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Pottawattamie County Sheriff's Department

Sheriff Jeff Danker was the speaker at the Treynor Optimist Club on December 3. He has been the County Sheriff for 24 years. He manages a staff that includes 51 sworn deputies, 13 reserve deputies, 92 detention officers, and 8 civilian support personnel.



Sheriff Danker talked about the Shop with a Sheriff program. Last year they served 47 youth and this year they will serve 58. The

Department of Human Services identifies children for the program. Each child goes with a Sheriff to Target to spend \$125. The family of the child also gets a food basket.

Target opens early on the day of shopping. The children arrive at 6:00 a.m. and their parents have cookies, hot chocolate, and cider and visit with Santa while the selected children shop.

The county has a drug enforcement officer. They also have 2-3 drug recognition experts (DRE). If someone is stopped who appears to be under the influence of an illegal drug, they are referred to a DRE to help determine if the person needs to give a urine sample for drug testing.

The county jail has maximum bedding for 288 people. They currently have 282 inmates. The population fluctuates and was somewhat steady around 240-250. However, it has increased recently. They could use another 100-150 beds since they have a contract with the state to supply 75 beds. The state has not been using their

allotment, but could do so at any time. The county would have to move inmates to other prisons if necessary. The current jail was built in 1999 and was built so it could be expanded easily. The county has bought a lot of Tahoes in recent years. The Tahoe has space for more equipment than the Crown Victoria that they used in the past. It also has a better resale. The Crown Victoria costs about \$22,000 and would resell for \$3,000. The Tahoe costs about \$25,000 and will resell for \$13,000. The department trades the cars when they have 100,000 to 120,000 miles. They have four wheel drive and are pursuit rated.

Meeting Minutes

Kirk Vorthmann called the meeting of the Treynor Optimist Club to order on December 3 and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Dee Guttau gave the opening prayer.

Dale Willenborg and Jim Clausen provided jokes. Gary Guttau won the 50/50. Richard Vorthmann won the attendance award. Dale Willenborg won the football pool.

For bragging rights, Dee Guttau contributed to the Youth Fund to invite everyone to their golden wedding anniversary on Sunday, January 8, at Living Hope Church. The celebration will be 11:00-2:00. Marsha and Kevin Underwood contributed in recognition of their granddaughter. Dale Willenborg contributed after attending the TS Bank Rev (like Shark Tank) competition. John Klein contributed because Cardinal Core received a \$1000 grant from Promised Partners. Kirk Vorthmann contributed because the Optimist club received a Thank You from the Treynor Food Pantry for the club donation last week.

Club members contributed \$200 toward Shop with a Sheriff. The JOOI Club contributed another \$65.

The JOOI Club, along with others received a grant for \$25,000 for the Keep Kids Alive program in Treynor. Planning will begin soon on how to utilize the money effectively.

There will be a blood drive in Treynor on December 8 at the Community Center. December 11 will be the next Cardinal Core meeting.

The Can Kennel will be for the Post Prom committee the next two months. Sorting will be at 5:00 p.m. on December 14 and 28, and January 11 and 25.

The last can sorting was for the Cub Scouts. Gary Funkhouser, Chad Gutttau, Dee Gutttau, Gary Gutttau, Ken Graham, John Klein, and a lot

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

There will be no club meetings on December 24 and December 31.

The Club members volunteered to arrange for the flag ceremony at the Optimist State Meeting in Council Bluffs in August next year.

There were 16 members and one guest at the meeting.

Calendar

- Dec 14 – Can Kennel sorting, After Prom, 5:00 p.m.
- Dec 28 – Can Kennel sorting, After Prom, 5:00 p.m.
- Jan 8 – Gary & Dee celebrate 50th wedding anniversary, Living Hope Church, 11:00-2:00
- Jan 11 – Can Kennel sorting, After Prom, 5:00 p.m.
- Jan 25 – Can Kennel sorting, After Prom, 5:00 p.m.

Birthdays

- Dec 16 – Kevin Underwood
- Dec 23 – Chuck Nielsen

Anniversaries

- Dec 27 – Gary & Dee Gutttau

Speakers

Programs

- Dec - Chuck Nielsen