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"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**

Pool closes on Labor Day  
Board Meeting: Sept 8  
Fall Festival Sept 10  
Bingo restart Sept 23

**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
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- Sharon Donley-2017
- Ben Nieman- 2017
- Nick Kimbler- 2018
- Barbara Perry- 2018
- Jacob Zagorac- 2019
- Low Woods- 2021

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**Next week:**

**Breakfast: Sep. 3- Barrett Glascock, Shawn Steelman**

**Program- Alan Marrs- bike ride across the US**

**Bruce Glascock thanked all of the Optimists that helped at last night's Cedar Valley Rodeo, where we had over 3,000 people in attendance.**

**We are planning to restart Bingo on Sept. 23rd, but we are still looking for additional help in the kitchen, as well as in the Bingo window and on the floor. Please contact Barrett Glascock if you are interested in helping. Our hope is to continue playing on the second and fourth Fridays of each month while we rebuild our teams. The prizes will be tiered, depending on the number of players.**

John Travlos, Ben Travlos, and Ally aided Bern Bonderer in providing a wonderful breakfast this morning, including two different flavors of smoothies, delicious breakfast sandwiches on crescent rolls, and plenty of fresh fruit. Our special guests included Jessie Kendall, who had come for the rodeo and joined us for breakfast, as well as Brandon Glascock's adorable twin daughters.

Bernie Bartel was thrilled to introduce our speaker this morning, her grandson, Landon Bartel. She even took him through the breakfast line before it was time for his presentation on Hope Venture, where he has worked as the Development Coordinator for the past year.

Landon got started with Hope Venture after going on a mission trip to India three years ago with his church, Lincoln Berean, and seeing the poverty that the people deal with there. A large number of the people there are in extreme poverty, living on less than \$2 per day. He saw the good that was being done by Hope Venture out of Lincoln, Nebraska, which is led by Cynci Peterson. Cynci started Hope Venture thirteen years ago after seeing parents not able to provide food, clean water, and school supplies for their children. Their motto is "We're on an adventure to bring **hope** and **dignity** to the most disadvantaged people in the World". Their program focuses on fun. Hope Venture currently has programs in India, Uganda, Rwanda, Madagascar, and Kenya.

Landon went to Kenya this year to see the high school students who are supported by the sponsorship program, which costs \$55 per month. Landon shared that their program does more than provide money, it also lets these students know that they are seen as respected humans. Landon stated that Hope Venture believes that all people are givers and receivers. We all can give of our time, labor, or finances and while Hope Venture's focus is health and education, Landon also believes in the importance of learning to be more human. He talked about the fact that even the people there who don't know where their next meal is coming from are still joy-filled as part of their community. In the United States, 90% of people are above the global poverty line, but that is not true of the rest of the World.

After Landon was finished with his presentation and answering questions, he drew for the Attendance drawing. Cody Hackmann, Shawn Steelman, and Jamie Metcalf had their chance at riches, but the pot will continue to grow. Since this was the final meeting of the month, Barrett figured the Poker pot. Several people had pairs, but Bruce Glascock won with a pair of Jacks.

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