



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

May 23, 2026
"You cannot do all the good the

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COMING UP
May 25 Memorial Day (observed)
May 30 Breakfast - Richard Aubuchon-
June 5 Bingo
June 6 Breakfast - author Jane Rutter

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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Please join me in honoring our fallen service members on this Memorial Day weekend

Breakfast: May 30- Barrett Glascock and Shawn Steelman
Speaker- Richard Aubuchon- Lobbyist at the Missouri Capitol

It is with a heavy heart that we share the passing of Elmer Schiefer, a wonderful member of our club who passed away last Sunday at one hundred years of age. Elmer provided our invocations for many meetings and shared the Christmas story each year from memory, followed by singing "Stille Nacht", the German version of Silent Night. Heaven has gained a special soul.

Because our President was out of town, Leigh Kottwitz led this morning's meeting. Since we didn't have a speaker, after providing the invocation, Barrett Glascock shared several items, starting with two thank you cards. Brant Eddy, one of our scholarship recipients, sent a thank you and shared that he will be attending William Woods University. Nora Hess, who took second place at our club Oratorical contest, also sent a thank you with the focus being all the help that John Travlos gave her to improve her speech.

Barrett also shared that we earned Honor Club for the past year, which will be presented to past-president Ken Bishop in the future. If anyone knows what happened to the gate into the back practice field, please let Barrett know. He also shared more about the parking lot project that was mentioned in last week's Board report and received some feedback from the members in attendance this morning. The Saddle Club has brought up the section of fence by the flag poles, which is in need of repair. If you have additional ideas about any of these topics, please contact Barrett.

Janet Popejoy who was there as part of the Bike Safety program drew for the Attendance drawing. Chad Robinson, Elmer Schiefer, and Mike Howard had their chance at riches, but since none of them were in attendance, the pot will have a chance to grow.

After the meeting, the Bike Safety program was held, with over twenty volunteers including Jenny Brooks with Safe Kids Coalition, members of our Optimists club, Folks on Spokes, Scout Troop 134, as well as the Ashland police chief, Scott Young, and one of his officers. Twenty-four kids were fitted for new helmets, received bells for their bikes, received safety inspections and repairs on their bikes, and participated in a skills course. Thanks to Janet Popejoy and Charlie Selbach for leading and Leigh Kottwitz for providing publicity! We raffled four bikes and two bike headlamps thanks to the club and four bike helmets donated by Red Wheel Bike Shop in Jefferson City.

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