



ASHLAND OPTIMIST CLUB

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

August 4, 2018

"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

Board Meeting- **Aug 15, 2018** at 7:15 p.m.

[Website: Ashlandoptimist.org](http://Ashlandoptimist.org)

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
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

Bingo: Aug. 10- Team Two

Breakfast: Aug. 11- Jim Green, Rick, Gowdy, and Bryan Chapman

Program- Daryl Smith- HeroFund USA

The Board will meet this week, but the meeting has been shifted to **Wed. Aug. 15th at 7:15**, instead of Thurs. Aug. 9 because several of the officers will not be available on Thursday. Please mark the change on your calendar if you are on the Board!

The 42nd Cattlemen Days Rodeo is coming up on Aug. 24-25. If anyone is interested in helping, there is a sign-up sheet in the Optimist building for positions in the popcorn stand, down near the West gate or you can call Bill Crane at 573/657-2501. The more help we have, the easier the work!

We had a big night on Friday for Bingo, with 168 players there to try for the \$1,199 top prize. We sold several extra games and brought in just over \$700 in the kitchen. Thanks to all the wonderful people who came out and helped, including Sara Walsh who covered while Bernie Bartel was out.

Mike Fulca, Cody Hackmann, and Louise Martin provided an excellent breakfast this morning after a slight confusion about where the essential ingredients were, with Mike's broiled tomatoes a regular favorite from their team.

Ben Travelos brought his fiancé, Allie, to breakfast this morning and she shared that they would not be available to help at the rodeo, since they are getting married that weekend.

Our own Rev. Steven Long was the speaker this morning, speaking about the treasures that he discovered in his grandmother, Myrtle Long's trunk after he was brought in to assist after his uncle Marvin's death thirty-five years ago. Marvin had been caring for his 92-year-old mother until his sudden death in 1983. Steve and other family members were called to help with his services and to assist the blind family matriarch. All Steve's grandmother asked was that he take care of her trunk, which was filled with family memorabilia and pictures.

Steve and his sister's first responsibilities were to get their grandmother and the estate settled, which involved moving their grandmother to a retirement community closer to Steve so that she was taken care of, then connecting with other family members to establish names for the many photographs in the trunk.

One item of memorabilia in the trunk was a land grant certificate, deeded to Steve's great-grandfather and signed by President Rutherford B. Hayes in 1878 for land on the west bank of the Niangua River, close to what is now Ha Ha Tonka State Park in Camden County.

Another item was the German Gaither camera that his uncle was issued in 1946 during his tour of duty during World War II. This camera was used to take pictures as he traveled around Germany and France, many of which included young ladies. There was also Marvin's garrison cap, knife, and a clip form a handgun.

The camera had also been used after World War II to take pictures of family members, many of which were the only pictures that remained after a fire at the home of Steve's parents, including pictures of Steve's parents when they were young. Steve's father, Wilbur, was a Sea Bee during World War II and helped to build roads during the recovery following the War.

Steve also talked about Camdenton, which members of his family helped to start in 1931 after the former county seat of the original Linn Creek was flooded through the establishment of Bagnell Dam and the Lake of the Ozarks. He showed a Chamber of Commerce flier for Camdenton from 1937 and spoke about the development of the Windermere Baptist Conference Center, where several members of his family worked over the years.

Steve finished his talk this morning by reminding us to make sure you share your story within your family. Details can get lost as members age, so it is important to share your story. Louise seconded that thought and spoke about the book of memories she is working on. Finally, Steve drew for the Attendance drawing and Janet Popejoy, who had stepped up when Bill had to leave, was the winner. She was heard to exclaim, "It pays to attend!" as she closed the meeting with the reciting of the Optimist Creed.

Letitia DenHartog