



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

March 26, 2022

"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: April 14

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
Kristi Savage Clarke 2022

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Next week:

Breakfast: Apr. 2- Bern Bonderer, John Travelos, Robert Blake

Program: Come for a delicious breakfast, stay for the mystery speaker

Family of Christ Lutheran Church will be holding their annual fish fry on Apr. 8th from 4-7 p.m. at their church, located at 408 S. Main. It will be drive-thru only with the adult plates costing \$15.

The Fulton Breakfast Optimist's Club will hold their fish fry Apr. 15th from 11-1 and 4-6 p.m. Adult tickets are \$15, \$6 for children 6-12 years old, and free for children under 5. If you wish to save a dollar, call Pat Brauner and leave a message at (573)642-3535.

Bernie Bartel and Jan Palmer, with the help of new member Donna Wobbe, served a delicious breakfast this morning. I'm always happy when Bernie brings her apple cake!

The Ashland Chamber of Commerce will be holding their Annual Awards Banquet on Thur. April 21 in our building. In the past, we have provided breakfast, for which they reimburse us. Anyone who can help, please contact Barrett Glascock at barrettglascock@gmail.com.

Mary Dewey from the Downtown Optimist club in Columbia came to invite us to the cornhole tournament and BBQ that they will be hosting on May 28th. The money they raise will be sent through Optimist International to help the people of Ukraine.

Bruce Glascock shared that the Cedar Valley Riders will be hosting the Cattleman Days Rodeo this year on Aug. 26 & 27th. Please get these dates on your calendar because the Optimists will be asked to help.

Our speakers this morning were the new Ashland City Administrator, Kyle Michel, and the Boone County District 1 Commissioner, Justin Aldred. Kyle spoke first and talked about him and his wife moving here from Iowa at the end of February to take the position and to be closer to family.

Kyle and Justin then spoke about the Proposition 1 Use Tax, which will be on the April 5th ballot. All other states, except Missouri, currently have a use tax, which allows for a local use tax on online sales. There will be separate Proposition 1 item to be voted on for Ashland residents and for Boone County. Not only is Missouri the last state to vote on a local use tax, but we are the last county in our area to pass a use tax. Governor Parson has already signed SB 153 & 97 into law on June 30th of last year, with collection and remittance obligations beginning Jan. 1, 2023.

Basically, a Use Tax is a tax on the purchase of goods by Missouri residents from out-of-state vendors. Products exempt from sales tax in Missouri would be exempt from a Use Tax. Purchases cannot be taxed sales tax, which applies to in-state vendors, and the Use Tax, which only applies to out-of-state vendors, as well. Because online sales have increased in the past few years, local sales tax revenues have decreased. These sales tax revenues support our city, street repair, and Public Safety, including police and fire departments. Our local sales tax is 2.5%, which will be the same amount that the Use Tax will be set at. If we vote to raise or reduce our sales tax, the Use Tax will also be reduced or raised the same amount.

After Justin and Kyle finished speaking, they drew for the Attendance drawing. Peggy Wren and Bev Steelman had their chance at riches, but Jan Palmer was thrilled to say, "It pays to attend!" when her number was drawn. Since this was the last Saturday of the month, Ernie Wren figured the Poker Pot and Jan Palmer won that as well with two pairs.

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