



Vision 2000 of Optimism



"Lighting the Way" in the Iowa District, Zone 4

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FRIENDS OF YOUTH

NEXT CLUB MEETING

The next meeting of the Optimist Club of Treynor is planned Saturday morning, December 4, 1999 at Saint Paul's Lutheran Church. JIM CLAUSEN has arranged for Treynor Coach Gayle Hartigan to present a program. Meet at the church about 7 a.m. for donuts and fellowship. The meeting will start at 7:20. Bring a guest.

REPORT OF LAST CLUB MEETING

At the last Club meeting 18 members and one guest were present. President GENE presided. The attendance pot was awarded to LEN HANSEN, but it was not collected. GEORGE SCHNEIDER won the 50/50.

The project of setting up the Community Christmas Tree was completed in short time with the many hands available and the truck and trailer provided by MIKE SCHMID. The lights and top star were placed on the tree, but the Cub Scouts will add the remainder of the decorations to the tree this Thursday evening with assistance from Optimists. The Cub Pack is planning to meet at Zion church at 6:30 p.m. From there they will walk to the tree that is set up at the end the Superette parking lot. Club members are encouraged to assist with the decorations and join the Cub scouts with Caroling later. Maybe there will be some hot chocolate for you back at Zion, if you stay the duration.

Be sure you have a big circle around the date of December 14 on your calendar when the Spaghetti Dinner is planned at Zion. Remind you family members and friends. Details are forthcoming.

Late note—the last November can sorting for the Silver-Keg Feeders 4-H will be after school Wednesday this week, Dec. 1, at 3:30 p.m.

SPEAK UP FOR A CHILD

Kim Moore, of rural Treynor, is a coordinator for the Iowa Court C.A.S.A. Program in the 4th Judicial District of western Iowa. Kim explained that

C.A.S.A. stands for Court Appointed Special Advocate. This program is composed of volunteers appointed by the Iowa Courts to facilitate the best resolution of child abuse cases brought to the court. C.A.S.A. volunteers interact with the judge, social workers, and the families of children in need of help to assess the problem, report recommendations, and monitor progress. While the C.A.S.A. program is over 20-yr old, it has been in Iowa only a few years, Kim noted. The office in the 4th Judicial District was opened nearly two years ago, but more volunteers are needed to serve counties beyond Pottawattamie. According to Kim there are currently 21 volunteers but 282 children in need of help in Pott. County. Volunteers undergo 25 to 30 hours of training and are administered a judicial oath to begin the work with child CINA (children in need of assistance) cases. Kim explained volunteers typically spend 1 to 5 hr per week visiting family members, foster care providers, teachers, attorneys, doctors, and case workers to determine the best solution to the problem situation. Kim stated part of her job was to match the volunteer with the needy child. It could take up to a year to resolve a case, Kim noted, but the volunteer only works with one child or family at a time.

CALENDAR

- Nov: Silver Keg Feeders 4-H Club Can Collection.
- Dec. 1 Can sort after school, 3:30 p.m.
- Dec. 2 Decorate Christmas Tree and Caroling with Cub Scouts, 6:30 p.m.
- Dec. 4 Club meeting, program by Gayle Hartigan.
- Dec. 11 Club meeting, program TBA.
- Dec. 14 Spaghetti Dinner.
- Dec. 18 Club meeting, program TBA.
- Dec: Silver Creek 4-H Club Can Collection.

BIRTHDAYS 12/2 GERALD FORRISTALL
ANNIVERSARIES none

P.S A loin was walking through the jungle declaring he was the king of beasts. He came to a zebra and roared, "Who is the king of beasts?"
The poor scared zebra said, "You are."
The loin continued walking until he came to a giraffe. He asked again, "Who is the king of beasts?"
"You are," the giraffe answered, and quickly moved away.
Next the loin came to a buffalo and roared, "Who is the king of beasts?"
Once again, the buffalo, shaking in its tracks, answered, "Your are."
Then the loin came to an elephant and roared, "Who is the king of beasts?"
The elephant grabbed the loin with his trunk, shook him three times and threw him against a thorn tree.
The dazed loin got up slowly and said, "Just because you didn't know the answer, you didn't have to get mad."