



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

August 17, 2024

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

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### COMING UP

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  
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Joe Smith - 2009  
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Clifford Caldwell-2013  
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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: Aug. 24- Robert Blake, John Travlos, Bern Bonderer**

**No program because of the rodeo, please help there this weekend if you can**

Barrett has the sign-up sheets for the Cattlemen's Day Rodeo scheduled the weekend of August 23-24. Contact him or Amanda Crocker to add your name for concessions. 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 held 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. Leigh Kottwitz is taking reservations through Sep. 14th so we can get a head count and has a sign-up sheet for desserts.

We had Bingo on Friday, Aug. 16th with 137 players in attendance. We were able to deposit \$2,700 from the floor and over \$1,000 from the kitchen. We had a good crew on the floor but were short-staffed in the kitchen and would welcome any help there on the first or third Fridays. Please let me know if you're interested.

Carole Iles, Dorise & Reese Slinker provided a filling breakfast this morning. Reese also shared that he will have his lemonade stand at the rodeo and Fall Fest for your enjoyment.

Our speaker this morning was Jenny Brooks with MU Safe Kids Columbia Coalition (<https://www.safekids.org/coalition/safe-kids-columbia>) which covers Boone, Callaway, and Howard counties. Her son, James, is one of our Buddy Glascock Scholarship recipients and just started at MU this week.

Safe Kids Columbia Coalition, in coordination with Voluntary Action Center, is able to provide free car seats to parents in need, as well as provide education on how to install them. Jenny talked about the fact that children should remain in rear-facing seats until they are one year old and twenty lbs. should use a booster seat until they weigh forty lbs. and should remain in the rear seat until they weigh eighty lbs. Safe Kids provides Community events to help parents install their car seats on a regular basis, including a recent one held at the Mercedes Benz dealership.

Safe Kids also provides training about drowning risks since drowning is the leading cause of death for 1-4 years of age and is a silent killer. Jenny recommends learning the difference between toys, such as water wings, and Coast Guard approved safety devices, such as puddle jumpers or life jackets. Jenny reminded us to allow children to swim with supervision but without the safety devices so they recognize that they don't float on their own. Jenny recommended watching the film provided by the National Drowning Prevention Alliance ([NDPA.org](http://NDPA.org)).

Jenny talked about multi-sport helmets for skateboarding, cycling, roller skating, and riding on scooters, making sure they fit, plus providing safety training at bike rodeos similar to ones our club has provided in the past. These helmets need to be replaced if a child damages the foam lining in an accident. Jenny also talked about pedestrian safety, including wearing visible clothing after dark, using the correct side of the road, and putting your phone down while you are biking or running. Safe Kids also provides Medicine Safety (the Poison Hotline # to use before you go to the ER is 800-222-2222) as well as button battery safety information. Jenny reminded us that children who ingest a button battery must be brought to the ER immediately.

Once Jenny finished speaking, she drew for the Attendance drawing. Chad Robinson had another chance at riches, but Lester Gilpin was glad to say, "It pays to attend!" when his number was drawn.

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