

Optimist Board

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COMING UP

Oct 17 Breakfast Sheriff Dwayne Carey
Oct23-24 1st Qtr District Meeting Jeff City
Oct 24 No breakfast meeting, bldg rented
Oct 31 Halloween Spooktacular
Nov 11 Annual Veterans Breakfast

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
Bern Bonderer 2026
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Breakfast (Oct. 17): John Travlos, Robert Blake
Speaker: Sheriff Dwayne Carey- Prop. L

Everyone should have received their Optimist dues statements. Please take care of this as soon as possible. If you have not received a statement, please contact Barrett Glascock.

The Board met on October 8th with enough members for quorum. The Board voted to send \$200 to Optimist International in memory of Jerome Glascock and Bern Bonderer, members who died recently, approved \$250 for Spooktacular prizes which Ernie Wren is spearheading, approved \$250 for the Boone County 4-H Junior Council Recognition Night in Hallsville, and approved an \$800 bill for ditch repair and tree removal at the pool.

The family of Jimmy Glascock has been meeting for 114 years, but with low turn-out recently, they decided to disband and use the money they had saved to donate to our Optimist club to buy a new kitchen stove. The current stoves have not been attaining the temperature that they are set at for a while. The Glascock family had a caveat that they would donate additional money if the Club agreed to purchase two replacement stoves. The Board agreed to this and Brenda Austin arranged for two stoves from Coleman's in Jefferson City to be delivered on Monday morning. Contact Barrett if you wish to make additional donations to cover the rest of the cost.

Chris Felmlee and Loren Plank provided a delightful breakfast this morning. Our speaker, Bekki Brewer, brought her parents, Jan Russell and Mike Carter to enjoy her talk and breakfast. Bekki was born and raised in Hallsville, has four kids, and three grandkids. Her oldest son is a Marine, serving on the East coast, but her other kids live in the area, including her youngest, who is a Junior at Hallsville. She has a degree in Occupational Safety and Health and has focused her work in Environmental compliance. She has taught at a college online, so has spent the last two decades trying to be a voice for the people she is trying to protect. She got involved with a previous campaign because of her frustration with the voice of the voters being overturned by the politicians in Jefferson City.

Her primary focus has been on school funding, affordable housing, and the voice of the voters being respected during her race for the office of Missouri State Representative District 44, which includes Hallsville, Centralia, Ashland, Hartsburg, Prathersville, and Lake of the Woods. She started with \$40 and the majority of her donations have been small amounts, which is why she doesn't have the signage that her opponent has, since he started with \$50,000 and has had large donations from conservative supporters. For more information on her beliefs, you can go to her website: bekkibrewer.com. After Bekki had finished speaking, she drew for the Attendance drawing. Jennifer Zagorac could have gone away with riches, but I was thrilled to exclaim, "It pays to attend!" when my number was drawn and I walked away with \$26.

Save the Date:

The First Quarter District meeting will be Oct. 23 & 24 and will be held in Jefferson City jointly with the East and West Districts. Let Barrett know if you are interested in attending.

Our Spooktacular will be on Saturday, October 31st from 4-6 pm. Ernie Wren has posted a link on Facebook for registrations. He is looking for volunteers.

The Veteran's Breakfast will be on Wed. Nov. 11th and will be spearheaded by Leigh Kottwitz. She will be looking for non-veteran volunteers to help.

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