



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

July 10, 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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John Dougan	2022

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

Breakfast team: July 17- Bonita Lenger, Brenda Austin, and John Dougan

Speaker- John Dougan, Missouri State Archivist

The Ashland Optimist Board met on Thursday, July 8th at the Optimist building. They spoke about the success of the Fishing Derby, which was held June 19th, thanks to all of the work from John Dougan. The Arcie Sapp Memorial Blood Drive was also mentioned. Since we only had fourteen donors, we will probably try to host another drive later this year. The pool has been doing well and was able to host the Boy Scouts for their necessary swim test before camp, with a few adjustments because of timing issues. The Board voted to pay Barrett Glascock's way to the Missouri Gaming Commission, Charitable Gaming Division Convention in September.

Barrett also shared a picture with a thank you note from Max Oliver and the Firearms Team and a nice letter from Gavin Blackburn who we sponsored to Missouri Boys State. I will try to copy the letter and share it with the membership through the website later. Barrett also shared that Veteran's United provided \$1,500 toward an AED for the pool.

Dave Taylor and Dayton Grover provided a delicious breakfast this morning. Besides our speaker, Randy Eckley, we also were thrilled to host Brian Hartman for breakfast this morning.

Randy retired from the Air Force as a Lt. Col. in 1999 following over twenty years in the Air Force, including being pilot of an F117 Stealth Fighter for the last four years. The plane was designed to be invisible to radar and Lockheed was only given fourteen months to develop the prototype in 1981. Each plane costs close to \$50 million. The families of the pilots did not know what their pilots were flying until 1988. The first use of the Stealth Fighters in battle was during Desert Storm. When the plane was in the air, after being stealthed, the pilot didn't have any access to radar or communication.

Randy shared many stories and also mentioned two books about the F117: Skunk Works and Stealth Fighter. The library has access to both titles as eBooks. After Randy was finished sharing his stories, he drew for the Attendance drawing. Brandon Glascock, Missy Bonderer, and Lisa Finn had their chance at riches, but the pot will continue to grow.

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