



# ASHLAND OPTIMIST CLUB

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

August 18, 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

**Cattlemen Days Rodeo**  
Aug 24-25

**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. 24- Team Five in a trade**

**Breakfast: Aug. 25- Ernie Wren, Dave Taylor, Jacob Zagorac, and Dayton Glover**

**No program because of all that is happening with the Rodeo**

**The 42nd Cattlemen Days Rodeo is coming up this weekend, 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!**

A Board meeting was held Wed. Aug. 15th, but we will have the report next week since the secretary wasn't at our Breakfast Meeting.

Bingo on Friday only had 115 players, but we were better staffed on the floor and in the kitchen.

We enjoyed an incredible breakfast this morning, with pork chops and a wonderful coffee cake in addition to all the regular options. Thanks to Lena and Kristi Savage-Clarke for a great job! Shyla Barnett brought her two boys to their first opportunity at Optimist breakfast. Watching their appetites, I doubt it will be their last!

With Bill out this morning, Janet Popejoy ran the meeting this morning and turned the order around so that we started with our speaker, Chris Felmlee. Chris is superintendent of schools for the R-1 Southern Boone School District as well as being an Optimist member in our club. Before the school year starts on Aug. 28, he wanted to give our group an update because of all that we do to help youth in our area. He started by sharing that kindergarten registration is already at 155, up from 143 last year. If we gain another five kindergartners, we will have to restructure for nine sections. The main reason he started with this information was to share that the addition that was built last year is full. With a total increase from 1,650 students last year to 1,700 already this year, this is a major issue throughout our school system, but especially in the primary and elementary schools at this time. The Southern Boone schools are still working on keeping class sizes below the desired level of twenty students per teacher.

Chris mentioned that the school district is working toward a ten-year plan, which will allow no-tax increase bond elections every two years. The next priorities include a separate building for the preschool programs and kindergarten, an updated Voc Ag building so that our FFA can remain one of the top in the state and connecting the two buildings of the Middle School to provide more room there. Chris would also like to see updates for the football and track field.

He also talked about the new baseball/softball field that was put in, with artificial turf and a new scoreboard. It shares the concession stand and bathrooms with the current football stadium. Chris talked about what a great job coaches Trent Tracy, football, and Chris Miller, soccer, are doing with their programs. Chris also reminded members that the first official game on the new field will be a softball game on Aug. 28.

Building is continuing on the new administration building and gymnasium down by the Elementary building. Moving the Administrative offices out of the Middle School will free up seven classrooms, which are desperately needed. Finishing the new gymnasium will allow for the required P.E. classes to not conflict with the serving of breakfast and lunch.

Ernie Wren asked about security, which gave Chris the chance to talk about some changes since the school shootings in Florida last year. All buildings are now set up with an entry system where visitors must buzz in at the door and be recognized through cameras before they can enter the building. Each building also has a full medical kit, including a defibrillator and equipment in case of bullet wounds.

The Ashland Police have added a daily walk through at the schools to their schedule and will be providing a dedicated officer to the schools this year, in addition to Officer Gaddis from the Boone County Sheriff, who teaches the DARE program. Boone County Sheriff and Missouri Highway Patrol have used our buildings for active shooter and canine training, so they are well acquainted with the buildings.

When Chris finished, Janet shared pictures from the new slide at the pool, as well as thank you letters from our District winner for the Oratorical contest and from HeroFund USA, which was our speaker last week. She also shared that the Optimist's will have a float in the Rodeo parade this Saturday, so anyone who is interested in riding, meet by the building at 1:00 p.m. Our annual Fishing Derby will be held at the city pond on Sept. 22 after the Breakfast meeting and a sign-up sheet will be up after the Rodeo. There will also be an End-of-the-Season swim Sat. Sept. 1st.

Finally, Chris drew for the Attendance drawing. Glen Sapp, Connie Field, and Brenda Austin were gone the wrong week, so the pot continues to grow.

Letitia DenHartog