



**OPTIMIST**  
INTERNATIONAL

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

March 4, 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**

Mar 9 Board meeting  
Mar 17 Bingo  
Mar 24 Family of Christ Fish Fry  
Mar 31 Lifeguard application deadline

**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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**Breakfast: March 11-Dorise Slinker, Carole Iles, and Jennifer Lawson  
Program- Kip Kendrick- Boone County  
Presiding Commissioner**

**There will be an Ashland Optimist Board meeting on Thursday, March 9th at 7:00. Contact Barrett if you have items to add to the agenda.**

**The Family of Christ Fish Fry will be held at their church on Friday, March 24th from 4-7 p.m. This will be a drive through only event again this year.**

We had a huge crowd at Bingo last night with 197 players. Thank you to everyone who made this work seamlessly! Numerous special games were sold, which allowed a deposit of \$7,000, plus the deposit of just short of \$1,250 from the kitchen thanks in part to Lena Long and her donation of ham & beans with homemade cornbread. The next Bingo will be March 17th and it will be a \$1,199 night.

This morning after an incredible breakfast of ham, egg, and cheese biscuits and peach crisp provided by Brenda Austin, Bonita Lenger, and John Dougan, Barrett shared a thank you note from Primary Principal Brandy Clark and Assistant Principal Lucas Karr for the milk and juice that we provided to the kindergarten classes, leftover from Pancake Day.

Jan Palmer and Ernie Wren shared some of their experiences from the 2nd quarter Eastern District Conference last weekend. The next Conference will be held in St. Louis as well on May 5th. Let Barrett or Dana know if you are interested in attending. Our club won a Dollars per Members award, which will be added to our banner.

Our speaker this morning was Carley Travis, who does communication work for the Missouri Dept. of Agriculture under Director Chris Chinn. Since John Travlos knew Carley through his son, Ben, he introduced her since Leigh Kottwitz was out of town. Carley shared her background before she joined the Dept. of Ag a year ago, which included getting her degree in Agriculture at Oklahoma State, and spending a year as part of the World Race, which is an International Mission Program, before returning stateside because of Covid.

She talked about the different departments of the Dept. of Agriculture, including the Weekly Market News report, MO Grown listings, Animal Health, Grain Inspection, Plant & Pest Control,, Animal Feed, Weights & Measures, Food Safety, Fuel Quality, Land Surveys, Wine & Grape production, Milk Production, the Missouri State Fair, the Extension service, and youth programs through 4H and FFA. She shared more information than I can list, but you can go to their website at [agriculture.mo.gov](http://agriculture.mo.gov) if you are interested in more detailed information.

She spoke specifically about some of the programs she has been involved in, including the Agri Stress phone line, where people in agriculture can speak with therapists who understand their stressors, and the information regarding the control of black vultures in Missouri. Carley also answered questions regarding HPAI, also known as avian flu, which has affected egg prices in Missouri..

After Carley was finished with her fascinating and information filled talk, she drew for the Attendance drawing. Mark Wanserski was thrilled to hear his number called again.

Optimist International President Bob McFadyen came to our Optimist building from his home in Canada Sunday at 4 p.m. and met with around forty Optimists, representing fourteen clubs from the Eastern and Western Missouri Optimist Districts. He answered people's questions and was very approachable.

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