



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

December 9 2023

"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

Red Kettle Campaign thru Dec 31
Dec 14 Board meeting
Dec 15 Bingo
Dec 16 Janeene Johnston w/ Christmas
Gospel reading by Rev Elmer Schiefer

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
Johnny Pauley 2023

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Breakfast- Dec. 16- Carole Iles, Dorise Slinker, Jennifer Lawson

Speaker- Janeene Johnston- Spay Neuter Project and Elmer Schiefer sharing the Christmas gospel

There will be an Optimist Board meeting this Thursday, Dec. 14th at 7:00 p.m. at the building.

Optimist dues are \$90 for individuals or \$135 for couples that are both members. You can pay through:

<https://form.jotform.com/72136728772160>, bring a check to Barrett, or mail your check to Ashland Optimists, PO Box 201, Ashland, MO 65010.

Our next Bingo will be held on Dec. 15th. We can always use extra help selling games on the floor since the extra games make us money.

Bern Bonderer is coordinating the Red Kettle Campaign for the Ashland location again this year at Moser's. It started Nov. 22. This is his 14th year! Everything will be the same as in the past. If you would like to ring, please contact him at bern.bonderer@twehous.com or call 573-632-1919 to get more details. You may ring for 10 minutes or 10 hours! There is no set schedule, but he has to report all ringers and times to the Salvation Army so please do NOT just go over there and ring. Bern shared Friday that he has not had many ringers yet, so please get friends, church groups, or just consider helping.

The elementary basketball games are covered through the end of December, but will restart on January 6th, with games at the Primary and Middle schools. Please contact Leigh Kottwitz to sign up at leighkottwitz@gmail.com for more information. There will be two games at each school every Saturday through the middle of February and you can sign up for all day or just one game, but we need an adult available the entire time.

We held Bingo on Dec. 1st, with 107 players. However we were able to make full payouts on the games after selling a horse race and eight additional games and still were able to make a deposit from the floor and the kitchen.

With President Leigh Kottwitz out of town this morning, Ken Bishop ran the meeting this morning, with Jim Green giving the invocation before we enjoyed the delicious breakfast provided by Chris Felmler. Barrett Glascock shared that the missing tables are being used by the school for this weekend's wrestling tournament. He also shared a thank you card from the local 4H clubs for the donation we made toward this year's Recognition Night.

Our speaker this morning was Breanna Lennon, our Boone County Clerk, who started off by speaking about the upcoming Municipal Bond Election in Ashland on Feb. 6th for wastewater improvements. This is the first February bond issue election in Boone County since 1998. As a city bond issue, only residents of Ashland will be able to vote on this, it will be a paper only ballot, all hand counted, and the only polling location will be at our building as ways to save money.

The next event will be the Presidential caucuses in March, as Missouri has opted out of holding a statewide Presidential Primary. These will be handled by the county Central Committees of each party, so Brianna shared what information she had, but is still waiting on more details. What she does know is that the [Boone County Republican](#) caucus will be held Mar. 2nd at the Family Worship Center (4925 E Bonne Femme Rd. Columbia) and that the [Boone County Democrats](#) hope to hold their caucus as a mail-in during the month of February, with the final in-person meeting somewhere in Boone County on Mar. 23. Following that, the local municipal elections will be held on April 2nd. The State primaries will be held in August, and the general election will be Nov. 5th.

Breanna touched on the Senior Property tax change that could be on the August ballot and talked about the photo ID legislation which is currently under discussion. One issue with repealing the photo ID legislation is that the two week no excuse absentee voting is on the same legislation. For more information on what is on your ballot, what ID is allowed for voting, and where to vote, you can go to the Boone County Clerk's website: showmeboone.com.

Once Breanna was finished sharing her information and answering questions, she drew for the Attendance drawing. Skip Wells, Cameron Burns, and Terry Wren missed their chance at riches, but with their absence, the pot will have a chance to grow.

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