



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

**June 26, 2021**

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

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**COMING UP**

**Board Meeting:  
 July 8, 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 3rd- Jim Greene, Bryan Chapman, and Rick Gowdy**  
**Speaker- Chris Felmlee on U.S. history**

We enjoyed an incredible breakfast this morning provided by Leigh Kottwitz, with assistance from Glenn Sapp and Chris Felmlee. Starting next Saturday, we will begin the breakfast team schedule again.

Our speaker this morning was Superintendent Chris Felmlee to talk about Ranken Technical College's satellite campus in Southern Boone County on a five-acre campus on the east side of Ashland. To start, this Ranken campus will provide training in three areas: construction trades, information technology, and nursing skills. All of these areas will work through a two thousand hour pairing with an employer to provide an integrated work-based learning model, similar to apprenticeship. Most of these programs are two-year programs, with students coming out prepared for high-paying skilled positions.

The partnership between Ranken and the school district started with a \$4.5 million Economic Development grant and was aided with \$1.5 million from the state of Missouri. The hope is that the rest of the funds needed will come from business partners who understand the importance of training young people in skilled trades that will be essential for our future. The plan is to open in August of 2023.

Chris was able to answer all of the questions he was presented with and is willing to answer others with questions at cfelmlee@ashland.k12.mo.us. After he finished answering questions at the meeting, he drew for the Attendance drawing. Doug Zeugin, Norm Geary, and Jerome Glascock had their chance at riches, but the pot will continue to grow. Since this was the last meeting of the month, the Poker Pot was awarded to Rich Ward with three twos.

The turnout for the Arcie Sapp Memorial Blood Drive was lower than in the past, with only fourteen donors. Hopefully, we will be able to host another blood drive later in the year with a better turnout.

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