



Pottawattamie County Attorney



Matt Wilbur, the Pottawattamie County Attorney, spoke at the Treynor Optimist Club on April 25. Matt graduated from the Carson-Macedonia High School, went to the US Coast Guard Academy for two years, and graduated from Graceland

University with a BA in Business Administration and Physics. He then went to the McGeorge School of Law in Sacramento, California. He has been the county attorney for 12 years. For hobbies Matt likes singing, coaching wrestling and soccer, running, and reading.

Matt talked about asset forfeitures, mainly from drug dealers in the form of cash and cars. 90% of drug seizures are made by state and local law enforcement, not by the federal government. Generally the seizing agency keeps 80% of the seizures. This money is used to help pay for things needed by the agency. They spent \$150,000 for security cameras in the county courthouse, bought I-phones for staff to file their reports, provide training for drug dogs, and send troopers to classes.

Matt says he uses the grandpa embarrassment factor for making decisions on how to spend asset forfeiture money. That is, if his grandfather would be embarrassed to read about how the money was spent on the front page of the Des Moines Register, then the money shouldn't be used for that.

The budget for his office is \$2.5M to \$3M. Asset forfeiture money helps his office with special needs.

Calendar

Apr 29 –Can kennel sorting

Birthdays

May 11 – Keith Denton

May 21 - Steve Irvin

May 22 - Kirk Vorthmann

Anniversaries

Matt said his main concern is about Meth. People on Meth are on a high for 48 hours, then they sleep for days. Then they go into a tweaking period where they are not high but not sleeping. During this period they often have paranoia's and do strange things.

With marijuana, people just become lazy. They usually are not a problem. However, a synthetic form of marijuana called K2 is scary because it is uncontrolled and unpredictable. It can include any type of drug that mimics the effects of marijuana sprayed onto an herbal base material. Therefore it is scary because it is uncontrolled and unpredictable.

Meeting Minutes

Dee Guttau opened the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Dennis White gave the opening prayer.

Keith Denton and Dee Guttau provided humor. Kirk Vorthmann contributed to the Youth Fund in recognition of the tree planting. Dale Willenborg won the 50/50 and the attendance award.

The Dance Team visited the club, including Jan Strutzenberg, Abigail Strutzenberg, and Kathy Copperstone.

The grant for swim lessons was not funded. More checking is needed to ensure the YMCA can handle the expected number of students.

Caseys provided 100 bags for the can kennel. The club also received all the expected money from Park Place in Glenwood. Since they have closed, that was good news.

Money has been received for 13 flags so far. The first day for putting out flags is May 23 for Memorial Day on May 25.

The JOOI club applied for a grant for Treynor Community Gardens and the grant was funded. They have 12 possible plots and 5 are already spoken for. The cost is \$25 each.

There were 15 members and 4 guests at the meeting.

May 27 – Bob & Mary Francis Abbott

May 29 – Bill & Rhonda Matthew

Speakers

Dale Willenborg arranging speakers for May

Need someone to arrange speakers for June

Prayers

As I was conditioning my hair in the shower this morning, I took time to read my shampoo bottle. I am in shock! The shampoo I use in the shower that runs down my entire body says "for extra volume and body!" Seriously, why have I not noticed this before? Now I understand why I am so "full-figured"! Tomorrow I am going to start using "Dawn" dish soap. It says right on the label "dissolves fat that is otherwise difficult to remove." It pays to read the warning labels my friends!