



Pottawattamie County Roads

John Rasmussen, the Pottawattamie County roads engineer, spoke at the Optimist Club on July 2. John is married and has five children at home.

John announced that they just won a High Risk Rural Road Safety Grant for \$500,000 to improve the L55 – US 6 intersection. They will Microsurface L55 North of Treynor this year to improve the ride and seal the pavement, extending the life of the road.

For Pottawattamie county roads, two thirds of the budget comes from gasoline taxes and the other third from property tax. Since the gasoline tax has not gone up since the 1990s but construction costs keep going up, the roads budget is very tight.

Flooding could delay some roads projects in the County. Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration (FIMA) will pay for most of the repairs needed. However, the County has \$38M of infrastructure under water.

The roads budget for the County is usually \$12-13M per year. They employ about 60 people. They maintain county roads, including about 350 bridges.

Meeting Minutes

On July 2 Dennis White opened the meeting with the pledge. Chuck Nielson provided jokes. Gary Funkhouser won the 50/50. Rocky Saar won the attendance drawing, but did not collect. There were 12 members and 6 guests at the meeting.

Madison Clark, Abby Strutzenberg, and Kaylin Anderson from the Treynor dance team came to pick up their check for \$843.55 for the October 2010 can kennel. The dance team is self supported, with the cost estimated at \$850 per year. Expenses include the cost of several uniforms, camps, competitions, and state tryouts. The team this year includes 12 girls. Practice runs all year with multiple camps this summer.

Taylor Hill attended the Optimist meeting to pick up her scholarship from the club. She will attend

Creighton in the fall, majoring in Elementary Education. She had a great season this year, finishing 4th at State, 4th in a State coed meet, and third in the Optimist Club tournament. Her best score for the year was a 73.

Mrs. Strutzenberg invited the Optimist Club to a multi-cultural night at Treynor on September 6, 6:00-9:00 p.m. Two years ago they had 250 people attend. The school received a grant again this year for the event.

CALENDAR

- July 5 – Flag take-down, 6:00 p.m.
- July 13 – Can Kennel Sorting, TBD
- July 16 – Dance Team car wash – Romano True Value
- July 23 – American Legion Fundraiser – Optimists run 50/50
- July 27 – Can Kennel Sorting, TBD
- July 28 – Westfair ticket booth – shifts noon-3:00 p.m. and 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.
- Aug 5 – Optimist District Meeting at Prairie Crossing Winery. Treynor Club chair setup
- Aug 13 – Gary & Julia Funkhouser 50th Anniversary social, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
- Sept 6 – Treynor Multi-cultural night, 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Birthdays

- Jun 20 – Jeff Jorgensen (recognized)
- Jun 22 – Kevin Elwood
- Jul 14 – Gary Gutttau
- Jul 23 – Jerry Hempel
- Jul 27 – Jim Clausen

Anniversaries

- Jul 14 – Jeff & Mary Beth Jorgensen
- Jul 25 - Chuck & Kathy Nielsen

Speakers

- July 9 Josie Baier, Tourism, Pott Co. She is from the Chamber of Commerce
- July 16 Jeff Theulen, Emergency Management

Programs

- July – Judy Gutttau
- Aug – Treynor Bank Employees
- Sep – Jeff Jorgensen
- Oct – Gary Funkhouser
- Nov – Arlyn Norris
- Dec – Chuck Nielsen

Silliest Questions Asked by Tourists

- How long is a one-day pass good for?
- What time does the 9 o'clock ferry leave?
- How many miles of undiscovered cave are there?
- Is that the same moon we see in Vermont?
- Why don't you have more signs saying to keep the area pristine?
- How much does it cost to mail a letter to the U.S.? (from an American tourist in Hawaii)
- If it rains, will the fireworks be held inside?
- Will I need my passport when I get off the ferry on Nantucket?