

# 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 23 club members and guests present.

**BIRTHDAYS:** Rick Farrant, December 19th. He was not present, but Zach Jowers had a birthday recently and certainly enjoyed our rendition of the birthday song.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

North Topeka news: HME construction of a 3-acre building is on the farm formerly owned by the Stover family who grew potatoes. The former Squeegee Squad building, west of North Topeka Blvd & US 24, is for sale.

December 20, Friday, 6:00 pm: Toys for Tots may help with presents for the Community Christmas party sponsored by the club.

Cathy McNorton submitted a \$200 check from her employer's work group. Curt Lewis was sworn in as a club member.

Christmas tree sales are done! The lot is cleared and 169 trees sold.

Youth sports: Friday is official deadline for Winter Basketball (1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> grades) and a tournament is scheduled for 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> grades. Volleyball and baseball registrations are open. Co-ed softball is planned also.

**Program:** Seaman Students of the Month

Grace Jowers exemplifies the high school's Academics, Arts & Athletics. She is the president of the Science Club, vice-president of Seaman bank, honors student & completed an internship at Stormont Vail hospital. She took a Ceramics class. She set a new school record for pole vault. Principal Brad Jones reported a video score board was installed in the gym, finals are this week and robotics & welding team competitions were successful.

Kenton Myrick exemplifies EFFORT, one of the middle school 3R's (Respect and Responsibility). He's on the bowling & cross country teams and plays percussion instruments. Principal Kyle Johnson reported girls' basketball and boys wrestling have begun. Band and choir concerts now completed. The school carnival raised \$5,000 for North Topeka Outreach.

**Upcoming Events:**

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

**December 31:** Wade Gerstner, owner of Radio Tower at Hoyt

**President's Quote:** "For it is good to be children sometimes and never better than at Christmas when its mighty Founder was a child Himself."

- Charles Dickens (A Christmas Carol)

