



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

September 20 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 27 Youth basketball sign up deadline for 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> graders  
 Sep 27 Breakfast meeting  
 Oct 3-4 1<sup>st</sup> Qtr District meetings, Jeff City  
 Oct 3 Bingo  
 Oct 4 NO Breakfast meeting (bldg rented)  
 Oct 9 Board 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: Sept. 27- Bernie Bartel, Donna Wobbe, and Rich Ward**  
**Program- TBD**

**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 by Tuesday, Sep. 23 so he can get you registered. There will not be a breakfast meeting on Oct. 4th.**

We sponsored Bingo on Friday, Sep. 19th, but only had 104 players. Thanks to the folks that worked the floor selling event games, we were able to deposit \$900. The kitchen was able to deposit \$801.

John Travlos and Robert Blake served a delicious, unique breakfast this morning. Our speaker was Eric Schmeck, manager at the Southern Boone branch of the Daniel Boone Library for over four years. He started by talking about the native garden planted around the library, which has been the focus of water management and prairie programs, as well as being registered as a monarch waystation.

He also spoke about some of the regular programs, such as paper crafting which provides cut paper flowers and seasonal wreaths, plus hand-made cards on the second Tuesday of each month and the various local author programs by Walter Bergen and Alan Eskine that the library sponsors. The library hosts storytimes for babies through preschool each week, with most of the preschools in Ashland coming for Storytime each month. We have just restarted our adult book discussion group, with morning and evening sessions available, as well as a kid's book group for 1st-3rd grades on the fourth Saturday of each month.

Eric also shared information regarding the library website ([dbri.org](http://dbri.org)) which allows access to newspapers, research topics, as well as the Community History Archive and yearbooks that have been scanned in (Ashland yearbooks back consistently back to 1949, plus other area schools). The Southern Boone Library is also used to collect Boone county property taxes (next time on Dec. 5th) and host no excuse absentee voting for Brianna Lennon.

Once Eric had finished his program and answered questions, he drew for the Attendance drawing. Jennifer Lawson, Cody Hackmann, and Glen Sapp had their chance at riches, but with their absence, the pot will have a chance to regrow.

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