



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

October 23, 2021

"You cannot do all the good the world needs, but the world needs all the good you can do."

Optimist Board

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COMING UP

Board Meeting:

November 11, 2021, 7:00 p.m.

**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
- 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

**Breakfast- Oct. 30: Mike Fulca, Dana Cafourek, Millie Plunkett, and Letitia DenHartog
 Program- Kellye McCord- Helping Hands**

Because President Jan Palmer, Barrett Glascock, Ernie and Danna Wren were at the Eastern Missouri 1st Quarter Conference, Vice President Dana Cafourek stepped in to lead the meeting this morning and Bernie Bartel took care of the books. Carole Iles, Missy Bonderer, and Dorise Slinker served up a wonderful breakfast, our newest member, Jennifer Lawson attended, and Jim Green brought his son Jeffrey.

Our speaker this morning was James Creel, Public Services director for the city of Ashland. James started in the position just over two years ago, coming from the Ashland Police department. He was a little surprised on his first day to discover that public services included parks, streets, and sewer. James has definitely made a difference since he started in the position! He talked about the work that has been done on the tennis courts, including resurfacing, restriping, and putting in berms to help with future water damage. The YMCA is talking about starting a tennis program and the Southern Boone schools are looking at adding tennis to their physical education options, with the possibility of tennis becoming an extra-curricular sporting activity for the school in the future.

James also talked about the updates that are being done at the baseball field in the park, including putting in aluminum bleachers, upgrading the dugouts, and having a moveable pitching mound so that the field can be used for multiple ages. The current bleachers will be offered to Hartsburg for their ball field.

James said that he enjoys writing grants, knowing that if he doesn't get the grant he's trying for right away, he will continue trying until whoever is providing the grant gives in.

People may have noticed that the potholes where Henry Clay turns into Optimist Dr. were patched recently. Because this is private property, the city couldn't provide the materials, but they could provide the labor utilizing extra materials that the city had on hand. The work happened through a collaboration between James and Barrett Glascock. All I know is that it was much easier to get to the meeting this morning.

When James was finished answering the many questions that members had, he drew for the Attendance drawing and Elmer Schiefer was thrilled to say, "It pays to attend!"

Letitia DenHartog