



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

January 28, 2023

"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

Feb 3 Bingo
Feb 4 PANCAKE BREAKFAST
Feb 9 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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We will have Bingo Friday, Feb. 3rd and should have a good attendance since it's an \$1,199 game night. We have people who are scheduled to serve, but still need some cooks to help earlier on Friday.

Breakfast: FEB. 4th- Pancake Day! Everyone is invited to help! If you are interested in helping cook, please come to the building at 5:00 a.m. If that is too early, you are welcome to come help later, but understand that you may be asked to help with clean-up after we quit serving at 11:30.

We had a wonderful breakfast this morning, provided by Bernie Bartel, Donna Wobbe, and Jan Palmer. Bernie invited Brenda Ravenscraft as her guest and Dorise Slinker brought his sons, Bryson and Reese.

Our speakers this morning were Erin and Zach Diederich, owners of Lloyd's Family Farm at 7015 E. Rt. Y, just east of Ashland. The farm was originally purchased by Dr. Abner Martin, Erin's fourth great uncle. The farm is named after Lloyd Martin, Erin's second great uncle, who lived on the farm his entire life. In 2014, Zach and Erin decided to open Lloyd's Pumpkin Patch as a specialty crop production agritourism site to let people visit a family farm. Since things were going well, in 2016 Zach built the big red barn that is the focus of their property.

By 2018, Timberview Tree Farm talked to Zach and Erin about taking over as a Christmas tree farm in seven years when they planned to retire. The Diederich's planted 10,000 scotch and white pine trees, some of which are close to being ready to be selected and cut for people's Christmas trees. 2000 was a busy year for the Diederichs when they expanded by providing a U-Pick Strawberry service and renamed the farm to Lloyd's Family Farm. It was also the year that Timberview lost all of their trees to a fungal disease and the Diederichs decided to sell pre-cut trees at Christmas time since their trees weren't ready. In 2021, they planted blackberries, with two separate plantings so there are blackberries available each year.

Lloyd's Family Farm currently has items available every season, with strawberries in the Spring, blackberries in the Summer, hayrides, a corn maze, and pumpkin sales in the Fall, followed by Christmas tree sales in the Winter. The easiest way to see what is going on at the farm is to follow their Facebook page: Lloyd's Family Farm, call them at 573-808-1070, or go to their website at www.lloydsfamilyfarm.com.

After Erin had finished speaking and answering the many questions that people had, she drew for the Attendance drawing. Will Blue and Jennifer Zagorac had their chance at riches, but Ken Bishop was thrilled to announce, "It pays to attend!" when his number was drawn.

Because this was the final meeting of the month, Barrett worked on figuring the Poker Pot, which was challenging since four people had pairs of kings. Fortunately, Rev. Elmer Schiefer drew an ace, giving him a pair of aces to beat everyone else.

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