



**OPTIMIST**  
INTERNATIONAL

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

November 19, 2022

"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**

**Dec 2 Bingo Night**  
**Dec 8 Board meeting**

**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  
 Jacob Zagorac- 2019  
 Joy Woods- 2021  
 Steve Walsh-2021  
 Kristi Savage Clarke 2022  
 Norma Bennett 2022

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**Breakfast: Nov. 26- Glen Sapp, Chris Felmlee, and Leigh Kottwitz**  
**Speaker- TBD**

**Our next Bingo will be on Dec. 2nd.**

A delicious breakfast was provided this morning by Carole Iles, Dorise Slinker, and Jennifer Lawson, who provided three different options for breakfast sweet breads, followed by President Dana Cafourek sharing a thank you card from Forrest Becker for the Veteran's Breakfast we provided on Veteran's Day.

Bruce Glascock thanked everyone who helped with this year's Cattleman Days Rodeo before presenting a check for \$31,426 for our share of the proceeds.

Barrett Glascock gave a report about last night's Bingo. We had 107 players again this week, which means that we continue to pay out tiered payments for the games, but with special games that were sold, we were able to make a positive deposit in the bank and the kitchen deposited over \$775. We appreciated Jamie Metcalf, Shawn Steelman's wife, and Cory Fischer working the Bingo window. Charlie Selbach, Lester Gilpin, Bruce Glascock, and Shawn Steelman did a great job working the floor. Les Hahn, Leigh Kottwitz, Dorise and Bryson Slinker, and I helped Brenda Ravenscraft in the kitchen.

Our speaker this morning was Brittany Harty with the Ashland Betterment Coalition. Brittany moved to Ashland in July with her family into the house Ernie Wren previously owned on Mustang. The Ashland Betterment Coalition was started with a Community Empowerment matching grant from the Missouri Main Street Connection, with a third of the funds being provided by the City.

Their mission statement says, "The Downtown Ashland Betterment Coalition (ABC) will use existing educational and economic resources as well as new opportunities to foster sustainable economic growth and help develop a diverse and vibrant mix of businesses and entertainment options while encouraging community interaction."

This year they were involved in coordinating the 4th of July Parade. They held their first fundraiser on Oct. 28th with a photo Bingo project that involved several downtown businesses. They are working to put in planters and benches to beautify the downtown area and are hoping to replace the holiday lights that are put up on the light post through downtown during the Christmas season which are in poor shape because of their age. In the coming year, they hope to work with a liason from the City and work toward having a full-time paid position, coordinating between ABC, Economic Development, and the Chamber of Commerce. They also hope to coordinate with the Garden Club, In Any Event, and the FFA on green spaces around Ashland, possibly having businesses sponsor different spaces.

At this time, they meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 8:30 a.m. in City Hall, but are looking at possibly changing to evening meetings next year.

After Brittany was finished answering questions, she drew for the Attendance drawing. Mark Wanserski, Norm Geary, and Dale Wilson had their chance at riches, but the pot will have a chance to grow since they weren't at this morning's Breakfast meeting.

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