



District 26-M7
The Heart of
Missouri Lions

Between the Lions



JUNE 2026

**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.





CLUB OFFICER TRAINING



District Administrator
Lion Dakota Jones



M7 Global Leadership
Lion Missy Anderson, PDG

Join us for Club leadership training and workshops designed to make club management EASY!

JUNE 13, 2026

9:00 AM - 12 PM

FREE

HOLTS SUMMIT LIONS CLUB
116 E HILLCREST AVE
HOLTS SUMMIT, MO 65043

Benefit for Debbie Cantrell,
Missouri Lions International Director.



Fish Fry

BUY NOW

Online Auction



**Live Band
Dixie Hix**



Silent Auction



Fellowship

TOGETHER we *RISE* for *Debbie*

BENEFIT & FISH FRY
with the Dixie Hix Band
Online & Silent Auction

**SATURDAY
AUGUST 1, 2026**
Proceeds to
DEBBIE CANTRELL
Ovarian Cancer Journey

**STARTS AT
11 AM**
AT THE
MARSHFIELD
MISSOURI
COMMUNITY
CENTER

**JOIN US.
SUPPORT.
MAKE A
DIFFERENCE**

STRONGER TOGETHER. FIGHTING TOGETHER. HOPE TOGETHER.
♥ *we rise with Debbie* ♥

Great Food Great Music Great Cause



Getting Ready for the New Lions Year

Bruce Berger – District Governor Elect

As we bring this Lions year to a close, we want to extend our sincere gratitude to District Governor Bill Foglesong for his outstanding leadership. DG Bill stepped up and guided our district through a successful year—one marked by stronger clubs, growing membership, and meaningful service throughout our communities. Thank you, DG Bill, for your dedication and commitment to Lionism.

Now it's time to prepare for the upcoming Lions year.

All clubs are encouraged to review their membership rosters and update the Lions Portal to ensure all information is accurate and current. Please remember that Lions Clubs International will assess dues based on the number of members listed in the Portal as of July 1, so it's important to verify your records before then.

It is equally important to enter your club officers for the new Lions year into the Portal. Keeping this information updated helps Lions Clubs International and district leadership communicate quickly and effectively with the right members in each club.

If your club needs assistance entering or updating information, help is readily available. Our district administrator, Dakota Jones, is happy to assist and can be reached by phone at **573-418-5654** or by email at Dakota.jones2251@gmail.com.

Thank you for taking these important steps as we prepare for another year of service. Together, we can begin the new Lions year strong and continue making a difference in our communities.

26M7 Second Vice District Governor



Bloom Together – Grow Through Service.

26M7 First Vice District Governor Elect
Lion April Underwood
573-353-7943



ELDON

Pulled Pork Fundraiser.





Rebecca Doonan (Gateway Industries) was the guest speaker on May 5th updating us on all their current activities

Eldon Lions Club helped a student from Eldon High School with expenses to attend a National Convention for FCCLA. This is a picture of Twyla Limbach, Eldon President and the student and her teacher.



Eldon Lions Club presented 3 scholarships at Eldon High School Senior Award Assembly. Linda Bierbower\ represented our chapter at this assembly.



OWENSVILLE

Owensville Lions Clubs Invests \$175,000 To Expand Its Sports Complex

A partnership as the one between the Owensville Lions Club and the Owensville Chamber of Commerce works because each group brings something fundamentally different—and necessary—to the table. The Chamber focuses on economic development and long-term community growth, while the Lions Club is rooted in service, volunteerism, and hands-on project execution. When those strengths intersect, the result is something neither could achieve alone.

The Chamber's decision to contribute 26 acres within its industrial park wasn't just a land donation—it was a strategic investment in quality of life. By enabling the creation of the Owensville Lions Sports Complex, the Chamber helped transform underutilized space into a community asset that attracts families, events, and regional visitors. That kind of development supports local businesses, strengthens community identity, and makes Owensville more appealing to both residents, relocating business entities and future home owners.

On the flip side of the pancake, Lions Clubs throughout the world recognized a need and find a method to eliminate it. Their ability to mobilize volunteers, secure partnerships, and oversee development ensured the land became something vibrant and sustainable rather than just a plan on paper. By partnering with the Owensville Athletic Association to operate the facility and build programming, they added another critical layer—ongoing use and engagement. Facilities don't create impact on their own; organized activity does.

What makes this partnership especially effective is how it compounds over time. Support from Pepsi-Cola through a community grant, along with contributions from local businesses, shows how visible success attracts further investment. As the complex evolved from two basic fields with dirt paths into a multi-field venue with expanded parking, signage, and improved access, it became a symbol of momentum. Each improvement signals to the community that collaboration works—and that progress is worth supporting.

The enrichment goes both ways. The Chamber gains a tangible success story which demonstrates its commitment to community development beyond commerce. The Owensville Lions Club gains a high-impact project that amplifies its mission and visibility. The Owensville Athletic Association gains a home to grow and consolidate its youth programs. And the broader community gains a shared space that fosters improved quality of life, recreation, exercise, connection and pride.

If necessity is the mother of invention, the Owensville Lions Club is the father of accomplishment. In the end, these kinds of partnerships don't just build a sports complex—it serves as a template which builds trust, alignment, and a stronger foundation for future collaboration and exhibits the Owensville Lions Club serves and shows "Where there is a need, there is a Lions Club!"





The expanded parking lot is full at The Owensville Lions Sports Complex.

The newly lighted fields are in use at The Owensville Lions Sports Complex.



The concession stand/equipment storage/bathrooms building is centrally located between the four fields at The Owensville Lions Sports Complex.





This is our only T-ball field, but all of them drain incredibly well. Owensville had 5 inches of rain ending Tuesday night and two days later the woman who preps the fields had them already to be used!

This is our pitching machine field- The Short Blankenship Field-named after the excavator who leveled the first two fields.



WARDSVILLE



LouAnn Peters Hathcock



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It was my honor to install the new officers for the Wardsville Lions Club tonight. I used a baseball theme and gave them a basket filled with a miniature bat with the lions logo, bag of cracker jacks, bag of sunflower seeds, bag of peanuts, and some big league chewing gum! Always a good time with Lions 😊



BRAZITO-HONEY CREEK



Brazito - Honey Creek Lions Club ► BHC Lions Club Fireworks Event

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It will be here before you know it! Tell your friends! Bring your family! Share... See more



Brazito-Honey Creek Lions Club

3220 Rte E, Jefferson City, MO 65101



is celebrating 250 years of America
by hosting our annual community event:

FIREWORKS

presented by **BAX FIREWORKS**

Saturday, July 11, 2026

FREE TO ENTER!

Gates open at 5:00 pm

Food Trucks, Vendors, and a DJ!

Playground, Bounce Houses, and a Dunk Tank

Community Hall will be open if you need to a break
from the heat, or just want to visit with friends and
neighbors.

Fireworks start at dark!



Out of respect for our neighbors. please **ONLY** mark on in designated areas

LOHMAN



Lohman Lions Club

BBQ

Sunday □ June 28th, 2026

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

Patriotic Worship Service - 9 am
St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church - on the hill

Lohman Community Center Open House - 10 am - 3 pm
Historical display of Millbrook, Stringtown & Lohman

Old historic Lohman Mill tours - 12 pm - 3 pm

Mid-Mo Old Car Club will host its annual Lohman Cruise-in
on Front St., from 10:30 am - 2:00 pm.

St. Paul's Church will be serving on Church grounds beginning at 6 pm:
Hot dogs, Nachos & cheese, chips, Root beer floats, Dessert, Soda & Water

Fireworks - 9 PM

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

Lohman Lions Club
City of Lohman
Xtreme Body & Paint
Farmers Bank of Lohman
Weber-Millard Funeral Home



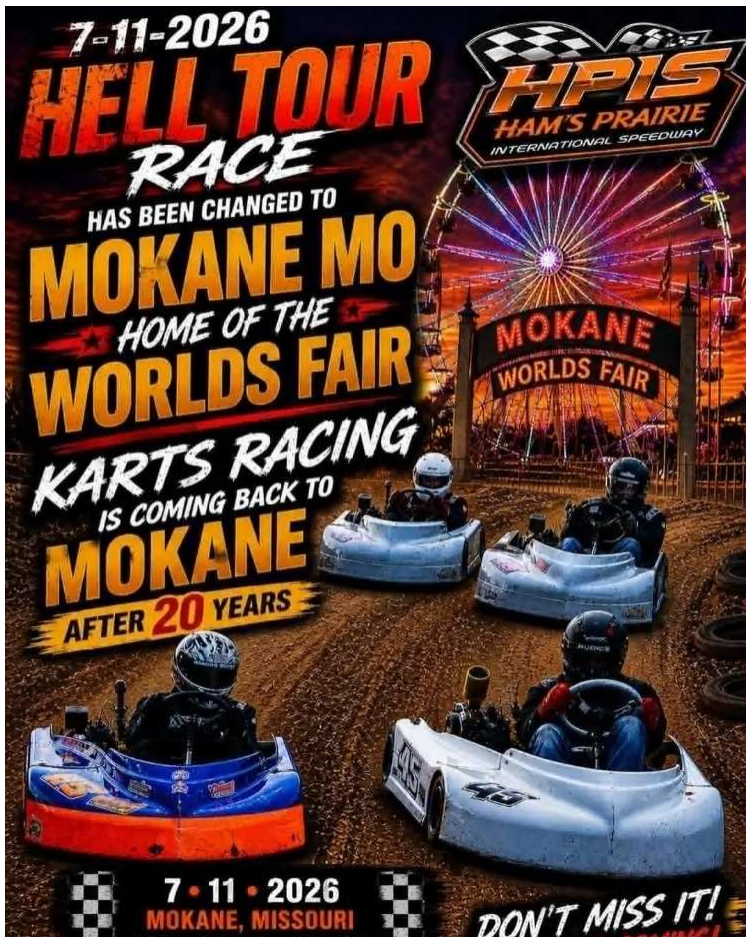
Not responsible for accidents

MOKANE

Fri, Sep 4 - Sep 6

2026 Mokane Lions Club World's Fair

301 East River Street, Mokane, MO



CALL FOR *Vendors*

Mokane Lions Club
World's Fair

September 4th-6th, 2026

Are you hoping to showcase your small business or talents? Reserve a vendor booth at the Mokane World's Fair today!

Spaces are limited, and anticipated to fill quickly. Lots starting at just \$75 for a 3 day event. Multiple lot sizes available.

Contact Theresa Spencer for more information:

573-220-0576

1967theresa@gmail.com



HERMANN

Thank you Hermann Lions for volunteering at the eyeglass recycling center this morning.



JEFFERSON CITY HOST



Going strong at 64

Lions Club holds annual peanut fundraiser

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The Jefferson City Host Lions Club was armed Friday with 1,500 pounds of peanuts and bright yellow vests.

The service club held its 64th annual Dusty Deskins Memorial Peanut Day. Members fanned out across the city to raise funds for local playground projects, vision-related initiatives and more.

Members stationed themselves at several different locations, including the Cole County Courthouse, Sam's Club and Gerbes, beginning at 6:30 a.m. They lined up volunteers to help all day or until supplies ran out, event chair Dennis Gragg said.

The club also parked its trailer at Ace Hardware, where members could go to restock their peanut supplies during the day, Gragg said.

"I want to thank our citizens for helping

to support this project," said Lions Club member Sam Bushman, the Cole County presiding commissioner. "This money is all given back to the community."

Deskins saw another Lions Club conduct a similar fundraiser and decided to try it in Jefferson City, said Bushman, who has been a member since 1979.

"He thought this would be a good project for us," Bushman said.

Slipped in each bag of peanuts was a flier of coupons, which included things like 10 percent off a purchase at The Salvation Army Thrift store, one free coffee at Dunn Bros Coffee and 5 percent off rental at U.S. Rents-It. There was also an entry slip that people could fill out for a chance to win two \$50 shopping sprees at either Hen House or Hy-Vee.

On previous Peanut Days, some prizes were even larger, Bushman said, adding that Don Riley of Riley Chevrolet, who was a member of the Lions Club, would select a used car to go to the winner of the entry form in the peanut packs.

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Julie Smith/News Tribune

Longtime Host Lions Club member Lyle Rosburg, right, sells bags of peanuts on Friday to, from left, Leah Thapa, Holly Jara and Dana Sego during Friday's annual Dusty Deskins Peanut Day. Sego lives here and her sisters were visiting from out of state and she was showing them around downtown before touring the site of the former Missouri State Penitentiary.

For the Lions year 2025-2026, 7,871 eyeglasses and 297 hearing aids were collected from the JC Host Lions' drop boxes for recycling. Lions Billy and Janice Bonnot worked 38.75 hours collecting and sorting these glasses and hearing aids. The collected eyeglasses are given to the MO Lions Eyeglass Center in North Jefferson City. Hearing aids and accessories are delivered to the Missouri School of the Deaf in Fulton.

Lion Billy has been collecting these eyeglasses since 2006 (20 years). The eyeglasses were originally delivered to Saving Sight in Columbia, MO. When the Columbia office was closed the MO Lions Recycled Eyeglasses facility was moved to Jefferson City and is completely administered by MO Lions. For many years Lion Nan Blakemore delivered the recycled hearing aids to the MO School of the Deaf. Many thanks to Lions Billy and Nan for their many years of service to the recycled eyeglasses and hearing aids program.

A few months ago, we added cardboard drop boxes (purchased from LCI) at the MO River Regional Library (children's area) and at Sam's Club Vision Care department. Attached is the spreadsheet for 2025-2026 Recycled Eyeglasses and Hearing Aids program.

Lion Janice Bonnot

Eyeglass and Hearing Aid Collection Boxes



Drop Box Locations

**Look for the Lions' yellow "mail box style"
drop boxes located at:**

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.)

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

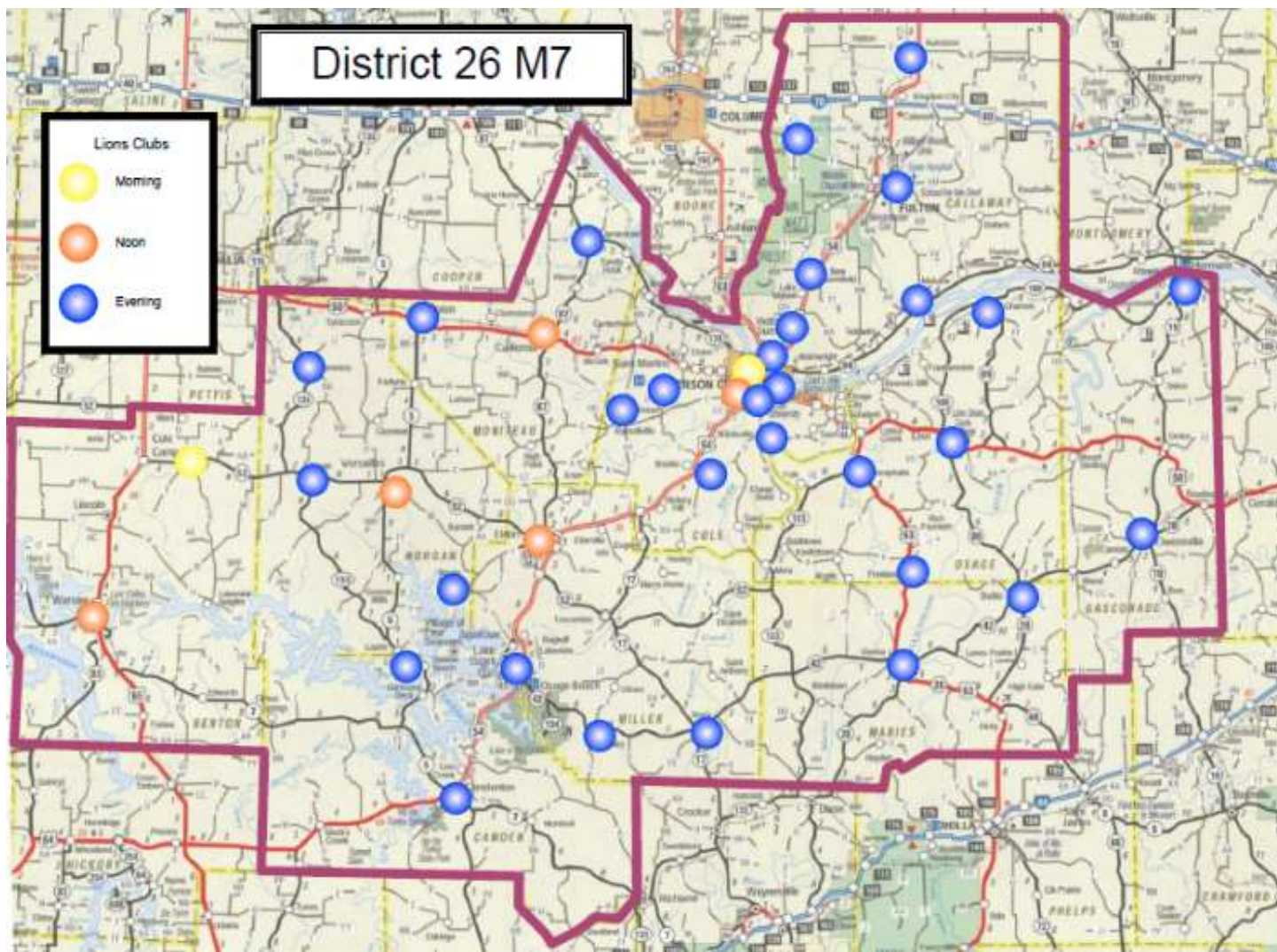
The STATE OFFICE IS NOT an eyeglass recycling drop-off location.

- 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.

**District Clubs
Meeting Days / Times**

Club	Days / Time
Auxvasse c	2 nd 4 th Th 6:30 PM
Brazito Honey Creek c	1 st Mon 6:30 PM
Brumley c	3 rd Th 7 PM
California c	1 st 3 rd Wed 12
Camden County c	3 rd Tu 6 PM
Chamois c	2 nd Mon 6:30 PM
Eldon c	1 st 3 rd Tu 12
Florence m	2 nd Tu 6 PM
Freeburg m	2 nd Th 7:30 PM
Fulton c	4 th Tu 6:30 PM
Hermann c	1 st Tu 6:00 PM
Holts Summit c	2 nd 4 th Th 6 PM
Iberia m	2 nd 4 th Mon 6:30 PM
Jamestown c	2 nd 4 th Mon 7:30 PM
JC Capital f	5 th Tue 6:30 PM
JC Evening m	1 st Th 6:30 PM
JC Host c	Every Wed 12:00
Lake Ozark c	2 nd Mon 6:30 PM
Linn c	2 nd 4 th Tu 6:30 PM
Lohman c	2 nd Th 6 PM
Millersburg c	2 nd 4 th Th 7:30 PM
Mokane c	2 nd Wed 7 PM
New Bloomfield c	1 st 3 rd Th 6:30 PM
Owensville c	2 nd Th 6:30 PM
Rocky Mount c	1 st 3 rd Tu 6:30 PM
Russellville c	1 st Tu 6:30 PM
Versailles c	Every Tu 12:00
Vienna c	1 st Tu 7 PM
Wardsville m	1 st Th 7:30 PM
Warsaw c	Every Wed 12:00
Westphalia m	2 nd Mon 7:15 PM



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	