

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. Lloyd Becker gave the invocation. Then we all recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

BIRTHDAYS: Gary Scarlett, May 16; Keith Sowards, May 21. The celebration choir sang to Gary.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Students of the Month: Kyser Dougan & Lauren West. High school staff decided to recognize two equally qualified students.

Additional volunteers needed for mowing the Sports Complex. Thanks to Bruce Lanning for mowing ahead of highschool regional baseball & softball tournaments this week.

Band Concerts at Garfield Park Gazebo, 7:30 pm, June 4, June 18 & July 2.

Olathe Optimist Barbecue sales, May 25/26 and Aug 31/Sept 1, St. Louis style ribs, chicken & burnt ends
www.olathenoonoptimist.com

Baseball Concession stand begins May 29; volunteers needed. Contact Rolf Chappell, 357-1557.

Health Screening Clinic, May 19, 9 am to Noon, Arab Shrine Center, 1305 S. Kansas Avenue, 785-438-7111.

PROGRAM:
May 15: Brad Neuenswander, Deputy

Commissioner, KS Dept of Education

School accreditation standards are changing from state assessment scores to graduation rates and completion of post secondary training for school district as a whole & not each school building. Today's jobs require additional training after high school. Additional state funding has been dedicated to full day kindergarten for early intervention.

Statewide graduate rate is 87% but only 30% complete post secondary training.

Schools must encourage students to identify their gifts and talents related to a career and develop a job plan before graduation. Often, students choose an educational goal or career based upon limited information or little thought, e.g. jobs their parents or relatives have, rather than based upon student or volunteer activities they enjoy.

Looking Ahead:

May 22: Susan Sittenauer, Seaman High School Teacher & History Day Students

May 29: Craig Duke, Topeka Fire Chief

Drawings this week:

Weekly: Alan Rose

Progressive: #35 Jeff Hurst

President's Quote:

"The greatest love is a mother's, then a dog's. Then a sweetheart's."

- Polish proverb

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