



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

February 22, 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 28 Pool job apps due

March 1:

- Breakfast meeting Gunny Kline
- Youth basketball makeup games
- SBC Soccer Boosters fundraiser

Mar 7 Bingo \$1199 night

Mar 8 Breakfast meeting

Mar 13 Board 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: March 1- Chris Felmlee, Leigh Kottwitz, Loren Plank
Program- Gunny Kline, the Commander of the Hartsburg American Legion

The Ashland Pool webpages are up, allowing registration for classes, passes, and parties. The Pool is also hiring lifeguards and staff, with an application deadline of Feb. 28th. These are all available through our Optimist website: ashlandoptimist.org.

Madeline Bloss still needs help for makeup games at the Primary building on Mar. 1st. This will be your last chance to help this year! Here is the link to volunteer: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1w4JWpm71-cgSESc2UmmJ3jaoaHZjbNZpXmc4hEqBJ4w/edit>.

Everyone should have received the invitation for the Southern Boone Soccer Booster Club trivia fundraiser that Kyle Baker sent out recently. They are looking for teams to participate on Sat. March 1st at 6:00 p.m. in the Middle School Cafeteria. The theme is "Through the Decades." More information and registration is also available through our Optimist website listed above.

Bingo last night was canceled because of the weather this past week. The next Bingo will be on Mar. 7th and will be a \$1,199 night.

Carole Iles, Tony Ash, Dorise, Bryson, and Reece Slinker presented an incredible breakfast this morning, with egg cups, sausage, bacon, biscuits & gravy, cinnamon rolls, and fresh fruit. Barrett Glascock shared that we received a check for \$1,000 from Moser's annual golf tournament again this year.

Our speaker this morning was Dr. Dawn Day, Principal at the Southern Boone Middle School. She grew up in Salem, MO and has been in education for twenty years working in St. Louis and Jefferson City before she came to Southern Boone. She spoke extensively about Southern Boone's PBIS program (positive behavioral interventions & support) which focuses on the Big 3: be safe, be respectful, and be responsible. This program sets clear behavioral expectations for students. A group from Mizzou's PBIS program comes in each year to see how the program is working for our students and this year, we received a score of 100%.

Each morning students meet for Eagle Time, which allows help with issues that have been noted, including bullying and plagiarism. Counselors also work with the students on these areas. Students can earn Eagles Bills for positive behavior, which can be spent on Tuesday and Thursday at the Eagle Store, run by the Student Council. Students can also use their Eagle Bills to earn time to help in the office or to have lunch with a teacher.

Dawn spoke about school MAP scores, which are tests given to third grade and above students. She mentioned the fact that our scores are in the 60th percentile, with much of their weakness involving open-ended questions, which is where the school is focusing now. Dawn explained the vertical alignment system that is used, where the curriculum for students from third grade up build so that the lessons support future learning. She also shared that seventh and eighth grade students are given the opportunity to participate in FACS classes at the High School (which includes shop, agriculture, and culinary arts) as well as STEM classes teaching computer skills.

Ken Bishop asked about AMI days (Alternative Method Instruction). This year, since students did not have chromebooks sent home with them, students are given choice boards with alternatives for different subjects per grade level to fill the days they are off for inclement weather. There were five AMI days built into the calendar, but Thursday used the last scheduled day, so any additional days will have to be made up. If you are interested in the choice boards, you can get more information on the school webpage (<https://www.ashland.k12.mo.us>).

When Dawn was finished with her presentation and answering the many questions, she drew for the Attendance drawing. Jessica Ward had her chance at riches, but Ken Bishop was thrilled to say, "It pays to attend!" when his number was drawn. Because it was the final meeting of February, Barrett figured the Poker Pot, which Bernie Bartel won with a pair of aces.

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