



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

May 25 2024

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

Optimist Board

Leigh Kottwitz President
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COMING UP

June 1 Breakfast: Jenna Stiek- Boone County Nature School
June 7 Bingo
June 8 Soap box Derby in Columbia
June 8 Breakfast meeting
June 13 Board meeting
June 22 Fishing Derby (note: new date)
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 1- Bernie Bartel, Donna Wobbe, and Taylor Elliott
Program- Jenna Stiek- Boone County Nature School

I hope everyone enjoyed a safe Memorial Day weekend! ED. NOTE: THE POOL IS OPEN!!

John Dougan will coordinate our annual Fishing Derby at the Ashland City Park on June 22nd and would appreciate as much help as possible.

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.

Leigh Kottwitz, Chris Felmler, and Loren Plank served a delicious breakfast of sausage and bacon casseroles, a banana cream coffee cake, and plenty of fresh fruit. Erick Ichich, Bryce Beal's campaign manager, came back for a second week and got to lead the line.

Barrett Glascock shared a thank you note from Noah Bernuth, another one of the Buddy Glascock Scholarship winners. Noah is the great grandson of Howard Rice, who ran the Rice's Corner Shell Station for years (where the original Breaktime gas station is).

Robert Blake shared that an excellent crew, made up of John travlos, Bern Bonderer, Ken Bishop, Dan Kennish, Lester Gilpin, and Robert were able to update both bleachers at the softball field last week during their work day and finished by 1:00. They may be holding additional work days in the fall.

Since this was a holiday weekend and we didn't have a speaker, Leigh led a brainstorming session in preparation for our club's 60th anniversary, which will fall on Sept. 24th. The club is looking at doing a banquet, in coordination with our induction of officers on Sept. 22 or Sept. 29. Andrew Little has agreed to provide smoked meats, such as brisket and chicken and needs to know a head count as soon as possible. Barrett is looking for people to help him with a power point on the history of our club.

We hope to invite Sunrise Optimist Club, who sponsored our club originally, as well as Kid's First, who we sponsored and other area clubs. Since Bingo has been such an important aspect of our club, we are looking at doing some form of Bingo card during the evening. The Board will talk more about who will provide sides and desserts, plus what the cost will be and how to handle ticket sales, so if you have ideas, please share them with the Board members.

When we had finished our discussion, Erick drew for the Attendance drawing and Bryan Chapman was thrilled to say, "It pays to attend!" when his number was drawn. Since this was the final meeting of the month, Barrett figured the poker pot. Even though there were several people with pairs, Elmer Schiefer had a pair of aces and walked away with the pot.

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