



April 30, 2022

"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 12

**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
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- Kenneth Nichols – 2006
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- Clifford Caldwell-2013
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- 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
- Jacob Zagorac- 2019
- Joy Woods- 2021
- Steve Walsh-2021
- Kristi Savage Clarke 2022

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**Next week:**

**Breakfast: May 7- Glen Sapp, Chris Felmlee, and Leigh Kottwitz**  
**Program- Karen Ryals- working with handicapped kids**

**Dates for your calendar:**

- Sunrise Optimist Club Trivia- April 30**
- Respect for Law program- May 14**
- Knights of Columbus Trivia for Fisher House- May 21**
- Corn Hole & BBQ (Optimist clubs from Zones 1, 2, & 3)- May 28**
- Corn Hole fundraiser for Terri Nichols- June 4 at our building 10 a.m.**
- Cattleman Day's Rodeo- August 26-27**

Missy Bonderer is looking for a full-size freezer (preferably upright) for the pool to use during the pool season, May 1st through Sept. 1, for 2022 and 2023. It will be used in the concession area. Please contact Missy at 573-694-9801 or [mb10mcs@yahoo.com](mailto:mb10mcs@yahoo.com) if you can help.

Brenda Austin, Bonita Lenger, and Bruce Glascock prepared a delicious breakfast this morning. Colin Zeugin, Doug's son, came for breakfast and brought his membership application this morning.

Our speaker this morning was Police Chief Gabe Edwards. He has worked in law enforcement for twenty-three years, with him working the past five years in Ashland. Gabe started by talking about the history of the physical spaces that the Ashland Police Department has been in over the years he has been with the force, from their original space with the old Ashland City Hall space, to their building out by Highway 63, then with information on the new location in the former YMCA building. Gabe talked about the updates to evidence control, especially with the new pass-through lockers that they were able to purchase through Missouri Vocational Enterprises, which have made evidence control more secure. Gabe also talked about the fact that their new space allows them to have a lobby with access to the service area operator, space to file reports, and a secure holding area.

Gabe also talked about the fact that they were able to hire more experienced officers, including one from Jefferson City who was trained as a licensed drone pilot. Another officer has gone through the training as well, so the Ashland Police Department currently has two licensed pilots who use their personal drones, when necessary, since the type of drone we would need comes with a \$15,000 price tag that is not in the budget at this time.

Another thing that is not in their budget currently is a trained police dog. Around thirty years ago, we raised money for a trained dog, which was given to the Boone County Sheriff. The Ashland Optimist club raised money again and that money has been in an account on the back burner, but Gabe was approached about getting a dog by another group and thinks that it would be an important addition to the police force to assist with finding missing people, helping with control of illegal drugs, and as an important public relations help. The problem is that a well-trained police dog can cost \$20,000-30,000 initially, plus upkeep for food, continued training, and a vehicle to transport the dog.

After Gabe was finished answering questions, he drew for the Attendance drawing. Jerome Glascock, Jeana Bishop, and Joe Miller had their chance at riches, but the pot will have a chance to grow. Because this was the final meeting of the month, Barrett did his figuring on the Poker hands and initially it looked like he might be the winner with a pair of Kings, but Elmer Schiefer drew an ace this morning to complete a pair and was heard to say, "It pays to attend!"

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