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## Family History

Dale Willenborg spoke at the Treynor Optimist Club on November 12 about his hobby, Family



History. You can find all types of information for living people, on various websites, including

[www.iowacourts.state.ia.us](http://www.iowacourts.state.ia.us) and  
[www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com).

There are subscription services where you can find a lot of information about ancestors. There is new information added constantly. Newspaper articles, family stories, and phone books are some of the newest additions. A lot of people are adding family pictures to their family trees.

Newer genealogy programs assist in your search for ancestors. Dale likes RootsMagic, which ties tightly into MyHeritage.com and FindMyPast.com. It shows a lightbulb for a person when there is additional information about a person.

AncestralQuest, another genealogy program, ties closer into Ancestry.com.

The best place to find a lot of information about your ancestors is to connect to someone else's family tree. Many genealogy websites show other family trees that connect to yours. Ancestry has public and private family trees. The public trees are open to anyone. To access the private family trees, you have to request permission.

Dale did some research on Richard Vorthmann. He found Richard in the 1930 census and also

found a newspaper article that said that Richard's father had fallen into a neighbors well and died from those injuries.

## Meeting Minutes

Kirk Vorthmann called the meeting of the Treynor Optimist Club to order on November 12 and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Dee Guttau gave the opening prayer.

Kirk Vorthmann and Dale Willenborg provided jokes. Ann Vorthmann won the 50/50. Bob Abbott was selected for the attendance award, but he did not collect.

For bragging rights, Keith Denton contributed because his mother is happy in the nursing home. Kevin Underwood contributed because he won the football pool three times. Judy Guttau recognized the Veteran's Day program at the school. Jim Clausen celebrated the near completion of the harvest season and the end of the election cycle.

There will be bone marrow testing for Anika Voss.

This month the can kennel is for the Cub Scouts. The next sorting will be November 16 at 1:00, and also November 30 at 1:00 p.m.

The club collected money for Christmas presents for needy families. The money will be used to buy gift cards to be given to families by the school. \$240 was collected this week and collections will be taken again next week.

Membership dues are due. \$75 for members and \$44.20 for lifetime members.

The Can Kennel has collected \$140, 398 to date. The Treynor Optimist club collection was \$592. Gary Guttau said the average bag of cans is worth \$17 and bag of plastic is \$8.

Dee Guttau brought some sweet potatoes for auction. They brought \$2.

There were 16 members at the meeting. .

## Calendar

Nov 30 – Can Kennel sorting, Cub Scouts

**Birthdays**

Oct 29 – Bill Vorthmann (recognized)  
Nov 8 - Mick Guttau (recognized)  
Nov 18 – Dianne Willenborg  
Dec 16 – Kevin Underwood  
Dec 23 – Chuck Nielsen

**Anniversaries**

Nov 2 - Kirk & Lynell Vorthmann (recognized)  
Nov 6 - Kenneth & Linda Graham (recognized)

Nov 25 – Ward & Suzanne Chambers  
Dec 27 – Gary & Dee Guttau

**Speakers**

Nov 19 – Bob Mantell on Financial Literacy

**Programs**

Nov – Judy Guttau  
Dec - Chuck Nielsen

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