



ASHLAND OPTIMIST CLUB

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

March 31, 2018

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

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COMING UP

**Board Meeting- April 12, 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: Apr. 6- Team One

**Breakfast: Apr. 7- Mike and Tracy Howard, Deb Bowden
Program- Central Missouri Foster Care and Adoption
Association**

Please get out and vote this Tuesday, Apr. 3rd!

Bingo on Friday was a big night, with 166 players and plenty of help in the kitchen, though we missed Jerome who was out for a health issue. The kitchen brought in over \$700 on the last Friday of Lent with Lena providing her incredible meatloaf for people who chose it over fish.

The Glascock girls, Brenda Austin and Bonita Lenger, provided an incredible breakfast of baked french toast with a home-made fruit cocktail to supplement our regular eggs, bacon, and sausage.

Roy Williams stood at the beginning of the meeting to thank Rep. Sara Walsh for pulling together a Vietnam Vet's Recognition on Mar. 29th at the Missouri Capitol.

Our first speaker this morning was Lyn Woolford, currently Chief of Police and Ashland City Administrator talking about the tax issue that will be on the ballot on Tuesday to raise money for our parks and storm water system. At this point, money for both comes out of the city's General Fund, which competes with other funding for community needs. This will be a 1/2% added onto our currently sales tax rate of 7.975% and will bring our sales tax in line with Columbia. Funds from this addition would help with storm water issues, as well as park upkeep and development. While none of this money would go to the city directly, it would free up funds currently being used for storm water and park care for other needs, like Police and road maintenance.

Our second speaker was Chris Felmlee, Southern Boone Superintendent of Schools, to talk about the no tax increase bond issue that will also be on the ballot Tuesday. Our school population continues to grow, which requires expansion so that we can keep classes small. This bond issue will allow us to provide the Elementary building to add a gymnasium, build a separate building for Central offices, and provide an up-to-date High School Softball/Baseball complex.

The gymnasium at the Elementary building would provide space for state mandated physical education classes which currently utilize the same space as the lunch room, which has required lunches to be shortened to twenty minutes. In addition to providing a gymnasium. additional classes would be added to the Elementary building.

Moving the Central offices to their own facility would free up an additional seven classrooms in the Middle School building. The new building is planned for location near the Elementary building on Red Tail Drive, close to the water tower.

The property that the current softball/baseball field is on will soon be in the way of necessary expansion at the Middle School, so it is time to move the facility closer to the High School and current track, as well as updating our facilities for use in the future.

For further questions, you can contact Lyn Woolford at 573-657-2091 or policechief@ashlandmo.us. You can contact Chris Felmlee at 573-657-2147 or go to cfelmlee.edublogs.org.

After Chris was finished speaking, Garret drew for the Attendance Drawing. Mike Howard, Les Hahn, and Bev Steelman had a chance at riches, but since they were not in attendance this week, the pot has a chance to rebuild.

Since it was the last Saturday of the month, Ernie and Barrett did some figuring on poker hands. There were several that had straights, but somehow, I was lucky enough to have five of a kind and walk away a winner.

Letitia DenHartog