



Iowa Wetlands



John Klein spoke at the Treynor Optimist Club on March 2. He is a wetland specialist for the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) National Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). His district covers six counties in central Iowa. John said that USDA programs are optional; they have voluntary signup for farmers.

Other agencies have other guidelines. Wetlands are important because they recharge groundwater, filter water, filter surface water, and provide habitat for birds. The 1985 farm bill included a part called the swamp buster law. The Government would regulate wetlands to yield no net loss. For every acre of wetlands destroyed, the Government works to restore an acre of wetlands.

One function of John Klein's job is to look at wetlands and certify them. Three properties are necessary to certify a wetland:

1. They must have the ability to sustain wetland plants.
2. They must have hydrologic (wetlands) soil
3. They must have the ability to sustain saturated conditions for at least 15 consecutive days during the year.

John said that there is no minimum size for a wetland. He looks for 0.5 acre minimum. Two things you cannot do with a wetland is to drain it or fill it.

Meeting Minutes

Ken Graham opened the meeting on March 2. Gary Funkhouser, Chuck Nielsen and Keith Denton provided jokes followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Dennis White offered the opening prayer.

Keith Denton celebrated his wedding anniversary. Gary Guttau contributed to the Youth Fund to brag about the opening of the new TS Bank on Broadway

Calendar

- Mar 13 – Can Kennel Sorting, 5:30 p.m.
- Mar 18 – Optimist Zone meeting, Griswold Methodist Church, 6:30 p.m.
- Mar 27 – Can Kennel Sorting, TBD p.m.

Birthdays

- Mar 2 – Ward Chambers
- Mar 11 – Kenneth Graham
- Mar 20 – Jon Jacobsen

Anniversaries

- Mar 4 – Gene & Erika Seran
- Mar 8 – Keith & Georgia Denton (recognized)

Programs

in Council Bluffs. John Klein contributed because his grandson Preston won the award for the most unique pinewood derby car.



Danielle Stand, Devin Stand, Sam Sutherland, Gary Guttau

Members of the After-Prom committee came to pick up a can kennel check. For after-prom this year they will be in the High School gym. It will include an inflatable obstacle, a hypnotist, movies, a mechanical bull, and a photo booth. There are about 60 Juniors and 70 Seniors this year.

March 18 is the optimist Zone meeting at the Griswold Methodist church. The meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. Dee Guttau contributed two Easter baskets for the auction. They brought \$5 each.

Jim Clausen won the 50/50. Ken Graham won the attendance award. There were 12 members and 4 guests at the meeting.

Gary Funkhouser said that Madison Clark won the Optimist essay contest and received \$100 from the Treynor Optimist Club.

There was a short board meeting after the club meeting. The board assigned the can kennel to different organizations. Treynor baseball will have June 2013, Zion Youth-July, Silver Keg Feeders-August, Boy Scouts-September, Music Boosters-October, Cub Scouts-November, and After-Prom-December and January 2014.

- Mar - Dale Willenborg
- Apr - Chad Guttau
- May - Gary Funkhouser
- Jun - Gary Guttau

Prayers

- March 9-Gary Funkhouser
- March 16-Richard Vorthmann
- March 23-Chuck Nielsen
- March 30 -
- April 6 - Chad Guttau
- April 13- Dale Willenborg

A nursery school teacher was delivering a station wagon full of kids home one day when a fire truck zoomed past. Sitting in the front seat of the fire truck was a Dalmatian dog. The children began discussing the dog's duties.

"They use him to keep crowds back," said one youngster.

"No," said another, "he's just for good luck."

A third child brought the argument to a close. "They use the dogs," she said firmly, "to find the fire hydrant."