



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

January 4, 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

Jan 9 Board meeting
Jan 11 Breakfast Meeting
Jan 17 Bingo

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: Jan. 11- Dana Cafourek, Letitia & Tabi DenHartog
Program- Joy Shawley- Road to Recovery

The Ashland Optimist Board will meet Jan. 9th at 7:00 in the Boardroom at our Optimist building. If you are on the Board, please try to be there. If you have anything to add to the agenda, please contact Barrett Glascock by Tues. Jan. 7th.

We had Bingo on Friday, Jan. 3rd with 158 players. They bought twelve extra games and spent close to twice as much as last Bingo. Thanks to everyone who came, brought desserts, and helped!

Starting Jan. 11th- Feb. 15th, there will be basketball games at the middle school and primary buildings. Help is needed on Jan. 11th since Madeline will not be available. Here is the link to volunteer:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1w4JWpm71-cgSESc2UmmJ3jaoaHZjbNZpXmc4hEqBJ4w/edit>.

Lunch for the referees and timekeepers will restart January 11-Feb. 15. Lunch for 4-6 people 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 at https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1-g3SqJ_Sav3PeLgpINzz4h8MAibIT2ttfIb4hHZXqY/edit.

Bernie Bartel and Donna Wobbe provided a delicious breakfast this morning, including Bernie's famous apple cake. We had seven guests today, including a friend of Barrett's, George Carney who recently moved back to the area, and the folks that were here to provide our program, including Joe & Rachel Kinney (President Ken Bishop's daughter and son-in-law) and their daughters Ayla and Brooklyn, plus trainer Allison Cantrell and fellow horse rider Makayla Jones.

After we finished eating, Allison led the program by talking about High Spirits Farm, a state-of-the-art equine facility north of Ashland where the girls ride. High Spirits has been in the area for over twenty years, specializing in producing and competing with American Saddlebreds and Hackney ponies. Allison has been a trainer there since 2017, along with Jim and Fay Lowry. In addition to lessons, summer camps are provided, as well as a recent New Year's sleepover in the arena.

Each girl was given the opportunity to share how long they had been riding, a high point of the time riding, and what they appreciated about their trainer and the program. In addition, videos of their competitions were shown. The girls compete in tournaments from March to November in Kansas City, St. Louis, Sedalia, Stephens College, and William Woods.

After Allison answered the plethora of questions, each of the young ladies drew for the Attendance drawing. Nancy Nickolaus and Cameron Burns had their chance at riches, but Tabi DenHartog was thrilled to say, "It pays to attend!" when her number was drawn.

Letitia DenHartog

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