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Council Bluffs YMCA

Eva McCain from the Council Bluffs YMCA spoke to the Optimist Club on February 18. She has worked at the YMCA for 5 ½ years in the child development center.

The child development center has about 50 children in the program. In the summer they will have as many as 150. They have 13 staff that work in the childcare program. Their program includes a variety of activities, including free swim lessons for children ages 2 to 6. Each Friday is parent's night out.

The YMCA is having a strong kid's campaign now for scholarships for the child care center. About 50% of the children there are on scholarship. Child care costs \$140/week for YMCA members and \$160/week for non-members.

The YMCA is also working on a capital campaign to rebuild or remodel the Council Bluffs YMCA. They are negotiating with the parking garage for additional space.

Eva plans to open her own Day Care center in Treynor by May. She also wants to continue working on special events at the YMCA. She moved to Treynor six years ago. She and her husband have a daughter who is 11 and a son who is 6.

Meeting Minutes

Keith Denton and Chuck Nielsen provided jokes for the Optimist club meeting on February 18. Chuck Nielsen opened the meeting by leading in the Pledge of Allegiance and Richard Vorthmann offered the opening prayer.

Richard and LuEtta Vorthmann will celebrate their 68th wedding anniversary this week. Gary Guttau said that his mother (age 96) had broken her hip

and was healing in the nursing home after surgery. The surgeon said that she was healing like a 60 year old. Jim Clausen contributed to the Youth Fund for bragging rights because his son passed his CPA exam.

Ken Graham and Chuck Nielsen helped with can kennel sorting this week, along with 10 others. They had 22 bags of cans and 12 ½ bags of plastic.

Keith Denton won the 50/50. Dee Guttau won the attendance award but did not collect. The Treynor Cheerleaders collected their can kennel check from February 2011 for \$663.20.

Calendar

- Feb 29 – Can Kennel sorting at 3:30 p.m.
- Mar 10 – Regional Optimist Meeting at St. John UCC in Council Bluffs – 9:30 a.m.
- Apr 26 – Bicycle Safety

Birthdays

- Feb 12 – Richard Vorthmann (recognized)
- Feb 13 – Gary Funkhouser (recognized)

Anniversaries

- Feb 6 – Jon & Debra Jacobsen
- Feb 23 – Richard & LuEtta Vorthmann (recognized)

Speakers

- Sat., Feb 25 - David Vaudt, Iowa state auditor
- Sat., Mar 3 - Tom Latham, congressional candidate

Programs

- Feb – Chad Guttau
- Mar – Dale Willenborg
- Apr – Jim Clausen
- May – Ken Graham

Can Kennel

- Feb 2012 – Dance Team
- March 2012 - JOOI Club
- April 2012 - Book Club
- May 2012 - Saint Paul Youth
- June 2012 - Faith in Action
- July 2012 -
- August 2012 - Music Boosters

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Robins have been spotted in the area this week. Another sign of Spring. Here are other signs and quotes:

Spring Fever

Four high school boys afflicted with spring fever skipped morning classes. After lunch they reported to the teacher that they had a flat tire.

Much to their relief she smiled and said, "Well, you missed a test today so take seats apart from one another and take out a piece of paper."

Still smiling, she waited for them to sit down. Then she said: "First Question: Which tire was flat?"

Spring shows what God can do with a drab and dirty world. - Virgil A. Kraft

Science has never drummed up quite as effective a tranquilizing agent as a sunny spring day. - W. Earl Hall

In the Spring, I have counted 136 different kinds of weather inside of 24 hours. - Mark Twain

Spring is when you feel like whistling even with a shoe full of slush. - Doug Larson

If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant: if we did not sometimes taste of adversity, prosperity would not be so welcome. - Anne Bradstreet

An optimist is the human personification of spring. - Susan J. Bissonette