



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

July 5 2025

"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

The Pool Is Open!
July 10 Board Meeting
July 12 Ruth McClusky's S America Trip
July 12 Ashland Pride – City Park
July 26 Pool GLOW Party

**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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**Breakfast: July 12- Brenda Austin, Bonita Lenger, Bruce Glascock
Program- Ruth McClusky- trip to South America**

I hope everyone had a fantastic and safe 4th of July!

There will be a Optimist Board meeting on Thursday, July 10th at 7:00 p.m. If there are items that need to be added to the agenda, please let Barrett know by Tuesday, July 8th.

Elmer Schiefer sends his holiday greetings from Michigan, where he is visiting his daughter.

Barrett Glascock and Shawn Steelman provided a filling breakfast, with all of our standard favorites, plus hash browns. Barrett shared a thank you note from scholarship recipient, Addison Thompson, who is the daughter of Jessica Robinett, co-owner of Eagle Nutrition. Addison plans to attend the University of Missouri's nursing program starting in the fall. Barrett also shared a picture of an important Optimist member that was discovered at Gertrude Sappington's house after she passed away. The picture was one she had saved from when Shawn Steelman, who has mowed her yard for years, won the cutest baby contest.

Ernie Wren reminded us that the Eastern Missouri District Conference Fourth Quarter meeting will be held Aug. 15-16 in Columbia. If you are interested in attending, please contact Barrett. It would be nice to have a great turnout from our club!

Our speaker this morning was Caitlin Cunningham from the Dandy Lion Cafe. Caitlin started by stating that they use they/them pronouns and are an open book, willing to answer any questions that people might have. They were a middle school science teacher for ten years, but felt the need for a new path just before Covid. At that time, Caitlin was helping Lars Van Zandt, owner of Century Tattoo when the building next to him became available. It had previously been Carl's Handy Man Service, but after redoing the building and with equipment from Skyline Cafe, which Brenda Ravenscraft was closing, the Dandy Lion Cafe opened three and half years ago with the motto to lead with love, providing an inclusive space.

The name Dandy Lion comes from the fact that even though dandelions aren't people's favorite flowers, they are resilient and one of the first flowers available for early pollinators. Caitlin states that they are a collector of people and are currently thrilled to have three staff members from the community. They have organized the Ashland Pride Fest for the past four years, with it being held this year on July 12th at the Ashland City Park, 9:00-2:00, with a parade starting at the Southern Boone Library at 8:15. There will be a youth area, two stages, three music groups, food trucks, and fifty performers, artists and vendor booths. This will be the second year that there will be a 5K, with over thirty registered participants.

After Caitlin finished answering the questions that people asked, they drew for the Attendance drawing. Mike Enloe had his chance at riches, but Dan Kennish was thrilled to say, "It pays to attend!" when his number was drawn next.

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