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Report of Recent Club Meeting

President-elect Gary Guttau opened the Optimist Club meeting on May 23 and led the pledge of allegiance. Richard Vorthmann gave the opening prayer. There were 15 members and one guest present. Keith Denton, contributed jokes. Milli Harvey, Les Harvey, and Richard Vorthmann contributed to the Youth Fund for bragging rights. Steve Irvin contributed for his birthday. Jeff Danker won the 50/50 drawing. Gene Seran won the attendance drawing, but did not collect.

After the meeting several members helped put up flags for Memorial Day. They took down the flags Monday at 6:00 p.m.

The Treynor Optimist Club awarded \$300 scholarships to the following graduating Seniors: Crystal Husz, Miranda Smith, Melissa Bryant, Danielle Floerchinger, Rachel Moore, Brittni Donahue, R.J, Jensen, Cassandra Boyer, Shannon Smith, and Mackenzie Hawk.

Pottawattamie County Sheriff

Jeff Danker spoke at the Optimist Club. He has worked for 32 years with the Sheriff's Office.

Danker talked about the county communication system update. Some agencies now use VHF, some UHF, and some use 800 MHz systems. The Federal Government gave the county \$3.4M to upgrade the system. The total cost, including towers, shelters, microwave, and approximately 1000 radios is expected to be about \$17M.

The county covers about 1000 square miles. It is difficult for officers in some locations to

communicate. With the new system they will have additional towers to be able to reach more areas. They are adding four tower locations. The new 800 MHz system will also be tied into the Douglas County system. It also allows officers to set up special talk groups for special situations requiring focused communications.

The county sheriff's office also handles eviction notices and foreclosures. There has only been a small increase in evictions and the number of foreclosures has leveled off after increasing significantly last year.

CALENDAR

The May Can Kennel contributions will be for Baseball. June will be for St. Paul Youth Programs.

May 27, Wed 3:30 p.m.. – Can Kennel sorting

Birthdays

- May 11 – Keith Denton
- May 20 – Kelly Sutherland
- May 20 – Steve Irvin
- May 22 – Linea White

Anniversaries

- May 27 – Bob Abbott
- May 29 – Bill Matthew

Speakers

- May 23 – Jeff Danker – Sheriff
- May 30 – Carolyn Etinger - Wings of Hope
- June 6 – Anne Gramkow
- June 13 – Jnelle Keysor

Programs

- June – Linea White, Kevin Elwood
- July – Josh Guttau

Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in our nation's service. There are many stories as to its actual beginnings, with over two dozen cities and towns laying claim to being the birthplace of Memorial Day.

Memorial Day was officially proclaimed on 5 May 1868 by General John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, in his [General Order No. 11](#), and was first observed on 30 May 1868, when flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery. The first state to officially recognize the holiday was New York in 1873. By 1890 it was recognized by all of the northern states. The South refused to acknowledge the day, honoring their dead on separate days until after World War I (when the holiday changed from honoring just those who died fighting in the Civil War to honoring Americans who died fighting in any war). It is now celebrated in almost every State on the last Monday in May (passed by Congress with the National Holiday Act of 1971 (P.L. 90 - 363) to ensure a three day weekend for Federal holidays), though several southern states have an additional separate day for honoring the Confederate war dead: January 19 in Texas, April 26 in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, and Mississippi; May 10 in South Carolina; and June 3 (Jefferson Davis' birthday) in Louisiana and Tennessee.