



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

November 15 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

Nov 21 Bingo \$1199 night
 Nov 22 Breakfast meetings
 Nov 27 Thanksgiving
 Nov 29 Breakfast meeting
 Dec 6 Boy Scouts Santa's Helper craft show (no breakfast meeting)

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: Nov. 22- John Travlos, Robert Blake Program- TBD

We will host Bingo this coming Friday and it will be a \$1,199 night. If anyone that normally works the third week is not available, please let Barrett or me know.

Madeline Bloss is looking for help with our youth basketball program, which started today. Please sign up to help at the games or at the upcoming Ashland Jam Tournament by going to the spreadsheet ([linked here](#)).

Leigh Kottwitz coordinated this year's Veteran's breakfast. We served 66 veterans and their families on Tuesday, Nov. 11th, with help from the Southern Boone FFA. A big thank you to all of the club members who helped! \$251 was received in donation to help offset the cost.

The Ashland Optimist Board met on Thurs, Nov. 13th. President Ernie Wren is going to talk to the school about the possibility of starting a Junior Optimist Club in Ashland. Ernie has also been speaking with people that might be interested in helping with the 1st-5th grade soccer program. The dictionaries have arrived, and Barrett is coordinating with the third-grade teachers for delivery. The Board approved helping with the CTA Christmas basket program again this year. The Board also approved Glenda Richardson and Doyle Welker as new members once their dues are paid. Chase Thomas, one of the new heads of the rodeo committee, was a guest.

Carole Iles, Dorise Slinker, and Tony Ash (with help from Reese Slinker and Tony's son) provided a delicious breakfast of many standards, along with breakfast croissants. We ate our fill and were able to share with the Conservation agents that were using our parking lot to assess deer for CWD (chronic wasting disease).

Since Mary Dewey was not available this morning, Jan Palmer gave a short presentation on the Optimist International Dime-A-Day program. This is a way to support the Optimist International Foundation by providing \$36.50 a year. There is more information and the form [here](#).

Ernie asked Glenda, Doyle, and guest Christian Gregory to speak. Glenda has been an Ashland Optimist member in the past, before she moved to Texas, and was thrilled to rejoin when she came back. Earlier this year, she earned a 4th degree World rank in sparring at the ATA (American Taekwondo Association) World Competition in Phoenix, AZ. She also talked about her involvement as a welder with Mobility Worldwide in Columbia. Doyle shared that he is retired and loves to fish. Christian is owner of Agape Custom Printing at 110 S. College, here in Ashland, and will be providing the t-shirt order that Leigh Kottwitz has been working on.

When they were finished sharing, they each drew for the Attendance drawing. Judy Dooley, Chase Thomas, and Glen Sapp had their chance at riches, but with their absence, the pot will continue to grow.

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