

The Optimist Club of Treynor, IA Iowa District, Zone 3, Club Number 40-109

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NEWSLETTER

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Loess Hills

Gary Guttau spoke at the Treynor Optimist Club on Saturday, November 24 about the Loess Hills. The Loess Hills is windblown soil. His first interest in soils was in 1946 when his father had a meeting with the soil conservation service to discuss terracing.

China has a large area of Loess Hills soil near the Yellow River. It is called

Yellow because of the fine dirt in the river. Loess Hills soil can also be found in Montana and the Rocky Mountains.

Gary taught Vocational Agriculture in Carson in 1967. He also remembers drilling north of Council Bluffs where they had to take a sample of the soil every 5 feet. After drilling 90 feet down they still did not hit

Many glaciers covered lowa long ago. These glaciers deposited rock. Winds from the west brought in dust, Calendar

Nov 28 - Can Kennel Sorting, Cub Scouts, 3:30 p.m.

Birthdays

Nov 8 - Mick Guttau (recognized)

Nov 18 - Dianne Willenborg

Anniversaries

Nov 2 – Kirk & Lynell Vorthmann

Nov 6 - Kenneth & Linda Graham (recognized)

Nov 25 - Ward & Suzanne Chambers

Programs

Nov - Gary Guttau

Dec - Bill Vorthmann

Prayers

which settled in the area. Mick Guttau said he likes to think of it as trees growing along the Missouri river. The trees act like a snow fence, interrupting the wind and depositing the dust on the East side of the river. To give an idea of the depth of the Loess Hills, the Omaha airport is 964 feet above sea level. The

Council Bluffs airport is at 1245 feet. Therefore, there is probably at least 281 feet of soil difference.

Meeting Minutes

Ken Graham opened the meeting on November 24. Keith Denton, Gary Guttau and Ken Graham provided jokes before the Pledge of Allegiance. Arlyn Norris offered the opening prayer.

Keith Denton recognized his wife Georgia Denton having found three bags of cans stolen from the Can Kennel. Richard Vorthmann also contributed for bragging rights. Kevin Underwood said that his sister has pre-pneumonia and was being treated for it.

Can Kennel sorting will be Wednesday, November 28 at 3:30 p.m. for the Cub Scouts. Dee Guttau won the 50/50. Tim Greiner won the attendance award but did not collect. There were 17 members and 1 guest at the meeting.

Dec 1—Dennis White

Dec 8—Bill Vorthmann

Dec 15—Chuck Nielsen

Dec 22—Richard Vorthmann Dec 29—Ken Graham

Jan 5-Dale Willenborg

Jan 12—Gary Guttau Jan 19—Steve Irvin

Jan 26—Dee Guttau

Feb 2—Mick Guttau

Feb 9—Judy Guttau

\$279 Million total debt \$438 Million total debt \$431 Million total debt

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From the Des Moines Sunday Register, 24 November 2012 http://data.desmoinesregister.com/results/index.php?info=ia debt

Local government debt per capita for the fiscal year that ended June 30

| Coralville | \$14,751 |
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| Des Moines | \$2155 |
| Cedar Rapids | \$3408 |
| Local cities | |
| Avoca | \$2048 |
| Griswold | \$2282 |
| Carson | \$2248 |
| Oakland | \$1800 |
| Council Bluffs | \$1387 |
| Stanton | \$1387 |
| Macedonia | \$ 942 |
| Underwood | \$ 858 |
| Treynor | \$ 366 |
| Pottawattamie County | \$ 203 |