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Pioneer Women's Museum

Ruby Bentley spoke at the Treynor Optimist Club on October 1 about the Pioneer Women's Museum in Macedonia. She started a non-profit organization in 2000. They purchased their 20 foot by 70 foot building in downtown Macedonia in 2005.

When they purchased the building, there was no heat, no water or sewer, and the roof was leaking. Iowa West Foundation helped restore the roof and back wall of the building with a grant of \$5000. The total cost was \$12,250. The back wall was originally Macedonia brick, which was a soft brick made just outside of town.

The organization tore off layers of flooring to restore the original wood floor. When doing so they found termites, increasing the cost and repairs needed. They got additional flooring from a farmer who tore down the old Lone Rock one room schoolhouse near Shenandoah. They also received a donated furnace and new air conditioning.

The focus of the museum is Pioneer Women. It is open 9:00-noon Tuesday through Saturday. They only take donated items. The museum includes a replica of a handcart from the Mormon Trail and an old ox yoke. They have an old safe from the Macedonia school and found the combination written on the wall in the school.

The non-profit organization is working on a Macedonia Eagle Project, to be dedicated November 11, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. They are also working on putting rails along part of the sidewalk in town.

Meeting Minutes

Gary Guttau and Keith Denton and provided jokes before the Optimist Club meeting on October 1. Dennis White opened the meeting with the pledge and Gary Funkhouser offered the prayer.

Richard Vorthmann contributed to the Youth Fund because there were several pictures of him in the paper. Keith Denton contributed for a hot dog roast at this house. Steve Owens contributed because his daughter just returned from a trip to Israel. Kirk Vorthmann contributed because the bean crop has been very good.

Gary Guttau, Gary Funkhouser, Judy Guttau, and Dennis White helped with can kennel sorting this week. The next can kennel sorting will be October 12 at 5:00 p.m. for the Optimist Club.

Help is needed for parking at 6:00 p.m. for the football game against St. Albert on Friday.

Judy Guttau won the 50/50 drawing. Marsha Underwood won the attendance drawing, but did not collect. There were 17 members and two guests at the meeting.

Calendar

- Oct 8 – Flags up for Columbus Day
- Oct 10 – Take flags down
- Oct 12 – Can Kennel sorting for Treynor Optimist Club, 5:00 p.m.
- Oct 26 – Can Kennel sorting for Treynor Optimist Club, 5:00 p.m.

Birthdays

- Sep 30 – Tim Greiner
- Oct 17 – Marsha Underwood
- Oct 29 – Bill Vorthmann

Anniversaries

- Sep 26 – Bill & Ann Vorthmann
- Oct 6 – Eric & Kelly Allen
- Oct 13 – Dale & Dianne Willenborg
- Oct 17 – Dennis & Kay White

Speakers

- Oct 8 - John Ticer - State Fire Marshall - Experiences and Information
- Oct 15 - WIDA Presents "Home Town Competitiveness" *Mobilize local Leaders, Energize Entrepreneurs, Retain and Attract Young Families and Capture Wealth Transfer*
- Oct 22 - Pottawattamie Historical Society- Two members will bring displays and discuss activities
- Oct 29 - Jeff Danker - Pott. County Sheriff

Programs

- Oct – Gary Funkhouser
- Nov – Arlyn Norris
- Dec – Chuck Nielsen

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When my youngest daughter was three, she begged to be allowed to attend a concert with her older sister and brother. She assured me she was a big girl and would behave herself.

As we took our seats in the orchestra hall, I handed programs to the kids. Following the lead of her older siblings, my three-year-old opened her program, and in her most grown-up voice said, "Mommy, I'll have the chicken, please..."

Autumn is a season for big decisions -- like whether or not it's too late to start spring cleaning.

This autumn we can look forward to falling leaves and rising gas prices. We'll be raking it up while the oil companies are raking it in.

The autumn leaves are a lot like raising kids. First they turn on you, and then they fly away. And next thing you know, you look out the window and they're back!

I loved the end of summer when I was a kid. It always meant I no longer had to be embarrassed by the coach putting me in right field.

This is an exciting autumn. Our athletes are breaking the records for the most Olympic medals, and our political candidates are breaking the records for the most campaign promises.