



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

April 5, 2025

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

### Optimist Board

Ken Bishop President  
Leigh Kottwitz Past President  
Tara Blue Vice President  
Barrett Glascock Secretary  
Heather Martin Treasurer  
Bruce Glascock  
Shawn Steelman  
Robert Blake  
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### COMING UP

Apr 8 Election Day  
Apr 10 Board meeting  
Apr 11 FOC Lutheran Fish Fry  
Apr 17 SBEDC breakfast

### 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  
Florence Hahn 2011  
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: Apr. 12- Dorise Slinker, Carole Iles, and Tony Ash**  
**Program- TBD**

**Elections will be held Apr. 8th from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Get out to make your choice heard.**

Ed note: [Notice of Election](#).

[Check your polling place](#)

**There will be an Optimist Board meeting at the building on Apr. 10th at 7:00 p.m. If you have any additions for the agenda, please let Barrett Glascock know by Tuesday.**

We hosted Bingo on Friday, Apr. 4th, with 193 players. This is three short of our high in June 2017. A \$7,000 deposit was made from the floor, with over \$1,380 of that from the kitchen, which sold out of almost everything. Thanks to everyone who helped, whether it was on the floor, in the kitchen, or by providing desserts!

We are looking for people to help set up breakfast casseroles the evening of Apr. 16th at 6:30 p.m. for the Southern Boone Economic Development Council (SBEDC) Community Leaders Breakfast on Apr. 17th. We will be serving them the breakfast casseroles, cinnamon rolls, and fruit.

Our speaker this morning was Jenni Elliott, who is currently earning her Girl Scout Gold Award by fundraising for the Ashland Community Pool, which is sponsored by our Optimist Club. Through bake sales in February, she has been able to purchase two lifeguard seats with their stands and has received a \$200 donation for other items the pool needs, such as a new Rules sign from Witt Printing. She also coordinated a water safety program for kids with input from the lifeguards.

Jenni has been involved in Girl Scouts since she was in Kindergarten and earned her Bronze Award in 4th grade by raising money for an umbrella stand and racks for the pool. She also earned her Silver Award by raising money for a leash rack at the dog park in the Ashland City Park.

Linda Knierim and Jennifer Zagorac were at this morning's meeting and gave updates about the pool. Currently, Kris Kroeger has pressure washed the pool and is currently using epoxy paint to cover where the tiles along the edge have come off. He is currently removing the paint from the pool floor so it can be repainted, since it doesn't hold up well underwater. The hope is to have the pool filled in the next couple of weeks, in time for Mya Zagorac to train this year's lifeguards. Linda and Jennifer also talked about the chemical feeder and automatic vacuum that they purchased for the pool last year. The chemical feeder kept the water regulated so that they never had to close last year. The vacuum can be placed in the pool overnight and cleans all of the hair, paint chips, and other debris by the time it is taken out the next morning.

Barrett shared that the Dept. of Conservation has already requested to use our building and lot for chronic wasting testing next Fall and that the First Responder dog training hopes to use our building again this year.

When Jenni was finished with her presentation, she drew for the Attendance drawing. Bryan Chapman, John Travlos, and Jan Palmer had their chance at riches, but with their absence, the pot will have a chance to grow.

Don't forget the Family of Christ Lutheran Church will be hosting their drive-through Fish Fry on April 11th from 4-7 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for a full meal. Part of the proceeds will benefit Helping Hands Free Store here in Ashland.

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