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Report of Recent Club Speakers

Jon Jacobson and Lee Rankin spoke at the Treynor Optimist Club meeting this week. Jon spoke about feasible methods to raise funding for building a swimming pool in Treynor. He estimates that building a pool would cost \$750,000 to \$1,000,000. One way to raise money would be to look for ways to qualify for matching funds from a foundation. For example, it might be possible for a group like the Treynor Recreation Association (TRA) to donate their land to a new 501(c)3 charity foundation and find another foundation that would make a matching grant.

Lee Rankin said that when he started law practice five years ago, the Omaha Community Foundation was the only community foundation in the area. Now there is also a Pottawattamie County Foundation and the Treynor State Bank Community Foundation. The exciting thing about donating to a community foundation is that the donation is tax deductible and the donor receives another 20% back on taxes through the Endow Iowa Credit. Therefore, someone in a high tax bracket could receive federal and state tax deductions of over 40% and an additional Iowa tax credit of 20%. A donation of \$1000 could cost the donor only \$400.

The first steps in development of a sports park and pool would be to identify a location and perform a feasibility study. Options for funding the project need to be explored; keeping in mind that additional funding will be required for yearly upkeep and maintenance.

Meeting Minutes

There were 18 members and three guests at the Optimist Club meeting on October 17. President Gary Guttau opened the meeting and led the Pledge

of Allegiance. Ken Graham gave the opening prayer. Dennis White contributed to the Youth Fund in recognition of his wedding anniversary that day.

The St. Paul Youth group picked up their check for the can kennel for \$688.05 for June 2009. That brings the total can kennel receipts to \$72,267 since May 1999. Can kennel donations will go to the Silver Keg Feeders 4-H in October. The next can sorting will be at 4:00 p.m. on October 28.

The speaker on October 24 will be Spencer Hawk. He participated in the Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership camp last summer. October 31 will be Holly Schwiertz, a work experience trainer at the council Bluffs Goodwill store.

Dennis White won the 50-50 drawing and Jeff Jorgensen won the attendance drawing.

CALENDAR

October proceeds for the Can Kennel will be for the Silver Keg Feeders 4-H.

Oct 23 – Ticket taking at Treynor home football game
 Oct 28 – Can Sorting, 4:00 p.m.

Birthdays

Oct 17 Marsha Underwood
 Oct 29 Bill Vorthmann

Anniversaries

Oct 6 Eric & Kelly Allen (recognized)
 Oct 13 Dale & Dianne Willenborg (recognized)
 Oct 17 Dennis & Kay White (recognized)

Speakers

Oct. 24 - Spencer Hawk, Hugh O'Brien Youth Camp
 Oct. 31 - Holly Schwiertz, Goodwill Work Experience
 Trainer

Programs

Oct – Gary Funkhouser
 Nov – Steve Irvin
 Dec – Jim Clausen

It was autumn, and the Indians on the remote reservation asked their new Chief if the winter was going to be cold or mild. Since he was a new Indian Chief in a modern society, he had never been taught the old secrets, and when he looked at the sky, he couldn't tell what the weather was going to be. Nevertheless, to be on the safe side, he replied to his tribe that the winter was indeed going to be cold and that the members of the village should collect wood to be prepared. But also being a practical leader, after several days he got an idea. He went to the phone booth, called the National Weather Service and asked,

"Is the coming winter going to be cold?"

"It looks like this winter is going to be quite cold indeed," the meteorologist at the weather service responded.

So the Chief went back to his people and told them to collect even more wood in order to be prepared. A week later he called the National Weather Service again.

"Is it going to be a very cold winter?"

"Yes," the man at National Weather Service again replied, "it's going to be a very cold winter."

The Chief again went back to his people and ordered them to collect every scrap of wood they could find. Two weeks later he called the National Weather Service again.

"Are you absolutely sure that the winter is going to be very cold?"

"Absolutely," the man replied. "It's going to be one of the coldest winters ever."

"How can you be so sure?" the Chief asked.

The weatherman replied, "The Indians are collecting wood like crazy!"