

# 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 Bradley's Corner Café. President Tim McCoy called the meeting to order at 6:45 AM with 26 club members and guests present. Don Pekrul gave the invocation. Then we recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**BIRTHDAYS:** Celebrating a birthday this week: Calvin Henry, March 20th. Calvin was not present so the Sunrise Choir rested.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

David Jackson announced that Representative Kyle McNorton had his first piece of legislation introduced, passed and sign into law. Drainage District Boards can now go into executive sessions. David also reported on some North Topeka activity: Kansas Fire & Safety is building on the site of the former Suttons Hydraulic/Libby Auto on NW Lyman Road; Dirk Henderson of Kansas Fencing has purchased the property at NW US Highway 24 & North Topeka Avenue and has started clearing for a future RV park.

Kyle McNorton indicated that power was connected to the lights on the girls' varsity softball diamond yesterday and tested before the first games of the season. In other news from the Seaman Board of Education the contract between Seaman and the Sunrise Optimist Club has been signed. Proceeds from that sale should be arriving shortly. Irrigation has been added to S1, the JV Softball field.

President Tim McCoy provided updates to last week's Sunrise Board of Directors meeting: our annual Golf Tournament will now be known as the Bob Cutter/Alan Rose Golf Classic; the board declined the offer from the estate of Marvin and Clementine Henry to establish an

Endowment Fund for naming rights to the Sports Complex.

Dennis Reedy made an appeal for some non-chocolate candy for the Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup>. Jr Golf started last weekend with 14 participants. Baseball/Softball/T-ball registrations are coming in at a heavy pace!

**Program:** Principal Dr. Laura Lyons was on hand to provide an update on the events happening at Seaman High School after Spring Break and heading into the final quarter of the year at Seaman High School. After the update, Dr. Lyons introduced the March Student of the Month, Payden Wright. Payden, like other Students of the Month, is diverse in his abilities. Payden is a cellist in the orchestra and is a member of the award-winning robotics club. Dr. Lyons characterized Payden as a quiet leader, modeling really hard work and rigorous course work. Payden will be attending Washburn University, majoring in environmental biology.

Seaman Middle School principal Kyle Johnson was also at the meeting and introduced the Cooper Mengarelli as the March Student of the Month. Kyle really appreciates the cheerfulness that Cooper brings to school every day. Cooper participates in football, track, involved with 4-H and does extremely well academically, by being on the "Gold" Honor Roll. His performance along with a partner won at National History Day.

**Upcoming Events:**

**March 26:** Evening meeting at the Vikings Grille, Jeremy Thomas, Health Care

**President's Quote:** "The positive thinker sees the invisible, feels the intangible, and achieves the impossible."

- Winston Churchill

  
**NORTH TOPEKA**  
 Meetings: Every  
 Tuesday 6:45 AM  
 720 NW 50<sup>th</sup> St, Topeka



Dear Fellow Easter Bunnies;

The North Topeka Sunrise Optimist Club will be sponsoring our Annual Easter Egg Hunt on March 30th, at 3:17pm. We are expecting approximately 400 youth between the ages of 2-12 years old at this event. There is no charge and it is staffed by Sunrise Optimist volunteers.

Please help us to provide a quality Easter program for these youth by considering a donation for this event. All donations will be used for candy, prizes, and coupons for this event and will be greatly appreciated.

Please contact us within the next few days to answer any questions you might have and to hopefully set up a pick up time for your donation.

We would also like to invite you and your company's employees to bring your own children to this special event.

Thank you for helping us provide a positive and safe program for the Topeka area youth. It is with your support we are able to do so. If there are any questions or concerns please contact:  
Dennis Reedy at 785-640-0834. Or [dreedy1981@gmail.com](mailto:dreedy1981@gmail.com)

Sincerely;

Dennis Reedy  
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# Easter HUNT

AGES 2-12  
NO PARENTS  
IN HUNT



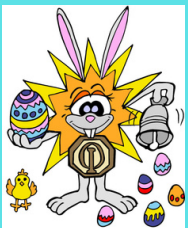
A FUN TIME HUNTING CANDY, BOUCING ON THE INFLATABLE (AGES 2-12),  
AND SOME RAFFLES!!! PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN BAGS/BASKET

MARCH 30TH  
3:17 PM

SUNRISE OPTIMIST BASEBALL FIELDS

720 NW 50TH, TOPEKA KS

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Hello fellow golfers,

Mark your calendars for our upcoming Sunrise Optimist 38th Annual Bob Cutter / Alan Rose Golf Classic Tournament!

As you will notice, in honor of the late Alan Rose the Sunrise Optimist Club has officially added his name to our tournament. Bob Cutter was the original chair for this tournament for many years and Alan Rose carried on the great tradition of organizing the tournament for over 30 years. Please help us honor Alan with your participation in making this year the best ever!

The tournament is scheduled for 10:00 a.m., Friday, July 26, 2024, at the Lake Perry Great Life Golf Course.

There will be prizes for each hole, including two hole-in-one prizes, many other great prizes to win and lunch is included.

This year will include:

- 2 - Hole In One Prizes - Including a Gravely mower from Tarwaters
- 5 - Premium Baskets to bid on
- 3 - Auction Items

Be on the lookout for a flyer to sign up for the tournament and support Service to Youth and the North Topeka Community!

Sincerely,



Dan Lill

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