



**OPTIMIST**  
INTERNATIONAL

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

July 8 2023

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

**Optimist Board**

Dana Cafourek	President
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**COMING UP**

The Pool is open for the season!  
July 13 Board meeting  
July 21 next Bingo

**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  
 Johnny Pauley 2023

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Breakfast- July 15: Dana Cafourek, Letitia DenHartog

**Program: Alec Mundle- Health on Wheels Outreach van program**

**The Ashland Optimist Board will meet on Thursday, July 13th at the Optimist building, starting at 7:00 p.m. If you have items to add to the agenda, please contact Barrett Glascock by Tuesday.**

**We had Bingo last night, with 114 players. Several of our regular workers were out, but we did add Will and Tara Blue to the Bingo team. Bernie Bartel was out after surgery, but still brought a custard pie. The floor only deposited \$493 over their bank, but was helped by the \$700 deposit from the kitchen.**

After Barrett and Brandon Glascock provided a lovely breakfast this morning, Barrett reported that it had been a tough week for some of our members, with long-time member Ernie Stewart losing his wife, as well as two members, Glen Sapp and Bruce Glascock, having heart attacks that required multiple stints.

Our speaker this morning was Madeline Bloss, an Optimist member who is also Senior Coordinator for Operations & Outreach and volunteer coordinator for the Boone County History & Culture Center at 3801 Ponderosa, just off Highway 63 and Grindstone. She is one of three full-time staff, who work with two part-time staff, and a large number of volunteers to share the history and culture of our area.

They are preparing for their 100 Anniversary next year, but have a lot going on this year still. They just finished two programs in their History Gallery. One was "Heroes Among Us" about local Boone Countians in the armed services, along with first responders who keep our Community safe. The other was "On My Honor" regarding volunteers in local groups including 4-H, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and Camp Fire U.S.A. They are preparing a display for the thirtieth anniversary of the flood of 1993, which will open July 19 and will include at least one boat in the gallery. The Boone County History & Culture Center also provides many other activities, which include family activities, like the Celebrating Freedom program that was held today, and a speaker's series "Real People and Real Stories" with the next program being Col. John Clark, a former Vietnam prisoner of war on July 13. They also have an art gallery, which was originally funded by local artist Tracy Montminy, who the art gallery is named after, and the Maplewood House, which was built in 1877 and restored in 1976, as well as four other buildings that make up the Village at Boone Junction, including the Easley general store, Gordon-Collins log cabin, Ryland farmhouse, and McQuitty shotgun house. Tours are available April-October at the cost of \$6 per adult and \$4 per child. This year the third and fourth grade students from Southern Boone Summer School were able to enjoy the tour and Columbia schools are setting up for their fifth graders to tour once school is back in session.

The Boone County History & Culture Center also hosts the Heritage Festival each year on the third Saturday of September and all displays are open and free, plus there will be a large number of vendors. On October 27th, they will enshrine new members into their Hall of Fame, with Col. John Clark as the 2023 Living recipient, the Food Bank for Central & Northern Missouri as the Institutional recipient, and artist Charles Morgenthaler as the Posthumous recipient. Madeline also talked about the digital collection of historical pictures from area photographers, between 1886 and 1970, that are currently being digitized to preserve the images for future generations. So far, 24,000 images are available, with 500,000 still to be saved.

Madeline shared a lot more information, which is available at [BooneHistory.org](http://BooneHistory.org) before drawing for the attendance drawing, which Charlie Selbach was thrilled to win.

*Letitia DenHartog*

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