

# 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 17 club members attending. Don Pekrul gave the invocation. Then we recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**BIRTHDAYS:** No Optimist members but we sang to Mr. Joshua Snyder, principal of Seaman middle school!

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

No December 26, Monday evening meeting in December and NO meeting on Tuesday morning, December 27. In 2023, evening meetings will be on 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays each month. Breakfast cook volunteer needed from January 3 to March 8, 2023. Optimist Board meeting at 5:45 pm, December 20.

Winter basketball league will be one gym only with 170 players.

**Christmas Tree Sales:** 325 trees sold from 475 purchased. Thanks to volunteers. Take down the lot after Christmas.

**December 15 evening:** Community Christmas party with Toys for Tots gifts including gift cards for foster care kids served. Rotary Club assisted. Home Depot provided building kits. Papa Murphy provided pizzas. Santa sang & read Christmas story to around 60 kids.

David Jackson announced a new owner from Meriden will complete purchase of Jackson Greenhouse this week. He & Annette will work there.

**Program:** Student of the Month: Seaman High and Middle Schools

**Max Hill, Seaman Middle School:** He takes everything to the MAX. He is respectful and responsible. He is on the basketball squad.

**Rene Cabrera, Seaman High School:** He is very active in the community: internships at United Way & Envista Credit Union; national vice-president of programs for The Family, Career & Community Leaders of America; youth development leader at Boys & Girls club; Leadership Greater Topeka etc.

**Mr. Joshua Snyder:** born in Atchison, married with 4 kids. His family has owned a farm for 250 yrs. This is his third year as principal. He is a graduate of K-State and taught at elementary school for many years prior.

### **Upcoming Events:**

**December 27:** No meeting

**January 3:** Roger Balanger, WREN radio

**January 10:** Corey McPherson, club member & financial advisor

### **President Quote:**

“It is foolish to expect a young man to follow your advice and ignore your example.”

- Don Meyer

