



ASHLAND OPTIMIST CLUB
Meeting Saturday Mornings @ 7:30 A.M.
Optimist Drive, Ashland, MO 65010

August 7, 2021

"You cannot do all the good the world needs, but the world needs all the good you can do."

Optimist Board

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COMING UP

Board Meeting:

August 12, 2021 7:00 p.m.

**TAKE A MINUTE TO REMEMBER
 THOSE WHO MADE US STRONG:**

- Carroll Sapp – 1987
- “Buddy” Glascock – 1988
- William Burnett – 1992
- Remus James – 1994
- Ron Marley – 1997
- Cecil Vaughn – 2001
- Billy Jo Sapp – 2004
- Marvin Sappington – 2004
- Arcie Sapp – 2005
- Kenneth Nichols – 2006
- Lahmon Wren – 2007
- Joe Smith - 2009
- Jimmy Jo Calvin- 2009
- Bob Sappington – 2010
- Clifford Caldwell-2013
- Mel Rupard-2013
- Ernest Woods—2013
- John Johnson—2013
- Michael Dalton--2013
- Jim Moore--2016
- Carl Long--2016
- Don Jones-2017
- Clay Austin-2017
- Sharon Donley-2017
- Ben Nieman- 2017
- Nick Kimbler- 2018
- Barbara Perry- 2018
- Jacob Zagorac- 2019
- Joy Woods- 2021

Next wee: Breakfast: Aug. 14- Shawn Steelman, Barrett and Brandon Glascock
Speaker- Aaron Atkins on solar energy

The Ashland Optimist Board meets Thursday, Aug. 12 at 7:00.

As always, and even without the help of Robert Blake, Bern Bonderer and John Travelos provided an incredible breakfast this morning, with sausage or ham croissant breakfast sandwiches and lots of fresh fruit.

Our speaker this morning was Brian Flowers, MDC Central Region Outreach & Education supervisor. He started with a little history about conservation in the state of Missouri, which started when a group of Missouri sportsmen, including Syd Stephens of Stephens College, got together to form the Restoration and Conservation Federation of Missouri in Sept. 1935. This established an apolitical Commission in 1937. In 1976, a 1/8 cent Conservation sales tax was created to provide a stable broad-based funding for Missouri's forests, fauna, and fish. There is still a Missouri Conservation Federation, as well as the Department of Natural Resources and the Missouri Department of Conservation, which Brian is part of.

Brian also provided information about his current project, which is named the Boone County Nature School at this time. It will be located on the Waters-Russell addition to the Three Creeks Conservation Area, donated by Hank Waters and Vicki Russell. This is a partnership between Columbia Public Schools, the Missouri Department of Conservation, and our communities, but it will provide hands-on, nature-focused education for all six Boone County school districts. The focus in the school districts will be on fifth graders, with two sessions for students at the Nature School each year. At this point, 75% of the funds have been raised and Phase One of the project is currently occurring. Unfortunately, the fundraising through the communities was just starting when everything was shut down by Covid last Spring. The final campus will include the school building, an outdoor pavilion, a council house structure, a fishing pond, and restored native habitats and crops. The school building will include four classrooms, a meeting space, a wet lab, a kitchen, and a lobby to honor Missouri's conservation heroes. To learn more, you can go to boonecountynatureschool.com.

Once Brian was finished with his presentation, he drew for the Attendance drawing. Biff Barner, Jay Richardson, and Dayton Grover had their chance at riches, but now the pot will have a chance to grow again.

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