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NEXT CLUB MEETING

The next meeting of the Optimist Club of Treynor is planned Saturday morning July 31, 2004 at the Treynor Community Center. CHAD GUTTAU has arranged for Laural Ronk to speak. Laural is Executive Director of the Bluffs Arts Council. The meeting starts at 7:20 a.m. Invite a guest.

REPORT OF CLUB MEETING

At the last Club meeting there were 24 members and two guests present. Pres. JERRY HEMPEL presided and opened the meeting by leading the pledge. BOB HIBBARD led the devotion prayer. The attendance pot was awarded to MIKE ABBOTT, but it was not collected. The 50/50 was awarded to THERESA FAHRENKRUG.

JIM CLAUSEN put a dollar in the Youth Fund for his birthday recognition. He didn't announce his age, but he surely has memories of the '40s. BILL VORTHMANN is a new grandpa as his daughter Rachel gave birth to a new daughter. That makes RICHARD VORTHMANN a new great grandpa. BILL and RICHARD each added a dollar for this joyous occasion. RICHARD also added a couple more dollars to tell about another granddaughter who did quite well at the National Limousine Cattle Show held in Des Moines last week. She showed several champion cattle and was awarded Grand Champion Showmanship. GERALD FORRISTALL contributed a dollar to speak of his granddaughter's work as a Caterpillar Company intern. THERESA added a dollar to note the efforts of Treynor youth who are building a demolition derby car to compete at WestFair.

PRES. JERRY noted the presence of Mary Beth Jorgensen as guest.

LARRY KRAMER called for a few more helpers to man the WestFair gates on the 29th between noon and 6 p.m.

JOHN KLEIN noted the can and bottle sorting by the Treynor Youth Football group is Wednesday at 6 p.m.

JEFF JORGENSEN auctioned for the Youth Fund gift certificates with a value of \$10 from the Pizza Hut of Council Bluffs.

PROGRESS AT THE BLUFFS

Matt Walsh is in his ninth year serving as one of five city council representatives in Council Bluffs. During his time on the council many improvements to the city have been accomplished. Matt is a banker by trade, but he said it is

a joy and privilege to be able to be involved in progressive actions to improve the Council Bluffs community. Matt noted that Council Bluffs has a \$70 million budget and numerous projects in various stages of development. Some of these projects are tied to commercial development and to federal and state highway projects. Matt stated that Highway 92 is scheduled to be widened to 4 lanes from I 29 to south Omaha prior to the widening of the combined I-80 and I-29 section across south Council Bluffs. The Highway 92 improvements, including a new bridge over the river, will facilitate traffic rerouting for the interstate roadwork. Matt noted that the announcement by Bass Pro to build a store in Council Bluffs near the Mid American Center is a very big development and will have a tremendous impact on commerce in this area. He expects the water amusement park plan will now be realized and the retail space near the convention center will be occupied as the Bass Pro development is completed. Matt explained the Missouri River pedestrian bridge is being redesigned and rebid, but the Iowa riverside development is lagging. Matt stated that the council is wrestling with a better bus service plan, but current low utilization is a problem. A more contentious present issue, Matt noted, is a proposal to ban pit bull dogs. Some communities in Iowa have enacted such an ordinance

CALENDAR

July Can Collections for Treynor Youth Football

- July 28 Can and bottle sorting, 6 p.m.
- July 29 Westfair Gate, 12 - 6 p.m.
- July 31 Club meeting, program by Laural Ronk.
- July 31-Aug 1 Iowa District Optimist Convention, Des Moines.

Aug. Can Collections for Cub Scouts

- Aug. 1 JOOL activity at Adventureland, Des Moines.
- Aug. 7 Club meeting, program TBA.
- Aug. 11 Can and bottle sorting.
- Aug 22 Horse Show, Malvern.
- Oct/ 3 20th Anniversary Celebration.

Birthdays

- 7/14 GARY GUTTAU#, 7/14 WES NELSON,
- 7/23 JERRY HEMPEL#, 7/27 JIM CLAUSEN#

Anniversaries

- 7/14 JEFF JORGENSEN#, 7/18 MIKE ABBOTT#,
- 7/18 ROGER VORTHMANN
- # recognized to date

Y O U T H

P.S. Recently the director of a local municipal zoo, having acquired a rare Indonesian ape named Oscar, was quite displeased to find that the large aggressive animal had broken free from his cage and was roaming throughout the city. The matter was serious because the members of the zoo staff, while expert in caring for animals, had no experience in capturing them.

The zoo director appealed to the office of the mayor for help and the secretary to the mayor asked, "Have you looked in the Yellow Pages?" The director hadn't, but would, immediately. To his surprise under "Animal Capturing Service" he found a listing for the A-1 Ape Apprehenders. He called them and within twenty minutes a truck arrived at the zoo administration office.

A small man emerged and rushed to the director, who was waiting at the door.

"Is there a wooded area in the vicinity?" the little man asked.

The director said there was about a half mile away. "Hop in the truck," the little man said, and they drove off. Minutes later they arrived at the small grove of trees and immediately spotted Oscar in a tree branch about 25 feet above the ground.

The two men got out, went to the back of the truck and the little man opened the door. An excited dog jumped out and began running around in circles.

The little man reached into the truck and took out a suitcase, which he opened. In the suitcase were a pair of handcuffs, which he handed to the zoo director, a sawed off shotgun, which he leaned against the tree, and a baseball bat.

"Now," the little man said, "I'm going up into the tree with the baseball bat, and I'm going to knock the ape out of the tree. The instant the ape hits the ground the dog will grab the ape by the crotch. The ape, instantly and instinctively, will grab at his crotch with both hands. You snap the handcuffs on and we got him,"

The zoo director, pointing to the shotgun leaning against the tree, said, "I'm not sure about this. What's the gun for?"

The little man said, "Look, I'm an expert. I know what I'm doing and things will go just fine. After all, I have the baseball bat. I know my job and it'll never happen, but if the ape should, by any chance, knock me out of the tree, shoot the dog!"

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