuck Saak (Treas) Bill Fogelsong (DG) Lisa Fogelsong (sec) April Underwood ( District 2nd VP) Jason McGrey ( 1st VP) Twyla Limbauch ( Pres) Polly Scott ( Lion tamer



Mike Claton with sponsor Robb Young, and Phyllis Thorson with sponsor Linda Bierbower.



# CHAMOIS

## Chamois Lions Club News

The Chamois Lions Club met for their regular monthly meeting on Monday evening, June 9, 2025 at the Chamois Community Center. Sixteen Lions and one potential new member, Melinda Kirsch, were present for the dinner and business meeting.

Prior to the dinner, Lion Third Vice President Randy Thoenen led the Chamois Lions in the Pledge of Allegiance and Lion Sabra Paulsmeyer offered the table prayer. The Ladies of St. Mary's Catholic Church served the traditional June meeting salad supper with a variety of salads, fruit cocktail, and cake for dessert.

Following the dinner and prior to the business meeting, Lion Third Vice President Thoenen called on Lion Steve Duncan to induct a new member, Melinda Kirsch, into the Chamois Lions Club. Lion Duncan briefly explained the history of Lions Clubs International (LCI) and described the primary service projects of LCI, the State of Missouri Lions, Lions District 26-M7, and the Chamois Lions Club. Lion Duncan then conducted a brief induction ceremony and presented Lion Kirsch with a membership packet to include the Lions lapel pin. Lion Kirsch was sponsored by Lion Duncan.

In the absence of Lion President Robin Lieneke, Lion Third Vice President Thoenen presided at the business meeting and requested that the meeting agenda be approved. With no objections voiced, the agenda was approved. Copies of the minutes of the May 12, 2025 meeting had previously been distributed electronically by Lion Secretary Beth Sieg and paper copies were available for those Lions who prefer paper. With no objection voiced, Lion Third Vice President Thoenen declared the minutes approved. Lion Treasurer Nelson Sieg presented a detailed written financial report for the Chamois Lions general account and Building Co-Chairperson Lion Randy Thoenen presented a detailed written financial report for the Community Center.

Lion Third Vice President Thoenen called on Chamois Lions Club liaisons to other Chamois and Morrison civic groups for reports on the activities of those groups. Lion Melissa Arlen, who is the Mayor of the City of Morrison, was absent and there is no Lion who is a member of the City of Chamois government so there were no reports for those organizations. Lion Susan Sundermeyer, who is a member of the Chamois Historic Preservation Commission (CHPC), was present but had no new news to report. Lion Jeff Kormann next reported on behalf of the Chamois Industrial Development Corporation (CIDC). The CIDC met on May 21, 2025 and voted to sell the old Lucy's Bar/Stonner's Meat Market building on Main Street. The CIDC also discussed the need for the development of single family housing in Chamois. The next meeting of the CIDC will be in early August 2025 and Lions were encouraged to attend as the CIDC is focused on economic development and the revitalization of downtown. The meeting location and a tentative agenda for the meeting will be communicated. Lions Scott Mertz and Sean Hackmann, who are members of the Chamois Fire Department, reported that there were two calls during the past month. Lions Mertz and Hackmann then presented two options for a Fire Department fundraiser with one of the options to be for the Chamois Lions Club to host a fundraiser on behalf of and for the benefit of the Fire Department. Much discussion ensued. Tentative plans are for a food and fun games event to be held on July 19, 2025. The Chamois Lions voted unanimously to pursue this important fundraiser and to work with the Fire Department. Lions Steve Duncan, Jeff Kormann, and Susan Sundermeyer, who are members of the Osage County Agritourism Council (OCAC), reported on upcoming events for that organization. A Taste of Osage County will be held on Saturday, September 13, 2025, the Farm to Table Dinner will be held on Saturday, September 27, 2025, and the Christmas Church Cookie Tour will be held on Friday, December 12, 2025.

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

Lion Third Vice President Thoenen addressed the issue of City Park repair projects and called on other Lions to report on the status of repairs. Lion Steve Duncan reported that contractors are soon to begin repairs on the ballpark to include the replacement of a light pole, repairs to the lights, and repairs to a damaged fence. In regards to the proposed rebuild of the second story of the Old Bandstand and to remodel the lower level, Lions



Susan Sundermeyer and Jeff Kormann reported that efforts continue to develop a construction plan, to find a building contractor, and to raise funds.

Due to the absence of Lion Mark Mehmert, there was nothing new to report on the project to install wi-fi in the Chamois Community Center. After some delay, Lion Mehmert will coordinate with the vendor T-Mobile to complete this project.

Some discussion focused on a proposed community dinner. This dinner would be an opportunity for the Chamois Lions Club to give back to the community and to share information about Lions Club and Lions community projects. Tentative plans are to hold a free community dinner on October 31, 2025 in conjunction with the Halloween Truck or Treat festivities held on Main Street. This dinner would probably include hot dogs, chili, and desserts. The committee working on this event includes Lions Robin Lieneke, Beth Sieg, Michael Edwards, Steve Cramer, Scott Mertz, and Sean Hackmann.

Two items of new business were presented and discussed.

Lions Jeff Kormann, Duane Paulsmeyer, and Steve Duncan reported on the latest Food Box Distribution event held in Chamois on Friday, May 30, 2025. In cooperation with Central Missouri Community Action, 150 boxes of produce were distributed to residents of Chamois, Morrison, and Gasconade. The boxes contained a nice variety of vegetable produce items along with one pound of ground sausage.

The Chamois Lions Club Scholarship Committee reported that the \$500.00 E. E. Turner Scholarship was awarded to Landen Northway and the \$500.00 Chamois Lions Club Scholarship was awarded to Bill Kirsch at the recent Osage County R-1 High School graduation ceremony held on May 23, 2025. Scholarship Committee members include Lions Susan Sundermeyer, Nelson Sieg, Lana Hackmann, and Randy Thoenen.


Following the completion of all new business, Lion Secretary Sieg shared one item of correspondence, a thank-you letter from Bill Kirsch, recipient of the Chamois Lions Club Scholarship.

With no other business to be addressed, the usual practice of extending birthday wishes was a non-event as there were no Lions' birthdays in June. Prayer concerns were expressed for those community members who have health issues to include Lions Mark Lieneke and Michael Edwards.

To conclude the meeting on a humorous note, Lion Steve Duncan shared several "Capsule Sermons" provided by Lion Duane Paulsmeyer. Two such thoughts included "Middle age is later than you think and sooner than you expect" and "Gossip is when you hear something that you like about someone you don't".

The next meeting of the Chamois Lions Club will be on Monday, July 14, 2025 at the Chamois Community Center. Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. with the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

## JC HOST



MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY 7.15.2025  
115 LAFAYETTE ST. 2:00 PM  
STREET PARKING AVAILABLE

*Mark Schreiber: MSP Historian*

Please join us for a ceremony to honor the work of former MSP  
Deputy Warden of Operations and historian  
Mark Schreiber.



## JC Host Lions 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Blowout

Reported by Lions Bruce Berger

The Jefferson City Host Lions celebrated a century of service from June 12-14, 2025. Our guests were Past International President Brian, and Lion Lori Sheehan. As a bonus, Lion Lori's parents were able to join us.

When our guests arrived, Lion Lyle Rosburg arranged for a nice comfy ride in a vehicle provided by Millard Family Chapels. Don't worry, it wasn't a hearse. We went to

Deborah Cooper Park on Adrian's Island to visit our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary gift of a flower garden to the community. We also saw other wonders of this great park. After that, we toured several locations around town which were influenced by our club.

Following the tour of the city, we went to Runge Conservation Nature Center. Fun fact: Of the 70 volunteers at Runge, seven are members of Lions clubs. Anyway, we introduced the group to archery, led by some of our Lions/Runge volunteers, and soon learned that there was a rivalry between the Past International President and his wife. They both learned quickly, and the competition ended in a draw.

On Friday, we started off with a tour of the old Missouri Penitentiary. This was led by our own Lion Mark Schreiber, who had spent over 30 years there. No, he wasn't an inmate. Having the chance to sit in the gas chamber was one of the many highlights of this tour. While it rained most of the time, we were mostly indoors. Our guests, who have visited 92 countries, and have been given many tours of historic sites, said this was the best one of all. Quite a compliment!



We enjoyed a nice lunch hosted by one of our Lions at Central Bank. Keeping with the "Central" theme, we then had ice cream at Central Dairy.

That evening, there was a reception with our guests at Canterbury Hill Winery in Holts Summit. We were presented with a proclamation by State Senator Mike Bernskoetter. This was one of many proclamations received over the weekend. Lions from throughout the state



attended the reception. Past District Governor Jessi Troester provided background music on bagpipes.





Saturday was the big day. It started with a tour of the State Capitol, led by our own Lion Jeanne Schwaller. We learned a lot of history and were fortunate enough to see the famous Thomas Hart Benton murals.

After lunch at Prison Brews, we put our guests to work at the Show Me Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center. After all, we are a service organization. So, we sorted, cleaned, and read the lenses of glasses.



Finally, it was time for the grand celebration.

Over a hundred people were in attendance, which is fitting for a 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Lion Charlie Lindquist, our 100<sup>th</sup> president gave some brief remarks, and Lion Lyle Rosburg was our emcee.



After a great dinner, Past International President Brian gave a rousing presentation, talking about what Lions mean to the world, and how we need to get more Lions in order to provide more service. One of our club members remarked the presentation reminded him of revival meetings he went to as a child. Well, we all did feel revived afterwards, so it must have worked!

And then, it was all over. After more than two years of planning, the weekend went by way too fast. Now, it's time to start planning for the 200<sup>th</sup>!

*Submit your event or article to Lyle at [lrosburg@hotmail.com](mailto:lrosburg@hotmail.com) for inclusion in the next District Newsletter.*



In 1917, Melvin Jones, a 38-year-old Chicago business leader, told members of his local business club they should reach beyond business issues and address the betterment of their communities and the world. Jones' group, the Business Circle of Chicago, agreed.

After contacting similar groups around the United States, an organizational meeting was held on June 7, 1917, in Chicago, Illinois, USA. The only point of

contention was the selection of a name for the new organization. Melvin Jones researched the idea of calling the new organization Lions. He was convinced that the lion stood for strength, courage, fidelity and vital action. On a secret ballot the name Lions was chosen over several others.

The new group took the name of one of the invited groups, the "Association of Lions Clubs," and thus began the rich tradition of service that Lions Clubs are known for around the world.

# 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](mailto:donsoph@hotmail.com) or Lou Ann Hathcock, PDG, 573-338-4687 or email [balloonsisters@aol.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:donsoph@hotmail.com) or Lou Ann Hathcock, PDG, 573-338-4687 or email [balloonsisters@aol.com](mailto:balloonsisters@aol.com).*

## How To Sort Used Eyeglasses For the Jeff City Eyeglass Recycle Center

Scrap Metal – metal frames that are broken

New/Demo – Comes from a eyeglass store; may have tags

Special Frames – May have side protectors on frame

No Markings –

Pediatric – Kids glasses

Readers – look on ear pieces(temple) for + sign

Non-RX Sunglasses -

RX Sunglasses -

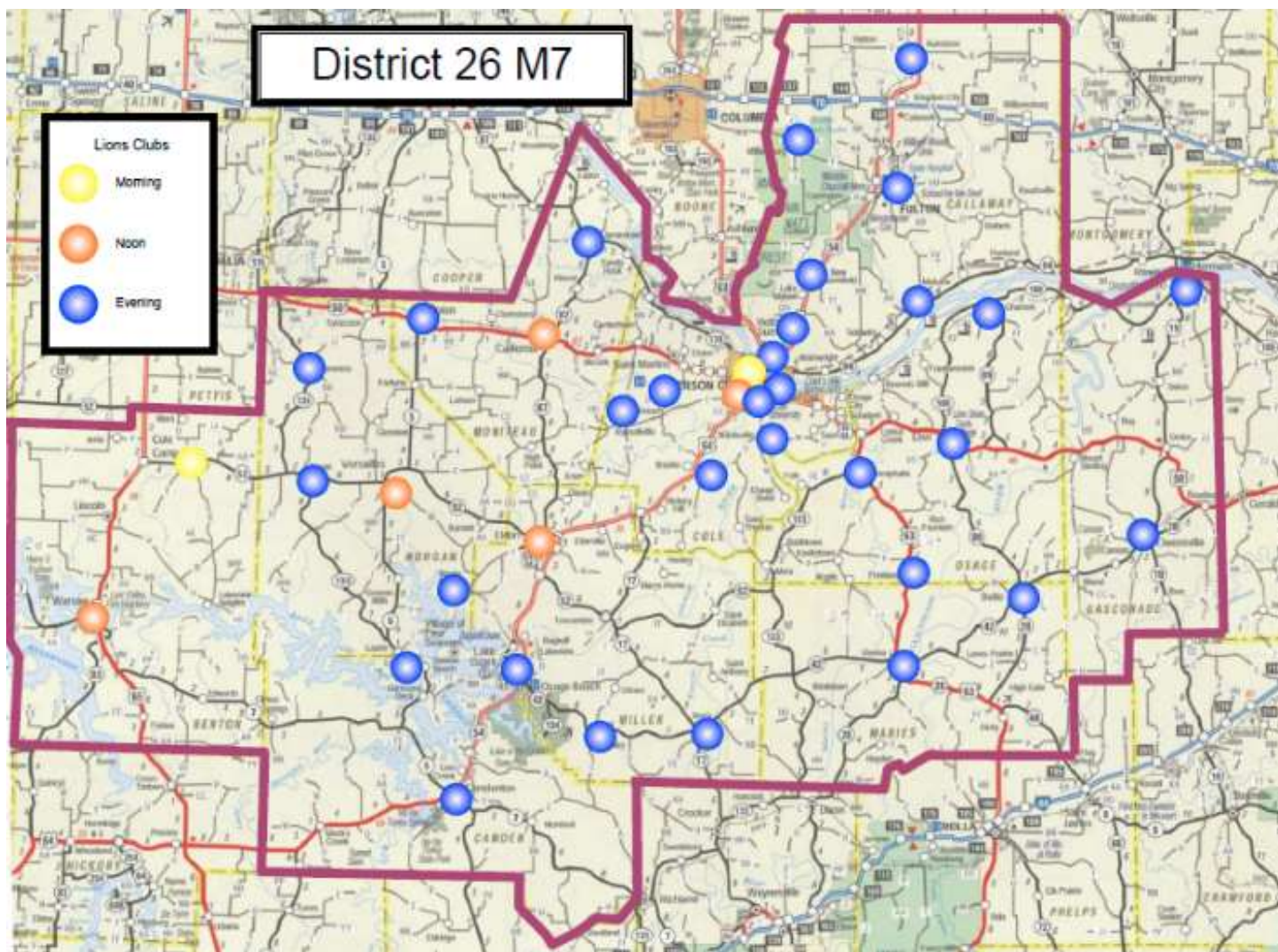
**Other Frames – Most prescription eyeglasses will go here**

Gold Plated – old thin frames

Broken Plastic Frames – Throw Away

Eyeglass Cases – See if a resale center will take them or throw away.





ZONE 1	ZONE 2	ZONE 3
California	Brumley	Belle
	Camdenton	<a href="#">Chamois</a>
Florence	<a href="#">Eldon</a>	Freeburg
Jamestown		<a href="#">Hermann</a>
	Iberia	Linn
	Lake Ozark	<a href="#">Owensville</a>
Versailles	Rocky Mount	Vienna
Warsaw		<a href="#">Westphalia</a>

ZONE 4	ZONE 5
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<a href="#">Jefferson City Breakfast</a>	
Jefferson City Capital	
Jefferson City Evening	Holts Summit
<a href="#">Jefferson City Host</a>	Millersburg
Lohman	<a href="#">Mokane</a>
Russellville	New Bloomfield
<a href="#">Wardsville</a>	