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## Council Bluffs Airport Authority

Danny Smith from the Council Bluffs Airport spoke at the Optimist Club on January 29. He began working at the airport in 1992 and became manager in 1996.

The first airport in Council Bluffs was established in 1927 in the area of South 11<sup>th</sup> street. In 1929 it was moved to the area where Sam's Club is now. It had four runways, for use when the wind was blowing different directions. It was moved to the current location in 1967 because I-29 was built through the previous site. It was one of the first airports on the US Mail Service.

Since 1990 many improvements have been made to the airport. They paved the road to the airport, added more hangars, and are adding a second runway.

The CB airport is a full service airport. They can provide charter aircraft at \$800/hour. They also have nine rental aircraft. They have a new fuel transport and do airplane maintenance. They perform a variety of Federal testing. The airport also has a new classroom for Iowa Western Aviation Maintenance training.

The airport has a museum that has free admittance. It is open Wednesday nights and Saturday mornings.

The CB airport services three LifeNet helicopters. It is home for 96 aircraft, including 67 single prop, 11 twin prop, 5 jets, and 13 helicopters. They average 106 takeoffs and landings per day.

The most common destination for people flying into the CB airport is Nebraska Furniture Mart. The second most common focus is horse trading.

## Meeting Minutes

Dennis White opened the meeting January 29 with the Pledge of Allegiance and Kevin Abbott gave the opening prayer. Gary Funkhouser, Keith Denton,

Judy Guttau, and Chuck Nielsen provided jokes. There were 19 members and one guest at the meeting.

The Silver Keg Feeders 4-H will server breakfast next week at the Optimist Club.

Friday night, February 4, the Treynor Optimist Club will sponsor their annual spaghetti dinner from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at Zion Church in Treynor prior to the Riverside basketball game. This is an annual fundraiser to support youth programs at Treynor.

Keith Denton won the 50/50 drawing. Kirk Vorthmann won the attendance drawing for the second week.

The Optimist Board Meeting will be held after the meeting next Saturday.

## CALENDAR

Feb 9 - Can Kennel sorting for the Treynor Cheerleaders. Time is TBD

Feb 4 - Treynor Optimist spaghetti supper - 5:00-7:00 p.m.

## Birthdays

Feb 1 - Dick Baber

Feb 12 - Richard Vorthmann

Feb 13 - Gary Funkhouser

## Anniversaries

Feb 6 - Jon & Debra Jacobsen

Feb 23 - Richard & LuEtta Vorthmann

## Speakers

Feb 5 - Melvin Houser - Board of Supervisors

## Programs

Feb - Chad Guttau

Mar - Dale Willenborg

Apr - Gary Guttau

May - Keith Denton

June - Dick Baber

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A blonde got lost in her car in a snowstorm. She remembered what her dad had once told her. "If you ever get stuck in a snowstorm, wait for a snow plow and follow it." Pretty soon a snow plow came by, and she started to follow it. She followed the plow for about 45 minutes.

Finally, the driver of the truck got out and asked her what she was doing. She explained that her dad had told her if she ever got stuck in the snow, to follow a plow. The driver nodded and said, "Well, I'm done with the parking lot here at Wal-Mart, now you can follow me over to K-Mart."