

The Oklahoma Lion



September, 2026



Upcoming Council Dates

August 29, 2026	OKC West Side
November 14, 2026	OKC West Side
January 9, 2027	OKC West Side
May 1, 2027 (conv)	Claremore
June 12, 2027	OKC West Side

Greetings and Salutations to Oklahoma Lions!

The Lions year is off to a good start. Meetings have been held, staff positions mostly filled, plans made, and now the execution phase begins.

At every administration level, be it club, district, or multiple district, the focus is on membership and community service. The roots of our pyramid are the clubs which deliver the service. Membership is a key component of that service. More members mean more hands to do the task. Most importantly, we have more ideas and viewpoints on what services are needed that would have a meaningful impact in the community. The clubs are certainly aware of the importance of the membership issue as members are the life blood of the club.

As I see it, we have a 2 level association with the clubs as the base and the district, multiple district and LCI at the top of the association. The clubs were created with a great deal of autonomy and operate as independent units. To paraphrase PDG Drummond; the clubs have mastered the autonomy position. There lies the seed of the problem. The District Governors are the link between the upper portion of the association and the clubs. The issue is how to get the clubs to have a greater interest in the administration and activities of the district and multiple district. I was unable to find a solution to this issue in the time I was a DG. I presented the case to the members and they listened but I saw very little change in the way business was conducted. Perhaps the GMT program that is a focus for Lions everywhere will find a solution.

The July club health assessment reports the following.: In 3E 11% of clubs have reported service activities. 3NW is at 11% and 3Sw is at 2%. These numbers will improve as the clubs get the

new year started and some of this summer heat will move on. There is a net gain of 5 members reported. The year is young and I am sure these numbers will go up. We will continue to focus on club activity reporting. This report is not as positive as I would like but I see a great need to improve the inter-communication between the clubs and the district.

State Convention Planning Committee (SCPC) Chair Derek McCubbin has been working overtime on the state convention. We have committed to a venue in Claremore and the dates are April 30 and May 1. More details as they become available. Gather your silent auction items. Email Derek if you have any ideas on how we can make the convention better.

Dollie and I will attend the USA/Canada Forum in Memphis in September along with 20 other Oklahoma Lions. A lot of good education at the forum and you get to meet Lions from everywhere in the USA and Canada as well as the International officers.

Our roots are in our service and that will make it possible to make it a great day.

**Yours in Lionism
CC David
Wooddell**



2026-2027

District 3 E Governor



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Hello 3E Lions,

What a busy and rewarding summer it has been! I have enjoyed visiting many clubs across our district and helping with several vision screenings and eyeglass-sorting projects, with many more service opportunities still ahead.

Our district also held its first cabinet meeting, and I am happy to report that it was a great success. We met, enjoyed donuts, discussed district business, enjoyed a few more donuts, and still finished with an hour to spare. I received many kind compliments for keeping us on track and making good use of everyone's time.

I have received anniversary chevrons from Lions International for members who have served more than 10 years, recognized in five-year increments. With the help of FVDG Monica and SVDG-elect Amber, we look forward to visiting clubs throughout the district to personally present these chevrons and honor the dedication of our long-serving Lions.

PDG Nancy Wood and her committee have worked closely with LCIF to successfully obtain a Disaster Preparedness Grant, and planning is now underway to carry out this important project. The project committee is chaired by Lion Steve Donahue of the Fairland Lions Club and includes Neal Wood of the McAlester Lions Club, Speedy Brewer of the Bokeshe Lions Club, and T.J. Mordecai of the Henryetta Lions Club.

Planning is also underway for our **District Convention, scheduled for March 19–20 in Tulsa, Oklahoma.** Lion Kelly Baehler of the Okmulgee Lions Club has gener-

ously agreed to serve as convention chair and is already working with a team of Lions to help make the event successful and memorable.

While attending the Forum in early September, I will have the opportunity to meet the International

Directors and decide whom to invite as our guest speaker. I am excited about what is ahead and grateful for the continued service, fellowship, and enthusiasm throughout District 3-E!

Bartlesville Lions Club

Their recent guest speaker on Zoom was Lion Kelsey Martin Gardner, Director of Philanthropy for Lions Engagement Leader Dogs for the Blind in Detroit. She provided a great program for the club.



Bokoshe Lions Club

This club is planning the Shake Rag Car Show to be Saturday, October 10 in Bokoshe, OK. (**Flyer attached.**)

Broken Arrow Lions Club

This club recently participated in the Broken Arrow Back-to-School Bash and screened more than 130 children.

Fairland Lions Club Golf tournament is coming up on September 19, 2026! (**Flyer attached**)

Fairland Lions distributed 45 watermelons in the community from the Miami food pantry. Four Fairland kids were given cash prizes at the county 4-H/FFA premium sale. Lions donated much needed school supplies to the elementary school.

McAlester Lions Club

Katie Walters and Michelle Morris, event chairpersons for the upcoming Oklahoma Project Woman fundrais-

er, were guest speakers at the August 13 meeting of the McAlester Lions Club. The fundraiser will be held on September 24, 2026, at the McAlester Expo. Also pictured is



McAlester Lions President David Lerblance.

Oklahoma Project Woman is dedicated to improving access to breast health care for uninsured Oklahomans with limited financial resources. Through early detection and access to necessary treatment, the organization works to help decrease the mortality rate from breast cancer.

Mark your calendar for September 24, 2026, at the McAlester Expo and join the effort to support Oklahoma Project Woman.

Muskogee Lions Club

Lori Jefferson was pinned by FVDG Monica Medley as 3-E Zone 4 Chair.



Muskogee Lions sponsor game night at the

Teen Center in Muskogee on the first Monday of each month.



Tulsa Downtown Lions Club

Recently, this club assisted the Broken Arrow Club with the Broken Arrow Back-to-School Bash.

They screened 65 children at Tulsa Public Schools' Wilson Teaching and Training Center for incoming pre-K students and screened more than 50 youth and adults at the OSU/Tulsa



Back-to-School event. The weather was hot, but Pistol Pete stopped by to cool things

off with a picture with DG Patty Bryant. They paid for exams and glasses for 53 clients in August and approved additional applications for free exams and glasses. They collected numerous pairs of eyeglasses and had club sorting parties to count and box up the glasses to go to the Lions State office.



Tulsa Metro-McCullough Lions Club

They collected 257 pairs of eyeglasses, 14 sunglasses, and 4 children's eyeglasses.

Vinita Lions Club

Club members, along with some Jr. Lions and future Jr. Lions, put away



the county fair display and set up tables and chairs for 400 people for the Premium Sale

Wagoner Lions Club

They will be hosting a weekend of BBQ, Community and fun! The flyer is attached for the event that will be held Labor Day Weekend at Sequoyah Bay State Park, 6237 E. 100th Street North, Wagoner, OK. It will feature live music, vendors, a car show, a rib eye steak competition, a kid's fishing derby and kid's inflatable zone. This should be a great event! (Flyer attached)

Vian Lions Club With the support of the Vian Community Foundation and the Cherokee Nation and local businesses they held a Back to School Bingo Bash on August 1st. Congratulations to all the winners, especially Martha Pettit for taking the grand prize-OU Football tickets! It was a great success and they will be hosting another Bingo Night soon!

Bokoshe Lions Club

This club is planning the Shake Rag Car Show to be Saturday, October 10 in Bokoshe, OK. (Flyer attached.)

(Note: all information and photos provided by club members)

From ID Debbie Cantrell

So very cool that Dolly Parton was an Honorary Lions Club Member of the Sevier County Lions Club. She was also a Melvin Jones Fellow, so her name is on permanent display in Oakbrook, Illinois along with others of us who are MJF! Her actions certainly echo the servant/service of Lions. Check out the names also on the MJF... IP was Fabricio Oliveira & LCIF Chairperson was Dr Patti Hill.

What a legacy she left on this old world 🌍!! 📖 📖 📖 Well done, Dolly.



SHAKE RAG CAR SHOW
HOSTED BY THE BOKOSHE LIONS CLUB

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2026
9 AM TO 2 PM

- FOOD
- SILENT AUCTION
- CASH PRIZES
- 50/50 RAFFLE
- LIVE MUSIC

REGISTRATION STARTS AT 8 AM
WINNERS ANNOUNCED AT 2 PM
918-218-3931
shakeragcarshow@yahoo.com

RAIN OR SHINE

2026-2027



**District 3-NW
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help with a steak dinner event for the community. This is a great fundraiser for the 4H kids and Lions love to help. It is this kind of teamwork that expands the



impact of
Lions in
small communities.

Hello 3NW Lions!

Clubs are starting to get up to speed from the quiet time of summer. Many of the clubs in 3NW take it a little easy in the first couple of months. As schools get back into session, the civic service activities pick up significantly. If you have not entered your club officers for this Lions year, please send a list of them to our District Administrator PCC Debbie Woodruff at debtown1@yahoo.com to get them entered for you.

Every club needs to have Lions Portal access to keep your membership current and receive dues invoices from Lions Clubs International (LCI). International no longer mails paper statements. They are only available on-line and viewable on the portal. Your club treasurer needs to know how to access these documents. If you have any problems or need training on using the Lions Portal, please contact DG Terry Woodruff, LionTerryWoodruff@icloud.com and we will dispatch help to you.

Mulhall-Orlando Lions Club also held their annual Teacher Feed to welcome back teachers and staff for another school year.

Kingfisher Lions Club worked with the local 4H Club to



Ponca City Noon Lions continued with their hydration station located in downtown Ponca City. Anyone walking in the area can stop and get a cold bottle of water out of our



cooler positioned in front of a local business. Ponca

City Noon also prepared cookie packages for each school in the area for the teachers as they prepared for the kids to return the week before school started. Then Ponca City Lions stood at the entrance of every school with posters and other greetings to welcome the kids back to school as they arrived on the first day of school. Ponca City Noon is



also sponsoring the Quarterback club at Po-Hi and providing 110 lunches for the football team on game day.

Chandler Lions Club held their annual golf tournament which is always a big hit. This is a key fundraiser for all the scholarships they provide to local youth every year.

Wakita Lions Club is supporting the 104th Old Settlers Celebration in Wakita on September 19. There are so many activities that you can enjoy the whole day (**Flyer attached**).

Newkirk Lions joined the Newkirk Chamber of Commerce for



a welcome back celebration for educators in the Newkirk schools. Newkirk Lions are always there to be a resource and partner for their schools.

Perry Lions Club helped with a Back to School Bash where Ponca City Kids Sight screeners came down to support vision screening at the bash. Eleven kids were screened before school starts for the year.



Fairview Lions had a great program on heart health at the first meeting of August. Heart disease is the #1 killer in the USA and awareness of heart problem warning signs and ways to combat heart disease were presented at this meeting.

Stroud Lions Club partnering with the Sac and Fox Nation to hold the first Hogtoberfest event September 11-12, in downtown Stroud. This is truly going to be a unique experience and you can be there for the very first time. The hog hunt begins at 2 pm on Friday and the festival begins at noon on Saturday (**Flyer attached**).

***3NW Midwinter Convention!**

- February 19-20, 2027
 - Location Friday night: Lydie's Cottage at Marland Mansion in Ponca City
 - Saturday: NE Baptist Church Family Life Center on N. Pecan Road, Ponca City, OK.
- Hope to see you all there!

LCIF Training

Recently, the 3MD LCIF Coordinator, PCC Dee Carson, from Garber Lions Club and her team, attended LCIF training in New Orleans. PCC Dee was presented a Progressive Melvin Jones by PIP Doug Alexander. This was because Lion Dee was unable to attend the 3MD Convention where he was our guest.



Stillwater Pumpkin Patch

A great fundraiser will open on Saturday, September 19, 2026. This is a huge event for the Stillwater Lions Club! Many members involved make this a huge success. They also welcomed their students of the month: Caleb Galt and Presley Rains from Perkins-Tryon High School. They both stay busy with school activities as well as serving their community.



2026 STILLWATER PUMPKIN PATCH

524 N STALLARD STILLWATER, OK

PUMPKINS • FUN • COMMUNITY • MEMORIES

HOURS OF OPERATION

Mon-Fri: 1:30 – 7:30
Saturday: 9:30 – 7:30
Sunday: 11:00 – 7:00

- LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**
most Sunday Afternoons
- FREE ADMISSION**
- PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES**
- FUN FOR ALL!**

SOME WEEKLY SPECIAL EVENTS

- ♥ 1ST WEEK: Fri. Sept. 18: Pumpkin Delivery Date – Volunteers to help unload are welcome
Saturday 9/19: Opening Day
- ♥ 2ND WEEK: Saturday, Sept. 26: Carriage Rides 3–5
- ♥ 3RD WEEK: Saturday, Oct. 3: Pancake Breakfast, Mum distribution Day 8:00 – 11:00
- ♥ 4TH WEEK: Saturday, Oct. 10: Bake sale 9:00 until sold out
- ♥ 5TH WEEK: Friday, Oct. 16: Ag in the Classroom 11:00 – 4:00
Saturday, Oct. 17: 9:00 – noon OHCE Pie Distribution
3–5pm Kids Carnival with Hands on Ag in the Classroom
Activities, Carriage and Oxen Cart Rides, Pumpkin Catapult; Misspent Ukes performing
- ♥ 6TH WEEK: Saturday, Oct. 24 – Cheer for the Lions in the Homecoming Parade
- ♥ 7TH WEEK: Saturday, Oct. 31 – Last day of patch

Follow the “Stillwater Pumpkin Patch” Facebook Page for more details and event highlights!

PROVIDED BY:

The Stillwater Noon Lions Club
 Highland Park United Methodist Church
 ♥ and ♥
 numerous community volunteers
 and event sponsors

2026-2027

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Hello SW Lions!

As we move into fall, I continue to be reminded that the strength of District 3SW is found in our Lions—the people who are willing to show up, serve their communities, and step forward when there is a need. Right now, our district has a few needs of its own.

We still have **Zone Chair positions that need to be filled**, and we are looking for Lions willing to serve on our **Global Action Team**, including **GMT (Global Membership Team)**, **GET (Global Extension Team)** and **GLT (Global Leadership Team)**. You don't have to know everything before you step into one of these positions. You just need to be willing to serve, learn, share ideas, and help strengthen the clubs in our district. We have clubs across 3SW doing great things and they deserve district leaders who will encourage them, communicate with them, and help them succeed. If you've ever thought about becoming more involved beyond your own club, maybe this is your opportunity. **We need you!**

October Means Vision

October 8–18 is our **Week of Service for Vision**, and I would love to see clubs throughout 3SW find a way to participate. Your project doesn't have to be complicated. Host an eyeglass collection drive or spend an evening sorting donated glasses. Partner with a school or community organization on a vision project, arrange a vision screening, or set up an information table about Lions vision programs. Remember to remind your community where they can donate used eyeglasses to make a difference. Don't forget **White**

Cane Day, traditionally observed on or near October 15, White Cane events give us an opportunity to raise awareness about blindness and visual impairment. This time is educational as well, while raising funds to support the **Oklahoma**

Lions Service Foundation and the important work that make it possible. The **Lawton Lions Club** is already planning its White Cane event for **October 17, 2026 at Homeland in Lawton**. There's an idea another club could easily borrow! Whatever you choose to do, remember to **take pictures, share your story and report your service**. We know our Lions are serving—let's make sure everyone else knows it too.

Lions Quest

We are excited to have **Lions Quest training at Cameron University in Lawton on October 2, 2026**. This training is specifically for teachers and those preparing to become teachers, giving them the training and tools needed to implement Lions Quest in their classrooms. Maybe you're reading this and wondering, *"What exactly is Lions Quest?"*

We've got you covered! At our **District 3SW Convention**, we'll have a session specifically for Lions to learn what Lions Quest is, how it works and how our clubs can help bring the program into more schools and communities.

Oklahoma Lions **District 3SW** statistics for the Southwest District at the Oklahoma Lions Council meeting on August 29, 2026. There are 42 clubs currently with no stats. Quo clubs and one branch club from Anadarko. There are 879 SW members. The SW Convention will be in Ada on February 5, 6, 2027. The next SW Cabinet meeting is November 5, 2027 at 7:00 PM.

Look What 3SW Lions Have Been Doing!

Our clubs have already been very busy. The **SW District Clubs**

are preparing for schools to return so many are performing Vision Screening through **KidSight**. Lions have been helping with the **Sunbeam Family Services Headstart** program for a few years now. Edmond Lions, Midwest City Lions, Northwest OKC Lions, and Westside have all helped with taking on several dates in August and September to make sure our little ones are getting vision screened.

The **Altus Lions Club** and **Anadarko Lions Club** both started the school year by showing up for students through back-to-school activities in their communities. Anadarko Lions also helped welcome students on their first day of school. Sometimes service really is as simple as showing up and letting our young people know their community supports them. The **Anadarko Lions Club** will host a **Family Fun Night at Jungle Ice in Chickasha on October 1**, bringing families together for an evening of fun and fellowship.

The **Anadarko Champions of Advocacy Lions Club** have been busy sorting donated eyeglasses. Those boxes of glasses may look like a simple service project, but every pair has the potential to eventually help someone see their world a little more clearly.

The **Ada Lions Club** continues



to stay busy serving its community and supporting Lions programs. Ada has a special connection to Lions Quest through PDG Anthony Dowell, our Oklahoma Lions Quest Coordinator.

The **Northwest Lions Club** had their annual Golf Fundraiser in partnership with Calm Waters. For those who do not know about them, the



origin story tells it all.

The Origin Story

When Jason was nine, his father died suddenly. He recalls, "One of my favorite memories is of my time sailing with my dad. Whenever the weather got rough, we would go into a cove to take shelter. It was in those calm waters that I felt most safe." In the stormy, emotional times that followed his father's death, Jason longed for the safety and peace of those calm waters again. It is for Jason, and all the other children who have endured loss, that Calm Waters was founded. Calm Waters Center for Children and Families is a non-profit and non-faith-based organization dedicated to helping bereaved



children and families in their grief journey after a death, divorce or other significant loss. Calm Waters provides FREE support groups at our center and in schools, private counseling and consultation, parenting seminars, professional trainings and workplace crisis services. The Fund-



raiser proved to be a great success while having a lot of fun! There was even an hole in one on the 11th hole for a lucky member who got a 10K dollar shopping spree at B C Clark's. The club wants to thank Lion Mark Hill for organizing this event and keeping us all on track.



The **Seminole Lions** quest speaker was Jenna Geohagan who

spoke about Impact Seminole. They also celebrated Ernie Willis who received their "Lion of the Year" award from President Brett Walker.



The **Shawnee Lions Club** partnered with **Cops N Kids** in August to provide vision screenings (**KidSight**), taking one of our signature causes directly into the community and reaching children and families.

The **Mustang Lions Club** will host **Bingo on September 19 from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the Mustang Lions Club.**

On **September 26**, the **Wewoka Lions Club** will celebrate an incredible milestone—**100 years of service!** Their 100th Anniversary Celebration will be held from **6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Wewoka School Cafeteria**. A century of Lions serving one community is something worth celebrating. Think of the generations of Lions, projects completed and lives touched during those 100 years. Con-

gratulations, Wewoka Lions!

On **October 11**, the **Canute Lions Club** will hold its **Annual Pancake Breakfast from 7:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.** Nothing says Lions quite like getting up early and feeding the community!

The **Lawton Lions Club** will hold its **White Cane event on October 17 at Homeland in Lawton**, right in the middle of our vision-focused month.

On **October 24**, the **OKC West Side Lions Club** will get into the Halloween spirit with its **Trunk or Treat**. Look at all of that—and those are just the things I've heard about!

These are only a few examples. I know there are many more projects happening throughout 3SW, so please keep sharing them! **There's More Coming!** Our calendar is filling up, and I hope you'll support your fellow Lions whenever you have the opportunity.

Keep Sharing—and Keep Serving

Send me your pictures. Tell me about your projects. Let me know what's coming up. Sharing what your club is doing isn't just about getting recognition. Your idea may be exactly what another club needs to get its members excited about a new project. We don't all have to reinvent the wheel. **Good service ideas are meant to be shared!** While we're talking about stepping up, I'll remind you where I started: **District 3SW needs Lions willing to lead.** We need Zone Chairs. We need Lions willing to serve as GMT, GET and GLT. Most importantly, we need Lions who care about helping our clubs and our district grow stronger. There is plenty of work ahead, but there are even more opportunities—to serve, to lead, to invite someone new to join us and to make a difference.

Let's keep showing Oklahoma what District 3SW Lions can do.

**District Governor,
Alyeska Factor**

KidSight

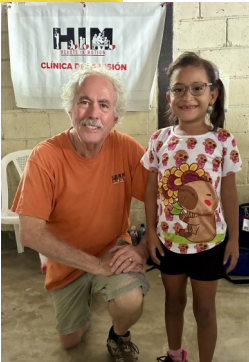
Hello, Lions!

We had another successful week in **Guatemala**, despite the heat and humidity. Nothing like working in a dark tent in that heat, but people were great, very friendly, and with the light controlled, we had very few



“aborts” due to lighting. My impression those I couldn’t measure were because the older visi-

tor had underlying issues like glaucoma, diabetic retinopathy, or cataracts. My husband assisted in using the “flipper” lenses to determine what donated eyeglasses might work for those people, and they were happy with the results.



The “team” was my husband and me, plus a Guatemalan gentleman who I am training to help. He did



great though he tended to be a little shy. But he was great at interviewing our visitors for name, age, and reading ability,

and kept them in order with numbers I could use in the SPOT for clean record keeping. That part alone was great!

The note at the bottom to “referrals” has to do with a few peo-

ple whose visual acuity was too complicated to match in donated eyeglasses, and they were instructed to get a prescription, give it to the field director Bert, and he would then WhatsApp a copy to me. I then send it to my optometrist friend in Texas who makes them the exact eyeglasses they need. So far, I have already received one of those – for a 9-year-old boy, Kevin, who was very far-sighted and had strong astigmatism. He would be one who would undoubtedly drop out of school without proper eyeglasses since he wouldn’t enjoy reading if he can’t see well. His mom said they couldn’t afford an eye appointment either, but we found the assistance of a health department director who took care of that, too. Thank you for all you do! Kindest regards,

Marcia McGinnis
Tulsa Downtown
Lions Club Associate



KidSight Receives Endowment Funds

The Oklahoma KidSight program received a sizable donation to the KidSight Endowment at Oklahoma City Community Foundation thanks to the Paul Milburn estate. This will help fund the program for many years to come!

Thank you to all the Oklahoma Lions Clubs who took the time to screen children for vision related issues! You have made the difference in the lives of over 12 thousand children this year. That means over 3000 children’s vision anomalies were detected to hopefully prevent future permanent problems. Our Ok Children thanks you!!!!

Eye Glass Recycling



Midwest City	425
Edmond	645
Norman	480
Norman Sooner	538
Mustang	950
Durant	140
El Reno CV	105

This makes a total of 3,283 pairs of eyeglasses recycled from Oklahoma Lions for August!



Hearing Aids. Remember we have Eyeglass collection boxes for \$10.00 and Hearing Aid collection boxes for \$15.00! If your Club needs boxes and are unable to purchase them, please visit with the office to see if we can help.



*Please consider setting aside one day a month to sort glasses at your club so they will be sorted when they reach our office. Please mark the number in each box. Many Thanks to those clubs who have come to sort glasses.

Lions Clubs have helped recycle over 352 hearing aids to distribute to needy Oklahomans! Thank you!



An Eternal Memory...

...Until We Meet Again

Those special memories of you
will always bring a smile
if only I could have you back
for just a little while
Then we could sit and talk again
just like we used to do
you always meant so very much
and always will do too
The fact that you're no longer here
will always cause me pain
but you're forever in my heart
until we meet again

2026-2027 Memorials

In Memory of those who go before us, we acknowledge their accomplishments, service, and legacy. Mostly, we honor them with love. The love they had for their community and the services they provided through Oklahoma Lions. This is the legacy that lasts forever!

PID R Hal Long

- Russell Wright

Pam Timmons

- Marie Burns
- NW OKC Lions Club
- Sue Thompson

Lions State Office MD3 Calendars, News, and Notes

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2026-2027 DIRECTORY will
be online soon!

www.oklionsfoundation.org

Please call Office for Pass-
word



Upcoming Council Dates

- November 14, 2026 West Side
- January 9, 2027 West Side
- May 1, 2027 Claremore
- June 12, 2027 West Side

The Council has decided to only offer The Oklahoma Lion online or by email which saves a lot of money! If we do not have your correct email, please let us know!

Convention Date: MD 3
State Convention will be in
Claremore April 30-May 1

Lions Office keeps Resources available!

**Eye Glass
Recycling
Boxes avail-
able for \$10.**



**Hearing Aid
Recycling
Boxes are
\$15.**

Yard Signs are \$20

Please let us know if you will be picking one or more items at the Council Meetings!

**Lions of Oklahoma State
Patches (6" diam.) are \$10.00
each.**

Lions Meadows of Hope Expands to Support Grandparents Raising Grandchildren

For more than a decade, Lions Meadows of Hope has stood beside Oklahoma's foster families — recruiting, training, and supporting the homes that welcome children when they cannot remain safely with their parents. But over those ten years, one group of caregivers kept appearing at our door that we were never able to help: grandparents, aunts, and uncles who suddenly found themselves raising young relatives. Now, at last, we can.

This August, Lions Meadows of Hope launched its new Kinship Navigation Program, selected by Oklahoma Human Services as one of only five agencies statewide to deliver these services. We are serving eight north-central Oklahoma counties: Lincoln, Payne, Logan, Noble, Pawnee, Osage, Kay, and Grant.

Kinship caregivers rarely get to plan for this role. A grandmother may receive a call in the evening and welcome grandchildren into her home by morning — needing beds, clothing, school enrollment, childcare, and answers to legal questions all at once. Our Kinship Navigators walk alongside these families, connecting them with resources and support at no cost, so children can stay with the

people who love them, in the schools and communities they know.

The first phase of the program supports family members caring for children who are formally in DHS custody. Our hope is to

grow beyond that: to one day serve informal kinship families as well, so that any Oklahoman raising a grandchild, niece, or nephew can find help here — regardless of DHS involvement.

Fellow Lions, you can help right now by spreading the word. If you know a grandparent or relative caring for children in our eight-county service area, tell them about us. They can reach Lions Meadows of Hope at 405-547-2462 or www.lionsmoh.org.

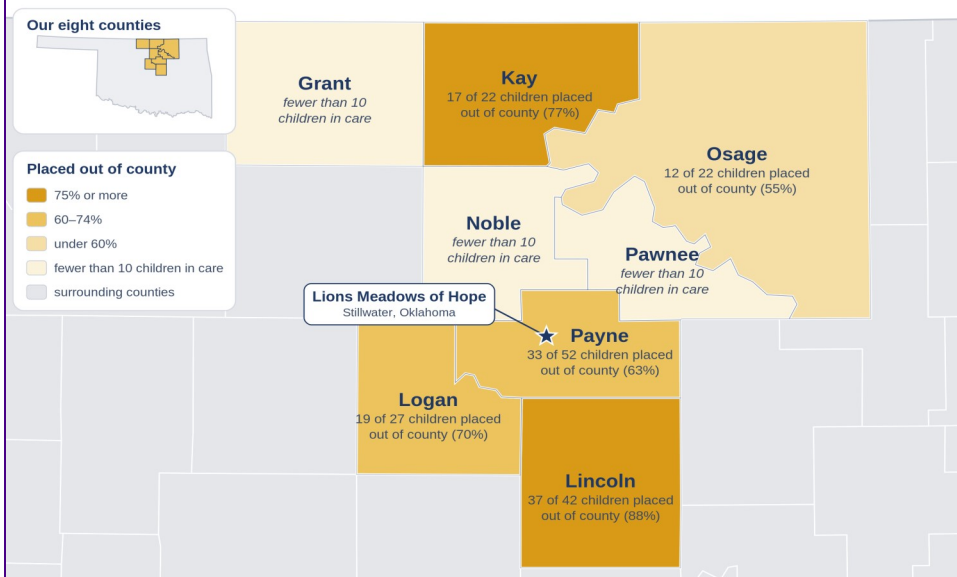
Bryan Larison,
Chief Executive Officer
Lions Meadows of Hope

THE GIFTS THAT MATTER MOST.

SAVE THE DATE- CHRISTMAS PARADE OF CHECKS
STILLWATER COMMUNITY CENTER | 11 AM
SATURDAY, DEC 5TH 2026

When families get support, children stay close to home.

7 in 10 children from our eight counties in traditional foster care are placed outside their home county — 126 of 179 children.



Why this matters

Every number is a child living away from their school, church, friends, and extended family.

These figures count only children for whom a family placement was not found or did not hold.

Supporting kinship caregivers — the grandparents and relatives who step up — is how these numbers come down.

Kinship Navigation Program
405-547-2462 • www.lionsmoh.org



WEWOKA LIONS CLUB

100TH ANNIVERSARY Dinner

WE SERVE
Lions Clubs International is the world's largest service club organization.
Together, we make our community stronger!

Celebrating a Century of Service, Fellowship, and Community

Join us as we celebrate 100 years of service to the Wewoka community and honor the Lions' commitment to making a difference for generations.

EVENT DETAILS

DATE: Saturday, September 26, 2026

TIME: 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Wewoka School Cafeteria
300 W. 10th Street
Wewoka, OK

DINNER COST: \$25.00 per plate
Please indicate your choice of:
☐ Roast ☐ Chicken

TABLE RESERVATION: Reserve a table of 8 for \$175.00

RSVP

RSVP by September 16, 2026, to guarantee a meal.

Mail reservations and payment to:
FDG Larry Bailey
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WEDNESDAY
SEPTEMBER 30
2026

SHOWTIMES:
5:00 PM
— AND —
7:30 PM

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LABOR DAY BURN

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★ A WEEKEND OF BBQ, COMMUNITY & FUN! ★

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PORK BUTTS PROVIDED BY MEATS N MORE

CAR SHOW

Car Show, Sponsored by Honda of Muskogee



More categories will be added depending on number of entries!

CATEGORIES

- RCOA CHOICE
- PEOPLE'S CHOICE
- BEST OF SHOW (MODIFIED CAR & TRUCK)
- BEST OF SHOW (ORIGINAL CAR & TRUCK)

CAR SHOW TIMELINE

8:00 AM - 9:15 AM Registration

9:30 AM - 11:30 AM Judging

11:30 AM Awards



Ribs on the Grill, Muscle on Wheels!

PEOPLE'S CHOICE ANCILLARY

\$50 ENTRY FEE
1 PORK BUTT PROVIDED PER TEAM

PEOPLE'S CHOICE PAYOUT \$300 CASH
PLUS BRAGGING RIGHTS TROPHY!

LOCAL TEAM BONUS
We love supporting our local players! If 10 or more local teams register, the Labor Day Burn Committee will increase the prize package and/or add additional awards in recognition of the outstanding local participation. Final payouts and awards will be announced prior to the competition.

FRIDAY NIGHT

Kids Q (Best Burger Bite) & BYO Ribeye Steak Competition



KIDS FISHING DERBY

8:00 AM - 11:00 AM



SCAVENGER HUNT
COORDINATED BY SEQUOYAH STATE PARK

KIDS INFLATABLE ZONE

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SATURDAY AFTERNOON DOUBLE RIB CONTEST

PAYOUT EACH RIB **\$8,000**

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RIB B TURN IN 3:00 - 3:30 PM



For more information on becoming a vendor, please email cbarney@bluesky.bank

FOR MORE INFORMATION
For more information on the car show please email streetkathy@gmail.com

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2026

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SEPTEMBER 19, 2026

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Raising awareness and supporting those at risk.

White Cane

WHITE CANES ARE TOOLS OF INDEPENDENCE



**1. THEY PROVIDE
NAVIGATION &
FREEDOM.**

Detect obstacles.
Find landmarks.
Travel safely.



**2. GIVE THEM
SPACE TO MOVE
SAFELY.**

Never grab them.
Ask first before
offering help.



**3. RESPECT &
AWARENESS
HELP EVERYONE.**

Independence, not
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inclusive community.

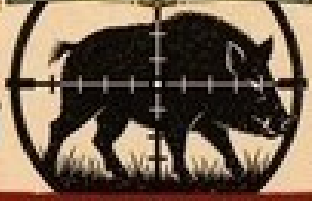
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#RespectWhiteCanes #Awareness #Inclusion



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**24 HOUR
HOG HUNT**



**FALL
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SEPTEMBER 11-12TH, 2026

HOG HUNT BEGINS 2:00 PM FRIDAY	FESTIVAL BEGINS NOON SATURDAY	WEIGH-IN AT 2:00 PM SATURDAY	AWARDS AT 5:00 PM SATURDAY
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DOWNTOWN STROUD



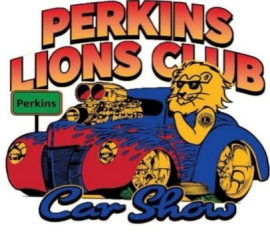


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SEPTEMBER 19, 2026

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

8:00 a.m.	Lion's Club Pancake and Sausage Breakfast at the Gazebo
8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Tyler Rowe with the Triple T Hard Shell Rescue
9:30 - 12:00 p.m.	Old Settler and Visitor Registration at the Lion's Club Building
9:45 a.m.	Registration for the Box Turtle Races at the City Office (old bank)
10:00 - 10:30 a.m.	Pedal Pull Registration by Oklahoma Pedal Pullers Association (ages 4-12)
10:30 a.m.	Pedal Pull by Oklahoma Pedal Pullers Association
10:00 a.m.	Arts and Crafts Vendors at the Old Fire House
10:00 a.m.	Registration for the 4th Annual Storm Chaser and Car Show @ Bank
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Bounce House, Ax Throwing, and Games
10:15 a.m.	Box Turtle Races
10:30 a.m.	Kids Events and Games
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Beauty and the Tempest Storm Photography
11:30 a.m.	Lunch available on Main Street

FOOD INCLUDES:

Twister Cafe	Scotty's Treats	Nanny's Burgers	M.B. Burritos	Wildflower Sips & Pizz
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12:00 - 3:00 p.m. Cartoon Artist
 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. Voting for the Storm Chaser and Car Show
 1:00 p.m. Small bucks GIVE-A-WAY
 1:30 p.m. Adult Games, Cornhole, and other Activities
 3:00 p.m. Storm Chaser and Car Show Awards
 3:30 p.m. Parade line up at the park
 3:45 p.m. Kids Bike/Power Wheels Parade
 3:55 p.m. Parade Opening Ceremony
4:00 p.m. PARADE
 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. Bar-B-Q meal provided by Medford F.F.A. Boosters (by Donation)
 5:00 p.m. Big Money Drawings - buy chances @ Lion's Building
 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. Robert Allen (LIVE MUSIC)

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ROBERT ALLEN MUSIC
11 a.m. Church Services at Christian Church

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2026
11 a.m. Church Services at Christian Church

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 For more information: Call/Text any Club's Club member

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