

NEXT CLUB MEETING

The next meeting of the Optimist Club of Treynor is planned October 13, 2007, 7:30 a.m. at the Treynor Junior/Senior High School. LES HARVEY has arranged for our club to host the football players and coaches for a breakfast at the high school.

REPORT OF RECENT CLUB MEETING

At our club meeting on 10/6 there were 20 members and three guests present. Pres. DALE WILLENBORG opened the meeting by leading the pledge. JOHN SCHMITT led the devotion prayer.

The 50/50 was awarded to KIRK VORTHMANN. The attendance pot was awarded to BOB HIBBARD.

KEVIN ABBOTT added a dollar to the Youth Fund in recognition of the birthday of his daughter Taylor.

GARY GUTTAU announced that he and Pres. WILLENBORG discussed with the Treynor City Council a summary of 2007 Treynor Days. The Council decided to be in charge of Treynor Days organization in June, 2008. GUTTAU noted a survey requesting suggestions for Treynor Days activities is being prepared to be distributed through the Treynor Schools Newsletter.

GARY FUNKHOUSER announced efforts had started for student participation in the Optimist International Essay competition. The topic is 'Todays choices shaping my future.'

ARLYN NORRIS circulated a prayer sign up list.

Pres. WILLENBORG noted there was a home football game this coming Friday and a sign up sheet was circulated for help at the gate and with parking.

GARY GUTTAU auctioned some small pumpkins and gourds he brought.

There were ten members present for the Board meeting to discuss Club business. Can Kennel applications were received from the Silver Keg Feeders 4-H and Treynor Dance Team. They were assigned the months of August and September, 2008, respectively. GARY GUTTAU distributed a draft survey regarding 2008 Treynor Days and asked for ideas and suggestions. The Treynor City Council is seeking ideas and suggestions to plan 2008 Treynor Days activities. LARRY KRAMER said he would arrange another opportunity to meet with prospective members.

HIGH ADVENTURE IN THE BOUNDARY WATERS

Boy Scout Troop 729 Scoutmaster Tom Schnepel, Life Scout Ben Schnepel, and Eagle Scout Barrett Chambers reported on their trip to the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness near Ely Minnesota. There they spent time canoeing and camping while testing their skills as scouts in this unique boreal forest landscape within the Superior National Forest. Scoutmaster Schnepel noted there were six adults and eight scouts from Troop 729 in their party. They had to travel in two groups as Forest Service rules only allow 9 to a campsite as well as a canoeing group. However, Schnepel explained, the camp sites were only about a quarter mile apart and the two canoe groups kept each other in sight on the lakes most of the time. Camp sites were first come-first served and one time they were separated quite a distance camping overnight. Schnepel said they had the opportunity to earn a 50-mile canoeing patch on the trip as well as sharpen camp cooking skills. He noted there were no hazardous encounters with wildlife. Even the infamous Minnesota mosquitoes were not a bother. The outfitters of the boundary waters take care in providing equipment to contain food and food scraps to keep wildlife from camp sites. Generally while canoeing on the lakes you do not see many others as access is controlled through use permits from the Forest Service. Schnepel stated the only time you see many others

is at the portage sites where the canoes and camping equipment have to be carried to the next lake. The next time they will try to pack lighter he noted. Water does not have to be packed as it can be obtained from the lakes, and the fish caught along the way supplemented the meals.

Scoutmaster Schnepel, who has been a scout leader for ten years and scoutmaster for four, said he was very grateful for the support of the Optimist Club through the Can Kennel to help fund the high adventure trip for the scouts. They are looking forward to another trip next year.

October Can Kennel contributions for Cheer Leaders

- Oct. 12 Home football game gate, 6:15 p.m.
- Oct. 13 Club meeting, breakfast with the football team,
Treyner High School, 7:30 a.m.
- Oct. 13 1st Quarter Iowa District Optimist Conference, Des Moines.
- Oct. 17 Can and bottle sorting, 4 p.m.
- Oct. 18 Highway 92 cleanup with Cub Pack, 4 p.m.
- Oct. 19 Home football game gate, 6 p.m.
- Oct. 20 Club meeting, program by Bob Husz.
- Oct. 27 Club meeting, program TBA.
- Oct. 31 Can and bottle sorting. 4 p.m.

November Can Kennel contributions for Santa's Village

Birthdays

- 10/17 MARSHA UNDERWOOD,
- 10/29 BILL VORTHMANN

Anniversaries

- 10/13 DALE and DIANNE WILLENBORG,
 - 10/17 DENNIS WHITE
- # recognized to date

P.S. The Easterner had always dreamed of owning his own cattle ranch, and finally made enough money to buy himself a spread of his dreams in Wyoming.

"This is a great ranch layout. So what did you name it?" asked his friend when he flew out to visit.

"We had a hell of a time deciding," admitted the new cowboy. "My wife and I couldn't agree on anything. We finally decided on the Double R Lazy L Triple Horseshoe Bar-7 Lucky Diamond Ranch."

"Wow!" His friend was impressed. "So where are all the cattle?"

"None of them survived the branding."