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**Report of Recent Club Speakers**

Wes Nelson and his daughter Emily were the presenters on January 23. They raise award winning rabbits. They described the process of growing and showing rabbits in Iowa and nationally.

There are 140 different breeds of rabbits. The largest can grow to 40 pounds. At the National show in California this year there were 14,000 rabbits shown by adults and another 4,000 by youth. At the Iowa State Fair there were 800 youth showing 1100-1500 rabbits.

The Nelsons have a 14x50 heated shed that has 90 holes for rabbits on each side. One side is used strictly for breeders. They have six varieties of rabbits for a total of 50 does (female). Each rabbit litter is 6-8 babies.

All the bucks (male) rabbits have a name. Every rabbit has a tattoo in its ear to track them. They buy and sell breeding stock throughout the country.

Rabbit shows are not large money-making activities. This year they sold 21 rabbits at the National competition in California, which basically paid for their trip. One of the Nelson's rabbits won first place at the Iowa State Fair this year.

Matt White, owner of White Landscaping, spoke on January 30. He started making retaining walls in 1992. Originally they were formed with railroad ties or CCA timbers. Today 99% of the retaining walls are cement block.

Retaining walls can be up to four feet tall without any support. If higher than that, he uses a retaining fabric. The general rule is the fabric should be one foot into the bank for every foot height of the wall. The fabric lies between the block and goes straight back into the dirt.

There are a wide variety of block and block colors to use today. A popular scheme today uses a system of various shapes of block, to make the wall look more natural.

Matt also installs pavers for walkways and patios. Pavers will endure longer than cement for walking areas. He does not recommend using rock salt on the pavers or any cement patio areas.

Matt has installed some water fonts. he expects more people and businesses will install water storage systems in the future, where rain water is trapped and used for watering lawns and gardens.

In the winter Matt works on snow removal. For six years he also framed houses, which was a great learning experience.

Matt has three employees and strives to deliver quality instead of hiring more employees and going or quantity. His website is [whitelandscaping.net](http://whitelandscaping.net).

**Meeting Minutes**

The Treynor Optimist Club held their weekly meeting at the Community Center on January 23. Mick Guttau opened the meeting with the pledge and the prayer. Judy Guttau reported that the spaghetti dinner Friday night raised over \$800 for youth programs.

There was not much business, but it was announced that Pheasants Forever will have a banquet Friday, February 19. Minden Meats will cater it.

Keith Denton won the 50-50 drawing and Kevin Underwood won the attendance drawing, but did not collect.

There were 16 members and one guest at the meeting on January 30. Gary Guttau opened the meeting and Dale Willenborg gave the prayer. Dick Baber celebrates his birthday on Monday and that was recognized with a song. Kevin Abbott won the 50/50 drawing.

Gary Guttau, Jeff Jorgensen, and Gary Funkhouser helped the After-Prom committee with can kennel sorting on Wednesday.

Larry McAlexander will be the speaker next week. He will talk about taxes. The public is invited.

**CALENDAR**

February proceeds for the Can Kennel will be for the Wrestling team

Feb 10 - Can sorting, TBD p.m.  
 Feb 24 - Can sorting, TBD p.m.

**Birthdays**

Feb 1 – Dick Baber (recognized)  
 Feb 5 – Larry Kramer  
 Feb 12 – Richard Vorthmann  
 Feb 13 – Gary Funkhouser

**Anniversaries**

Feb 6 – Jon & Debra Jacobsen  
 Feb 23 – Richard & LuEtta Vorthmann

**Speakers**

Feb 6 – Larry McAlexander – taxes  
 Feb 13 – Quiz bowl team (possible)  
 Feb 20 – Eric Hempel

**Programs**

Feb – Gary Funkhouser  
 Mar – Dick Baber  
 Apr – Chad Guttau  
 May – Dale Willenborg  
 June – Linnea White  
 July – Jeff Jorgensen  
 Aug –  
 Sept – Eric Allen  
 Oct – Steve Irvin  
 Nov – Arlyn Norris  
 Dec – Chuck Nielsen/Keith Denton