



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

August 16 2025

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

Optimist Board

Ken Bishop President
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Tara Blue Vice President
Barrett Glascock Secretary
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Shawn Steelman
Robert Blake
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COMING UP

Aug 22-23 Cattleman Days Rodeo
Aug 23 No breakfast meeting: rodeo parade
Aug 24 [Pool Puppy Swim!](#)
Aug 30 Breakfast meeting Dr James Zielinsky

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
Florence Hahn 2011
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
Wes Donley 2025

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Because of the rodeo parade, we will not have a breakfast meeting on Aug. 23.

The final day of public swimming at the Southern Boone County Community Pool is today, Sunday, Aug. 17th. There will be a free Puppy Party on Sunday, Aug. 24 at 7:30 p.m. for well-behaved dogs and their owners before the pool is drained.

Since this is a busy time of year, the Board did not meet on Thursday since they knew they would not have quorum. They will meet for a special session at a later date to approve new member applications.

We sponsored Bingo on Friday night, with only 121 players. Barrett stated that we were able to make a small deposit after a player won the \$1,100 progressive on the twentieth number, which required a full pay-out. The kitchen, with the help of Tara Blue and her spaghetti, were able to deposit \$969.

Last Saturday, we hosted the Ashland Decades Reunion, with 210 alumni who graduated from 1940-1971. Barrett talked about one lady at the reunion who shared that the Optimists involvement in her grandson's life through clay shooting, which kept him involved with school and has helped him in his current USDA job, made such a positive difference in his life. Barrett also shared that our club gave a total of \$8,200 in scholarships this year to twenty-six students.

Mike Fulca, Tabi DenHartog, and I provided breakfast this morning of pancakes with bacon, sausage, two quiches provided by Dana Cafourek, and fresh fruit to a large crowd, which included several people who came down from the EMO Convention in Columbia. These included incoming Optimist Eastern Missouri District Governor Jennifer Bagwell, past governors Carl and Sandy Westenbarger, Mary Dewey (Zone One Lt. Governor), Pat Brauner, Ann Waganner, Emily Collins, Amanda, Walter, Lauren Dell, and her granddaughter.

Jennifer presented President Ken Bishop and Board secretary, Barrett Glascock, with miniature travel mugs that they can bring to future conferences in exchange for an actual drink from her. She spoke about her hopes for JOI (Junior Optimist International) clubs in the coming year and about the matching District grants that the St. Louis club that she's a member of are able to provide to other Optimist clubs and other nonprofits through their foundation and about the gift baskets that they are able to give out during the holidays. She reminded people to go to the district website at oi-emo.org for more information.

After Jennifer finished speaking, she drew for the Attendance drawing. Tracy Howard and Will Blue had their chance at riches before Dan Kennish's number was drawn. After declaring, "It pays to attend!", he generously donated his winnings to the scholarship fund.

There is a Rodeo workers sign-up on the kitchen door. If you are interested in helping make popcorn, please add your name and which day you're available.

The school is hosting an All-staff drive through luncheon on Aug. 21st from 11:15-12:30 in the Central Office parking lot. Food will be provided by the Oopa! food management folks that provide our students with their school meals, but they need people to serve. Please contact the Central Office at (573)657-2147 if you are interested in helping and wear your Optimist shirts.

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