

The Optimist Club of Treynor, 1A **NEWSLETTER**

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Report of Recent Club Speakers

Larry McAlexander works for the Southwest Iowa Farm Business Association. The non-profit organization began in August 1964 and has four offices in sixteen counties in Southwest Iowa. The help with farm planning and farm income taxes.

The Federal government promotes various policies through taxes. Energy conservation is being promoted this year through a 30% tax credit. First time home buyers are being promoted through an \$8000 tax credit. New car purchases were promoted last year through tax credits on car sales taxes.

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) is cracking down on tax fraud. They will require people filing taxes for two or more other people to file with the IRS, starting in September. They will perform background checks on those people and will require them to take competency tests in the future. The IRS has doubled the number of audits they perform and will double it again in the next two years.

Larry said that crop agriculture has performed very well in the past year and a half. He expects to see a slowdown soon. Livestock has been performing poorly during that same time period. Agriculture seems to follow a 7-10 year cycle.

Larry works with 130-160 farmers each year. He performs a full financial analysis on about 60 of those customers.

Meeting Minutes

Dale Willenborg opened the weekly Treynor Optimist Club meeting with the pledge and Arlyn Norris gave the prayer. The club celebrated Richard Vorthmann's birthday and Gary Funkhouser's.

Kirk Vorthmann recognized his son for getting a different job at the University of Nebraska Medical Center. Gary Funkhouser recognized the Jazz band

for their first place ribbon and the Jazz choir for second place.

Gary Guttau, Chad Guttau, Kirk Vorthmann, Keith Denton, and Gary Funkhouser helped the Wrestling Club with can sorting this week. The next sorting will be February 24 at 5:00 p.m.

Kevin Underwood won the 50-50 drawing and Bob Abbott won the attendance drawing, but did not collect.

There were 18 members and one guest at the meeting. Judy Guttau said that she had an application from Bob Mantell to join the club. Next week Eric Hempel will speak about his new job as a sheriff.

CALENDAR

February proceeds for the Can Kennel will be for the Wrestling team

Feb 24 - Can sorting, 5:00 p.m.

Birthdays

Feb 1 – Dick Baber (recognized) Feb 5 – Larry Kramer

Feb 12 – Richard Vorthmann (recognized)

Feb 13 – Gary Funkhouser (recognized)

Anniversaries

Feb 6 - Jon & Debra Jacobsen

Feb 23 - Richard & LuEtta Vorthmann

Speakers

Feb 20 – Eric Hempel

Feb 27 -

Programs

Feb - Gary Funkhouser

Mar - Dick Baber

Apr - Chad Guttau

May - Dale Willenborg

June - Linnea White July - Jeff Jorgensen

Aug - Charlie Johnson

Sept - Eric Allen Oct - Steve Irvin

Nov – Arlvn Norris

Dec - Chuck Nielsen/Keith Denton