



ASHLAND OPTIMIST CLUB

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

April 28, 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- May 10, 2018 at 7:15 p.m.

Website: 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

Bingo: May 4- Team One

Breakfast: May 5- Bernie Bartel, Ernie Stewart, and Karen Wheeler

Program- Annie Sullivan- Heart of Missouri Girl Scouts

The Bike Safety event will be held next Saturday right after the meeting. There aren't many signed up, so please come help at this generally well attended program!

The Cattleman's Rodeo is right around the corner and they are looking for people to run the beer garden. If you have interested, please let Bruce Glascock know.

Bingo on Friday, Apr. 27, saw only 104 players-that is not a typo! Very low turnout for such a nice day. Hopefully it picks up soon. We had good help on the floor and in the kitchen, thanks to Danna Wren and Tabi DenHartog who came in and helped on a busy weekend.

Breakfast this morning was Jan Palmer (and her incredible cinnamon rolls) with my help. Thank you to Bryan Chapman for taking notes so that I was able to help cook and to everyone who helped set stuff out!

The program on Saturday was a presentation on the Boone County Joint Communications represented by Deputy Director Tom Hurley and Emergency Management organization represented by Director Chad Martin. They provided a wealth of information on the teams and the construction of the new facility.

In 2012, a Blue-Ribbon Panel recommended that Boone County separate their 911 functions from the City of Columbia. In October 2013, a dedicated sales tax increase began, and the money was used to fund the construction and staffing of the new building, which is located behind the Sheriff's Facility in North Columbia.

Ground was broken on the new building in early 2015 and the building became operational on 9/1/2016. Emergency Management provided staff during the Eclipse last August and training exercises are held on a regular basis.

When 911 was part of the City organization, there were 29 dispatchers housed in the Police Station. Currently the county has 40 dispatchers and is funded for 49 positions, so they are still hiring. As you can imagine it is a very stressful job, but new dispatchers are provided with six months of training using emergency simulations to help prepare them for the job.

Our own Robert Blake helped with the installation of the telecom gear in the new facility and the building is built to withstand an EF5 tornado. The facility was built with future needs in mind and the changing technology. Future projects include increasing the capacity of first-responder communications and upgrading warning sirens in Boone County. Eventually the 911 center will have capability for texting and video.

Chad also talked about a non-emergency number of 311. This is a simple to remember quick dial phone number available to all Boone County residents and visitors to call when you need law enforcement for routine, non-emergency complaints. This number is answered by the same highly trained staff that answers 911 calls but dialing 311 lets them know that you aren't calling with an emergency. This is an important distinction that allows 911 operators to prioritize calls and ensure they are able to respond to in-progress emergency calls first.

Doug Zeugin, Sam Gunter and Mike Gilmore missed the opportunity to take home the weekly attendance pot, but Shawn Steelman was happy to leave the building with the winnings from the monthly poker pot!

Letitia DenHartog