

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 the Sunrise Optimist Event Center.

President Tim McCoy called the meeting to order at 6:45 AM with 24 club members and guests present. Don Pekrul gave the invocation. Then we recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

BIRTHDAYS: None this week.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Basketball league and tournament are done. Adults had difficulty reading tourney brackets to determine game schedule. Volleyball and baseball registrations open. Coordinator for Baseball Concession Stand is needed.

Sunrise Optimist Club Board meeting, 5:45 pm, Tuesday, March 11th, at the Event Center.

N. Topeka news: Dave Jackson said 2 bridge repair/replacement projects will start soon: the east bound bridge of East US Highway 24 over Soldier Creek, this will redirect 2-way traffic to the west bound lane; NW 46th bridge west of US 75, this is also over Soldier Creek. Check out Cosmic Soup Gift Shop at 2125 North Kansas Avenue for your gemstones, crystals, home décor and other gifts!

The Annual Bob Cutter/Alan Rose Golf Classic in July, will have an organizational meeting, 5:30 pm, March 19th at Parker-Price Reception Center, 1940 NW Central Avenue.



Program: Madison Koenen, Seaman FFA, & 5 student officers

There are 150 students who attend classes in plant and animal science. The school's greenhouse has been upgraded and support donated flowers from local businesses for the Viking Floral shop. Floral arrangements, boutonnieres, and corsages for school prom are made and sold to school staff and students. The shop has 120 monthly subscribers with orders that are delivered. Students potted 500 plant plugs during one class period which was amazing. Plant towers provide vegetables for the school lunches. Fifteen chickens provide 15 eggs per day. A dozen eggs are sold for \$3 and there's a long waiting list for eggs. Students also became eligible to adopt mustang horses and one student's horse became a state qualifier. Care of livestock and agricultural farming is available when parents of FFA students are engaged in that industry.

Madison Koenen grew up in Northeast Colorado but chose to attend K-State. Students spend on average 10 hours/wk on FFA meetings, projects, and fund raisers.

Upcoming Events:

March 11: Students of the Month

March 19: Marcia Pope, President of Topeka Community Foundation

President's Quote:

"Nothing is impossible. The word itself says I'm possible."

- Audrey Hepburn