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Solid Surface Countertops

John Taylor from Lycos, Inc. spoke at the Treynor Optimist Club on October 18. He started Lycos in 2007 and came to talk about solid surface countertops.



John built houses for 10-12 years. He also built the Carson Community Center.

Lycos focuses on commercial countertops, but does some houses. John has worked with Bucky's gas stations for over 10 years. They also put countertops in

Allegiant and Methodist Hospitals, many fast food establishments, and in universities. In many locations, granite and laminate countertops are not allowed because they hold bacteria.

Corian comes in 12 foot by 30 inch slabs. It weighs about 2 pounds per square foot, versus granite at 15-20 pounds. Since it is synthetic, they can create seamless countertops by gluing them together and sanding out the marks.

Corian was \$100 per square foot, but now it is %20-\$50, depending on the color. For shower walls it costs \$9-\$30 per square foot and for shower pans it is \$50-\$90.

They cut the corian with an 82 tooth carbide blade. Scratches can be sanded out. It is also possible to cut out a round section and repair it without the fix being noticeable.

Lycos does all the carpentry and installation. They have 4 fabricators, 3 office workers, an 8 field workers. They are having growing pains now.

Meeting Minutes

Dee Gutttau opened the meeting on October 18 and provided a joke. Gary Gutttau gave the opening prayer.

Calendar

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Oct 29, Wed – Can kennel sorting, 4:00 p.m.

Birthdays

Oct 17 – Marsha Underwood (recognized)

Oct 29 – Bill Vorthmann

Dennis White, Chad Gutttau, Bill Vorthmann, and others helped take down flags this week.

For bragging rights, Arlyn Norris said his wife had completed chemotherapy a month ago and was now ready for surgery and then radiation. Her surgery is a week from Monday. Dale Willenborg contributed to the Youth Fund because he found something to kill the box elder bugs around his house. Richard Vorthmann contributed because he was able to attend the meeting. John Klein contributed because he was able to help with parking at the marching band contest. Jim Clausen contributed because he has a new granddaughter.

Dennis White celebrated his 44th wedding anniversary. He met his wife at Bill Bailey's Banjo Barn. Dale Willenborg celebrated his 35th wedding anniversary.

Ashley Bailey came to pick up her scholarship check. She is attending Iowa Western Community College and working at the front desk in the dorms. She wants to change her major to Psychology and council youth in the schools in the future.



The club received a can kennel application from Zion Youth.

John Klein won the football pool organized by Jim Clausen.

Dale Willenborg won the 50/50 drawing. Linda Danker won the attendance drawing, but did not collect. There were 14 members and 2 guests at the meeting.

Anniversaries

Oct 13 – Dale & Dianne Willenborg (recognized)

Oct 17 – Dennis & Kay White (recognized)

Prayers

New list passed around

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1. Life is sexually transmitted.
2. Good health is merely the slowest possible rate at which one can die.
3. Give a person a fish and you feed them for a day; teach a person to use the Internet and they won't bother you for weeks.
4. Some people are like Slinkies. Not really good for anything, but you can't help but smile when you see one tumble down the stairs.
5. Health nuts are going to feel stupid someday, lying in hospitals dying of nothing. It's really annoying to die healthy.
6. Whenever I feel blue, I start breathing.
7. All of us could take a lesson from the weather. It pays no attention to criticism.
8. Why does a slight tax increase cost you two hundred dollars and a substantial tax cut saves you thirty cents?
9. In the 60's, people took acid to make the world weird. Now the world is weird and people take Prozac to make it normal.
10. Politics is supposed to be the second oldest profession. I have come to realize that it bears a very close resemblance to the first.