



**The Optimist Club of Treynor, IA**

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**Pottawattamie  
County Sheriff's  
Office**

Jeff Danker spoke at the Treynor Optimist Club meeting on June 29. Jeff wrestled in High School in Treynor. He has been the Pottawattamie County Sheriff for 20 years, elected in

1992 and took office in 1993.

Sheriff Danker talked about duties of the Sheriff's office, including road control and crime. When he first started as Sheriff they had Ford LTD IIs. The only equipment in the car was a radio, a siren, the light bar on top of the car and a shotgun. Now they have in-car computers, 800 MHz radios, along with all kinds of other equipment.

Until a few years ago, Pottawattamie County used VHF radios, Council Bluffs used UHF, and Omaha used 800 MHz. All communications had to go to the central dispatch. Now they can all communicate directly, they can set up specialized talk groups on a channel, and there is an automatic vehicle locator (AVL) in each car, which transmits over 800 MHz. The central office can see where each car is and how fast it is moving.

**Calendar**

- July 6 – Take down flags after Optimist meeting
- July 18 – Zone meeting in Treynor at the park, 6:00 p.m.
- July 25 – Help at Westfair. Free admission this year.
- Aug 1-3 – Optimist District meeting

**Birthdays**

- Jun 16 – Dale Willenborg (recognized)
- Jun 20 – Jeff Jorgensen
- Jun 22 – Kevin Elwood

**Anniversaries**

- Jun 1 – Kevin & Shana Elwood
- Jun 3 – Arlyn & Wanda Norris
- Jun 5 – Steve & Debra Irvin

Digital cameras in the cars are turned on whenever an officer turns on his lights. They automatically download via Wi-Fi at the police station.

The department mainly has Tahoes now. They are going to try some Taurus and Expeditions. They also have three Harley Davidson motorcycles for use in tight situations, like Ragbrai.

The main crimes in the area are burglaries and metal thefts. They have been successful in drug interdiction along I-80.

The new County Jail opened in October 1999. It brings in about \$24M for housing prisoners from other areas. It has 288 beds, but 220-230 are used, which is a full jail. Others are used for transition.

**Meeting Minutes**

Ken Graham opened the meeting on June 29. Gary Funkhouser and Keith Denton provided jokes and Ken Graham provided a baseball trivia question. Ken led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by an opening prayer by Richard Vorthmann.

Richard Vorthmann contributed to the Youth Fund to for a large walleye he caught in Minnesota.

Gary Guttai, Bill Vorthmann, Ken Graham, and Gary Funkhouser helped with can kennel sorting. Can sorting in July will be July 10 and 31.

The club put up flags for Treynor Days on Thursday, June 27 at 5:00 p.m. They will stay up until Saturday, July 6, after the club meeting.

Gary Guttai won the 50/50 drawing. Arlyn Norris won the attendance drawing, but did not collect. There were 11 members and one guest in attendance.

- Jun 15 – Steve & Jeanie Chambers
- Jun 28 – Mick & Judy Guttai (recognized)

**Programs**

- Jun – Gary Guttai

**Prayers**

- July 6 – Dennis White
- July 13 – Kirk Vorthmann
- July 20 – Dee Guttai
- July 27 – Gary Guttai
- August 3 – Bill Vorthmann
- August 10 – Dennis White
- August 17 – Dee Guttai

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Long castigated, berated, spat upon and humiliated the Post Office never gets a fair deal. They deserve far more: to be criticized, reprimanded, denounced and ostracized.

I wrote a letter to the Postmaster General once on ways to improve mail service. It got lost.

I remember when the Postal workers started a slow-down strike for a pay raise. They had to call it off -- nobody noticed.

I give 'em this though. The rural letter-carriers are more considerate than their urban counterparts. All of the packages marked "Fragile" are thrown underhanded in the rural stations.

One good thing about the Post Office -- it's over 200 years old and yet it's never been hindered by progress.

I just got my new driver's license in the mail the other day. It expired last month unfortunately.

What does it mean when the Post Office flies it's mast at half staff? They're hiring.

Did you hear about the new postage stamp commemorating, man's best friend, the Dog? It's the first stamp in history that can lick itself.