



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

June 22 2024

"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**

June 26 Arcie Sapp Blood Drive  
June 29 Breakfast meeting: Michele Woolbright  
July 4 Pool Freedom Swim Day  
July 5 Bingo

**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: June 29- Leigh Kottwitz, Chris Felmlee, and Loren Plank  
Program- Michele Woolbright Hickman-Boone County Stormwater, Greater Bonne Femme Watershed**

**Our Annual Arcie Sapp Memorial Blood Drive will be in our building on Wed. June 26 from 2-6. We will need donations of cookies and sandwiches, plus need people willing to greet our donors. Please contact Leigh Kottwitz if you are able to help.**

The next Eastern MO Convention will be held on Aug. 16-18 at Courtyard by Marriott in Columbia. Officer-elect training will be held on Saturday. This training is required for our elected officers if our club wants to earn points. In addition, the Governor's Choice Awards Banquet and installation of new officers will be held on Saturday evening, and a Memorial Service on Sunday. Contact Barrett if you are interested in attending.

Our next Cattlemen's Day Rodeo is the weekend of August 23-24. We will need help with the beer garden, the concession stands, and selling tickets. We plan to have sign-up lists soon.

Please let Leigh Kottwitz know if you can help at the 2024 Ashland Fall Fest on Sept. 14th from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Make sure you add this date to your calendar as well.

We had Bingo on Friday night, with 142 players attending for an \$1,199 night and a good crew on the floor and in the kitchen.

Bonita Lenger, Bruce Glascock, Carrie & Dustin Bennett, and John Dougan provided a delicious breakfast this morning, just in time for our speaker, Dan Oesch with MODOT, to eat before his presentation. Dan Kennish also brought a guest, Lewis Bradley, who is new to town.

Dan Oesch shared information about the state-wide expansion of I70, which will start on the highway from Columbia to Kingdom City, and eventually provide six traffic lanes across the state from Kansas City to St. Louis. They plan to complete all of the work in seven years.

After an Environmental Impact Statement was completed, Millstone Weber won the bid for the first project by providing the best Design-Build proposal. This section will improve a 20-mile stretch of I70 between U.S. 63 and U.S. 54 and will cost \$405 million, including \$123 million already programmed for the interchanges, and has an anticipated completion date in late 2027. MODOT will work within the current shoulders by filling in the median. For more information, go to [modot.org/improveI70](http://modot.org/improveI70).

When Dan had finished his presentation, he drew for the Attendance drawing. Jody Frank had her chance at riches, but John Dougan won, even though he had just stepped out to prepare for this year's Fishing Derby at the Ashland Park. Ernie Wren and Will Blue had stocked the pond the night before and John had fishing poles and bait for the twenty-four kids that showed up. Mia Lenger hooked the largest fish at 8.25" and we had one young man who caught eleven fish during the hour and half of the Fishing Derby, so received a prize for that. John was also able to provide other prizes through drawings using tickets that each participant was given when they signed in.

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