



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

January 10 2026

"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

Jan 16 Bingo
Jan 17 Breakfast meeting Dave Johnson.
Broadway Diner
Jan 24 Breakfast meeting SBC HS Quiz
Bowl team
Feb 7 PANCAKE DAY!

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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Breakfast: Jan. 17- John Travlos, Robert Blake, & Bern Bonderer
Program- Dave Johnson- Broadway Diner

We will host Bingo on Jan. 16th. If you normally help on the third week and will not be available, please let Barrett Glascock or me know so we can arrange for coverage.

Our regular youth basketball program resumed this morning, with 1st & 2nd grades playing at the Primary building and 3rd & 4th grades playing at the Middle School and will continue until Feb. 21. Please consider signing up to help by going to the spreadsheet ([linked here](#)). Make sure you select the school you prefer to help at.

Our annual Pancake Day is scheduled for Feb. 7th, with Bev Steelman graciously heading it up again this year. We need people to help, with shifts from 5:30-9:00 and 9:00-12:30. If you are interested in helping, please contact her at bevsteel52@aol.com or call 573-489-2387.

The Ashland Optimist Board met on Thursday, Jan. 8th for a speedy meeting, after a delayed start waiting on the President. Since the YMCA has found a different venue for their summer program, their representative did not attend. The Board approved \$250 to the Great Rivers Council for Scouting America, which now provides a Family Troop which involves boys and girls. The Board also approved Christian Gregory and his wife, Shamon Jones, as new members. The FIG committee is looking into options to repair our parking lot, possibly including the intersection with Henry Clay Blvd. In a final item of business, it was decided that meetings in the future will begin at 7:15 p.m. to allow Ernie to finish working.

We enjoyed a delicious breakfast of egg casseroles, cinnamon bread, and fresh fruit this morning from Chris Felmlee and Leigh Kottwitz. Our program was members of the Girl Scout Troop #71989, which is a blended 4th & 5th grade troop led by Lauren O'Brien and Laura Conlee. The girls are working on a badge for public speaking.

- Allison read "Why is it?" by Shel Silverstein
- Sophia shared a piece that she wrote about her dog, Zoe
- Harper shared two poems that she had written
- Adeline read a portion from Doll Bones by Holly Black
- Autumn shared a poem she had written called Friendship
- Molly presented a piece she had written about horses

After they were finished, they shared this year's new variety of cookies, the Exploremores, which will be available for ordering on Feb. 1st and then drew for the Attendance drawing. Peggy Wren, Mike Howard, and Jerilyn Hahn had their chance at riches, but with their absence, the pot will have a chance to keep growing.

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