



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

July 1 2023

"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

The Pool is open for the season!
July 4 Freedom Swim Day at the Pool
July 7 Bingo
July 8 Madeline Bloss BoCo Historical Society

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
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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: July 8- Barrett Glascock, Shawn Steelman

Program-Madeline Bloss- Boone County Historical Society

Our next Bingo will be July 7th.

Last Saturday, after our breakfast meeting, John Dougan led the annual Fishing Clinic at the Ashland city park with 23 kids fishing, plenty of fish caught (plus four turtles). Missouri Dept. of Conservation stocked the pond and provided fishing equipment.

The annual Arcie Sapp blood drive was held on Wednesday, June 28th, with 27 pints donated. A big thanks goes out to Bernie Bartel and Bruce Glascock who provided sandwiches, plus Lester Gilpin who brought cookies and donated blood. They all stayed to greet folks, get them food and drinks, plus offered them Red Cross/St. Louis Cardinal's t-shirts.

After a tasty breakfast this morning, provided by Bern Bonderer, John Travlos, and Robert Blake, we enjoyed Rich Ward speaking about the Annual Tractor Show and Free Community Picnic, sponsored by Walk in Faith Church at their property, which will begin after the City of Ashland Fourth of July Parade. The parade begins lining up at 8:00 a.m. from the Primary School parking lot, then goes up Henry Clay to Broadway this year. The parade turns south at Main Street and circles back to the Primary School, after which the tractors can continue down to The Meadows for the show.

In 2015, Rich and several of the other members of the Methodist Men's group from the Ashland Methodist Church, including Skip Wills, Chad Robinson, Robert Diederich, Wayne Freeman, Frank Miller, and Jeff Conley, were trying to come up with a use for their new property, The Meadows at 16535 Old 63 South. Rich had attended tractor shows in the past and presented the idea, which was greeted with approval. Rich worked with the person in charge of the Ashland Parks at that time and coordinated with him to include any tractors that were interested in the city's 4th of July Parade.

Every year, after the parade ends, the tractors head down to the Meadows for good food, camaraderie, and a chance at winning one of the three trophies that are given out for Best Restored Tractor, Best Original Tractor, and Crowd Favorite. The first two trophies are awarded by judges who know about tractors. The Crowd Favorite is decided by the amount of money that is put in the buckets in front of each tractor. There is also a hay maze and petting zoo for kids and Flywheel fresh ice cream for everyone, besides the burgers, hot dogs, chips, and drinks provided. All funds raised go to local community outreach.

After Rich had finished speaking, he drew for the Attendance drawing. Jessica Ward, Les Hahn, and Jeana Bishop had their chance at riches, but with their absence, the pot will have a chance to grow.

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