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## Pottawattamie County Recorder

Mark Brandenburg, Pottawattamie County Recorder, spoke at the Treynor Optimist Club on September 16. He is in the third year of a four



year term as recorder. He started in November 2014. He would like to stay one more term in the office. His wife, Debbie, is retiring January 1 from her job.

Mark spent 34 years as a Human Resource Professional in the Omaha Public Power District. He was an Adjunct Professor at Iowa Western Community

College. Then he spent two terms in the Iowa House of Representatives before he ran for County Recorder.

Mark said he really enjoys his job and the people he works with. Seven people report to him. Marilyn Hebing, 1st Deputy, has been in the office for 28 years. Lynn Herrington, 2nd Deputy, has worked for the county for 30+ years and in the recorder's office for 15 years.

The recorder's office has four main areas of focus. The Land and Record Management function charges \$7 for the first page and \$5 for each additional page recorded. Vital Records has Iowa birth and death records available back to 1942 and the state is scanning marriage records back to 1954.

The License function licenses cars, boats, RVs, etc. The Passport function has been available for 19 months. Mark initiated allowing his office to provide passports and this has generated new

revenue for the office of \$99,000 in 19 months. His goal is to make the office break even each year. Their budget is \$600,000.

Mark showed the club a document where Abraham Lincoln purchased land in Council Bluffs on July 14, 1860.

The recorder's office website is [pottcounty.com](http://pottcounty.com) under "Departments", "Recorder".

Mark is a member of the Carter Lake and the West End Optimist Clubs.

## Meeting Minutes

Kirk Vorthmann conducted the meeting of the Treynor Optimist Club on September 16. The meeting began with humor by Gary Funkhouser, Dale Willenborg, and John Klein followed by the pledge of allegiance. Dale Willenborg provided the prayer.

Debbie Brandenburg won the 50/50 drawing. Jim Clausen won the attendance prize. There were 13 members and three guests at the meeting.

Mick Guttau contributed to the Youth Fund in recognition of last night's football game. Kirk Vorthmann contributed to recognize the Dance Teams pom pom display of THS. John Klein said that the creek signs are finally going up. Mick Guttau contributed because TS Bank opened a branch at College View School. Jim Clausen recognized Iowa beating ISU last week.

There will be a blood drive at the community center on Thursday, Sept 21 from 11:30 until 5:30.

Cancer Awareness week at the school is September 18-22. Treynor Strong shirts can be ordered by September 22.

The club voted to have the JOI Club select two \$500 scholarship winners. They also voted to support two students going to HOBY this year.

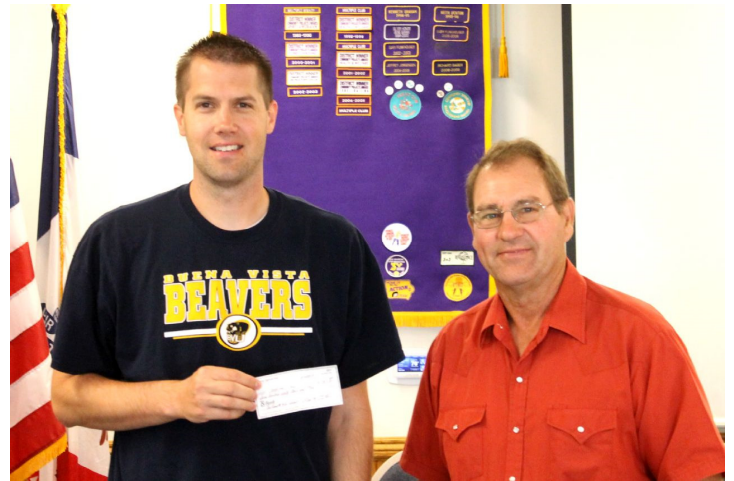
The last Zone meeting of the fiscal year will be Monday at Hoy Funeral Home at 6:00 p.m. It will be a pot luck.

Judy Guttau said they are sponsoring "Fundraising on a Napkin on October 3. The deadline for signing up is Tuesday, September 19. It is 8:30 until noon. 43 people are signed up with a maximum of 60.

The club will put up flags on October 5 at 4:30 p.m.

Can Kennel sorting for the Studio 7 Competitive Dance Club will be Wednesday, September 20 at 6:00 p.m. The can kennel will have collected \$150,000 in cans and bottles within the next month.

Jordan Campbell picked up the can kennel check for Cardinal Core. It was for \$783.45



### **Calendar**

Sept 20, Wed – Can sorting for Studio 7 Dance team, 6:00 p.m.

### **Birthdays**

Sep 22 - Dee Guttau  
Oct 17 – Marsha Underwood  
Oct 29 – Bill Vorthmann

### **Anniversaries**

Sep 26 – Bill & Ann Vorthmann  
Oct 13 – Dale & Dianne Willenborg  
Oct 17 – Dennis & Kay White

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### **Speakers**

Sept 23 - Pastor Chuck Meyer (Lutheran Church)  
Sept 30 - Terry Bahl (bicycle ride across USA)

### **Programs**

September - Ken Graham  
October - Gary Guttau  
November - Mick Guttau  
December –