



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

February 28 2026

"You cannot do all the good the world needs, but the world needs all the good you can do."

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COMING UP

Feb 28 [Pre-K & K soccer signup deadline](#)
 Mar 6 Bingo \$1199 night
 Mar 7 No Breakfast meeting – bldg rented
 Mar 12 Board meeting
 Mar 13 Fish Fry -Family of Christ Lutheran
 Mar 14 Breakfast meeting Junior Beta Club

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
 Louise Martin 2025

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Because the building is rented next Saturday, there will not be a Breakfast meeting. We hope to see everyone on March 14th, when our speakers will be from the Southern Boone Junior Beta Club.

We will host Bingo this Friday, March 6th, and it will be a \$1,199 night, plus we will be selling \$1,000 horse race tickets, so we will need plenty of help on the floor. If you usually help on the first Friday of the month, but will not be available, please let Barrett Glascock or me know so that we can find coverage.

Brenda Austin and Bonita Lenger prepare a fabulous breakfast of eggs, bacon, sausage, pancakes, and fresh fruit cups this morning. Mayor Dorise Slinker asked at the meeting for volunteers to help plan Ashland's 150th Anniversary, which will happen next year. He is especially interested in folks that know lots about our community's history. If you are interested in helping, please contact him at dslinker@ashlandmo.us. Barrett shared that he received a call from Jan Palmer, who spent much of the past week in the hospital as doctors worked on regulating her new pacemaker. Her daughter has moved back from Kansas City to help her while she recovers. Ernie Wren is looking for new Optimist officers. If you are interested in a position, please contact him at erniewren@gmail.com.

Our speaker this morning was Paden Gentry, the new leader of Cub Scout pack 134. He and his wife, Emily, who is a fourth-grade teacher at Southern Boone, moved here eight years ago. He works in IT and they have two children together, including his third-grade son, Ben, who introduced him to Scouting. Their pack currently has fifteen members, with both boys and girls from grades kindergarten through fifth grade. In January, five Cub Scouts graduated to the Scouts BSA program, which continues through Eagle Scout. February saw the Cub Scouts working on their pinewood derby cars, ending with competitions in our building. In April, they will be going to Binder Lake in Jefferson City, followed by additional graduations in May and Cub Scout Camp in June.

Paden raved about the parental support he receives in this Cub Scout program, which includes three meetings a month, He is currently working on his Wood Badge, an advanced national leadership training since he is new to scouting. Much of this training is through a roundtable that he attends online.

When Paden was finished with his presentation and answering questions, he drew for the Attendance drawing. Jerome Glascock, Mary Ann Gowdy, and Cory Fischer had their chance at riches, but with their absence, the pot will have more time to grow.

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