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Loving Individuals Offering Needed Services

93rd Missouri Lions State Convention



93RD MISSOURI LIONS STATE CONVENTION

Thursday, April 30 – Sunday, May 3

Cape Girardeau, Missouri

Hospitality Night

Great Food & Beverage

Silent Auction

Pop*Rock*Soul from
Chimes Of Freedom



Special Guests



LCI 2nd Vice President Lion Bob Corlew
Missouri Lt. Governor Lion Peter Kinder

Lions Memorial Service



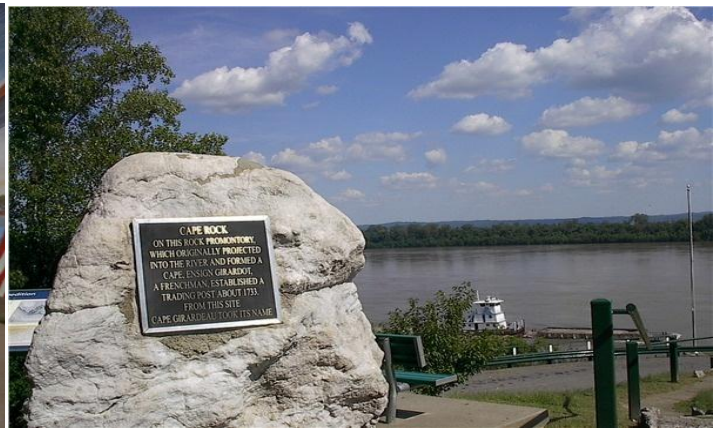
Next To MELAINA'S MAGICAL PLAYLAND
The All Accessible Playground
Serving So Many * Supported By Lions



KENTUCKY
DERBY PARTY

Remember To Pack a Hat

Go To <http://www.molionsconvention2015.com/Register/>



Walk along the mighty Mississippi River; watch the barges carry their cargoes up and down the river. Close your eyes and think back to early days when Mark Twain would write so eloquently about life on the river. Cape Girardeau, Missouri has so many historic landmarks for you to visit when you come to the Missouri Lions State Convention.



Plan your trip to Cape Girardeau to discover more than 250 years of rich history and heritage - this [Historic Weekend in Cape Girardeau itinerary](#) is a great place to start!

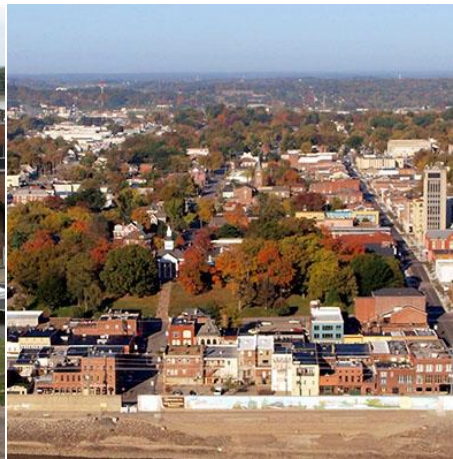
Visit Historic Downtown Cape Girardeau, Missouri



Step back in time in Cape Girardeau, and feel the passion that led Mark Twain to write so eloquently about our river city in *Life on the Mississippi*, the inspiration that General Ulysses S. Grant used to lead with firm conviction as he took command of the Union Army on the Mississippi in our historic downtown and the warmth and hospitality that our community founder Louis Lorimier extended to Lewis and Clark while on the journey of a lifetime as they set forth on their Corps of Discovery.

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The pictures below are just a few n the reasons to attend the 93rd Annual Missouri State Lions Convention in Cape Girardeau, Missouri from April 30th thru May 3rd, 2015. You can register on line, use your credit card to pay.



Additional information can be found at the following web site:

<http://molionsconvention2015.com/>



93rd Annual Missouri State Lions Convention

Derby Party

Ladies gather up your decorative hats with feathers, lace and all the fancy trim to wear to the party. Gentlemen find your grand old “Top Hat” to wear to this festive occasion. Remember all this is in the name of fun with all profits going to a great charity.




2015 Lions State Convention Service Project

Members of the 93rd Annual Missouri State Convention have identified a special service project for Lions attending this year's event. They are collecting new cards for all occasions so Lions can write a special message/Thank You to our military personnel. What a great Service Project. I know the recipients of these hand written cards will truly appreciate them. If you have blank cards which you want to donate for this project bring them with you to the Convention.

Contact Lion Laurie Taylor at lhtaylor@semo.edu"

The official 2015 registration form follows if you prefer to not to register on-line.

2015 MISSOURI STATE CONVENTION REGISTRATION				
Complete this form for mailing or register online at MOLionsConvention2015.com				
Lion's Name _____		Guest _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Same address as Lion		
Address _____		Address _____		
City _____		City _____		
State _____ Zip _____		State _____ Zip _____		
Phone (_____) _____		Phone (_____) _____		
Email _____		Email _____		
District _____ Club _____		Is your guest a Lion? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Title _____		District _____ Club _____		
Name for Badge _____		Title _____		
Special dietary needs? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Name for Badge _____		
Details _____		Special dietary needs? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Details _____				

CONVENTION FEES PER PERSON				
 ACTIVITIES	Standard Registration	Late Registration	LION	GUEST
	Postmarked by April 1, 2015	Postmarked after April 1, 2015		
Registration	\$25	\$30	\$	\$
Friday Evening Social	<i>Free admission</i> with registration!		<i>Free!</i>	<i>Free!</i>
Exhibits	<i>Free admission</i> with registration!		<i>Free!</i>	<i>Free!</i>
Luncheon with Speaker	\$15	\$20	\$	\$
Reception	<i>Free admission</i> with registration!		<i>Free!</i>	<i>Free!</i>
Banquet with Speaker	\$30	\$35	\$	\$
			TOTAL \$	

Please make checks payable to **2015 Missouri Lions State Convention**.
 No refunds will be issued after **April 1, 2015**.
 Mail completed registration form and payment to **Lion Clint Karnes, PO Box 724, Cape Girardeau MO 63702-0724**.
 Attendees are responsible for securing their own lodging. See the back cover for details regarding accommodations.
 If you have questions regarding registration, contact **Lion Tom Grantham** at 573-579-3290 or tomgrantham@charter.net

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Information for Publication in *the Missouri Lion*

Anyone wishing to submit an article for publication in the Missouri Lion but needs some assistance in writing the article can submit the basics of the article such as: **Who, What, When, Where, Why, Specific Details to be included in the article and your contact information.** After a draft has been written, you will receive a copy for review. Please review or edit the draft, when it meets your approval it will be added to the Missouri Lion bulletin.

Send basic information by e-mail to newsletter@missourilions.org

Paper copies of the above information can be sent to the editor at the following address:

the Missouri Lion
Lion Jennie Mosher
27011 Harrill Lane
Lebanon, MO. 65536-4470

Deadline for article submission for the May 2015 Issue is May 15th, 2015

Submission of an article or subject material before the printed submission date does not guarantee the topic will be published in any edition *the Missouri Lion* Editor

Lions Club International Foundation

LCIF

I want to thank all clubs who have donated to LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION. In MD-26 gifts have ranged from \$20 to several thousand. All are needed and much appreciated by LCIF (our foundation).

Seven months have now gone in our lionistic year. Totals given by 73 clubs out of the 363 clubs in MD-26 totaled \$38,976.00. This amounts to 20.68% of clubs in MD26 donating to LCIF. OUR OWN INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION. MD-26 has received over two million dollars in grants from LCIF since it's inception, so it can't be said LCIF money only goes elsewhere in the world. Much has come to Missouri. The most recent example of grants are those in Cape Girardeau, Joplin, Kansas City, and Missouri Lions Eye Research Foundation (now Saving Sight).

Two years ago total MD-26 giving for 2012/13 was \$115,000. Last year, 2013/14, the total was \$105,000. I think it is safe to say that we could do better. The last lionistic year a letter to all clubs president was sent with information on LCIF and encouraging them to contact the LCIF coordinator in their district for presentations to their club. There was some direct replies received and there will be another letter sent to this year's club presidents. The district coordinators are listed in district directories however I am also listing them in this article.

26-M1	PDG Murray Dunn	moonlite37@hughes.net	Phone (573) 866 2480
26-M2	PCC Terry Boettcher	liontdb@fidmail.com	(573) 368 8185
26-M3	PCC Pat Porterfield	lynpat@charter.net	(636) 359 0628
26-M4	PDG Roger Unruh	rquunruh@att.net	(816) 752 3034
26-M5	PDG Johnny Stabno	jstabno@sbcglobal.net	(816) 812 5234
26-M6	PCC Jim Tesreau	jtesreau@msn.com	(471) 629 2613
26-M7	PDG Bryan Rogers	bear4mokane@gmail.com	(573) 678 3978

I would ask clubs who have not donated to consider doing so. Just as an example, if all 280 clubs who have not yet donated would donate an average of \$300 we would have a total for all clubs of \$123,000 which would surpass any previous total by approximately \$7,000. I know not all clubs can donate \$300 but others can do more, so help your LCIF Foundation with what you can. Let's remember the quote of Helen Keller which reminds us that alone we can only do so much, together we can accomplish so much more, (not her exact wording) but I'm sure you get the point.

Yours in Lionism,

PID Dr. Dwayne Garrett
MD-26 LCIF Coordinator
EDGJAG@aol.com (636) 262 8770



Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute



Your Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute is an amazing opportunity to enhance leadership skills, meet Lions from six U.S. states and one Canadian province and have fun.

When: July 24 – 26, 2015

Where: Jamestown University, Jamestown, North Dakota, U.S.

Registration Fee: \$150 U.S. funds before June 1
\$170 U.S. funds after May 31
Fee includes meals, institute costs and double occupancy dorm room

Who: Any Lion, Lioness, or Leo who 18 or older, who has not yet served as District Governor as of the dates of the institute, is eligible. *No previous attendee is eligible without prior approval of the Institute Coordinator, PID Marvin Chambers.*

This weekend features seminars that apply to Lions volunteer service AND to one's career, community and home life. Topics are:

Building Effective Teams

Conflict Management

Diversity

Leading Effective Meetings

Motivation

Communication Skills

Delegation

Goal Setting/Action Plan/Personal Mission Statement

Managing Your Time

Project Management

We will also present a luncheon session specifically geared towards Lions Clubs International, its programs, legacy, and resources available.

Wait! There's another benefit: graduating the GPLLI program meets one requirement for completion of the Master's Program of Lions University. Check out www.lionsuniversity.org

Application form attached for registration, dorm and special needs information.



Need more information? Contact:

Lion Anne Smarsh

e-mail: t.smarsh@att.net

or

Lion Craig Donecker

e-mail: craigd@littlegiantfittings.com

Put it all together! Make your reservation. DO it now!

Feb. 2015

GREAT PLAINS LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE 2015

- WHAT** **GPLLI** is an intensive, professional and valuable leadership skills program for Lions who have not served as District Governor. You will learn skills for club, job, community and church, as well as personal development.
- WHEN** July 24-26, 2015. Registration is from 9:00 a.m. to noon, Friday, July 24. Adjournment and checkout is by 3:00 p.m. Sunday, July 26, 2015. Lunch on Friday, July 24 is at 12:00 noon.
- WHERE** University of Jamestown, Jamestown, North Dakota
- COST** US\$150 per attendee if received by the Registrar on or before May 31, 2015. Cost increases to US\$170 beginning June 1, 2015. Registration covers a double occupancy room, seven meals, and all course materials. Single occupancy rooms, if available, require an additional US\$40. Any remaining costs will be covered by funding from Lions Clubs International and contributions from participating multiple districts.
- WHO** Any Lion, Lioness or Leo who has attained majority and who has not yet served as District Governor as of the dates of the institute is eligible. No previous attendee is eligible without prior approval of the Institute Coordinator, PID Marvin Chambers.

This institute is being sponsored by Multiple Districts 5 (Saskatchewan, North Dakota and South Dakota), 9 (Iowa), 17 (Kansas), 26 (Missouri) and 38 (Nebraska).

Dynamic presenters from across the Great Plains will provide emerging Lion leaders with modules on communication skills, team building, delegation, time management, conflict management, project management, diversity, motivation, goal setting/action planning/personal mission statement and leading effective meetings.

For additional information please contact Secretary/Registrar PID Bruce Schwartz at nmbruce@bis.midco.net or 701-258-1189.

PLAN NOW TO ATTEND THE INSTITUTE

12TH ANNUAL GREAT PLAINS LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE
Sponsored by the Lions of Multiple Districts 5, 9, 17, 26 and 38
University of Jamestown, Jamestown, North Dakota
July 24-26, 2015

REGISTRATION FORM (Please type or print legibly)

NAME _____ **Badge Name** _____ **Gender** _____
Last First Initial M/F

ADDRESS _____
Street/PO Box City State/Province Zip/PC

PHONE () _____ () _____
Home Bus/Cell Email

Sub-District No. _____ **Years in Lions** _____ **Highest Office Held** _____

Registration Fee is US\$150 if received by the Registrar by May 31, 2015, and must accompany the registration form. Beginning June 1, 2015, the base fee increases to US\$170. Make checks payable in US funds to GPLLI and along with the registration form mail to Registrar PID Bruce Schwartz, 1237 S. Highland Acres Road, Bismarck, ND 58501-2486. Sorry, no refunds can be made for cancellations.

Applications will not be accepted without full payment in US dollars.

Your registration fee includes seven meals, all Institute costs and dormitory rooms (double occupancy) at the University of Jamestown. Please note that the dormitories are smoke free. A limited number of single occupancy rooms are available at an additional cost of US\$40. You are permitted to request a specific roommate. Check in at the dormitory is permitted from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Friday, July 24th and check out must be completed by 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 26th. We offer a souvenir shirt for an additional US\$25. Shirt size _____ (they run a little large).

The following information must be completed before registration will be accepted.

- _____ Single occupancy room requested (Add US\$40. to registration fee)
- _____ Diabetic Diet requested
- _____ Vegetarian Diet requested
- _____ Wheelchair Access required
- _____ Vision Impaired (List what accommodation(s) are needed)
- _____ Hearing Impaired (List what accommodation(s) are needed)

Please list any other special requests _____

Questions about the Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute may be directed to: PID Bruce Schwartz, Registrar, 1237 S. Highland Acres Road, Bismarck, ND 58501-2486; 701-258-1189 or nmbruce@bis.midco.net.

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

We are asking for the following information in case of an emergency arising during the 2015 Institute. This information will be maintained until the close of the Institute and then shredded.

Emergency Contact Name _____ **Relationship** _____

Contact telephone: HOME _____ WORK _____ CELL _____

Medical information that needs to be shared with emergency responders: _____

Leader Dogs for the Blind is Accepting Applications for their 2015 Summer Experience Camp

Do you know any teenagers who could use a week of fun, outdoor activity and friendship this summer? Do you think they would enjoy kayaking, rock wall climbing and tandem biking?

How about the challenge of developing new travel skills and stretching their independence? If so, the Leader Dogs for the Blind Summer Experience Camp was designed with them in mind



The program combines outdoor activities with things exclusively Leader Dog—audible pedestrian GPS training and the opportunity to spend time with Leader Dogs in training and guide dog mobility instructors. The combination will help them increase the skills they need to live independently!

Summer Experience Camp is for boys and girls ages 16 and 17 who are legally blind. The program is completely free including airfare to Michigan—and everyone receives a free HumanWare Trekker audible pedestrian GPS device to keep. Summer Experience Camp is scheduled for June 26—July 3, 2015. Applications are due by April 1, 2015.

For more information and to download an application, go to

www.leaderdog.org/clients/programs/summer-experience-camp

or call the Leader Dogs for the Blind client services department at 888-777-5332.

Visit us online at leaderdog.org or 'like' us on Facebook

Empowering people who are blind or visually impaired with lifelong skills for independent travel through quality Leader Dogs, highly effective client instruction and innovative services.

Mid-South Lions Sight and Hearing Services Leader Weekend



THE ONE AND ONLY
BRIAN STARON
ENTERTAINS US
ON FRIDAY NIGHT!



Brian has been a full time performer for over 30 years. His family friendly show is made up of a special blend of slap-stick humor and incredible magic. Brian's show has been described as "live situation comedy". The show is suitable for all ages and relies heavily on audience participation, that's right, you and your guest will be part of the show!

Brian has performed before millions of people throughout the world at world renowned theme parks, cruise ship lines, colleges, and private venues, including the world famous Magic Castle, in Hollywood!

**ROOMS AT THE HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS
WILL NOT BE READY
UNTIL AFTER 3 PM.**

Mid-South Lions Sight and Hearing Service Center Lion's Leader Weekend April 10-11, 2015

LION LEADERS WEEKEND
APRIL 10-11, 2015
4 PM Friday till 3 PM Saturday
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

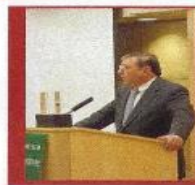
JOIN ABOUT 100 OF YOUR
FELLOW LION LEADERS
FOR THIS EXCITING,
INFORMATIVE AND
INSPIRATIONAL WEEKEND!



MAKE ROOM RESERVATIONS BY
COMPLETING THE ENCLOSED FORM
OR CALL 888-546-6042
FOR DETAILED INFORMATION

ENCOURAGE YOUR CLUB TO SEND
SOMEONE PLEASE!

HEAR THE DOCTORS AND
LEARN THE LATEST
ON EYECARE. OUR HOST
HOTEL IS THE HOLIDAY INN
EXPRESS 1180 UNION AVE.



Attendees will enjoy the famous
Mid-South Lions hospitality on Friday
afternoon followed by a traditional
Memphis Barbecue dinner. After
dinner we'll be joined by our doctors
for a fun and magical presentation by
former Disney performer Brian Staron
at the Hamilton Eye Institute.

Saturday Lions will tour the
Hamilton Eye Institute. Included on
the tour will be the pediatric clinic, the
Surgery Center and the Lions Low
Vision Center.

Some of the most renowned
ophthalmologists in the world will
provide presentations about the latest
in eye care, and will also lead tours of
the Mid-South Lions clinics.



Mid-South Lions
Leaders Weekend
April 10-11, 2015
Memphis, TN



The Miracles of
Mid-South
are available to
people in **YOUR**
Community

Look inside for all the
details! Or go to
www.midsouthlions.org

Perhaps the most important weekend of the year for the sight and hearing impaired in your community...

Lion Leaders Weekend 2015
is open to anyone who has
the desire to learn more
about Mid-South Lions Sight
And Hearing Service and how
the organization



Hear our
doctors and
see all the
latest in
medical
facilities and
equipment on
the hospital
tours.

can bring
miracles to
people in your
community.
Let our Past
Presidents,
Trustees,
Officers and
Staff show you
how to bring
light, sound
and hope to
those in need
from your area.



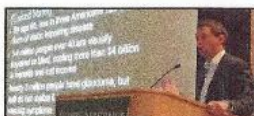
Consider the Cost

Mid-South Lions provides
meals, entertainment, tours
and handouts.

Your only cost to attend is
your travel and lodging.

Rooms have been arranged at
the Holiday Inn Express on
Union Avenue at a rate of
\$105 for one night and \$190
for two nights. This great
rate includes lodging,
parking, and a hot breakfast.

Room Reservations must be
made by completing the
enclosed form. Payment is
required to reserve a room.
Cancellations must be made
no later than April 5 to
receive a full refund.



Consider the Benefits

The information you'll receive
during this weekend will help you
understand how Mid-South Lions
can be a tool to bring the gifts of
sight and hearing to those in need
from your community.

Experience our
* Hearing Clinic
* Low Vision Center,
* Surgery Center,
* Research facilities,
and our
* one-of-a-kind
* Pediatric Clinic

Plus you will
see how your
Lions money
is being put
to use to
preserve and
restore sight
and hearing.

AND you should get a
rejuvenating jolt of the spirit of
Lionism that will help YOU take new
enthusiasm and energy back to your
fellow Lions Club members.



Special thanks to Wal-Mart Foundation
for helping Mid-South
provide MIRACLES!

**DON'T WAIT, MAKE YOUR
RESERVATIONS TODAY!
CALL 888-546-6042 EXT. 13**

Don't miss this
chance to find out
how Mid-South
AND YOU
can serve your
community!



**AND WE'LL HAVE
LOTS OF FUN TOO!**



Complete (PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY)

and mail as soon as possible

(PLEASE NO RESERVATIONS

BY E-MAIL or PHONE)

to Mid-South Lions, 930 Madison,
Suite 101 Memphis, TN 38103

☐ VDG / DGE ☐ OTHER LION LEADER
☐ HOST

NAME _____

SPOUSE/GUEST _____

CLUB _____

DISTRICT _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, ST ZIP _____

PHONE _____

E-MAIL _____

MAKE RESERVATIONS BY APRIL 6, 2015

☐ FRIDAY 4/10 ONLY

PLEASE ENCLOSE \$105 CHECK OR CARD #

CARD # _____

EXP DATE _____

☐ FRIDAY & SATURDAY 4/10-11

PLEASE ENCLOSE \$190 CK OR CARD #

ROOM TYPE: ☐ 1 BED ☐ 2 BEDS

☐ NO ROOM NEEDED

ALL ROOMS ARE NON-SMOKING

Dear Lion President: LION LEADERS WEEKEND IS APRIL 10-11, 2015 IN MEMPHIS!

Please look over the enclosed 2015 Lion Leaders Weekend brochure. It has information about a weekend that will enhance the way your Club serves your community.

Not only will you see the state-of-the-art facilities utilized by your Mid-South Lions Sight And Hearing Service, but you will be able to discuss service projects, fundraisers, activities and events with Lions from Arkansas, Mississippi, Missouri and Tennessee.

This special weekend will include a command performance from comedy magician Brian Staron on Friday evening, and you'll hear from some of the world's most renowned ophthalmologists, and see some of the absolute latest technology during Saturday's program.

This is a once-a-year opportunity for leaders in your Lions Club to observe, learn and put into action methods and experiences that will help your Lions Club to provide sight and hearing to those in need from your community.

What is the cost? 1) Your time and 2) Expenses for travel and lodging (see brochure for hotel rates). What is the benefit? 1) Your Lion leaders will bring back more enthusiasm and expertise for serving those in need 2) Leaders will have more ideas on what other clubs do to raise money and ways to serve better and 3) Attendees will actually see our medical facilities through the eyes of our doctors and hear what a positive difference YOU are making through Mid-South Lions.

Join me and the Lions of our four states at the 2015 Lion Leaders Weekend. You and the people you serve will be glad you did.

Complete the attached form and return it to Mid-South to make reservations. To secure your room and set our meal guarantees, we need your reservations no later than April 6.

Together in service,



PDG Bill Norris, Mid-South Lions President 2014-2015

2015 USA/Canada Forum: Grand Rapids, Michigan



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We Serve On

The Dramatic Story of a Century of Lions Service

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Clement Kusiak Wayne A. Madden J. Frank Moore III Joe Preston
Jimmy Ross Sid L. Scruggs III Judge Brian Stevenson Wing-Kun Tam
Joseph L. Wroblewski Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada Dr. William H. Wunder

and
YOU

USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum

September 17-19, 2015
Grand Rapids, Michigan

email: registrar@lionsforum.org Phone: (605) 723-4007

Visit the website at: <http://usacanadalionsforum.org>

2015 MD-26 Schedule of District Conventions

District	Date	International Speaker	Location
26-M1	Feb. 20-22	ID Karla Harris	Rolla
26-M2	Mar. 27-29	ID Linda Tincher	St. Louis
26-M3	Mar. 6-8	ID William "Bill" McKinney	Columbia
26-M4	Mar. 13-15	ID Ed Farrington	Chillicothe
26-M5	Mar. 20-21	ID Esther LaMothe	Warrensburg
26-M6	Feb. 27-28	ID Robert Littlefield	Springfield
26-M-7	Mar. 6-8	ID Donald Shove	Jefferson City