



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

June 28 2025

"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

The Pool Is Open!
July 4 - Freedom Swim Day – everyone swims for free at the Optimist Pool!
-- Note: no Bingo on Independence Day
July 5 Caitlin Cunningham

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 5- Barrett Glascock and Shawn Steelman
Program- Caitlin Cunningham, Dandy Lion Cafe and Ashland Pride Fest

We will not have Bingo this Friday because of the holiday. There will be a 4th of July parade, with line-up at the Primary parking lot. It will begin at 9 a.m. For more information or to register, check the Ashland Betterment Coalition Facebook page.

The Arcie Sapp Memorial Blood Drive was held on Wed. June 25th, with twenty-nine pints of blood received. A big thank you to Bernie Bartel, Patt Sapp, Lester Gilpin, and Bonita Lenger for providing snacks, as well as Charlie & Margie Selbach for hosting.

Breakfast this morning was provided by Mike and me. We had all of the regular breakfast options, along with fried tomatoes and scrapple which Mike provided and apple pie cinnamon rolls from Joybird Boutique at the Ashland Farmers Market.

Barrett shared that memorial donations from Wes Donley's service added up to \$1,525. A decision will be made in the future about how to memorialize him. Barrett also shared thank you cards from Bryson Slinker, Peyton & Emery Arnold for their scholarships from us. Sam Palmer also sent a very nice thank you letter for his scholarship. The club received a letter from Optimist International letting us know that our total lifetime giving is now at \$168,828.

Our speaker this morning was Patricia Luntsford with the Boone County Clerk office. She is in charge of making sure there are enough poll workers for each election. She currently has 3% of registered voters available to help at elections but would like to increase that number to 5%. Her biggest challenge involves the fact that workers cover a thirteen-hour day (5 a.m.-7 p.m.) Workers are paid \$200 for supervisors and \$170 for regular and Youth workers, aged 15-17. There is also an option for half shift workers, but applicants must sign up in pairs to cover the full day. All workers will also be paid for advance training on machines and provisional ballots.

The Youth Election Participant program is fairly new and allows high school students, with permission from their school, to help with elections. Patricia is always looking for interested students and used seventy during the last election to help with address changes and check-ins. If you know of interested students, please have them go to pollworker@boonecountymmo.org.

The next election will be on August 5th, with only one item affecting Boone County: Proposition 1, which shall exempt senior citizens of Boone county from increases in their property tax liability for their primary residence. Patricia said that 250 poll workers will be needed for this election and, because of the parity law in Missouri, staffing will need to be balanced between the main parties.

When Patricia finished speaking, she drew for the Attendance drawing. Ernie Wren had his chance at riches, but with his absence, Jan Palmer was thrilled to say, "It pays to attend!" when her number was drawn.

Since it was the last meeting of the month, Barrett figured the Poker Pot. He and Shawn had pairs, but I had three kings, which was beat by Rich Ward with four kings. Rich agreed that it definitely pays to attend!

We wrapped up the meeting with information from Bev Steelman and Ken Bishop regarding the Senior Center Fundraiser of a rodeo shirt quilt, with ticket sales beginning at the 4th of July parade. The final winner will be decided at the September Senior Center lunch.

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