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

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COMING UP

Nov 18 Bingo Night
Nov 19 Bone marrow check for Sadie Roginett
Dec 8 Board meeting

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
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Kenneth Nichols – 2006
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Joe Smith - 2009
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Clifford Caldwell-2013
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**Breakfast: Nov. 19- Carole Iles, Dorise Slinker, Jennifer Lawson
Speaker- Brittany Harty- Ashland Community Betterment**

We will be having Bingo again this Friday, Nov. 18th. Please let Barrett or me know if you will be able to help.

There will be an opportunity held at Eagle Nutrition on Nov. 19th from 8:00-2:00 for anyone from 18-40 to have their cheek swabbed to test for a possible bone marrow match for Sadie Robinett, who is currently battling leukemia. If you are eligible, please make time for this simple test to see if you can help.

The Optimist Board of Directors met on Nov. 10th and had an efficient Board meeting, which only took 39 minutes. The major topic of conversation involved the Rodeo. The Rodeo Committee requested that the start-up reserve be increased from \$5,000 to \$10,000, which the Board approved. The Rodeo Committee is also looking at getting a professional chute put in to replace the hand-crafted one that has been in use over the years. These changes will affect the final amount that is divided. The Board is also talking about having a workday to clean out the brush along the fence line. A date will be set later for anyone with a chainsaw or loppers to help with that.

We had an incredible crew, led by Missy Bonderer, cook breakfast on Nov. 11th from 6:30-9:00 for all Veterans and their families, with close to 150 people served. The Southern Boone FFA sold raffle tickets for a quilt and metal art piece, plus took food orders, and served everyone their breakfast. Thank you to everyone who helped!

Last night we held Bingo for the third time since we restarted and, by selling seven special games, this time we were able to make a positive deposit around \$1,200 at the end of the evening. The kitchen also deposited over \$680. Thank you to everyone who was able to help last night. We had good coverage on the floor and in the kitchen, plus Bern Bonderer in the Bingo window.

This morning Madeline and William Bloss came to breakfast, which gave Maddie a chance to talk about the Optimist Youth Basketball program that she is coordinating with Jenny and Charlie Lewis. There are over 200 kids signed up from 1st-6th grade. Here is some information for the members from Maddie:

"We are looking for volunteers interested in helping with the Optimist basketball game days for taking admission at the door and for providing lunch to the hardworking referees and scorekeepers. Games will be on Saturdays starting in December and will run through February (excluding holidays). If you are interested in volunteering for any Saturdays, please let the basketball committee know at AshlandOptimistBasketball@gmail.com and we will send you more information. Also, we are working on hiring referees and scorekeepers. If you know anyone who is interested, please send them our way. High school age and up with some knowledge of basketball are eligible. Thanks!"

Our speaker this morning was Ashton Warren with Blair's' Barn on Rt. DD. Leigh Kottwitz introduced her by mentioning one of their students who came to the Spooooktacular dressed as Ashton, complete with a baby (doll) in a backpack, a bridle, and coffee. Ashton grew up in Linn, MO, where she graduated from Linn High School. Her family moved there when she was ten and she started riding at a stable near Jefferson City. She saved her money and purchased her first horse, Blair, when she was thirteen. Fast forward to last year when they opened Blair's Barn Riding Stable, which provides hour-long lessons five days each week, both group (\$35) and private (\$50), Therapy riding on Thursday, plus trail rides and birthday parties on Saturdays at the Three Creeks Conservation area a mile away. During the summer, she held camps Wednesday through Friday, with the kids providing a fun show for their families on Friday evenings. Her students are expected to catch, groom, saddle, feed, and clean up after their horse, in addition to riding. She worked with her daughter and three of the other students to participate in the Fun Shows on Saturdays at the Cedar Valley Riders arena, with all of the students finishing well. Ashton owns six horses, which include ponies, quarter horses, and a standardbred, plus boards another five horses. She has students from age three to seventy-three.

After Ashton finished telling stories and answering questions, she drew for the Attendance drawing. Peggy Wren and Jeana Bishop had their chance at riches, but Ken Bishop was the one who took home the money today.

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