



March 11, 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

Mar 17 Bingo
Mar 24 Family of Christ Fish Fry
Mar 31 Lifeguard application deadline

**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
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

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Breakfast: Mar. 18-Glen Sapp, Chris Felmlee, and Leigh Kottwitz
Program- Youth Wrestling- Terra Eppy

We will have our \$1,199 Bingo night on March 17th. If you can help on the floor, please contact Barrett. If you would like to provide a dessert, please contact me so that we have a variety to offer.

The Family of Christ Fish Fry will be held at their church on Friday, March 24th from 4-7 p.m. This will be a drive through only event again this year with a portion of the proceeds going to their Southern Boone Scholarship Fund. The cost will be \$15/plate, which will include fried fish, curly fries, baked beans, cole slaw, and dessert. Cash or check only.

The Board met on Thursday, Mar. 9th. They approved \$500 to send a local boy to Boy State. They also voted to provide the Leadership Breakfast for the Chamber of Commerce on April 20th and to split the cost to get the fence row cleaned out with the Saddle Club, at a cost of \$500. They voted against allowing a local business to use our parking for shuttle services, since it would have been on the same day as the Leadership Breakfast in the morning and soccer practice later in the day.

Ernie Wren spoke at the Board meeting requesting to hold a NOW (New Optimists Wanted) meeting on April 8th at our breakfast meeting and reminded members that the 3rd Quarter District meeting is scheduled for May 5-6 in St. Louis. The Board voted to approve up to \$100 for publicity for the NOW meeting.

Madeline Bloss, Ginny Lewis, and Charlie Lewis presented a report about the Little League Basketball program that just wrapped up, followed by Bern Bonderer reporting about the Little League Baseball/Softball program that is just beginning.

This morning we enjoyed a phenomenal breakfast provided by Dorise Slinker, Jennifer Lawson, and Carole Iles of three types of pancakes, as well as the fixings for breakfast burritos. Sue Rogers came as the guest of Lisa Finn and Reece Slinker came to help his dad with breakfast.

Our speaker this morning was Boone County Presiding Commissioner, Kip Kendrick. He started off by speaking about Proposition 1, which will be on the ballot April 4th asking for a 3% tax on the sale of recreational marijuana for the county. The money raised would be used to defray the cost of expungements that were part of the constitutional amendment passed in November. There are deadlines that must be met by June 8th and Dec. 8th, which will require overtime and extra staff.

Kip also spoke about the ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds that will be disbursed within the county. He talked about the fact that one of his first responsibilities after he took office was to set a process for disbursement of funds shared from the Federal government in March of 2021. All funds need to be distributed by 2024 and spent by 2026. Currently applications are being accepted, which will be reviewed for the next several months, with initial decisions of up to \$15 million dollars awarded in June. There will be a second round of application in the fall, with decisions awarded in December. For more information, you can call his office at 573-886-4305 or email him at commission@boonecountymo.org.

Kip spoke about the updates that will be occurring to the Boone County Master Plan, which has not been updated since 1996 and may require up to two years to be completed and the work that is being done to establish a permanent Law Enforcement Training Center to allow for cost effective regional training by the Sheriff's department for crisis intervention and police dog certification training since the Sheriff lost their former training location at the Boone County Fairground.

After Kip had finished sharing his extensive amount of information, he drew for the Attendance drawing. Somehow Mark Wanserski won again, which led to Dana threatening to put his number on probation for the rest of the month.

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