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Variety is the Spice of Life

Jeff Jorgensen was the speaker at the Optimist Club on July 3. He graduated from Audubon High School in 1972 and joined the Marine Corps for two years. Then he went to Iowa Central College in Fort Dodge for two years before working on his Father's farm. In 1993 he went to work for Farmland Foods as a driver for five years. He went to IWCC and then UNO, majoring in Electronics Engineering. He then worked for five years before starting at Union Pacific (UP).

Jeff is a communications specialist in the IT department at Union Pacific. It is the largest communications company in the US. Spring was a spinoff from UP.

UP uses a communications based train control, using the 160 MHz spectrum. They use 97 channels and 6 emergency channels. There are very few dead areas for communications and they use cell phones there.

Trains are issued a warrant to operate on a piece of track at a certain time. Different railroads do not interoperate. By 2015 all railroads must interoperate.

Treynor Vision Activities

An update on the Treynor Vision activities was presented on July 10, which included the results of the community questionnaire which indicated strong support for additional recreation facilities. The plans are to include ball fields and a swimming pool.

Several committees have been formed to undertake additional study and gather information and proposed costs. The \$500,000 donation from the Treynor State Bank was recognized as were the efforts of the Collin's family for past fund raising projects.

Scouting is My Hobby

Tom Schnepel spoke at the Optimist Club on July 17. He has been helping the Treynor Scouting program since 1997. Tom is an assistant on the Roundtable Commission, is on the Advancement Committee and on the Board of Review Panel for Eagle Scouts.

The Mid-America Council includes a large area of western Iowa as far west as Creston and northeast Nebraska including the Omaha area. Treynor is in the Trailblazer District, which mainly consists of Council Bluffs and the surrounding area.

Treynor has 47 cub scouts and 23 Boy Scouts. They are currently looking for a Cubmaster.

Tom was an Eagle Scout himself and both his sons have been Eagle Scouts. He recently returned from Camp Cedars in Nebraska and is very proud of the behavior of members of the Treynor Scout group, wherever they go. There are 6 scouts locally working on Eagle Scout projects. The projects must benefit the community and be permanent in nature. One scout is working on a Desoto Bend overlook repair which became necessary because of a tornado.

Meeting Minutes

On July 3, Keith Denton and Judy Gutttau provided jokes. Gary Gutttau led the pledge and Dennis White gave the prayer. The club celebrated Charlie Johnson's birthday with a song.

Trevor Von Weihe, a scholarship winner, will attend ISU, majoring in Civil Engineering. Chad Gutttau won the 50-50 and Gerald Forristall won the attendance.

On July 10 Gary Gutttau opened the meeting with the pledge and Judy Gutttau gave the opening prayer. There were 19 members and 4 guests at the meeting.

Jacob Anderson, a scholarship recipient, talked about his plans to attend the University of Iowa and major in business.

Hannah Owens will attend Central College and major in elementary special education teaching.

Jeff Jorgensen contributed to the Youth Fund for his wedding anniversary and Gary Gutttau celebrated his birthday. Bragging rights included a donation in honor of the girl's softball win over St. Albert. The Gutttaus were on TV so they also contributed.

Kevin Underwood was awarded the 50/50 drawing and Gene Seran won the attendance drawing, but not collect.

The Optimist board met following the regular meeting. The treasurer's report was approved. A summary of outstanding dues was presented and contacts will be made within the next month regarding payment. Two members were lost due to moving- John Klein and Pastor Ed Veldhuizen.

A community recognition/NOW dinner was discussed with Judy Gutttau presenting several theme ideas for an annual event in late September. Jeff Jorgensen discussed the need for locating a new Cub Scoutmaster soon.

On July 17 Gary Gutttau opened the meeting with the pledge and Richard Vorthmann gave the prayer. There were 16 members and 3 guests in attendance. Gerald Forristall contributed to the Youth Fund for being an Iowan of the Day at the State Fair Aug. 19. Kirk Vorthmann contributed for twin girls born recently. Jeff Jorgensen for his wife purchasing a car he can comfortably ride in.

Emily Miller, a scholarship winner, discussed going to ISU and majoring in Fashion Merchandising. Greg White received check for can kennel- He has 55-60 boys currently in the elementary wrestling program which meets at the high school.

Gerald Forristall won the 50-50 drawing and Chad Gutttau won the attendance drawing.

CALENDAR

Wed, June 30, Mini-4H Club can sorting - Gary & Chad Gutttau, Gary Funkhouser, 15 bags of cans, 7 of plastic, 748 bottles.

Wed, July 14, 2010 Baseball can sorting - Dennis White, Ken Graham, Bill Vorthmann and Nigel Horton (Asst Coach) and about 14 boys. 17 bags of cans, 12 bags plastic, 587 glass bottles

Next sorting on Wed, Jul 28, 3:30 p.m.

July 27, Tues, Zone meeting at the Danish Inn in Elk Horn, 6:30 p.m.

July 29 to August 1 - Iowa Optimist District Convention

Sept 12 - Club celebration, "Celebrity Waiters", Down on the Farm theme. Social 5:00 p.m., dinner 6:00 p.m.

Birthdays

Jul 3 - Charlie Johnson (recognized)

Jul 14 - Wes Nelson

Jul 14 - Gary Gutttau (recognized)

Jul 23 - Jerry Hempel

Jul 27 - Jim Clausen

Anniversaries

July 14 Jeff & Beth Jorgensen (recognized)

Speakers

July 31 - Steve Bray from Cargil

Programs

July - Jeff Jorgensen

Aug - Charlie Johnson

Sept - Eric Allen

Oct - Steve Irvin

Nov - Arlyn Norris

Dec - Chuck Nielsen/Keith Denton