



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

August 10, 2024

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

### Optimist Board

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### COMING UP

Aug 16 Bingo  
Aug 16-18 Eastern MO convention  
Aug 17 Breakfast Meeting-Jennifer Brooks  
Aug 18 Last pool swim day of season  
Aug 23-24 [Cattlemen Days Rodeo](#)  
Sep 14 Ashland Fall Fest  
**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: Aug. 17- Carole Iles, Dorise Slinker, Tony Ash**

**Program- Jennifer Brooks, Safe Kids Coalition**

**We will have Bingo this Friday, Aug. 16. If you normally help and are not available, please let Barrett or me know.**

Next weekend the Eastern MO Convention will be held on Aug. 16-18 at Courtyard by Marriott in Columbia. Officer-elect training will be held on Saturday. This training is required for our elected officers if our club wants to earn points. In addition, the Governor's Choice Awards Banquet, where Barrett will be recognized, and installation of new officers will be held on Saturday evening, followed by a Memorial Service on Sunday.

We are still gathering the following supplies at our breakfast meetings through next Saturday for the Fourth Quarter service project: lotion, Vaseline, body soap for all ages, diaper rash ointment, children's underwear, paper towels, Kleenex, and hand soap. All of the items that are gathered will be given to Rainbow House.

Barrett has the sign-up sheets for the Cattlemen Days Rodeo scheduled the weekend of August 23-24. Contact him or come to a breakfast meeting or Bingo to add your name. Taylor Elliott is in charge of coverage for the ticket booths. You can contact her at [tkl.elliott16@gmail.com](mailto:tkl.elliott16@gmail.com) if you are interested in helping there.

Please let Leigh Kottwitz know if you can help at the 2024 Ashland Fall Fest on Sept. 14th from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Leigh has a sign-up sheet to make sure shifts are covered. Remember, we will not have a breakfast meeting that morning since the building is rented but will need people to help with set-up before 9:00.

The 60th Anniversary Celebration for our club will be at the Optimist building on Sunday, Sep. 29 starting at 5:30. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for kids and the meal will be catered by Andrew Little though we may need desserts.

The Ashland Optimist Board met on Aug. 8th, without Barrett Glascock in attendance, so we don't have the regular report. President Leigh Kottwitz said that they spoke extensively about the upcoming Rodeo and about the need for the parking lot to be resurfaced and repainted, once bids come back for that project.

Brenda Austin, Bonita Lenger, and John Dougan provided a mixed muffin bar this morning for our breakfast, with sweet and savory muffins, plus fruit cups with strawberry cream cheese spread. In addition to our speakers, Mike & Henry Kennish, Dan Kennish had brought his wife, Mary, to enjoy the food, fellowship, and presentation.

Mike Kennish is the current scout leader for Troop 134 in Ashland. Henry is his son and a current guide for the troop. They recently participated in the Northern Tier High Adventure Base in Atikokan, Ontario Canada. This is one of four Bases that BSA offers, and our troop tries to go to one each year so the scouts have the opportunity to experience them all. The other three are: Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico, Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia, and Sea Base in the Florida Keys.

Henry talked about the preparation and practice that they put in before the trip, much of it on Long Branch Lake in Macon and Ashland Lake, learning to paddle and portage boats. The actual adventure involved nine days, four leaders, and seven scouts in four boats traveling seventy-five miles in a large oval through the Great North Woods. Scouts had to fit all of their clothing into a thirty liter dry bag so they could fit three people in each boat. They were required to wear boots that would drain since they spent much of their time in water or mud. In addition to having to carry the boats over portages, some of which were three-quarters mile long, they carried two 75 lb. packs of food.

They planned their route before they left, so that there wouldn't be other Scouts at the same camp areas. They used iodine drops to clarify drinking water and had a dry lunch of granola and jerky during the day. At one point, one of the Kevlar/fiberglass boats got a hole in it and they ended up patching it with band aids. One day, they had to travel across a lake that was designated as a "green zone" where only Canadian citizens can camp, a distance of twenty-three miles. They did plenty of fishing, mainly catching walleye and pike.

When Mike and Henry were finished speaking, they drew for the Attendance drawing. Chad Robinson, Chris Felmler, and Sharon Platt had their chance at riches, but with their absence, the pot will have a chance to grow again.

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