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Field Services, 4th Judicial District

Kip Shanks and Dan Newby from Field Services of 4th Judicial District talked at the Treynor Optimist Club on December 4 about probation and parole. They are part of a team that covers nine counties in Iowa. Probation is for someone convicted of a crime and is serving a suspended sentence. Parole is supervision after someone has served jail time. About 80% of the cases handled by Field Services are for probation.

Field Services handles probation, parole, work release, and pre-trial supervision. Field Services also has a drug court program, where their initial results show a low recidivism rate.

Field Services includes a high risk unit of seven officers. Their clients include sex offenders, assault perpetrators, people with a history of non-compliance, and others identified by the patrol board. These people have leg bracelets that use GPS to track their movements. When they leave their allowable areas, the officers are alerted and can track them minute-by-minute on GPS.

People on parole or probation are checked on every week. They are subject to search at any time. Field Services is supervising about 45 clients now, but the workload is increasing. They work with offenders as much as possible when the offenders make mistakes, as long as the public is safe.

Meeting Minutes

Dennis White opened the meeting December 4 with the Pledge of Allegiance and Richard Vorthmann gave the opening prayer. Chuck Nielsen provided jokes. There were 15 members and three guests at the meeting.

Gerald Forristall and Mick Gutttau celebrated their birthdays. Dick Baber celebrated Jeff Jorgensen

being elected as chairman of the Pottawattamie County Republicans with a donation to the Youth Fund.

Dennis White, Chuck Nielsen, Jeff Jorgensen, Keith Denton, and Gary Funkhouser helped the Cub Scouts with the Can Kennel this past Wednesday. December and January will be for the Post-Prom committee.

Gary Funkhouser shared that the Jr. High basketball teams were enjoying much success this season.

Kip Shanks won the 50/50. Kevin Underwood won the attendance drawing but did not collect.

CALENDAR

Next Can Kennel sorting for the Post-Prom Committee. Date and time to be determined.

Birthdays

- Nov 8 - Mick Gutttau (celebrated)
- Nov 18 - Dianne Willenborg
- Dec 2 - Gerald Forristall (celebrated)
- Dec 16 - Kevin Underwood
- Dec 31 - Jeff Nelson

Anniversaries

- Dec 21 - Wes & Penny Nelson
- Dec 27 - Gary & Dee Gutttau
- Dec 31 - Bob & Jean Hibbard

Speakers

- Dec 11 - Jim Mathai, Chief Deputy, Pottawattamie County

Programs

- Dec - Chuck Nielsen/Keith Denton

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Just read in this morning's UPI newswires (Aug 18 1993) that Judge Walter Colbath has ordered Jerry Erickson to quit eating poppy seed bagels or he'll go to prison!

It seems Jerry is on probation for kidnapping and robbery, and one day he showed up for his probation meeting and tested positive for morphine... even though he swore he never touched the stuff! His doctor concluded the drug test may have picked up small traces of morphine from his breakfast that day - a poppy seed bagel!

So Palm Beach County Circuit Judge Walter Colbath on Tuesday allowed Jerry to remain on probation rather than to return to prison because the correction officials could not prove that he'd used illegal drugs, but he offered him to stop eating poppy seed bagels as a condition of parole.

Said Jerry's attorney, Dean Wilbur, regarding his job as a criminal defense lawyer, "It continues to get weirder and weirder, the longer I do this!"

So, just remember to say NO to bagels!

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