



Farm Management

Chad McCollester, owner of AgriValley Farm Management, spoke at the Treynor Optimist Club

on August 3. He sells crop insurance and provides farm management services for farm owners. He started his agency 13 years ago. Chad explained why corn prices have been falling. He questions the Government crop estimated because there were a lot of acres not planted this year because of the wetness. These are called prevent planting losses. Crop insurance will pay 60% of the value of the crop if farmers cannot plant by the end of May.

The current crop estimates are 157 bushels per acre for corn and 43 for beans. The Government estimates 1.96 billion bushels of carryout corn this year, compared to 729 million last year. Carryout (also referred to as "ending stocks") is the amount of grain left over after all demand has been satisfied. In essence, carryout equals supply minus demand. A low carryout will generally lead to high prices, while a high carryout will lead to low prices. Last years carryout was very low.

Meeting Minutes

Ken Graham opened the meeting on August 3. Gary Funkhouser, Kirk Vorthmann, and Chad McCollester provided jokes. Ken Graham provided trivia about the Raisin Bowl. Ken led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by an opening **Calendar**

- Aug 14 - Can kennel sorting
- Aug 28 - Can kennel sorting
- Oct 19 - Optimist in Action day

Birthdays

- Aug 11 - Chad Gutttau
- Aug 23 - Judy Gutttau

Anniversaries

- Jul 25 - Chuck & Kathy Nielsen (recognized)

prayer by Bill Vorthmann. Chuck Nielsen contributed to the Youth Fund for his wedding anniversary.

Bill Vorthmann, Gary Gutttau, Chad Gutttau, and Gary Funkhouser helped with can sorting this week. They had a record 30 bags of cans and 11½ of plastic, making 54 bags of cans for the month and 22½ bags of plastic bottles. Next month the can kennel will be for the Silver Keg Feeders.

The first Treynor football game will be August 30 against Underwood. Help will be needed for tickets.

Chad McCollester won the 50/50 drawing and donated the proceeds to the Youth Fund. Kevin Underwood won the attendance drawing for a second week. There were 11 members and 2 guests in attendance.



Chad Cyr picked up his scholarship check. He will be going to college at Kirkwood in Cedar Rapids with an undeclared major. He plans to get involved in intramurals in college. He played football and baseball, and participated in speech

in high school.

- Aug 9 - Tim & Janet Greiner
- Aug 13 - Jerry & Barb Hempel
- Aug 25 - Gary & Julia Funkhouser

Programs

Prayers

- August 3 - Bill Vorthmann
- August 10 - Dennis White
- August 17 - Dee Gutttau

Punography

I tried to catch some fog. I mist.
 When chemists die, they barium
 Jokes about German sausage are the wurst.
 A soldier who survived mustard gas and pepper spray
 is now a seasoned veteran.
 I know a guy who's addicted to brake fluid. He says
 he can stop anytime.
 How does Moses make hi tea? Hebrews it.

I stayed up all night to see where the sun went. Then
 it dawned on me.
 This girl said she recognized me from the vegetarian
 club, but I'd never met a herbivore.
 I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I can't put it
 down.
 I did a theatrical performance about puns. It was a
 play on words.
 They told me I had type A blood, but it was a Type O.
 PMS jokes aren't funny. Period.