



June 11, 2022

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

Optimist Board

Jan Palmer	President
Lisa Barnum	VP
Dana Cafourek	VP
Missy Bonderer	Past Pres.
Barrett Glascock	Secretary
Heather Martin	Treasurer
Bruce Glascock	2021
Bernie Bartel	2021
Ken Bishop	2021
Shawn Steelman	2022
Robert Blake	2022
John Dougan	2022

COMING UP

Board Meeting: June 9

**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
- Steve Walsh-2021
- Kristi Savage Clarke 2022

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Next week:

Breakfast: June 18- Brenda Austin, Bonita Lenger, Bruce Glascock

Program- Kelley Upham, skilled nursing at the Neighborhood

Coming Up:

- June 18 Fishing Derby- right after breakfast, we will need plenty of help!
- June 29 Arcie Sapp Blood Drive honoring Hudson Eller- 2:00-6:00 Ashland Optimist Building
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The Board met on Thursday, June 9th at 7:00. Mayor Dorise Slinker spoke to the Board about the Optimist soccer fields east of the arena being a back-up location for the 4th of July fireworks, which at this time are scheduled to be held at the Lakeside Entertainment Park. They are still having issues getting opened. Last month the Board had voted to reinvest all of the interest that the club received from Optimist International from our scholarship fund. This month, the Board voted to hold onto \$9,000 of that money for use in purchasing new air handlers to replace our current ones. The Board also voted to spend up to \$1,000 to replace the chest freezer in the Scouts area which was destroyed by lightning and to pay for one night lodging for Barrett to attend the ACGM convention. Finally, the Board approved Collin Zeugin, David Winarski, William and Maddie Blos as new members, contingent on their fees being paid.

Kip Kendrick, former Missouri state representative, who is currently running for Boone County Presiding Commissioner, and his son Abram were our guests this morning for a simple breakfast of Casey's breakfast pizza and fresh fruit provided by Dana Cafourek and Letitia DenHartog.

President Jan Palmer had Jim Green lead us in prayer after the Pledge of Allegiance. She spoke about next Saturday's Fishing Derby, the fact that we have the trailer and banners for the 4th of July parade, but need people to help with that, as well as help putting together a club scrapbook before the convention in August.

We held our election, with Dana Cafourek stepping up as President, Lisa Barnum remaining vice president, and Leigh Kottwitz replacing John Dougan on the Board. Ken Bishop, Bernie Bartel, and Bruce Glascock will continue in their positions on the Board for another two years. The vote passed with acclamation.

Our speaker this morning was Barrett Glascock providing information about the Rankin project. Students from Southern Boone have had the option in the past of attending classes at the Columbia Career Center or Nichols Career Center in Jefferson City. Both options required a sizable portion of the students' day, so Dave Westhoff started looking at the option of building a Rankin Technical College in Ashland to help this problem. David Rankin started the first Rankin Technical College in St. Louis in 1907. There are now three additional campuses in Missouri. The Eagle Foundation, which was used to raise money to build the track and the football field was renewed to accept donations toward the \$8.5 million that will be required. Rep. Sarah Walsh was instrumental in helping to raise funds and five acres of land next to Salter Lawn Service was donated for the location. Hubbell Power Systems has pledged a quarter of a million dollars.

Rankin is looking at opening their doors in the Fall of 2023, with classes on construction, health, welding, and internet technology. The classes will be available to middle school and high school students, with a two year degree available first, followed eventually by a four year degree. Rankin is accredited to accept A+ and Pell Grant to pay for classes.

Barrett was impressed by the fact that Rankin has three parts to their grading: schoolwork, trade training, and ethics. Students have to pass all three areas to earn their degree, and because of this, Rankin has a 97% placement record.

After Barrett finished speaking and answering questions, he drew for the Attendance drawing. John Travlos, Jim Bowden, and Terry Wren had their chance at riches, but the pot will continue to grow.

Letitia Den Hartog

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