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In 2023, after a hiatus of 9 years, and with a lengthy discussion with the Assistant Editor, it was decided to restart the publication of the “Tree Lot Herald”. Unfortunately, only 2 Editions were published. And in 2024, no Editions were published. Now in 2025, and with the cooperation of the Assistant Editor, we are publishing again. We hope that this newsletter will keep our Club members better informed on the progress and needs of this very important fund raiser.

The Manhattan Optimist Foundation Christmas Tree Lot has been selling Christmas Trees in Manhattan, KS since the 1959 Christmas season and has been an annual event ever since. The Tree Lot is manned by Manhattan Optimist Club members, spouses, and friends ... and we hope this year with softball & baseball teams that use Optimist Park.

Tree Lot 2025 has started!!

A-Frame Repair

Set aside at the end of last year's Tree Lot season, 4 A-Frames were identified as needing to be repaired or replaced. A-Frame repair was done by **Steve Boeckman**, **Bryan Joy**, and **Brad Horchem** on October 20.

Repairs included: 61R Replaced 1 Side board; 62L Replaced 1 Side board and 2 Bottom boards; 62R Replaced 1 Side board and 2 Bottom boards ; 73L Replaced 2 Bottom boards. Any 16' Stringers will be identified & replaced at the time of Stanchion installation on November 8th.

Jim Franke can explain to you the A-Frame coding (i.e. 62R, 73L, etc.). I have heard rumors that a change could be in place for this coding scheme.



Tools & Supplies



Getting one from the
"Fix" Pile



Making sure the angle
is right



Bryan was the Master Cutter



Ready to screw in place



How many Optimists
does it take ...?



This one is ready for
another season

More Information and To Help

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