



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

June 19, 2021

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

### Optimist Board

Jan Palmer	President
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John Dougan	2022

### 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

### **Happy Father's Day!**

**Speaker: June 26- Chris Felmlee speaking about Ranken Tech**

**Breakfast: Because Chris is our speaker, the decision was made that his team could make breakfast**

**The Arcie Sapp blood drive will be held at the building Tuesday, June 22nd from 2:00-6:00 p.m in conjunction with the Red Cross and the Southern Boone School District.**

We had fifteen members in attendance to enjoy the wonderful meal provided by Bernie Bartel, Jan Palmer, and her daughter Reanna. Jan also shared a thank you note we received from Brad Leer, who is in charge of Missouri Boy's State, for sponsoring a participant again and telling us about Julian Castro, who was the keynote speaker at this year's program.

Our speaker this morning was Trooper Brandon Harris of Troop F of the Missouri State Highway Patrol. He has been a trooper for over seven years and shared the requirements for joining the Highway Patrol. After applying, candidates are required to take a written test, a physical fitness assessment, a polygraph, and go through a complete background check. This can take up to ten months before they are chosen for a Board interview. If everything goes well, they will begin one of the two classes of 30-40 candidates which are held each year. Each class lasts six months at the Academy in Jefferson City. The training is based on military training and Brandon said that each class may lose up to a dozen candidates in the first two weeks. Driving training and firearms training are also part of what they must learn at the Academy and a candidate has to pass all aspects of their training to become troopers.

Missouri State Highway Patrol troopers travel alone, so have to be able to make rapid decisions. They are trained in a form of verbal judo to lessen the risk of physical confrontations. They have statewide jurisdiction and do not have to deal with quotas for tickets or people stopped. Brandon stated that retention is difficult in some troops because other entities pay better and, because of this, some of the requirements for the Academy have been loosened as the State Highway Patrol try to fill their ranks.

When Brandon finished answering the many questions he was presented with, he drew for the attendance drawing, but since Colby Branch, Norm Geary, and Jessie Kendall didn't show up for his program, then the pot will continue to grow.

After breakfast, we held our annual Fishing Derby at the Ashland City pond. John Dougan coordinated everything this year and the Missouri Department of Conservation provided bluegill, supplies, and waived the need for a fishing license at the event. Ernie Wren provided some large bass for the event as well. Charlie Selbach, Lena Long, and Dana Cafourek helped the 12 kids and their families. Prizes were awarded for the largest fish (by 1/4 inch!) and the most fish caught, as well as three attendance prizes.

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