

June LeaderDog Update

Greetings, Lions of MD-26!

I am very happy to share with you the wonderful news from LeaderDogs for the Blind Canine Development Center Campaign, as described in the letter below from Mike Dengate. We started fundraising for this project just 2 years ago. Lion Phil and I, along with 3 different puppies, LDM Chanel, FLD Masi and FLD Fleming have logged many miles and hours, throughout Missouri and Arkansas, talking about this state of the art facility. I can hardly wait to see it in August during our visit there with the incoming 1stVDG's; I know it will be amazing. I am extremely proud of District M6's participation in making this a reality!

As one of our very special Lead Clubs/Districts, I wanted to make sure that you have heard that thanks to you...we have reached our goal! The support received from Lions has been tremendous. Lions contributed over \$2.4m towards our \$14.5 goal. Lions remain the most significant donor source of Leader Dogs for the Blind.

Thanks to you, we have...

- 255 new, larger suites for dogs in training
 - o Allows us to cohabitate dogs so we can house more dogs
 - o Increased space for dog/human interactions
 - o Significantly reduce kennel stress

Thanks to you, we have...

- 7 Puppy Development Pens
 - o Provides day/night quarters easily accessible with Dutch door type gates
 - o 2 Puppy Outdoor Play Yards

Thanks to you, we have...

- An expanded Lobby with a Puppy Viewing Area

Thanks to you, we have...

- A state-of-the-art Veterinary Clinic
 - o 2 Exam rooms
 - o Surgery Room
 - o ICU Room
 - o X-Ray Room
 - o Ultrasound Room
 - o Endoscopy Room

Thanks to you, our puppies can rest peacefully.

Thank you for playing such a significant role in our new Canine Development Center!

Mike Dengate

Although the CDC project is nearing completion, if your club would like to become involved, pledges/donations are still being accepted through the end of June(end of fiscal year). Additionally, donations to the Operational Fund remains very important; those can be sent directly to LeaderDogs, or to me, and I will send them on.

On a more personal note, LDM Chanel will be having her 2nd litter of puppies very soon, her due date is June 17. She is expecting 7-8 labs, having been bred to a yellow lab, Gunner.

FLD Masi is starting her 4th (and final) month of training at LeaderDog University and is expected to be matched with her person the first part of July. Congratulations to her!

FLD Fleming is continuing to learn and experience the big world. He recently attended a Kansas City Royals game, visited a casino (he finds gambling very boring) and will be flying with us to Rochester in August. At 7 ½ months, he is 60 pounds, much larger than any of the girls we have had in the past! I hope he will fit on the plane...

As always, if your club would like to hear more about LeaderDogs for the Blind and how these incredible dogs impact the lives of their partners, please contact me for a presentation- philx2@sbcglobal.net. We would love to visit!

We Serve

Lion Phyllis Krebs
District M6 LeaderDog Chair



Veterinary Clinic



FLD Fleming enjoying VRCO night with the Springfield Cardinals

GREAT PLAINS LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

- 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 22-24, 2016. Registration is from 9:00 a.m. to noon, Friday, July 22. Adjournment and checkout is by 3:00 p.m. Sunday, July 24, 2016. Lunch on Friday, July 22 is at 12:00 noon.
- WHERE** Mount Marty College Yankton, South Dakota
- COST** US\$160 per attendee if received by the Registrar on or before May 31, 2016. Cost increases to US\$180 beginning June 1, 2016. Registration covers 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

14TH ANNUAL GREAT PLAINS LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE
Sponsored by the Lions of Multiple Districts 5, 9, 17, 26 and 38
Mount Marty College
Yankton, South Dakota
July 22-24, 2016

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\$160 if received by the Registrar by May 31, 2016, and must accompany the registration form. Beginning June 1, 2016, the base fee increases to US\$180. 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 Mount Marty College. 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 22th and check out must be completed by 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 24th. 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 2016 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: _____



Santa Dave Stouffer says, "it's not too late to be a [good] learning Lion!"

Plan now, before it really **IS** too late, to join us at the 14th annual Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute.

Register now.

Check with your district or multiple district. Many have scholarship money available for GPLLI participants.

Application form available for registration, dorm and special needs info. Form's on our website, too. www.gplli.com

Make your reservation NOW!!

Need more information? Contact:

Lion Anne Smarsh

e-mail: t.smarsh@att.net

or

Lion Craig Donecker

e-mail: craied@littlegiantfittines.com




GREAT PLAINS LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

When: July 22 – 24, 2016

Where: Mount Marty College
Yankton, S.D., USA

Registration

Fee: \$160 U.S. funds before June 1
 **\$180 U.S. funds after May 31**
 Fee includes meals, institute costs and double occupancy dorm room

Who: Any Lion, Lioness, or Leo who is 18 or older, 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 Dave Stouffer.*

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

- ✦ Building Effective Teams
- ✦ Communication Skills
- ✦ Conflict Management
- ✦ Delegation
- ✦ Diversity
- ✦ Goal Setting/Action Plan/Personal Mission
- ✦ Leading Effective Meetings
- ✦ Managing Your Time
- ✦ Motivation
- ✦ Project Management

BONUS!!! Luncheon session geared towards Lions Clubs International, its programs, legacy, and resources available.

DOUBLE BONUS!!! Graduating the GPLLI program meets one requirement for completion of the Master's Program of Lions University. Check out www.lionsuniversity.org



We Serve

June 2016



2016-2017 Missouri Lions Calendar

Date	Event	Location
June 25, 2016	Saving Sight Board Meeting	Saving Sight, Columbia, MO
July 22, 2016	All-Star Football Banquet	Warrensburg, MO
July 23, 2016	Council of Governor's Meeting	Warrensburg, MO
July 23, 2016	All-Star Football Game	Warrensburg, MO
August 5-6, 2016	Mid-South Lions Quarterly Meeting	Memphis, TN
August 6 th , 2016	Mid-South Lions "Give the Gifts" XXIV Dinner & Auction	Memphis, TN
August 18-20, 2016	Leader Dog Visit (1 st VDG's)	Rochester, Michigan
September 23, 2016	Mid-South Lions Golf Tournament	Olive Branch, MS
October ?, 2016**	PDG Weekend	District M2
October 29, 2016	Council of Governor's Meeting	Camden on the Lake Lake Ozark, MO
November 12, 2016	Mid-South Lions Second Quarterly Mtg.	Tunica, MS
January 21, 2017	Council of Governor's Meeting	Tan-Tar-A Resort Osage Beach, MO
March 3-4, 2017	Mid-South Quarterly Mtg	Memphis, TN
April 7-8, 2017	Mid-South Lions Leader Weekend	Memphis, TN
June 2-3, 2017	Mid-South Lions Quarterly Meeting	Memphis, TN
July 22-24, 2016	Great Plains Lions Leadership Forum	Yankton, South Dakota
September 15-17, 2016	USA/Canada Forum	Omaha, Nebraska
May 4 -7, 2017	Missouri Lions State Convention	Tan-Tar-A, Osage Beach, MO
June 24-28, 2016	International Convention	Fukuoka, Japan
June 30-July 4, 2017	International Convention	Chicago, Illinois*
June 29-July 3, 2018	International Convention	Las Vegas, Nevada
July 5 -9, 2019	International Convention	Milan, Italy
June 26-30, 2020	International Convention	Singapore

* This will be the centennial celebration in the city where Lions Clubs started in 1917.

** Date to be announced when determined

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2016 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum

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



2016 USA-Canada Lions Leadership Forum Omaha, Nebraska Sept. 15-17, 2016

Leadership ? Service ? It's what Lions do !

"Leadership for Service", the theme for the 2016 Forum, reflects our goal of equipping our Lions to meet the Centennial Service challenge in performing 100 million acts of service.

Saturday afternoon will have three large service projects that every attendee will be able to participate in. Corresponding seminars have been added, teaching the skills and organization needed to better prepare service projects at the Club and District level.

Opening night, Thursday brings master illusionist and motivational entertainer, Billy Riggs. On Friday, Lion Jay Blake brings his drag race car "Follow a Dream" to the Forum, along with his amazing story of overcoming a blinding accident to follow his racing dream. Saturday we look forward to the inspiring words of our then International President, Cahncellor Bob Corlew. We finish the evening with Retired General Dick Abel, who after a long career of military, private sector and public leadership will be talking about the leader within each of us.

Register now via our website: www.lionsforum.org

From District 26-M1

Issue #18 had to be revised during distribution and the following is the corrected page.

Vice President Corlew in Sikeston, MO



Wendell Bailey Willow Springs "50" Year Chevron



Blind Student attends Cape Girardeau Lions Meeting



**2nd VDG John Preston with
Portageville Mayor Floyd Simmons**



Houston Lions treat local police to lunch



From District 26-M1



Left: Cape Girardeau Evening Lions working Special Olympics
Center above: Lions PCC and PDG Eric and Judy Fenton
Right above: Northwest Texas County Lions Club "Awards Scholarships"



Charleston Lions Club Fundraiser

St. James Lions "Scholarships Night"



Ste. Genevieve Easter Egg Hunt

Patton Lions Club

Sikeston Lions Sprockets In Spring

West Plains Lions Club Dining in the Dark



West Plains Lions Club “Dining in the Dark” event held April 23, 2016 featuring John Bramblitt, a blind artist and his leader dog, Echo. While this event grossed over 10,000; after all expenses were paid the profit was \$6,300. What a fun event.

About 165 people turned out to see the blind artist John Bramblitt at work, painting a scene inspired by rainy weather in Dallas, Texas. This is the second annual “Dining in the Dark” sponsored by the West Plains Lions Club.

From District 26-M2



Congratulations to DG-ELECT Lion Jack Lenk! He was honored today by MindsEye for his work to establish beep ball in the St. Louis area. Former Ram D'Marco Farr was also honored.

2016 Lions Club International Convention Fukuoka, Japan DGE School in Fukuoka, Japan (group 7)



St. Clair Lions Club Donates \$500 to Honor Flight pictured on the left below.

Valley Lions Club dedication of helicopter pad with lights on club grounds in Belgrade, MO.



Honor Flight Donation

St. Clair Lions Club treasurer, John Cheatham, second from left, presented a check for \$500 to Franklin County Honor Flight May 5. Accepting the check was Rosalie McGaugh, second from right, Dave Hall, right, and Terry Sullentrup, left. Since 2007, more than 1,600 veterans and their families have been able to travel to the nation's capital on more than 40 honor flights funded through donations like these. There are four honor flights scheduled for this year.

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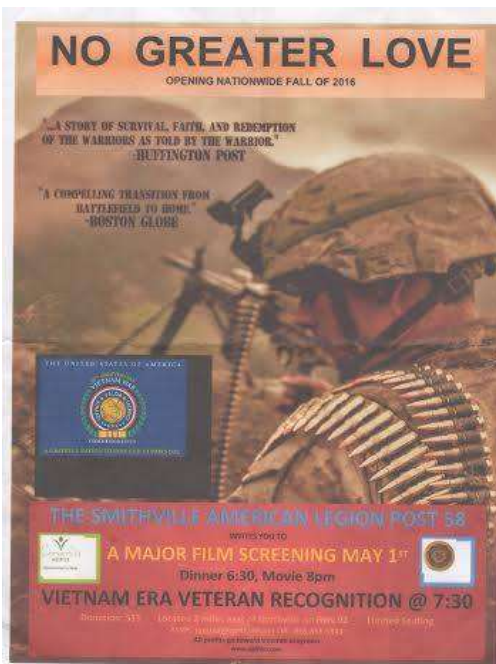


From District 26-M4

Grant City Lions Club “At the Races”



Kearney Lions Club “Jessie James Wine & Brew” and Veteran Recognition Event



Maryville Host Lions “Cleaning Local Roads” and “Local Farmers Market”



From District 26-M5



Pictured above (left) MD 26 DGE's celebrate graduation from their training class in Fukuoka, Japan.



Mayview Lions Club Celebrates 60th Anniversary

Nevada Lions Club Celebrates 90th Anniversary



From District 26-M6



Above on the left: Aurora Lions Club prepares for “Back to School Bash is scheduled for 10 a.m.-1 p.m. on Sat., Aug. 13, at Aurora High School. The event will feature **“Lots of services for kids”**.”

Above on the right: Vision Rehabilitation of the Ozarks (VRCO)
“One Dollar Hot Dog Night at the Baseball Game” with the Springfield Cardinals.



“Dining in the Dark” another successful event fpr

Lions, I have searched on-line for information from every District in our multiple; however I have not found anything for every district this time. Please send any photos or information about events you would like to have included in this publication to the editor.

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Long-time School Nurse Discusses Importance of KidSight

Nurse Susan, RN BSN, is a familiar face around the South Holt R-1 School District. For 32 years she's worked with students from preschool through 12th grade to promote student wellness. That's included coordinating KidSight vision screenings for the district's youngest students to prevent childhood vision loss and ensure kids are prepared to learn.

"If you don't identify a vision problem early, a child could start to fall behind in school or be diagnosed with a learning disability," said Susan. "Your primary grades are the foundation – birth to 3 is so critical for cognitive development, eye-hand-coordination, fine motor skills and visual tracking. Your eyes have to work with everything to succeed."

Susan's school has been working with Saving Sight KidSight technicians for several years to screen all of their preschoolers, kindergarteners, and some of the first graders. Walk-in screenings are also offered for those children who might not be in a preschool. Susan has gone above and beyond to help promote the KidSight screenings through the school website and local media and assist Saving Sight in following up with parents of referred children.

"This is great; they sit in the chair for 5-10 seconds and they are done. And it's accurate," said Susan. KidSight screens children as young as 6 months to identify the most common causes of childhood vision loss, free of charge.

"For us in a rural area, this is an outstanding program to have! I can tell you multiple success stories about where we caught kids early and I've seen a marked visual improvement," said Susan. Without programs like KidSight, children in the school district who are at risk for vision problems might not get a full exam at the nearest eye doctor, at least 30 miles away.



Susan says she's glad South Holt has Saving Sight's KidSight program as a resource because school nurses can do a visual assessment for a child but can't check visual acuity with validity until age 2 ½-3 years of age. "My families have been very appreciative of the screenings – It doesn't cost and you can pick up an eye problem that might otherwise go undetected," said Susan.

After the screening, the child receives a packet with information for follow-up and a photo of their eyes so the doctor is aware of the potential vision issue. "The paperwork the KidSight program provides is user friendly and specific about what the problem is for when they go to the eye doctor," Susan said.

Susan recommends setting up a free KidSight screening to all educators and childcare providers and encourages parents to take advantage of the program. "This is part of providing for the whole child – It's taking the initiative and time to save a child's sight so they can succeed in all aspects of their life."

Thank You for Your Support!

On behalf of the people 'We Serve', thank you to the following clubs for their donations made to date during the 2015-2016 fiscal year (July 1 to May 31). These gifts help us provide sight-saving services in communities throughout Missouri. Gifts marked with a (+) indicate a special gift to the Lions Volunteer Center.

Sight Saver Award

Clubs donating \$2,000 or more

Concord Village Lions - \$20,000 (+)
Lions All-Star Basketball Classic, M6 - \$6,500
Lions Sight Foundation of District 26-M2 - \$5,000
PDG Association of 26-M5 - \$5,000
St. Ferdinand Township Lions - \$4,000
Jefferson City Host Lions - \$3,500 (+)
Paris Lions - \$3,025 (+)
Millersburg Lions - \$2,500
Harvester Lions - \$2,175 (+)
Jonesburg Lions - \$2,000
Wardsville Lions - \$2,000 (+)
Webster Groves Lions - \$2,000

Lions Patrons

Clubs donating between \$1,000 and \$1,999

Missouri Lions MD 26, Missouri All-Star Football Game - \$1,600	Jefferson City Evening Lions - \$1,000 (+)
Chesterfield Lions - \$1,500	Jonesburg Lions - \$1,000
Concordia Lions - \$1,200	Lake Winnebago Lions - \$1,000
Monett Lions - \$1,025	Lemay Jefferson Barracks Lions - \$1,000
Adrian Lions - \$1,000	Rolla Lions - \$1,000
Bowling Green Lions - \$1,000	Sainte Genevieve Lions - \$1,000
Creve Couer Lions - \$1,000	Sedalia Lion - \$1,000
Farmington Lions - \$1,000	Sedalia State Fair Lions - \$1,000
Hamilton Lions - \$1,000	St. Joseph East Side Lions - \$1,000
Independence Noland Road Lions - \$1,000	St. Joseph Host Lions - \$1,000



Recent Haywood Snipes Society Inductees

Jeni Hopkins - Lions All-Star Basketball Classic, M6

Lions Benefactors

Clubs donating up to \$999

Alma Lions	House Springs Lions	Missouri Lions 26-M4
Aurora Lions	Independence Host Lions	Missouri Lions 26-M6
Auxvasse Lions	Jefferson City Breakfast Lions	Missouri Lions 26-M7
Bernie Lions	Jefferson City Capital Lions	Moscow Mills Lions
Branson-Hollister Lions	Jonesburg Lionesses	Mountain Grove Lions
Brazito-Honey Creek Lions	Joplin Host Lions	Nelson Lions
Brentwood Lions	Kahoka Lions	New Florence Lions
Brookfield Lions	Kansas City Red Bridge Lions	O'Fallon Lions
Camdenton Lions	Kennett Lions	Patton Lions
Cape Girardeau Evening Lions	Kimberling City Lions	Prairie Home Lions
Caruthersville Lions	Knob Noster Lions	Raymore Lions
Christian County Lions	Lamar Lions	Republic Lions
Columbia Host Lions	LaPlata Lions	Rosebud Lions
Corder Lions	Laredo Lions	Salisbury Lions
Cosby Lions	Lebanon Host Lions	Savannah Lions
Diamond Lions	Lexington Lions	Seymour Lions
El Dorado Springs Lions	LBOMB	Springfield Evening Lions
Elkland Lions	Lohman Lions	Springfield Host Lions
Fairport Lions	Macon Lions	Springfield Queen City Lions
Forsyth Lions	Madison Lions	St. Louis Dwn town Lions
Gainesville Lions	Malden Lions	St. Louis South Side Lions
Gallatin Lions	Mansfield Lions	St. Louis University Lions
Gallatin Lake Viking Lions	Maplewood Lions	St. Joseph South Side Lions
Gilman City Lions	Marshall Lions	St. Peters Lions
Gower Lions	Maryville Host Lions	Stover Lions
Granby Lions	Mayview Lions	Tipton Lions
Grandview Lions	Meramec Heights Lions	Valley Lions
Green City Lions	Mexico Host Lions	Vandalia Lions
Higginsville Lions	Mexico Noon Lions	Warrensburg Lions
High Hill Lions	Miller Lions	Waverly Lions
Holts Summit Lions	Missouri Lions 26-M2	Weston Lions



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Program Statistics: July 1, 2015 - May 31, 2016

Corneas & Tissue			
	YTD	LYTD	LYTotal
Missouri	611	614	708
Kansas	393	381	414
Illinois	46	56	62
Other US	835	1,006	1,016
International	979	1,059	1,155
Research	1,466	1,226	1,319
Total	4,330	4,342	4,674

Lions Giving			
	YTD	LYTD	LYTotal
M-1	\$ 5,297.50	\$ 8,220.95	\$ 8,720.95
M-2	\$ 41,899.00	\$ 36,536.23	\$ 36,836.23
M-3	\$ 14,180.25	\$ 27,288.00	\$ 36,338.00
M-4	\$ 8,021.00	\$ 11,630.00	\$ 16,447.10
M-5	\$ 19,009.50	\$ 13,812.30	\$ 14,662.30
M-6	\$ 13,165.00	\$ 17,433.98	\$ 20,258.98
M-7	\$ 9,426.41	\$ 15,236.40	\$ 15,646.40
MD26	\$ 11,951.41	\$ 10,370.00	\$ 10,370.00
Total	\$ 122,950.07	\$ 140,527.86	\$ 159,279.96

KidSight									
	YTD			LYTD			LYTotal		
	Screened	Ref.	Screenings	Screened	Ref.	Screenings	Screened	Ref.	Screenings
M-1	10,553	700	183	6,795	511	131	7,034	517	141
M-2	13,831	732	203	12,706	750	220	12,865	752	219
M-3	11,706	749	248	9,696	694	210	10,180	707	216
M-4	6,336	207	132	6,378	247	153	6,896	256	164
M-5	6,823	278	141	7,339	379	158	8,774	393	185
M-6	12,922	916	175	11,257	966	195	11,535	973	202
M-7	3,759	196	96	3,313	235	74	3,422	242	77
Total	65,930	3,778	1,178	57,484	3,782	1,141	60,706	3,840	1,204

Healthy Vision Screening									
	YTD			LYTD			LYTotal		
	Screened	Ref.	Screenings	Screened	Ref.	Screenings	Screened	Ref.	Screenings
M-1	74	-	2	22	-	1	128	15	7
M-2	333	-	13	436	-	13	536	37	30
M-3	289	-	11	377	-	9	455	2	17
M-4	29	-	4	114	-	8	40	-	5
M-5	284	1	13	488	4	26	448	5	38
M-6	212	-	12	174	-	8	582	2	29
M-7	43	-	1	118	4	5	175	1	10
Total	1,264	1	56	1,729	8	70	2,364	62	136

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