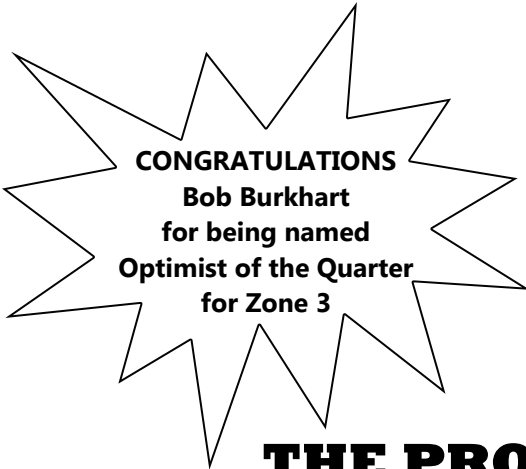




# Lawrence Breakfast Optimist Newsletter

For Tuesday, October 20, 2009



**CONGRATULATIONS**  
**Bob Burkhart**  
**for being named**  
**Optimist of the Quarter**  
**for Zone 3**

## THE PROGRAM

Diana Frederick of CASA of Douglas County provided the Tuesday program. CASA stands for Court Appointed Special Advocates. The mission of CASA is to ensure that children of Douglas County grow up in safe, permanent, and loving homes by advocating for the best interests of children who have been abused or neglected and are under the protection of the Juvenile Court. CASA volunteers are trained to advocate for the best interests of a child who has been abused and/or neglected. CASA volunteers develop one-on-one relationships with a child, and serve as a friend, mentor and advocate. Volunteers also investigate the facts about the child's situation through interviews and visits with the child's family, caregivers, teachers, lawyer, social workers, therapists, and other professionals. Volunteers make sure the social welfare system is providing services to meet the child's physical, educational, medical, and emotional needs.



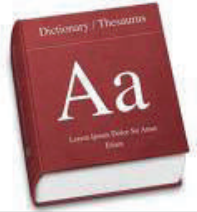
CASA of Douglas County serves between 65 to 90 children annually. Children range in ages birth to age 18. Many of the children come from families torn apart by drug and alcohol addiction. Substance abuse is prevalent among the families as is the cycle of abuse and poverty. CASA was founded in 1976 by Judge David Soukup. There are more than 950 CASA programs nationwide, with 24 of those programs in Kansas. Douglas County CASA was established in 1991 by Judge Jean F. Shepherd. The Douglas County CASA has served 720 youth since its founding. Douglas County CASA receives its funding from private donations, fundraisers (specifically CASA 4 CASA), the city, the county and the Rice Foundation. For more information visit [www.dccasa.org](http://www.dccasa.org).

**Halloween Paint-In**  
Saturday, October 24th  
8am-11am  
South of Ernst Hardware (826 Mass)  
Contact: Jim Rumsey

And the Winner is.....  
Handshake- Ralph Clement  
Basket- Kenny Campbell

**Pancake Breakfast**  
Saturday, November 7th  
6:00am-1:00pm  
How to help:  
~Sell tickets  
~Get auction items donated  
~Set up- Friday, Nov. 6th @ 5pm  
~Work the auction  
~Work the breakfast-  
1st Shift 5-9am  
2nd Shift 9am-1pm  
Clean Up 12-2pm

**LAST CHANCE TO HELP WITH THE DICTIONARY PROJECT!!!**  
**LBO 4TH GRADE DICTIONARY SCHEDULE**  
**MONDAY, OCTOBER 26TH- 9:00AM @ SCHWEGLER**  
**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29TH- 9:00AM @ QUAIL RUN**



# THANK YOU!

Emmett and Dwight for all of your hard work on the trailers!!



**BILL BARTSCHER**  
**Where are you??? Come back!!!**

**Next week's program:**  
**Hidden Valley Girl Scouts**

If there is something you would like to see added to the newsletter or have suggestions please contact Erika Zimmerman at [ezimmerman@sunflower.com](mailto:ezimmerman@sunflower.com) or (785) 423-1864.