



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

June 27, 2026
"You cannot do all the good the

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COMING UP

Jul 4 Independence Day
- Breakfast - Adah Zagorac Essay winner
-- Parade
-- Freedom Swim Day at Pool FREE!!
Jul 9 Board Meeting
Jul 10- Bingo
Jul 11 Breakfast - Donna Wren Silver Sneakers

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
Wes Donley 2025
Louise Martin 2025
Rev. Elmer Schiefer 2026

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Breakfast: July 4- Bernie Bartel, Donna Wobbe, and Rich Ward
Speaker- Adah Zagorac, Optimist Essay contest winner

Bingo will be held on the 2nd & 4th Fridays in July (July 10th & 24th) because of next week's holiday. I am looking for additional people for each team and will gladly train anyone who is interested in helping once a month.

Next Saturday will be the 4th of July! There will be a special 250th Anniversary parade, starting with lineup at the primary/elementary school parking lot at 8:00 a.m., followed by activities throughout the local area, including a tractor show and picnic at the Meadows on South Henry Clay. The Ashland Pool will offer free swimming from noon to 6:00 p.m.

We hosted the Arcie Sapp Memorial Blood Drive on Wednesday, June 24th and received 23 units of blood, which the Red Cross was happy with. Thank you to Barrett Glascock for setting up the tables, Bernie Bartel for providing sandwiches and running the canteen area, and Madeline Bloss for her delicious snickerdoodle cookies.

On Friday, our building hosted a fundraiser in conjunction with Hurt's Doughnuts out of Springfield, MO to raise money for Harper Kroeckel’s medical journey. She is a local two-year-old who will need to travel to Milan Italy for specialized treatment of her condition. The building was full of people from 11-1, with people enjoying 4,000 specialty doughnuts. Part of the funds that were raised will go to the family. At this point, we plan to have them speak at our breakfast meeting on July 25th.

We enjoyed a fabulous breakfast of patriotic flag sheet pancakes with bacon, sausage, ham, and plenty of fresh fruit provided by Robert Blake, Bern Bonderer, and John Travlos.

Barrett Glascock shared that we switched to Socket Fiber internet followed by our speaker, Kaye Vandendaele with the Boone County Health Public Department.

Kaye works with the Maternal and Child Health division of the health department, focusing on maternal postpartum care, safe sleeping for infants, dental services for children and parents, health transitions, as well as social & emotional care of children and their family. The greatest problems for our county are postpartum care, safe sleeping, and youth social/emotional issues, including emotional regulation.

Only 88% of mothers in Boone County attend a postpartum checkup, which is lower than the state average. Only 78% of infants in Boone County are put to sleep in their own bed on their backs, with the Missouri average at 83%. Kaye was able to answer several excellent questions on these topics, including sharing about the DIVERT program, which guides young people through help from a case manager to remove non-violent crimes from their records.

After Kaye finished speaking, she drew for the Attendance drawing. Kyle Baker had his chance at riches, but Tabi DenHartog was shocked and surprised to hear her number called again. Since it was the final meeting of the month, Barrett figured the Poker Pot, which Mike Fulca won with a pair of Jacks.

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