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### Kevin Schechinger speaks about Impact Hill

Kevin Schechinger, spoke on Saturday, November 24 to the Treynor Optimist Club. Kevin moved from Hancock to Oakland in 1992. He and his brother Dean farm in the area and saw the Riverside high school building sitting empty in Oakland and bought it to create a space, known as Impact Hill, to provide activities for kids and for all ages from a variety of communities.



L-R: Kevin Schechinger and Keith Denton

The former high school has portions built in the 30's, the 50's, and the 80's. The older portions will eventually be converted to apartments which Kevin and Dean will own. They hope to have those open in 18 mos. The newer portion now has a 501©3 status known as Impact Hill and is operated by a Board and is currently operating plus has plans for future projects within the building.

The Mission of Impact Hill is to be a safe, positive, and welcoming environment for the recreational, educational, social, cultural advancement of all, through the restoration and redevelopment of the historic Riverside High School Building.

Current activities taking place: the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month is Family Game Night. They plan to have Open Gym – Monday and Thursday nights

and Sunday. Volunteers are needed. On Dec. 15, they will again host the December Parents Night Out from 3 – 8:30 PM. In the summer and winter, STEM camps are hosted for age 3 to Jr. Hi. In February there will again be a Father/Daughter dance which brought 300 people last year. There was even a night for laser tag for mothers/sons this past year.

They will be putting in a Technology Center with the goal of bringing all ages together and for businesses that want a tech meeting space for a small fee.

There will be Maker Space for Woods and Metals and for crafts such as quilting. Equipment is being acquired and the desire is for volunteers to help teach.

A dream is an indoor swimming pool that will be set up to allow for year round swim team training as well as general swimming. Glass garage doors can be used to give a summer feel in warmer weather.

He emphasized they are not looking to compete with other pools or fitness rooms, but there is space to utilize the gym for a fitness room and an agility course. It is possible to have space for batting cages as well. Other ideas are to create Escape Rooms, use the auditorium for musicals and piano recitals, and use space for small business incubators.

The desire is to draw people from around the area for birthday parties, business retreats and more

. For more information, follow Facebookcom/ImpactHill2017.

### Meeting Minutes

Vice President Bill Vorthmann called the meeting to order. Fifteen members were present plus one guest, Kevin Schechinger, speaker. Chad Gutttau, Keith Denton, Gary Gutttau, and Mick Gutttau shared jokes followed by the Pledge

of Allegiance. Dee Gutttau gave the opening prayer.

Judy Gutttau won the 50/50 award and Bob Mantell won the attendance drawing but was not present. Keith Denton won the Football Contest which was a 4-way tie. No birthdays were observed. Ken Graham's anniversary was observed.

For bragging rights, Kevin and Marsha Underwood contributed for Bailey White being selected as the most inspiring volleyball player for St. Albert. Judy Gutttau donated to state that Brock Fox was invited to participate as a recruit in today's ISU football game. Jim Clausen donated because Iowa beat Nebraska. Keith Denton donated money for Ken Graham preparing the coffee and for Jim Clausen organizing the football contest. Bill Vorthmann gave \$2 for Ken opening up and Jim preparing coffee.

Interesting conversation points ranged from the leaning tower of Pisa, field goal kickers and Glen Beck talking about the pilgrims and their treaty with the Indians.

Community News: It was reported that Byron Bruning's funeral will be at Hoy on Monday. Sun. evening is the Junior Treynor Women Christmas event at the Community Building.

Under old business, Gary Gutttau reported that membership dues are due. He shared letters from the CB Schools Foundation and a 2020 Jr After Prom request.

Under new business, the next can kennel sorting will take place at 1 PM on Nov 28 with the Cub Scouts.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by stating the Optimists Pledge.

### **This & That**

- **He who rolls up his sleeves seldom loses his shirt.**
- **The best mirror is an old friend.**
- **There are three kinds of memory – good, bad, and convenient!**

### **Calendar**

Nov 26-Dec 8 JOII Club Winter Clothing Drive  
(drop off school and bank)  
Nov 28 1:00 Can kennel sorting for Cub Scouts  
Dec 8 6 PM Griswold Optimist Christmas Party  
and auction RSVP Kathy Rush, 712-767-2344 or email jkabrush@netins.net

### **Birthdays**

Dec. 16 Kevin Underwood  
Dec. 23 Chuck Nielsen

### **Anniversaries**

Dec. 27 Gary and Dee Gutttau

### **Programs**

December Kirk Vorthmann  
January Judy Gutttau  
February Keith Denton  
March Gary Funkhouser

### **Speakers**

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