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18 MEMBERS' PRESENT

Rob Arner, Janet Aliano, Scott Bacon, Connie Circo, Tom Circo, Janet Jones, Pete Kerckhoff, Renee Kerckhoff, Alan Klein, Jim Kopetsky, Ed Lust, Kathy Lust, Joe O'Neal, Ed Russell, Mike Sanders, Richard Sanders, Kris Turnbow, Denise Woolf

Cass Sheriff's Office Law Enforcement Memorial

To inspire respect for the law



The North Annex of the Cass County Sheriff's Department has incorporated a Memorial and brick pathway into its design project. Sergeant Bill Talley provided members with an overview of the Memorial project, which honors the courage and sacrifice of deputies who have fallen in the line of duty. Fundraising for the Memorial project has concluded. Members were granted a brief extension to participate by purchasing an engraved brick that will be placed on the brick pathway. Greater detail of the Cass County Sheriff's Memorial project can be found on a

dedicated website [Cass County Sheriff's Office Law Enforcement Memorial Brick Fundraising Brick](#)



Mike Sanders with Sgt. Bill Talley

Boys and Girls State

To encourage the development of youth; to promote patriotism and active interest in government and civic affairs

Our club sponsors a student for Boy's and Girl's State each year. This year our sponsored students are Liam Nissen and Addison Kessler. We look forward to hearing about their Civic and Government adventure later this summer! Congratulations, Liam and Addison!

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THE OPTIMIST CREED

Promise Yourself

To be **SO STRONG** that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.

To talk **health, happiness and prosperity** to every person you meet.

To make all your friends feel that **THERE IS SOMETHING IN THEM.**

To look at the **sunny side** of everything and make your optimism come true.

To think only of the best, to **work** only for the best and to expect only the best.

To be just as enthusiastic about the **success** of others as you are about your own.

To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the **GREATER ACHIEVEMENTS** of the future.

To wear a cheerful countenance **at all times** and give every living creature you meet a smile.

To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have **NO TIME TO CRITICIZE OTHERS.**

To be too large for worry, to noble for anger, to strong for fear and **too happy** to permit the presence of trouble.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

You will see your Optimist friends at these events!

Saturday, April 19th : Rec Park Easter Egg Hunt Event

Sunday, April 27th: Excellence in Education Banquet! High School Patio Commons 6pm. RSVP: Denise Woolf or Joe O'Neal if you are attending.

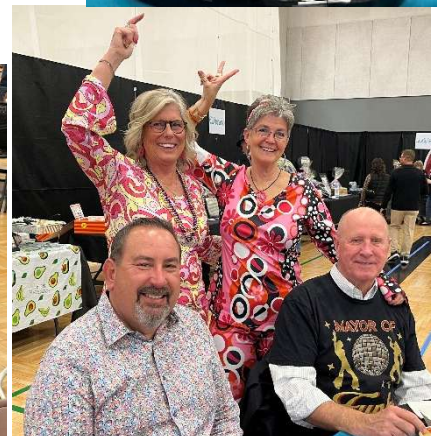
Partners in Education Award from Ray-Pec Education Foundation

Encourage the belief that the giving of one's self in service to others will advance the wellbeing of humankind, and the world.

The Raymore Peculiar Sunrise Optimist Club was honored with the *Partners in Education Award* by the Raymore Peculiar Education Foundation. The award presentation took place during the "Taste of Ray-Pec" event on April 5th. The event had a disco theme, featuring attendees dressed as hippies and sequined disco queens under the glow of disco balls. This nostalgic ambiance provided participants with a memorable experience while enjoying food vendors local to the community.



Hipsters Bob and Jodie Huston



Peace! Kevin Barber and wife with Kris and Vicki Turnbow



L to R Alan Klein, Joe O'Neal, Pete Kerckhoff, Renee Kerckhoff, Tom O'Connor, Jim Kopetsky, Denise Woolf, Connie Circo, Tom Circo

Ray-Pec Sunrise Foundation Donors: Over \$100-Janet Aliano, Gerard Eftink, Carl Kent, Anonymous

Encouraging the Development of Youth

April Students of the Month

Lana German is enrolled in several dual credit courses, including calculus. She played soccer throughout high school and recently participated in cross country. Lana serves on the Student Leadership Team (SLT) and has mentored a Spanish-speaking student, assisting with her integration into high school. Lana plans to use her A+ eligibility to attend Johnson County Community College, where she will pursue an Associate of Science degree before transferring to a four-year university, potentially studying Sports Medicine.

Elijah Cook is a linebacker on the high school football team and has also participated in track and field, specifically in the pole vault event. This year, Elijah enjoyed tutoring Special Education sports. He intends to pursue a Business Accounting degree at Kansas State University with the goal of becoming a Certified Public Accountant (CPA).



L to R Elijah Cook, Mike Sanders, Joe O'Neal and Lana German

Oratorical Contest Advances to West Missouri District Region 1 Competition

Vanessa Diaz and Jaxson Fines advanced to the next level of the Oratorical Contest competition held in Adrian on Sunday, April 13th. Maryville students secured the first and second positions, with Jaxson achieving third place in the Western Missouri District Region 1. The competition was highly competitive and closely contested, necessitating a tie breaker among the judges.



Ray-Pec contestants Vanessa Diaz and Jaxson Fines pictured with WEMO District Region 1 contestants.