



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

October 12, 2024

"You cannot do all the good the world needs, but the world needs all the good you can do."

### Optimist Board

Ken Bishop President  
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### COMING UP

Oct 18 Bingo \$1199 night  
Oct 19 Breakfast meeting Emilee Lentz,  
SBC PTA  
Oct 31 Halloween Spooktacular  
Nov 2 early voting SBC Middle School  
Nov 5 Election Day

### 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: Oct. 19- Bern Bonderer, John Travlos, and Robert Blake**  
**Program- Emilee Lentz, Southern Boone PTA**

**Our club will host Bingo this Friday, Oct. 18th. This will be a \$1,199 night and I could use extra help in the kitchen, as we will be short handed again and would appreciate help.**

**We will host our annual Spooktacular at our building again this year on October 31st. Because of this, Bingo in November will be moved to the second and fourth Fridays (Nov. 8 & 22).**

The Optimist Board was not able to meet on Thursday, Oct. 10th because they didn't have enough people for quorum.

After breakfast, provided by Dorise Slinker, Tony Ash, and Carol Iles, our new president, Ken Bishop, presented Leigh Kottwitz with a gnome (thanks to Jan Palmer as purchaser) to thank her for her service during the past year. Leigh shared that she had talked to Madeline Bloss when she returned basketball records from last year and was told that there are nine teams of 5 & 6 graders this year (up from seven last year). Madeline will be requesting help from members as gym supervisors on Saturdays, starting Nov. 18th.

Barrett Glascock received a thank you note from Janelle Palmer thanking our club for the donation of dictionaries to every third grade student and for showing the students all that the dictionaries offer.

Our speaker this morning was Sarah Poff, a multimedia storyteller who provides programs every second Saturday at the Boone County History & Culture Center. Her focus is on less famous people in history, including her ancestor, Henry Hanes, who lived during the time of our country's American Revolution War, which she does through her "We the People" series. She feels that these personal stories help interest people in history and teaches people about freedom. She does this through props, including hats, pelts, coins, and a violin that she painted with stories from the Civil War as part of a fundraiser for the Kansas City Symphony.

Sarah is currently providing a program for Indigenous People's Day that includes information about French traders from Canada who were trapping beavers to make top hats. She had five tables set up for families that attended, including arts & crafts with a project on Winter counts and a trading post with beads, the pelt, and a top hat. Sarah shared that indigenous people didn't have beads until the traders provided them. She also has maps on the floor that show the rivers and information about Lewis & Clark's expedition, which she can use to share her stories and pottery, which may have been originated by native Americans.

Currently, Sarah is looking for volunteers to help at the monthly programs. The requirements would be to arrive by 9:30 and help at one of the tables. If you are interested, please contact Sarah at [sarah@multimedia-Storyteller.com](mailto:sarah@multimedia-Storyteller.com). Sarah is also looking for people who are willing to share their family stories to help with her "We the People" stories.

After Sarah finished speaking and answering questions, she drew for the Attendance drawing. Jennifer Zagorac, Rich Ward, and Sharon Platt had their chance at riches, but since they missed this meeting, the pot will continue to grow.

Dues statements are going out and can be paid online through our website ([ashlandoptimist.org](http://ashlandoptimist.org)), in person at a 7:30 breakfast meeting, or through the mail at P.O. Box 201, Ashland MO 65010.

Pat Brauner and the Fulton Breakfast Optimist Club have asked that I share information on their upcoming Fish Fry, which will be held Nov. 1st at the Fulton High School from 11-1 and 4-6. The menu is Swai fish, cole slaw, baked beans, cornbread, and drinks. Adult tickets are \$15 and kids, aged 6-12, are \$5 at the door. Pre-event adult tickets are available to Optimist members for \$13. Please let me know so that I can contact Pat for discounted tickets.

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