



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

October 11 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

Oct 16 Board meeting
Oct 17 Bingo \$1100 game
Oct 18 Breakfast meeting Elizabeth
Stephens,BoCo Journal
Oct 31 Halloween Spooktacular
Oct 31 Fulton Optimist fish fry

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

Ashland Optimist Bulletin Oct 11 2025 Breakfast: Oct. 18- Barrett Glascock and Shawn Steelman Program- Elizabeth Stephens- Boone County Journal

The Optimist Board will meet on Thursday, Oct. 16th at 7:00 P.M. in our building. If you need anything added to the agenda, please let Barrett know by Tuesday.

Our club will host Bingo on Friday, Oct. 17th. This will include a \$1,199 game. If you normally help on the third week, but will not be available, please let Barrett or me know.

Our speaker this morning was Sarah Catlin, Executive Director with Access Arts in Columbia. She has been the Executive Director for two years and is one of four paid staff, including directors of fabric arts, clay programs, and youth services. Access Arts was started by Hurst John in 1971 as "School of Service" to help his son Larry, who was in a wheelchair, have access to programs. When Hurst died in 1979, Naoma Powell took over for the next thirty-four years, including donating her home at 1724 McAlester as their first permanent location. This property currently is their office and youth activity space.

Under Naoma's guidance, Access Arts also purchased 800 Moss St. and 1728 McAlester in the same area. The Moss St. location houses a clay studio downstairs, with twelve pottery wheels, and a fiber arts studio upstairs with a hundred looms. Both areas are accessible for people with disability issues. The second property on McAlester provides three bedrooms and studio space for Artists-in-Residence who apply in the spring and stay for a year. They are given living space, free clay, access to studio space, a showing, and a small stipend in return for sixty-four hours of service a month. There are also four non-resident this year who have access to clay and studio space in return for thirty-five hours of service a month. Many of the residents teach classes as part of their service.

Access Arts also rents a property at 2019 Cottle Dr. where the majority of the adult programs are held. Access Arts holds six Adult classes for six weeks each in Fiber Arts or Ceramics. They are currently taking registration for the November/December classes through their website at schoolofservice.org. All classes are free for veterans.

Their youth programs include a program at Benton Magnet School, which is a Title I school that helps fifty-six students each week. Access Arts also provides School's Out Camps any day that Columbia Public Schools are closed, including Spring Break and six-week youth camps during the summer. These camps run from 7:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. so they are accessible to working parents. Prices and information is listed on the website, but Access Arts doesn't turn any student away if finances block them attending and 120 scholarships were provided last year. Most of the funding for Access Arts comes from classes and donations, but Sarah was also able to get a grant from the Boone County Children's Services Fund, which helps cover the scholarships.

This year Access Arts is providing classes for Southern Boone students in watercolor and clay arts during early-out days on Oct. 15, Nov. 5, and Nov. 19. from 2:15-3:45 at Mid Missouri Art Alliance. Call 573-875-0275 for more information.

Our club will be hosting the Spooktacular at our building again this year on Oct. 31st from 5:00-7:00. Contact Ernie Wren at erniewren@gmail.com or by text at 573-239-1105 if you are interested in helping or if you know of anyone who wants to set up a trunk-or-treat for the kids.

There will also be a Fish Fry at the Fulton High School, sponsored by the Fulton Breakfast Optimist Club, from 11-1 and 4-6, on that Friday, with a cost of \$15 for all you can eat if you order in advance. If you let me know that you are interested, Pat Brauner can hold tickets for you at the door for the advance rate.

We will be hosting our annual Veteran's Breakfast on Tues. Nov. 11th from 7:00-9:00 a.m. We will need people to help cook but will have FFA students serving the veterans again this year. Please contact Leigh Kottwitz at leighkottwitz@gmail.com to help.

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