

HIGHLIGHTS

Newsletter of the Sunrise Optimist Club

Celebrating over 50 years of service to Youth & North Topeka!

President Ernie Douglas rang the bell and called the meeting to order at 6:45 AM. Thurman Hiller gave the invocation. Then we all recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

BIRTHDAYS: Calvin Henry, March 20; Darrel Dade, March 26. The celebration choir restrained their voices for another week.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

March 24, Soldier Township Fire Dept, Pancake Feed at Optimist Activity Bldg.

Hunters Education: 4 sessions start March 20 at Optimist Activity Bldg with 35 registered and more expected to walk in and register.

Gary Slimmer announced that the Optimist district essay and oratorical contest winners receive a \$2,500 scholarship.

Program: March 20, 2018

Tawny Stottlemire, Exec Dir of Community Action

She started out 30 yrs. ago as a college graduate working as a van driver. Her first experience was hearing a 5 yr. old saying that Santa Claus didn't love his family anymore.

Community Action programs started with President Lyndon Johnson, the War on Poverty in 1964. Academics indicate that a multiple approach is most effective at combatting the causes of poverty: personal

responsibility, generational, geography, policy and cultural perspective.

Community Action in Shawnee County is restructuring to provide an integrated, inclusive approach to services provided to each person or family, e.g. initial request for utility assistance would also include investigating other needs. Services include Head Start for children, back packs for students, transitional housing for persons with mental illness, weatherization, English language instruction for Latino children, income tax preparation, delivery of commodities to seniors in rural areas of Shawnee county.

Looking Ahead:

March 27: Seaman High School baseball and softball coaches

April 3: Joe Huerter, The Bill of Rights according to Andy Griffith.

April 10: Thomas Underwood, Exec Dir of NOTO Arts District

Drawings this week:

Weekly: Linda Lanning

Progressive: #65 Gary Slimmeer

Vice-president vacancy needs volunteer.

President's Quote:

"The only interesting answers are those that destroy the question."

- Susan Sontag

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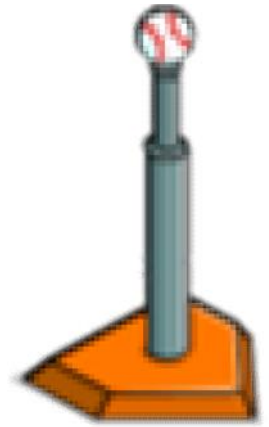
Registration is now open for Sunrise Optimist Summer Ball programs!



Baseball



Softball



Tee-ball

All registrations for baseball/softball/tee-ball will be handled ONLINE.

Forms will not be sent home from school with students.

Registration is now open! Go to:

<http://www.playsunrise.org>

Hurry! Registration closes Sunday, April 1st!

Please like our Facebook page:

<http://www.facebook.com/srosommerball/> to stay abreast of current events and communications about the program.



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