



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

June 1 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

June 7 Bingo  
June 8 Breakfast w/ Abbey Overstreet  
June 8 Soap box Derby in Columbia  
June 13 Board meeting  
June 22 Fishing Derby  
June 26 Arcie Sapp Blood Drive

### 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: June 8- Dana Cafourek, Mike Fulca, and Letitia DenHartog  
Program- Abbey Overstreet- American Red Cross**

**John Dougan will coordinate our annual Fishing Derby at the Ashland City Park on June 22nd from 9-10:30 and would appreciate at least four volunteers, if possible.**

**We will have Bingo on Friday, June 7th. Please let Barrett or me know if you normally work the first Friday and will not be available.**

**Our Annual Arcie Sapp Memorial Blood Drive will be in our building on Wed. June 26 from 2-6. We will need donations of cookies and sandwiches, plus need people willing to greet our donors. Please contact Leigh Kottwitz if you are able to help.**

**The next Eastern MO Convention will be held on Aug. 16-18 at Courtyard by Marriott in Columbia. Officer-elect training will be held on Saturday, with the Governor's Choice Awards Banquet and installation of new officers on Saturday evening, and a Memorial Service on Sunday. Contact Barrett if you are interested in attending.**

**Get the Cattlemen's Day Rodeo on your calendar the weekend of August 23-24. We will need help with the beer garden (contact Robert Blake), the concession stands, and selling tickets. We will share more information as we get closer to the date.**

**We plan to host a booth at the 2024 Ashland Fall Fest on Sept. 14th from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Please add this to your calendar as well. We will need plenty of help.**

We enjoyed a wonderful breakfast this morning, provided by Bernie Bartel and Donna Wobbe. William and Madelyn Bloss brought their son Henry, and I brought my daughter Tabi, who turned in a membership application.

Barrett talked about the fact that our flagpole broke in half during the storm last weekend and will need to be replaced.

Our speaker this morning was Jenna Stiek, Conservation Educator with the Missouri Dept. of Conservation (MDC) at the Boone County Nature School north of Ashland. She started with MDC in 2012 in the fisheries division, working with water quality and aquatic species in the fish hatchery system, as well as the Stream Team program.

The Boone County Nature School is on 111 acres of land donated by Hank Waters and his wife, Vicki Russell just off the 1,500-acre Three Creeks Conservation Area which includes two renovated ponds, native plant prairie, karst caves, and woodland ecosystems. Fundraising started in October 2018 but was slowed in March 2020 by Covid. Unfortunately, while things were in limbo, material prices went up. With help from MDC and Columbia Public Schools, a large outdoor pavilion with adjacent bathrooms was built, followed by a council house with three tiers of stadium seating to accommodate up to 140 students. The Nature School building will open soon and will include four classrooms, one for each of the represented ecosystems, a wet lab, a kitchen to allow field to table preparation of native foods, and a lobby to honor Missouri's conservation heroes. Staff from Columbia Public Schools and an educator from MDC will coordinate the Nature School programs, grounds, and facilities. Approximately 2,000 Columbia Public School fifth grade students will attend week-long sessions in the Fall, Winter, and Spring, as well as one-day field trips and Summer programs for all ages. Adult volunteers will be needed as of August 23 of this year and will be given full training. For more information, you can go to their website at <https://boonecountynatureschool.com>.

After Jenna finished her presentation, she drew for the Attendance drawing. Sharon Platt and John Dougan had their chance at riches, but Henry brought his dad luck and William was thrilled to say, "It pays to attend!"

*Letitia DenHartog*

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