



# ASHLAND OPTIMIST CLUB

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

July 8 2017

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

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## **Bingo: July 14- Team Two**

**Breakfast: July 15- Carole Iles, Linda Knierim, Kristi Savage-Clarke**

**Program- Scott Charton- Permanent Sales Tax for roads and bridges (set to be on Aug. 8th ballot)**

Bingo was down a little this week, with only 120 players, but with Wes Donley there in his usual ice man duties and with Lena Long and Lester Gilpin helping in the kitchen, we had a good night. Corey Fischer helped Mike in the Bingo window. Unfortunately, our pull-tab guy, Ben Nieman, was in the hospital after the discovery of tumors on his brain. Please keep Ben and Beverly in your prayers and positive thoughts as they deal with this.

Breakfast this morning was provided by Rick Gowdy and Bryan Chapman. Thank you for the tasty vittles!

Ernie Wren brought his nephew, Sgt. 1st Class William Blue to breakfast. He is a member of the Army Special Forces, so isn't available to attend often.

Lisa Finn brought her husband, Nick Finn.

Our speaker this morning was Nancy Nickolaus, program coordinator for the Southern Boone County PTA Buddy Pack program. Buddy Packs are provided for children that have food insecurity and are sent home over the weekend during the school year in a back pack. Our Buddy Pack program is twelve years old and has several noticeable differences compared to Buddy Pack programs at other school districts.

For one thing, starting this past school year, our program covers children from the Early Childhood program through children at the Middle School. Many schools only provide for children in kindergarten through Fifth grade.

Another difference is that Southern Boone PTA Buddy Packs are financed by our community, with no government aid. Many schools must rely on assistance from the Food Bank of



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A big difference that Nancy commented on was the coordination between the Buddy Pack program and the Southern Boone Schools. The High School provides storage space in their building, as well as assistance from the National Honor Society to fill back packs, the Special Education students who help shelve the supplies and do inventory, and the athletes who help to carry in supplies after Nancy does shopping.

Nancy is currently sending home 51 Buddy Packs each week during the school year, which is up fifteen Packs over last year. Each pack costs approximately \$600 a month. During the summer, our Buddy Pack program has worked out a voucher program with Moser's grocery store which is sent to homes every other week and provides milk, bread, cheese, cereal, and fresh produce. The cost during the summer increases to \$700 a month because of the additional items allowed.

Most participants are discovered through the Reduced Lunch program, but not all people qualify for state aid. Many are nominated by grandparents or teachers who notice behaviors related to food insecurity.

if you are interested in helping with our Buddy Pack program, there are several ways you can help. People have birthday parties or weddings and request that all gifts be given to the Southern Boone County PTA Buddy Pack program. Our own Louise Martin did this for her 75th birthday. She also raffled off the country ham that she was awarded three years ago when she spoke at the Boone County Fair. There are also youth groups that do product collections for specific items, like peanut butter. Nancy said that monetary donations are easiest, because they allow her to pick up items that the program is short on. If you want to provide food donations, they need to be individually packed and kid friendly. You can contact Nancy for more information at 573-864-7148 or [sbcbuddypack@gmail.com](mailto:sbcbuddypack@gmail.com)

At the end of her presentation, Nancy drew for the Attendance drawing. Charlie Selbach was thrilled to finally hear his number called and was heard to exclaim, "It pays to attend!" as he donated his winnings to Nancy for our Buddy Packs.

Letitia DenHartog