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Gourds

Dee Guttau talked about a family project to raise gourds and pumpkins every year. Dee collects the seeds of those varieties she wants to keep, based on color, shape, and size of the item. She collects baskets through garage sales and thrift stores for giving away the gourds.



Dee plants the pumpkins and gourds in the middle of June. She plants a lot of seeds in a one foot circle and then thins them when they start growing. She uses grass clippings to mulch around them to prevent weeds from growing. She also sprays to prevent bugs.



Dee plants over 100 hills of seeds. She tries to make the hills eight feet apart so Gary can drive the tractor between them to cultivate. Chad does any tilling that is needed.

Dee collects seeds from those she likes before they rot. She doesn't keep volunteers. She

Calendar

Nov 26, Wed – Can kennel sorting

Birthdays

Nov 8 - Mick Guttau

Nov 18 – Dianne Willenborg

sometimes cooks pumpkin seeds to eat. But she doesn't make many pumpkin pies.

To preserve gourds, Dee washes them with bleach water when they are picked. Then they keep better and are shinier.

Meeting Minutes

Dee Guttau opened the meeting and gave the opening prayer. Keith Denton, Dale Willenborg, and Gary Funkhouser provided jokes.

Dee Guttau talked about the Optimist Foundation goal to raise \$41,000 to fight childhood cancer. The Iowa Optimists are asking for \$0.10 per day from members. Each club can donate to a child or an organization.

Ken Graham along with Dee, Gary, and Chad Guttau helped with the can kennel sorting. There were five parents and seven youth helping for the Band Boosters.

Yearly Optimist dues of \$75.00 can be paid to Gary Guttau.

Jim Clausen won the football pool. Chad Guttau contributed to the Youth Fund to brag about a Ukrainian they had in their home for the week. Bill Vorthmann bragged about a grandson who had the lead in the musical Oklahoma. Chuck Nielsen bragged about a contest at NP Dodge where his wife won \$50. Keith Denton bragged about his new dog that is good at herding cattle. John Klein bragged about his children. Holly runs every day and Hans completed a half marathon in Des Moines. Chuck Nielsen also bragged about his grandson who scored three goals in a soccer game. Dennis White bragged about his granddaughter's team which won their game on Halloween.

Ken Graham celebrated his 43rd wedding anniversary. He met his wife through a mutual friend.

Kevin Underwood won the 50/50 drawing. Jerry Hempel won the attendance drawing, but did not collect. There were 15 members at the meeting.

Anniversaries

Nov 2 - Kirk & Lynell Vorthmann

Nov 25 – Ward & Suzanne Chambers

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One day two squash gourds, who were best friends, were walking together down the street. They stepped off the curb and a speeding car came around the corner and ran one of them over. The uninjured squash gourd called 911 and helped his injured friend as best he was able. The injured squash gourd was taken to emergency at the hospital and rushed into surgery. After a long and agonizing wait, the doctor finally appeared. He told the uninjured squash gourd, "I have good news, and I have bad news. The good news is that your friend is going to pull through." "The bad news is that he's going to be a vegetable for the rest of his life".