



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

July 25, 2026
"You cannot do all the good the

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COMING UP

- Aug 1 Tony Ash foster care
- Aug 1 10a-2p No excuse absentee voting at Library
- 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
Remus James – 1994
Ron Marley – 1997
Cecil Vaughn – 2001
Billy Jo Sapp – 2004
Marvin Sappington – 2004
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Kenneth Nichols – 2006
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Joe Smith - 2009
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Florence Hahn 2011
Clifford Caldwell-2013
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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
Wes Donley 2025
Louise Martin 2025
Rev. Elmer Schiefer 2026
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Breakfast: Carole Iles, Dorise Slinker, and Tony Ash
Speaker- Tony Ash on Foster Care

We hosted Bingo on Friday, July 24th with 120 players. Thanks to our floor crew, we were able to deposit \$1,100 (mainly due to the \$1,500 that they brought in through event tickets. That was even after a \$1,199 game and a \$1,000 horse race meant we paid out \$7,800 in prize money. The kitchen sent \$801 to the bank.

Breakfast was provided this morning by Barrett Glascock and Shawn Steelman, who added tater tots to our usual breakfast menu. Barrett shared that Rick Snowden fixed the other popcorn machine that we use for the rodeo. He didn't charge for the repairs, plus guaranteed his work.

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.

There will be no-excuse absentee voting for the Aug. 4th election at the Southern Boone Library on Aug. 1st from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Our speakers this morning were Michaela, John, Harper, and Hazel Kroeckel. Harper is a three-year-old, dealing with a rare genetic condition called CM-AVM (capillary malformation-arteriovenous malformation), which causes painful flat red spots where arteries dump blood directly into veins. Harper has several of these spots on her body and deals with pain daily. She was diagnosed at Washington University in St. Louis, but there are few options stateside, so Michaela did research worldwide and discovered Dr. Coletti in Italy who provides a specialized procedure that has shown excellent results. The downside is that it costs \$8,500 and is only available in Italy at this time. In nine weeks, the Kroeckels were able to raise the money, including the \$1,600 that was raised through a Hurt's Doughnuts fundraiser in our building, as well as other fundraisers around Ashland. The family will fly out of New York to Milan in October, with the initial treatment of the MEST (modified electro sclerotherapy) protocol occurring on Thanksgiving Day. Their family will remain in an air BNB ten minute walk from the clinic in Milan for at least two weeks while Harper heals.

Once Michaela finished answering the many questions that were asked, Harper drew for the Attendance drawing. Gunny Kline, Jeana Bishop, and Carrie Fischer-Bennett had their chance at riches, but with their absence, the pot will have a chance to grow. Since it was the last meeting of the month, Barrett and Ernie figured the poker pot, with help from the wild card that Harper drew and Tabi DenHartog was shocked when she was told that she won with three tens. She has also won the Attendance drawing twice this month, so exclaimed, "It pays to attend!"

Letitia DenHartog

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