

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 Sunrise Optimist Event Center. President Tim McCoy called the meeting to order at 6:45 AM with a good sized crowd of 28 club members and guests present.

BIRTHDAYS: Club members celebrating a birthday this week: Sean Florez, December 15th. He was not present, so the Sunrise choir rested.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

In North Topeka news, Dave Jackson reported that the 10-acre property Dirk Henderson had been developing at the NE corner of the cloverleaf intersection of Hwy 24 & North Topeka is now for sale at \$700,000. Now that NOTO Expert Auto Service has relocated from 700 NE US 24 Highway, that property is also for sale, with an asking price of \$1.2 million. Curt Lewis reported on a meeting that he attended about the improvements to Rochester Road from near Highway 24 to NW 50th Street. This will make Rochester Road a curb and gutter roadway with sidewalks on both sides of Rochester. You can look forward to roundabouts at NW 35th & NW 50th Streets. Eric Showalter elaborated on the purchase of the vacant K-Mart store on North Tyler Street by Washburn University for use as manufacturing institute. The intersection of US Hwy 24 & North Kansas Ave. will reopen to traffic Tuesday afternoon!

Dennis Reedy reported that the Fall basketball program concluded this past Saturday. Signups have been coming in for the Winter basketball program

which is slated to begin January 18, 2025.

Sales at the Christmas tree lot have been going well with only 23 trees remaining to be sold! Thanks to all who helped at the Christmas Tree lot.

December 20th is the date set for the Community Christmas party sponsored by the club. This event will allow kids to pick out a gift. Pizzas and other treats have been donated.

Please keep Mike and Diana Bates in your thoughts and prayers as they deal with their son Duane's reoccurrence of cancer.

Program: Seaman High school basketball coach Craig Cox was on hand and talked about the upcoming season. Coach Cox thinks he has a good shooting team this year. They have had one game so far against Piper and will face Lansing tonight. They will have played 5 games before the Christmas break. He described players on the team as good students, good citizens and they all like one another. The three seniors on the team that were in attendance this morning was introduced; Dalton Smith, Bryer Finley and Blake Toyne.

Upcoming Events:

December 17: Students of the Month form Seaman Middle and High School

December 24: No morning or evening meeting - Merry Christmas!

December 31: Wade Gerstner, owner of Radio Tower at Hoyt - Happy New Year!

President's Quote: "The only limit to our realization of tomorrow will be doubts of today."

- Franklin D. Roosevelt

