



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

November 22 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 27 Thanksgiving
Nov 29 Breakfast meeting
Dec 4 Mid MO Arts Alliance Winter Gift
Gallery opening
Dec 5 Bingo
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. 29- Bernie Bartel, Donna Wobbe, and Rich Ward

There will NOT be a breakfast meeting on Dec. 6th, but everyone is invited to attend the Santa's Little Helper Craft Fair in our building that day from 9:00-3:00.

Madeline Bloss is looking for help with our youth basketball program, which continued today into February. Please sign up to help at the games or at the upcoming Ashland Jam Tournament on Jan. 3rd by going to the spreadsheet ([linked here](#)).

John and Janeann Travelos provided an amazing breakfast of egg & vegetable frittatas, baked goods, and fresh fruit. Mike Donley, Wes & Sharon's son, came all the way from St. Louis to pay for his breakfast now that he's a member (utilizing his dad's former badge number).

Barrett Glascock shared a report from last night's Bingo, where we had 144 players. Thanks to Lester Gilpin, Shawn Steelman, Charlie Selbach, Bruce Glascock, and Bryan Chapman, we were able to sell ten regular games and two horse races, which allowed us to make a \$30,000 deposit on a \$1,199 night. The kitchen deposited over \$900 as well. Thank you to everyone who makes our Bingo program successful!

Barrett also shared that two MU Journalism students are working on their Master's project by making a documentary focusing on our Bingo. He spent several hours with them this week, then they were filming more of the aspects of our program last night. They hope to finish up during our Bingo on Dec. 5th. We hope to have them share at one of our breakfast meetings in the future.

Barrett shared that the third-grade teachers have scheduled with him and Ernie Wren to distribute the dictionaries this Monday as part of a program we have done each year for decades. Then he shared a thank you card from the Boone County 4-H Recognition dinner that our club provided money for.

Rich Ward, our new chair for our annual Bike Safety Program, spoke about the struggles that the local Mid-Missouri Art Alliance is going through since the building they are in was sold. They are currently accepting entries for their annual Winter Gift Gallery, with a theme of Snowflakes, and an opening reception on Thursday, Dec. 4th from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Exhibits and sales will continue through Dec. 31st.

Since Rich was the final one speaking, he was asked to draw for the Attendance drawing. Amy Robinette, Loren Plank, and Danna Wren had their chance at riches, but with their absence the pot will continue to grow.

In the last bulletin, I listed Chase Thomas as attending the Board meeting, but it was Lane Williams. My apologies for the error.

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