



ASHLAND OPTIMIST CLUB

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

March 23, 2019

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

Optimist Board

Janet Popejoy	President
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Bruce Glascock	2019
Bernie Bartel	2019
Letitia DenHartog	2019
Robert Blake	2020
Shawn Steelman	2020
Greg Hawkins	2020

COMING UP

**Board Meeting- Apr. 11, 2019
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
Barbara Perry- 2018

Bingo: March 29- Team Five

Breakfast: March 30- Bernie Bartel, Ernie Stewart, and Janet Popejoy

Program- Southern Boone Fire District

Remember that we are holding a NOW breakfast (New Optimists Welcome) on April 6th. We are requesting that as many members as possible come for breakfast and invite a guest. Barrett Glascock will speak about the history of our club, Chris Felmlee will speak about why our club is important to the Southern Boone schools and Mayor Gene Rhorer will talk about the club's importance to the community. Please let Ernie Wren know if you plan to attend, as well as how many guests you will be bringing so that enough food can be provided!

This will be your final week to order new Optimist shirts! There are polo shirts, as well as long and short sleeve t-shirts available. You can contact Barrett at The Glascock Agency (504 E. Broadway) or through his email barrettglascock@gmail.com to see available options.

Bingo on Mar. 22 had 150 players which kept the volunteers hopping. Thank you to everyone who worked this week!

Barrett Glascock and Sean Steelman (with an assist from Lena) cooked breakfast and it was a good one. Bryan Chapman took notes when the regular person was not available.

Our speaker today was a frequent guest and fellow Optimist member, Mr. Chris Felmlee-the school superintendent for our school district. Notice all of the building in Southern Boone County? That translates into new residents and new kids who will attend our schools. We currently have eight kindergarten classes and it really should be nine classes due to the size of the eight classes, but we have no room.

The district is taking a step approach in dealing with the growth.

Step 1 is a \$.40 tax increase which is on the ballot April 2, 2019. This will allow for the addition of a second story on the elementary building in addition to funding teacher pay. About 90% of the proposed tax increase would go to the building and 10% toward teachers' pay.

Step 2 will occur in August when a recommendation will be made to the board to increase the debt service level.

Step 3 in 2021 will be a bond issue to finance expansion of the middle school.

Step 4 in 2025 will be a bond issue in the range of \$12-14 million to finance expansion of the high school. Among other things, this will allow the Vocational program to be moved into the main High School building. That means no more kids crossing streets and doors can be locked down.

The district today has over 200 employees.

Previously, when Bryan Chapman was doing the bulletin and we had a bond issue, he said "Without good schools, Ashland is just a place to get gas and a pack of smokes on your way to/from Columbia and Jefferson City".

Doug Zeugin, Mary Anne Gowdy and Cody Hackmann could have won untold fortunes in the attendance drawing but the jackpot grows for next week.

Bryan Chapman (for Letitia DenHartog)