

# HIGHLIGHTS

## Newsletter of the Sunrise Optimist Club

**Celebrating over 60 years of service to Youth & North Topeka!**

The Tuesday morning meeting of the Sunrise Optimist Club was at the Optimist Event Center. President Kyle McNorton called the meeting to order at 6:45 AM with 20 club members attending. Don Pekrul gave the invocation. Then we recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**BIRTHDAYS:** No birthdays again this week.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

No 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday evening meeting in December and meeting on Tuesday morning, December 27. In 2023, evening meetings will be on 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays each month.

Fall basketball league ends in this week. For Winter league, Logan and Northern Hills grade school gyms will be used. On-line registration deadline is December 10 for players from 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grades.

**Christmas Tree Sales:** 155 trees sold with 235 delivered. In addition, Dave Jackson brought 150 huge trees from Wisconsin to the lot. High school students have volunteered to help sell trees.

**December 15 evening:** Community Christmas party with Toys for Tots gifts including gift cards for foster care kids served. Volunteers needed to wrap presents on December 14. Contact Dennis Reedy, 785-640-0834.

Dave Jackson reported 8 building permits for

November in north Shawnee county

Check out the calendar at the revised club website: <https://sunriseoptimist.org/>

**Program:** Roger McEowen, Washburn University School of Law – estate planning

He is the youngest of 6 children and the family farm is in NE Indiana. His radio shows are syndicated with 250 stations and Sirius XM.

**Why farm and ranch estate planning?** 65% of all farmers are over age 55 and many will retire by 2030. To avoid mistakes and to minimize estate taxes, define your goals and find a competent attorney. There are few skilled attorneys. Common excuses are: Fairness to avoid angry heirs is subjective and objective business decision is important; I'll do it someday and never gets done; Too expensive because cost ranges from \$2,000 to \$10,000; and let the kids figure it out which ends up being a mess and judge decides estate distribution.

### **Upcoming Events:**

**December 13:** Matt Tinsley & Craig Cox (Seaman basketball coaches & players)

**December 20:** Student Awards, Seaman High and Middle Schools

### **President Quote:**

“The past is over. Learn from it. The future is coming. Prepare for it. The present is here. Live it.”

- Alan Stein

