



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

March 1, 2025

"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

Mar 6-7 Senior Center fundraiser
 Mar 7 Bingo \$1199 night
 Mar 8 Breakfast meeting OSHER
 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
 Florence Hahn - 2011
 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 8- Robert Blake, John Travlos, and Bern Bonderer
Program- OSHER Spring Semester

We will host Bingo on March 7th, and it will be a \$1,199 night. If you usually help on the first week, but won't be available, please let Barrett Glascock or me know by Wednesday.

Leigh Kottwitz, Loren Plank, and Chris Felmlee provided an excellent breakfast this morning with an egg casserole, baked goods, and fresh fruit.

Barrett let us know that we were audited by the gaming commission and have solved the majority of the issues they discovered. Ken Bishop asked for donations of used rodeo shirts for a quilt and reminded people that the Spring Fling fundraiser will be at the Senior Center on March 6th & 7th, with food served from 11-1:30 each day, and a variety of items for sale.

Our speaker this morning was Gunny Kline, Hartsburg American Legion Commander, and 22-year Marine veteran. Tammy, his Adjutant, Don, his 2nd Vice President, and Steve attended the meeting to support him. Gunny shared that the American Legion was started by Congress after World War I and advocates for veterans through support in careers, education, health benefits, as well as supporting patriotism and camaraderie. The Hartsburg Post 424 was started in 1942. If you are not a military veteran, but have others that are in your family that served, you can also join the Auxiliary for spouses or Sons of the American Legion for sons or grandsons of military members.

Gunny talked about their building with a full kitchen and ball field that they have available to rent and about some of the programs they support, such as Boy State and Girl State, as well as a cadet program they are working on with the Ashland Police. The American Legion Post also provides food, clothing, and carpool services for members and people in the community. Dues are \$50, the majority of which goes to the national American Legion program, which they use to fight for veterans' rights.

When Gunny was finished with his presentation, he drew for the Attendance drawing. Doug Smith, Chris Palmer, and Dayton Grover had their chance at riches, but with their absence, the pot will have a chance to grow again.

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