



**OPTIMIST**  
INTERNATIONAL

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

October 21 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**

Oct 28 No meeting, bldg rented  
Oct 31 Halloween Spooktacular  
Nov 1 Youth b-ball sign up deadline  
Nov 3 Bingo  
Nov 4 No meeting, bldg rented  
Nov 9 Board meeting  
Nov 11 Veterans Day Breakfast

**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

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**There will be no Breakfast meetings the next two Saturdays, followed by the Veteran's breakfast on Nov. 11th. Our next breakfast meeting will be Nov. 18th.**

**Our Spooktacular will be held on Halloween, Tuesday, October 31, 5-7 p.m. Please help promote this to kids and organizations, businesses, families and individuals who would like to host a "Trunk or Treat" and pass out candy. We also need members to help provide or solicit prizes, serve as judges and welcome the community that night. Here is the [form to host a trunk!](#)**

**Please contact Madeline Bloss at [ashlandOptimistBasketball@gmail.com](mailto:ashlandOptimistBasketball@gmail.com) if you are interested in helping as a gym supervisor in the Middle School or Primary gyms. The more volunteers that sign up, the fewer dates that each person will have to cover, with Saturdays from November through February. Madeline will be on maternity leave as of January, so will need others to step up to help with this important youth program.**

**Since we don't have breakfast meetings for the next two weeks, we are looking at holding an evening social at Jose Jalapeno on Nov. 5th at 5:00. Please join us for this chance to socialize!**

**Our next Bingo will be on November 3rd.**

**A free Veterans Breakfast will be held at our building on Nov. 11 from 7:00-9:00 a.m. Contact Missy Bonderer at 573-694-9801 or [mb10mcs@yahoo.com](mailto:mb10mcs@yahoo.com) for ways to help. She is looking for members to help with setup, cooking, and clean up, plus donations of supplies and raffle items.**

Dana Cafourek, Mike Fulca, and I provided a very traditional breakfast this morning, with the addition of Mike's fried tomatoes from my garden. Barrett Glascock shared that all 138 Southern Boone third graders were given dictionaries this past week. Barrett also shared about last night's Bingo, where we had 118 players, sold two horse races, seven other event ticket games, and deposited \$4,412 from the floor and \$822 from the kitchen.

Our speaker this morning was Alexis Higgins, who is a second-year vet student from Mizzou and works at R Veterinary, which is in the building where Dooley's Veterinary used to be. Alexis grew up in Memphis, TN and got her associate degree there before going on to Mississippi State for her bachelor's degree and coming to Mizzou for their veterinary medicine program.

Alexis shared that her first year of classes was full of classes that required labs, but that this year's classes are more diverse. Some of her classes are two hours long and she generally studies 8-9 hours per night. After she finishes this year, she will have close to two years of rotations among specialties before taking the Veterinary Licensing Examination before receiving her white coat, officially recognizing her as a veterinarian.

After Alexis was finished sharing, she drew for the Attendance drawing. Glen Sapp, Dayton Grover, and Bonita Lenger all had their chance at riches, but with their absence, the pot will have a chance to grow.

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