



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

May 24 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!
May 31 Breakfast meeting: our own Rev Elmer Schiefer
June 6 Bingo \$1199 game!
June 7 Breakfast meeting:Tina Murphy
June 12 Board meeting
June 14: Flag Day
June 14 Fishing Derby

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

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Breakfast: May 31-Carole Iles, Dorise Slinker, and Tony Ash
Program- Rev. Elmer Schiefer- history of religion

We will not have Bingo this Friday. Our next Bingo will be June 6th, and it will include a \$1,199 game. We will also have new pull tab games starting that night. We will NOT host Bingo on Friday, July 4th.

Eastern District governor, Jean Naeger, is looking for representatives from local Optimist clubs to help at a booth at the Centralia Anchor Fest from Friday, May 30th at 8:00 a.m.- Sunday, June 1st at 5:00 p.m. Centralia is considering adding an Optimist club and Jean is looking for members to talk about why having an Optimist club would be a positive addition to their community. If you are interested in helping next weekend, please contact Jean at jnaeger_athome@hotmail.com to be added to the schedule.

The Optimist Fishing Derby will be held at the Ashland City park on June 14th from 9:00-10:30. Tara Blue is coordinating this and would appreciate at least four volunteers to help with set up, helping young fishers, and help with clean up. Please contact Tara at bluebirdtara@gmail.com if you can help.

Wes Donley will be turning 92 on June 3rd. If anyone would like to send him a card, his address is: 3850 Cartwright Ln. Olivewood Room 441 Columbia, MO 65201.

Brenda Austin, Bonita Lenger, and Bruce Glascock provided a delicious breakfast including breakfast casseroles and cinnamon rolls in addition to our regular breakfast items.

Our speaker this morning was Mark Kiekhaefer, pastor emeritus at Living Hope Church in Jefferson City and a current president of Transformational Housing in Jefferson City (website: transformationalhousing.org) which was started after the EF-3 tornado damaged many of the affordable housing options in Jefferson City. In 2019, Bob Ashelby donated a property at 203 Cherry St. This property now provides five apartment units that furnish quality, affordable housing for working families in Jefferson City. Each resident pays up to 25% of their income for rent. They are also currently rehabilitating two other properties which will provide an additional eleven units once they are finished. Their website provides complete information about all three properties.

In addition to paying rent, each resident is required to help around the property and is given life-skills coaching to help them with their needs. The mission is to assist lower income working families to move forward with stable, sustainable housing and independent lifestyles. Volunteers provide affordable, quality housing and one-on-one coaching, as well as access to resources to the residents. Transformational Housing works in partnership with local social service organizations, businesses, and churches to provide a place where love for community meets hope and healing.

After Mark finished speaking, he drew for the Attendance drawing. Brandon Glascock, Mike Howard, and Travous Lenz had their chance at riches, but with their absence, the pot will continue to grow.

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