



**OPTIMIST**  
INTERNATIONAL

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

July 22 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!  
Aug 4 Bingo (\$1199 night)  
Aug 10 Board Meeting  
Aug 25-26 Cattlemen Days Rodeo\  
Sept 9 Fall Festival

**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- July 29: Brenda Austin, Bonita Lenger, John Dougan  
**Speaker- Roy Williams- Vietnam War**

**Next Bingo- Aug. 4 (\$1,199 top prize)**

**Cattlemen Day's Rodeo- Aug. 25 & 26 Watch for a sign-up sheet. We will need plenty of Optimist help.**

**Ashland Fall Festival- Sep. 9 Jan has secured a shelter, thanks to Bernie Bartel's son, but will need people to work our booth.**

We had Bingo last night, but only had 97 players, but the floor was able to deposit some above the original bank draw and, thanks to Les Hahn's pulled pork and the many desserts provided, the kitchen was able to deposit \$705.

Our cooks this morning, Donna Wobbe, Bernie Bartel, and Jan Palmer, each provided a unique casserole and plenty of fresh fruit.

Barrett thanked Robert Blake, Bern Bonderer, and John Travlos who provided underpinnings and distributed the bleachers between the two ball fields next to our building.

Our speaker this morning was Larry Joe Pauley, who was instrumental in getting the Harris Cemetery on Tom Bass Road near Deer Park recognized as a historic site. He became involved while looking for the grave of his grandmother's sister Grace (Gilpin) Madden, which led to him cleaning out overgrown areas of the Harris Cemetery, where she had been buried. The Harris Cemetery has graves from as early as 1826 but was still in use until 1988. The four-foot cement walls and iron gate were installed after Judge David Hickman Harris' death in 1930, provided by the Harris Cemetery Trust, which also provided for a large memorial stone inscribed with the name "Harris" for the many members from that family that are buried there. He was the grandson of Overton Harris, the first sheriff of Boone County, and an important figure in the development of Columbia. Before the walls were built to keep animals out of the sacred space, there were cedar bushes to mark the area, some of which Larry had to remove in his effort to clean up the graveyard. He has left a small area along the South wall wild, but noticed when he was mowing yesterday that there are more graves in that area, so he will be working on cleaning it out in the fall.

Larry also talked about the Little Bonne Femme Church, which is the second oldest Baptist church in continuous operation West of the Mississippi, with it being established in 1820. It also used to house an academy for young men, where Judge James Harris, Overton's son, got his education. He lived on 2,500 acres in the area, raising beef, horses, and deer, which is where Deer Park got its name.

The cemetery sits on what used to be the Ashland toll road, made up of five sections, which stretched from Claysville to Columbia. Parts of it still exist as the outer road along Highway 63. The cemetery is open for tours, but you have to know how to open the gate, which can be tricky, to get inside.

After Larry shared fascinating information, as well as his many pictures from before the cemetery was cleaned out, he drew for the Attendance drawing. Kyle Baker, Amy Knight, and Missy Bonderer all had their chance at riches, but since they weren't here this morning, the pot will have a chance to grow.

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