

Optimist Board

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COMING UP

Mar 28 MO47 Rep John Martin
Apr 3 Bingo
Apr. 4- HS Quiz Bowl Team
Apr 4 No excuse absentee voting at Ashland Library
Apr 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
Louise Martin 2025

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Breakfast: March 28- Dana Cafourek, Mike Fulca, Letitia & Tabi DenHartog
Speaker- State Rep. John Martin- midterm report

John Travlos coordinated this year's team level for the Ashland Optimist Oratorical contest on Sunday, March 15 with three contestants. The International program has continued since 1928. Gannon Seyer, a Junior at Southern Boone took first place and Ada Zagorac took second place at this level. They received scholarships of \$500 and \$350. They will now continue to compete at the Zone level, with Nora Hess, who won third place with a \$250 scholarship, available to cover if either of the others are not available for future competitions. We hope to have Gannon as a speaker sharing his speech in the future. Ada Zagorac also won the Optimist Essay contest and will advance to Districts for that, with a chance of up to \$2,500 in scholarships.

We had a smaller crowd at Bingo on March 20th, with only 122 players, but Barrett Glascock shared that we were still able to deposit twice as much as we had drawn out and pay out \$8,300. The kitchen was able to deposit \$891. Thank you to everyone who helped out with this! Our next Bingo will be on April 3rd, which is also Good Friday, so we will need extra people to help. Please contact Barrett or me if you are available to help that evening.

As usual, this Breakfast team of John Travlos, Bern Bonderer, and Robert Blake provided a phenomenal breakfast, with breakfast croissants and English muffin breakfast sandwiches, as well as hash browns and a variety of fresh fruit.

Our speaker this morning was Tim Roth, Superintendent of Schools for Southern Boone, with IT assistance from Matt Sharp, Public Relations Director. This was our first opportunity to use the monitor that the Club had purchased with their presentation on the upcoming \$4 Million no-tax-rate increase Bond Issue, which will be on the April 7th ballot. Tim has been with Southern Boone Schools for eleven years. Instead of focusing on one building, this bond will provide critical repairs and upgrades across multiple facilities, focusing on parking lots, roof repairs, and HVAC systems. The bond will not raise tax rates, but a no vote doesn't lessen tax rates. The issues will continue to require repairs, without the District having the funds guaranteed to provide them. To see additional information that was shared this morning, you can go to sbschools.us/future. Tim shared that facilities are used extensively by the schools, as well as for community events, which makes infrastructure improvements vital for safety and comfort. The school district will host a community presentation on Tues. March 31st at 6 p.m. in the Central Office boardroom if you have more questions. This election requires a 57% voter approval. There will also be a "no-excuse" absentee voting opportunity at the Southern Boone Library on April 4th from 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. if you won't be able to vote on Tues. April 7th.

When Tim finished his presentation and answering questions, he drew for the Attendance drawing. Traci Howard, Terry Wren, and Felicia Dihel had their chance at riches, but with their absence, the pot will continue to grow.

Letitia DenHartog

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