

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

May 6 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

Thru May 26 <u>Walking School Bus</u> May 11 Board meeting May 20 NOW Breakfast May 26 Pool Open House May 27 Pool opens for season

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 Johnny Pauley 2023

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Breakfast: May 13- Bern Bonderer, John Travlos, Robert Blake Speaker- Justine Rogers and the Southern Boone Quiz Bowl team

Our Ashland Oratorical contestant, Charlie Lewis, won First place at the District contest and will receive a \$2,500 scholarship, plus will advance to the 2023 Optimist International Oratorical World Championships at St. Louis University in July.

There will be an Ashland Optimist Board meeting on Thursday, May 11th at 7:00

Our next Bingo will be May 19th.

President Dana Cafourek and Barrett Glascock presented six Optimist scholarships to seniors this past week. Congratulations to all of our scholarship winners this year.

We had Bingo at our building on Friday night with good coverage on the floor and in the kitchen, with Brenda Austin preparing enchiladas and a Mexican salad for our special, which went over well. We had 120 players who were spending money, which allowed us to make a positive deposit, along with \$869 from the kitchen.

After a delicious breakfast this morning from Chris Felmlee and Leigh Kottwitz, Cory Fischer spoke about River Wood Designs (Riverwood LLC on Facebook), which is owned by Cory and his wife, Sonya, They have been making wood and epoxy cutting or charcuterie boards, tables, mantles, and custom initial LED night lights for three years, which they sell at craft and holiday fairs around the area, including the Santa's Little Helper craft fair that is held in our building the first Saturday of December by the Scouts.

After setting up the form using waterproof tuck tape, it takes three days for the epoxy to cure. Cory uses local hardwood and EcoPoxy, which he buys by the gallon, and uses Black Diamond pigment to color the epoxy, which has to be swirled in by hand. Once the epoxy is cured, it is removed from the form and sanded with various grit levels of sandpaper since epoxy is harder than wood. Once it is smooth, he uses a CNC machine to shape the piece and add details. Cory works on up to six pieces at a time, starting in a wood shop he has in his yard then finishing in his basement, to keep from wasting any epoxy. If you are interested in purchasing any of the products, you can contact him at rwdesigns20@gmail.com rwdesigns20@gmail.co <u>m</u>.

After Cory showed some of the items he sells and answered the many questions from the audience, he drew for the Attendance drawing. Jennifer Zagorac, Janet Popejoy, and Sam Gunter all had their chance at riches, but the pot will continue to grow.

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