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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**

Mar 3 Bingo  
Mar 4 Carley Travis MO Ag Dept  
Mar 5 Pres Bob McFayden  
Mar 9 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  
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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  
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**Breakfast: March 4: Brenda Austin, Bonita Lenger, and John Dougan  
Program: Carley Travis, MO Dept. of Agriculture**

Our next Bingo is scheduled for Friday, Mar. 3rd. We would be glad to have additional desserts provided, but please let me know what you are willing to bring so we make sure we have a variety.

Optimist International President Bob McFadyen would like to visit with as many Missouri Optimist members as possible. He will be visiting our building on Sunday, March 5th, at 4pm, and would like to see as many club members from East and West Missouri as possible. Please add this to your schedule!

An incredible breakfast was provided this morning, between our team of Bern Bonderer, John Travlos, and Robert Blake with plenty of help from Boy Scouts of Troop 134, who were holding a lock-in at our building and started cooking at 8:00 last night, with back-up from their parents this morning.

Because President Dana Cafourek, Jan Palmer, and Eastern District Governor Ernie Wren were at the Second Quarter Conference in St. Louis this weekend, Leigh Kottwitz led the meeting. Gannon, one of the Boy Scouts, led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and provided the blessing before we ate this morning. Lola Glascock was our guest this morning, eating breakfast with her dad, Brandon, and grandfather, Barrett. Barrett shared that we passed our Bingo audit, so Bingo will continue.

City Administrator, Kyle Michel, was our speaker this morning to talk about items that will be on the April ballot. Proposition A would provide a 3% sales tax on the sale of adult use marijuana. This would have little impact on our community at this time since we have no recreational dispensaries in our area but would provide income if one were to come into town.

The other item that will be on the April ballot is a 1% sales tax for the purpose of funding the street department and the police, with no less than 40% going to each department. If this sales tax passes, our local property taxes will be rolled back 25% at the next occurring property tax levy. Kyle talked about the fact that this sales tax will affect commuters more than local residents. This sales tax will provide a much needed support for these departments.

After answering many questions from Optimist members, Kyle released the floor to the Boy Scouts. If you have questions, contact Kyle at [kmichel@ashlandmo.us](mailto:kmichel@ashlandmo.us).

Andrew Binggeli and Henry Kennish, members of Ashland Troop 134, shared some of what the troop is currently doing. In addition to meeting weekly at our building and camping at least once a month, they are planning a trip for some of the Scouts to Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico, one of four High Adventure bases run by BSA. There are currently twenty-eight youth in Troop 134, with Scoutmaster Loseman and several other leaders guiding them. April 7th they will hold a joint Cub Scout/Boy Scout Campout.

There were no Eagle Scout youth in attendance this morning, but both Andrew and Ben Loseman are currently Life Scouts, working on their Eagle Scout projects. Barrett shared about all of the Eagle Scout projects that have directly affected our local Optimist space, including the ball field next door and the storage building close to the arena.

When the boys were finished speaking, they drew for the Attendance drawing. Eric Barmann had his chance at riches, but Charlie Selbach was thrilled to say, "It pays to attend!" when his number was drawn. Because of Pancake Day and the FFA Appreciation Breakfast last week, a poker pot will not be awarded until March 25th.

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