



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

November 11, 2024

"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

Nov 14 Board meeting
Nov 14 Youth Basketball - All
volunteers meeting
Nov 16 Breakfast meeting BoCo
housing study
Nov 16 3rd-6th grade basketball season
opens

**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

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Breakfast team: Nov. 16- Mike Fulca, Tabi & Letitia DenHartog

MO Dept. of Conservation will be doing testing for chronic wasting disease at our building this weekend, so please park in front, not at the side door

Program-Boone County Community Services and the County Housing Study

There will be an Optimist Board meeting on Thursday, Nov. 14th at 7:00 p.m. If you are on the Board, please come and if you have additional items for the agenda, please let Barrett Glascock know by tomorrow.

We had 157 players at Bingo on Friday night, which allowed us to deposit over \$5,000 on the floor after Barrett was able to get the computer running around 6:30 and almost \$800 from the kitchen. Thank you to everyone who came and helped!

Tara Blue sent out an email to everyone, asking for everyone to answer a short three question survey and send a picture for her to recognize members of our club. It would be great if we had people respond to her.

This morning, Bernie Bartel and Donna Wobbe served a delicious breakfast to start our morning and had several flavors of jam available.

Barrett shared a thank you card from the Ashland Class of 1974, who used our building for their 50-year class reunion.

Madeline Bloss brought her son Henry this morning and reminded us that 3rd-6th grade basketball starts this coming Saturday at the middle school gym and continues through Feb. 15. Here is the link to volunteer: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1w4JWpm71-cgSESc2UmmJ3jaoaHZjbNZpXmc4hEqBJ4w/edit>. Help is especially needed this first week and on the dates in red when Madeline will be out of town. She has referees and timekeepers set up, but needs an adult Optimist at each building during the games. Your main duty will be to represent the Optimists (wear an Optimist shirt, if you have one) and be a voice of reason in case of issues. There will be a short informational meeting this Thursday at 6:30 in the Board room, before the Board meets.

If this doesn't interest you, Madeline is also looking for people to provide lunch for the referees and timekeepers (usually 4-6 people), many of whom spend the whole time at the gym while the games are going on. Lunch should be dropped off at the score table in the middle school gym between 11:00-11:30, if possible. if you are interested, you can sign up at https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1-g3SqJ_Sav3PeLgpINzz4h8MAibIT2ttt1b4hHZXqY/edit.

Our speakers this morning were Weston Randall and his mom, Beth, speaking about his experience racing in soap box derby. He came in second in the Stock division at the Mid MO Soap Box Derby in Columbia, Mo, held in June which is sponsored by the Downtown Optimist Club and races down Broadway. Because the first-place winner was not able to attend the World Competition in Akron, Ohio, Weston was thrilled to attend the three-day event. Weston shared pictures from the track in Akron and brought some of the badges he received in exchange for the ones he brought. One of the badges was from Japan! When he wasn't racing, he also took part in a mini-car competition on the second day and went to the Akron Zoo (his favorite part of the trip) and a Rubber Duckies minor league baseball game. They also visited Stan Hywet Hall & Garden, the home of F.A. Seiberling, co-founder of Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co.

When Weston was finished sharing his information, he drew for the Attendance drawing. Wes Donley, Ben Travlos, and Mark Wanserski had their chance at riches, but with their absence, the pot will continue to grow.

We held the annual Veterans Breakfast this morning and had a good turn-out. Thank you to Missy Bonderer and her mom for pulling everything together, all the wonderful cooks that came in at 6:00 a.m. and the FFA students who seated and served the veterans and their families!

Letitia DenHartog

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