



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

July 18, 2026
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COMING UP

Jul 24 Bingo \$1199 night & \$1000 horse race
Jul 25- Harper Kroeckel & Her Medical Journey
Aug 1 Tony Ash foster care
Aug 7 Bingo
Aug 16 Pool closes for public swimming

TAKE A MINUTE TO REMEMBER THOSE WHO MADE US STRONG:

Carroll Sapp – 1987
“Buddy” Glascock – 1988
William Burnett – 1992
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Ron Marley – 1997
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Bob Sappington – 2010
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Jim Moore--2016
Carl Long--2016
Don Jones-2017
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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
Wes Donley 2025
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Breakfast: July 25- Barrett Glascock and Shawn Steelman
Speaker- Harper Kroeckel & her medical journey

We will be hosting Bingo on Friday, July 24th and it will be a big night, with a \$1,199 game and a \$1,000 horse race. If you usually help on the third week, but won't be available, please let Barrett or me know. I am still looking for someone to help in the kitchen this week.

After a trade among family members since Barrett Glascock is at a conference this weekend, we enjoyed baked french toast from Brenda Austin, Bonita, Lenger, and Bruce Glascock, along with eggs, bacon, and sausage. Brenda Ravenscraft and Shelley Pierce joined us for breakfast as guests.

Ernie Wren reminded people that if you haven't paid your dues yet this year, you need to do that, either through the website (ashlandoptimist.org) or by mailing a check to Ashland Optimist, PO Box 201, Ashland MO 65010. If you have any questions, please contact Barrett Glascock at barrettglascock@gmail.com for answers.

Our speaker this morning for our Respect for Law program was Scott Young, the Ashland Police Chief for the past three years. He shared the history of the Police force, starting with Sir Robert Peel in 1829. He was the British Home Secretary who started the Metropolitan Police Force in London to provide a blueprint for professional, community-based law enforcement worldwide to combat vigilanties.

After we became the United States, Philadelphia set up a Paid Watch program in 1751, but the first police force in the United States based on Peel's blueprint was in Boston in 1838. The US Marshals are the oldest federal law enforcement agency, started by the Department of Justice in 1789. Locally, Columbia started their Police Department in 1820, and Ashland started theirs in 1877 when they were officially incorporated.

Scott also shared updated information about the differences between E-bikes and motor scooters. If it has pedals, it's legally a bike, whereas if it has a motor, either electric or gas, it is legally a motorbike and cannot be ridden in the street by anyone under the age of 16. Also, all motorbikes must follow the rules of the road regarding speed and signage.

Scott also spoke about the current issue regarding parking on South Main. After the city measured South Main and checked with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, which stated that South Main isn't wide enough to have cars parked on both sides, other than the parking spots that are established. This will be a complication for the businesses on the corner of Main & Broadway. Scott also touched on the issue of speed bumps that have been added to some roads around town.

Finally, Scott talked about Flock cameras, which take pictures of license plates to help with traffic violations and crimes. Because we have given the Police the authority to check on these files, they can use this information to help solve crimes as part of a legitimate law enforcement case.

Once Scott finished speaking, Ernie gave him twelve \$20 Scooter's gift cards in appreciation for him and his officers. Below is a link to our current Police Employee Roster | Ashland, MO
<https://share.google/lln8rexWgPkTtE9yn>.

To finish his service this morning before he went to help with the Ashland Pride Parade and Fest, he drew for our Attendance drawing, Glenda Richardson and Christian Gregory had their chance at riches, but Tabi DenHartog was thrilled to win her share of the pot.

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