



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

February 15, 2025

"You cannot do all the good the world needs, but the world needs all the good you can do."

Optimist Board

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COMING UP

Feb 21 Bingo \$1199 night!
Feb 22 Breakfast meeting Dawn Day,
Middle School Principal
Feb 28 Pool job apps due
Mar 1 youth basketball makeup games

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: Feb. 22- Carole Iles, Dorise Slinker, and Tony Ash
Program- Dawn Day, Middle School Principal

We will have Bingo on Feb. 21st, and it will be a \$1,199 night. If you normally work the third week and are not available, please let Barrett Glascock or me know so we can find coverage.

We are finished with Youth Basketball games at the Middle School but still need help for makeup games at the Primary building on Mar. 1st. Here is the link to volunteer:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1w4JWpm71-cgSESc2UmmJ3jaoaHZjbNZpXmc4hEqBJ4w/edit>.
The Optimist Board met on Feb. 13th for a quick meeting. They filed taxes for the Optimists and the Foundation and agreed to host the SBEDC (Southern Boone Economic Development Committee) Leadership Breakfast on Apr. 17th. The Board will be asking for members to provide breakfast casseroles for this event.

They also received recognition pins from the Optimist International office in St. Louis for Kyle Baker and me for sponsoring new members. Tara Blue has taken on the responsibility of the Nominating Committee. If you are interested in joining the Optimist Board, please contact her at bluebirdtara@gmail.com.

If you didn't come for breakfast this morning, you missed an incredible breakfast, made and served by the Ashland FFA Chapter led by Rebekah Hammett and Jeff Suthoff, which won the Model of Innovation Chapter Award for the state of Missouri this past year.

Ken Bishop and Barrett Glascock shared the Board report and the fact that the weather prevented our presentation of the check from the Board to the Hartsburg American Legion for their Veteran Support group. Gunny Kline, their Commander, will be our speaker on Mar. 8th before their next meeting on Mar. 12th, so we may present the check at that point.

Aubrey Quinn, who is the current president of the Ashland FFA Chapter and Rebekah Hammett came in and spoke to us. Aubrey shared that next week will be FFA Week, with members going to SkyZone on Monday and spending time at the Primary School on Wednesday. Rebekah shared about the three circles of FFA: classwork, SAEs (Supervised Agricultural Experiences) and Leadership. Every student is encouraged to have an SAE in Research, Placement, or Ownership which are guided by the instructors and aided by grants from the FFA Foundation. They shared stories of current students and what they are doing, along with samples and pictures that were available for viewing at breakfast.

Rebekah said that she works with the Freshmen on ideas for SAEs and learning how to track finances for their projects, as well as personal finances. She works with students on choosing projects that they are interested in instead of what others want them to do.

Our FFA is always looking for ways to help, but it is best if Rebekah is contacted four to five weeks in advance so that students can fit things into their schedules.

ED NOTE: The Optimist Southern Boone Community Pool info and registration forms are up on our website and people are already signing up for swim lessons, pool parties and season pool passes!

<http://ashlandoptimist.org/southernboonepool.html>

Also, a late addendum from Leigh Kottwitz:

*Hello Optimist members --
For those coming to Saturday's meeting, I wanted to ask if we can collect individually wrapped snacks to send back with Dr. Day to support our Middle School teachers and staff for two reasons: to say thanks for the use of their building for basketball and to show our support for some of the issues that the Middle School dealt with in the fall. Ideas might be granola bars, fruit bars, Little Debbies, snack crackers, fun size candies.*

Have a great week!! Leigh

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