



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

November 16, 2024

"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

Nov 23: Breakfast 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

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**Breakfast team: Nov. 23- Barrett Glascock,
Shawn Steelman
Program- to be determined**

We will have Bingo this Friday, with a special drawing for the players. If you normally help on the third Friday and are not available, please let Barrett or me know.

The Ashland Optimist Board of Directors met for a quick meeting on Nov. 14th at 7:00. After the normal business items, Dennis Sapp was approved to replace Marsha Lassley, who had moved out of the area. They also approved Mya Zagorac's request to use the pool and our building to provide American Red Cross lifeguard certification classes, donated to the Boone County 4-H Junior Council Recognition Night again this year, donated money to Scouting America-Great Rivers Council, Cedar Creek Therapeutic Riding Center, approved a donation for a Southern Boone student to attend Missouri Leadership Seminar, if any are selected, and renewed our membership in Association of Charitable Games of Missouri. As their final item of business, Judy Dooley was approved as a new member. Welcome Judy!

Third-sixth grade basketball started Saturday at the middle school gym and continues through Feb. 15. [Here is the link to volunteer.](#) Help is especially needed on the dates in red when Madeline will be out of town. She has referees and timekeepers set up, but needs an adult Optimist at each building during the games. Your main duty will be to represent the Optimists (wear an Optimist shirt, if you have one) and be a voice of reason in case of issues. If that doesn't interest you, Madeline is also looking for people to provide lunch for the referees and timekeepers (usually 4-6 people), many of whom spend the whole time at the gym while the games are going on. Lunch should be dropped off at the score table in the middle school gym between 11:00-11:30, if possible. If you are interested, you can [sign up here](#)

Mike Fulca, Tabi DenHartog, and I provided breakfast this morning, with Mike bringing marzipan stollen instead of his tomatoes and Tabi bringing cranberry goey butter bars to round out the normal options.

Barrett Glascock shared a note from the Dictionary Project, which has presented over thirty-six million dictionaries, letting us know that we have presented 2,400 dictionaries to third grade students at Southern Boone over the years that we have been providing them.

Our speaker this morning was Joanne Nelson, Director of the Boone County Community Services Dept., which is in charge of accountability and effectiveness of Children's Services Fund tax dollars. At the beginning of this year, she guided a housing study for Boone County, under the leadership of Dr. David Boston with Amarach Planning Services who has a degree in Urban Planning. They started by producing a survey, with 740 results returned, held five public meetings around the county, including one in Ashland, and did over forty interviews with representatives from banks, realtors, developers, and engineers, plus used information from Esri (Environmental Systems Research Institute) which uses geospatial technology mapping. Dr. Boston also drove around all of Boone County to get information.

All of the information that they compiled was shared at a Housing Summit in October, led by Dr. Boston, with 181 people in attendance. Some of the recommendations that came out of the Summit include that Boone County will potentially need 37,000 new housing units by 2050 to fill current housing gaps. The housing study made recommendations in four areas: Development, Preservation, Empowerment, and Sustainability.

Currently, Joanne is working with Boone County Presiding Commissioner, Kip Kendrick, Boone County Director of Resource Management, Bill Flores, and Director of Housing and Neighborhood Services, Rebecca Thompson, toward implementation of the recommendations. If anyone is interested in seeing more of the information, I have all of the paperwork that Joanne shared.

Once Joanne finished her presentation, she drew for the Attendance drawing. Skip Wills, Dayton Grover, and Terry Wren had their chance at riches, but with their absence, the pot will continue to grow.

Letitia DenHartog

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