



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

September 6 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

Sep 11 Board meeting
 Sep 13 Breakfast meeting Chief Scott Young
 Sep 13 Ashland Fall Festival
 Sep 27 Youth basketball sign up deadline for 5th & 6th graders

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: Sept. 13- Chris Felmlee, Leigh Kottwitz, and Loren Plank
 Program-Ashland Police Chief, Scott Young**

An Optimist Board meeting is scheduled for Sept. 11th at 7:00 p.m. in our building. We really need members to attend this meeting since we haven't had a quorum for the past two months and have items that need to be handled. If you have any items that need to be added to the agenda, please let Barrett Glascock know by Tuesday.

After our meeting next week, we will host a booth at the Ashland Fall Fest. We need people to help with setting up and members to cover the booth until 3:00. If you are interested in helping, please contact President Ken Bishop at 573-355-2523 to set your shift.

The Optimist First Quarter Conference will be held on Oct. 3-4 in Jefferson City and will be a joint meeting between the Eastern and Western Districts. If you are interested in attending, please let Barrett know.

We sponsored Bingo on Sept. 5th, with 109 players. We had excellent help on the floor and in the kitchen which allowed for an over \$900 deposit much of which came from event tickets, plus \$848 from the kitchen, regardless of the low turnout (possibly because of the Chiefs' football game, as well as local games that evening).

Dorise Slinker, Carol Iles, and Tony Ash provided a fabulous breakfast this morning, with cinnamon rolls highlighting the regular breakfast fare. Our speaker this morning was Sharon Horton, who recently retired after fifteen years as an elementary school counselor at Southern Boone. Her mother, Ellen, was a librarian at Southern Boone and her sister, Carolyn Pridemore has been a part of the Southern Boone family, working there and through her three sons with husband, Todd.

She had participated in the past with tours for students through the People-to-People program, but her most recent tour was with Education First tours, which she feels is safer because there is twenty-four access to a tour guide on each trip. EF Tours (<https://www.eftours.com>) provides many types of tours, for adults and students, with their goal being "Inspire a new perspective on the world" through travel. Student tours have a six student to adult ratio, which also helps with safety.

The recent tour that Sharon participated in included twenty-seven people from our area (including Bryson Slinker) and eleven people from Texas. During their nine-day trip, they flew into Paris, then traveled to the palace of Versailles before touring sites in Italy, including Milan, Florence, Pisa, as well as other parts of Tuscany, where they enjoyed a meal at a farm-to-table restaurant with house-made pasta. They finished their time in Europe by traveling to Rome and spent a day touring Vatican City.

After Sharon shared her fascinating program and her photo books from her travels, she drew for the Attendance Drawing. Mike Howard, Chase Thomas, and Tara Blue had their chance at riches, but with their absence, the pot will have a chance to grow.

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