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Program Schedule

July

- 7 Baseball
- 14 Business Meeting
- 21 Robert Walker
- 28 John Wittington

August

- 4 Tommy Wright
- 11 Business Meeting
- 18 Stewart Thomas
- 25 Charles Todd

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Optimist Park News

Since the last printing of the newsletter we have completed another successful baseball season at the Laurinburg Optimist Park. There will be lasting memories for kids and their families as well as for the dedicated Optimist members who put in the work to make it happen. Wins, loses, smiles, tears, gloves, bats, practices, games, pizza parties, new uniforms, team pictures, new friends, coaches, hits, walks, strikeouts, bumps and

bruises, homeruns, errors, foul balls, free drinks after the game are some of the memories that will last for many years with these kids and their families. All this and more happened at the Optimist Park-WHAT BETTER NEWS CAN THERE BE!

Before the season started we began many upgrades to the facilities at the park. Here's an update. The entrance was improved with the help of **Joe Donaldson** and the De-

partment of Transportation. New batting cage nets were installed. The **baseball committee** has continuously monitored the evolution of field #2, fighting problems such as weather, equipment, sand, personnel, and grass problems. Bleachers finally arrived with their on set of problems, but there up. What a great addition to the park! Field #2 will continue to develop and improve eventually **Continued Page 5**

2005 Oratorical Contest

On May 26, 2005 the Laurinburg Optimist Club hosted the first ever Oratorical Contest for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. The contestants, under the direction of coordinator Latosha Brown, presented their speeches during the lunch meeting. Their speeches were both inspirational and informative.

The winners were Datavia Harris a third grader from I E Johnson Elementary, Dustin E. Tessmann a fourth grader

from Covington Street Elementary, and Jamisha Deberry a seventh grader from Spring Hill Middle School. They were awarded a check for one hundred dollars for their outstanding efforts.

The Oratorical contest for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing will become an annual event. Watch this space for information on future editions of the contest.

2005 Oratorical Contest Winners

Datavia Harris
3rd Grade

I E Johnson Elementary,

Dustin E. Tessmann
4th grade

Covington Street Elementary,

Jamisha Deberry
7th grade
Spring Hill Middle

Schedule of Events

7/31
Deadline membership drive

7/31
Membership cruise give
away drawing

7/21
Banquet for the regional
tournament

7/22 - 7/27
Babe Ruth Regional 11 yr.
old Tournament

Pictured on the right are the Volunteer Optimist members of the staff working in the new ball park kitchen at the Annual Fish./ Shrimp fry held May 11th, 2005.

FUNDRAISER UPDATE

FISH/SHRIMP FRY

On May 11th we had the spring fish/shrimp fry. It was also the first time in our new kitchen facility. The new kitchen was enlarged over the previous kitchen and all food production was done in the new kitchen. The extra width of the room was welcomed by all. The kitchen staff tweaked different setups during the day and more tweaking will follow at the next fish/shrimp fry. Work on the cookers could not be completed

before the event, but as of this writing they're being retrofitted with three high pressure burners on each cooker. The cookers should be more efficient and the safety problem should also be eliminated. The new kitchen also included the addition of large three bin sink.

So far, it looks like this will be the best fish/shrimp fry we have had. **Our net profit exceeds any levels previously attained.** Best estimate on how many plates were served (approx. 2200-

2300). Included with this article are pictures that were taken by the NC-East Governor (Mr. Yancey Hines). Some photography tricks actually made it look like a few Optimist new what they were doing. **Fish/shrimp committee as well as the subcommittees** are to be commended on a job well done. The feedback from the customers has all been positive!

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Baseball Committee News

Phillip Hayes-Chairman

In our last newsletter we advertised for the position of "Head of Umpires" and one of our newer members stepped up to the plate and took the job. **Gary Tremblay** did a fine job in his new position and we look forward to working with him for many years to come.

League Commissioners are to be commended for their work. Following are the final regular season standings. Please remember these sponsors when you patronize local businesses, they are instrumental to our program.

Rookie League (7-8 year olds)

MOHAWK – corporate sponsor

Paul Lemmond-league commissioner

REGULAR SEASON STANDINGS

- 1st place-General McArthurs
- 2nd place-Vann Builders
- 3rd place-Danny's
- 4th place Badcock Furniture
- 5th place HCS
- 6th place Champs Fine Foods And Spirits
- 7th place First Capital Bank

Minor League (9-10 year olds)

DOMINO'S PIZZA-corporate sponsor

Dean Nichols-League Commissioner

REGULAR SEASON STANDINGS

- 1st-place Precision Computers
- 2nd -place is a three way tie:
 - Dunbar Insurance
 - Allstate Insurance
 - Harley's Tuxedo
- 3rd-place Umicore
- 4th-place Wooley McDuff's Restaurant
- 5th-place Scotland Motors
- 6th-place Canal Wood
- 7th-place Holiday Inn
- 8th-place Wood Law

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fine job in his new

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many years to come.. "

- 5th place-Nick's Pick Quick
- 6th place-WLNC-radio
- 7th place-Firestone
- 8th place-First Bank

TOURNAMENT WINNERS UMICORE

Runner-up Dunbar Insurance

Mohawk League

TOURNAMENT WINNER

GENERAL McARTHURS RESTAURANT
Runners-up Vann Builders

Nick's Pick League

TOURNAMENT WINNER

DOMINO'S PIZZA
Runner-up Nick's Pick Quick

Major League (11-12 year olds)

NICK'S PICK QUICK-corporate sponsor

Tommy Brigman-League Commissioner

REGULAR SEASON STANDINGS

- 1st place-Poole's Body Shop
- 2nd place-Hasty Realty
- 3rd place-State Farm
- 4th place-Domino's Pizza



Pictured on the left are some members of our supportive community enjoying the fine food of the Annual Shrimp/Fish fry held May 11th, 2005.

“Membership is the driving force behind the growth, strength, prosperity and ultimately the continued success of this outstanding civic organization.”

JUST ASK---

Would you like to become a bona fide certified Optimist?

Purpose of the Optimist Club

To develop optimism as a philosophy of life;

To promote an active interest in good government and civic affairs;

To inspire respect for law;

To promote patriotism and work for international accord and friendship among all people;

To aid and encourage the development of youth, in the belief that the giving of one's self in service to others will advance the well-being of man, his community and world.

Membership Drive

July 31st is the deadline for the membership drive. Our goal for the year is a net gain of 10 and at last count we are about half way there. Keeping bringing guests/potential members. New Club members are **Mike Webb, Chip McDonald, Kevin Milligan, and Jarette Sampson**. *Welcome to the Optimist Club of Laurinburg.*

Optimist History

by Ken Malcolm

In the late 1950's the Laurinburg Jaycees's were given the information (as I was aging out of the club) about helping to organize a little league baseball program with me. The Jaycee's were not interested.

The late Jimmy Bone approached me about organizing a youth club in Laurinburg. The Queen City Optimist Club of Charlotte helped Jimmy and myself. We chartered the Optimist Club of Laurinburg in June of 1961. The late Jimmy Bone worked with 36 members getting the club going. I was getting the Laurinburg Optimist little league baseball for youth organized.

We built the first park where the Oaks Professional building is now. There was no problem with raising money, materials, or sponsors. Sinclair Lumber gave us the post and the boards, Sears donated paint, and with the help of Optimist members and ordinary citizens and businesses we built the first Optimist little league baseball park.

Bill Riggins had joined the club and was our first Christmas tree chairman. With the help of private donations, concessions funds, and money raised from business signs-We did pretty well. We sold tree behind Steve Prevatte's Gulf station (corner of Church St. and Atkinson St.) and then beside the Masonic building. We moved from there to our baseball park behind the Scotland Inn for one year and then moved to sell trees at our present location beside the Clinton Inn, formally the Holiday Inn.

A few years later our park moved behind the Laurinburg Motel (now the Scotland Inn) and built the second Optimist Little League baseball park. We needed more money, so Bill Riggins and N.W. Quick became co-chairs of our first Optimist fish fry. It was held at the Scotland Inn. The fish fry was a big job and very successful. After that the fish fry was held at the National Guard Amory. The fish/shrimp fry is now held at our third and permanent location, Optimist Park.

Around 1964 the Optimist Club decided to venture out and sell Easter cor-sages. E.R. Jones was the chairman of this committee. We did this for only one year! Also, around 1972 Carmile Donaldson headed up a beauty pageant. It really was a big event.

The Optimist Club is proud to be involved in many other youth programs other than little league baseball.

Without the support of the club members and many citizens of Laurinburg and Scotland County this could not have taken place.

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becoming a marquee little league field for our club and region. A new scoreboard was installed on Field #2 and the scoreboard on field #2 was moved to field #3. The scoreboard was procured by **Dean Nichols** and donated by **Coca-Cola**. Installation and maintenance was directed by **Dean Nichols**. Field #2 should be in fine

shape by the time of our regional tournament. The new kitchen was completed and used for our spring fish/shrimp fry (more on that later). Additional toilets/stalls were added to the ladies restroom. The new tile has arrived for the bathrooms and the concession areas. We hope to have it installed before the regional tournament.

June Birthdays

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|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| 6/2 - Jack Karnes | 6/18 - Frank Adams |
| Paul Lemmond | 6/22 - Kevin Milligan |
| Sunbeam Sutherland | 6/24 - Randy Johnson |
| Tommy Wright | 6/35 - Dan Wilkes |
| 6/3 - Kenneth Adams | 6/26 - Steve Cole |
| Ken Ritch | 6/28 - John Massey |
| 6/8 - Joe Donaldson, Jr. | |
| Brian Shatswell | |

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CANDY SALE

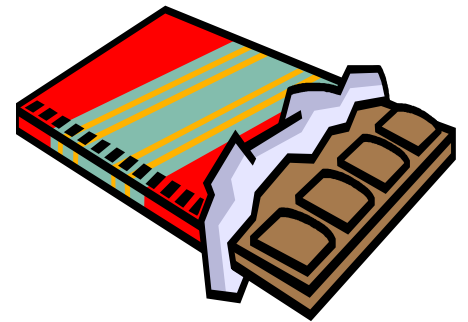
During the baseball season **Phillip Hayes** organized his annual candy sale. **Phillip** receives a little help from **Frank Adams** and the **baseball committee**, but it is the team mommies that drive the candy sale. **Phillip** deals with all the details to pull this fundraiser off

over a 3 to 4 week period ending with a Jamboree for the kids that sold 3 cases or more of candy. As with the fish/shrimp fry the candy sale has also exceeded years past in net profit.

The jamboree was held on Saturday June 4th. **Phillip Hayes, Frank Adams, Jim Ellis, Brian Shatswell, Dean Nichols and some**

of their wives were instrumental in managing this function. About 50 kids of the possible 65 attended along with many parents. More than 100 folks attended the cookout-style event and every kid left with some kind of prize. Hint: any new members wanting to get involved with the candy sale next year just speak up, I am

Certain Phillip would appreciate the help.



“Archie and Ron taking a break...”

Presidents Comments

“Another baseball seasons has just ended, the Optimist Club of Laurinburg should be as proud as I am of the job that the club pulled off this year. **Families and kids will have memories that will last a lifetime.** The baseball committee had an excellent year. I am in aw of the work this committee accomplishes year in and year out and I am grateful

that you were on my team this year-THANKS. Also the Optimist Park experience is enhanced by the quality of its’ concession stand; To the committee and all those who worked in it THANKS. And the umpires you love it—great job! I’m looking forward to working with all of you at the regional tournament.”

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, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.

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