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Loess Hills Turf and Landscape

Keith Denton introduced speaker Bradley "Brad" Trede, Owner/Horticulturist of Loess Hills Turf and Landscape of Council Bluffs. Brad is a 2002 graduate of Treynor and a 2006 graduate of Northwest Missouri State University with a degree in horticulture. While in college Brad began working for Struyk Turf of Council Bluffs and continued there for 13 years. In April 2016 Brad started up his own landscaping business, Loess Hills Turf and Landscape.



Loess Hills Turf and Landscape provides landscaping, fertilization, weed control, aeration, seeding, pest control and more. Brad described the company's March through November turf program. In March and April a slow-release granular fertilizer is applied, which takes up to six weeks to break down. The slow, steady release of nitrogen provides healthy, manageable turf growth. Because weeds, such as dandelions, begin to set on at the end of March, a pre-emergent and weed control is applied with the fertilizer. Warm season annuals, like crabgrass and foxtail, tend to germinate by May 15 so the cut-off date for effective application of pre-

emergent is any time before May 15. Insecticides for grub worm control are applied in June and July. Brad also does pest control spraying around homes. Aeration and seeding are recommended for either spring or fall. Trees and perennials used in landscaping projects are purchased from a wholesale company which helps keep costs down. In all applications and projects, Loess Hills Landscaping takes great care to protect the environment by following all label instructions.

For more information about Loess Hills Turf and Landscape, contact Brad at 712-256-2048 or cell 402-680-8803 and email bradleytrede@gmail.com. Brad and his wife, Cara, live in Council Bluffs with their two children, Jack and Frances.

Meeting Minutes

President Kirk Vorthmann called the Jan 7, 2017 meeting of the Treynor Optimist Club to order at 8am in the Legion Room of the Treynor Community Center. The meeting began with humor from Keith Denton, Marsha Underwood, Ann Vorthmann, Ken Graham and Chad Gutttau followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Dee Gutttau offered the prayer.

John Klein won the 50/50 drawing and the attendance prize was not collected. Bragging rights go to Dee and Gary Gutttau who are celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary; Gary Gutttau remembered his mother, Ethel, on the second anniversary of her passing with a favorite verse of hers, "And now these three remain: faith, hope and love but the greatest of these is love;" and Kirk Vorthmann acknowledged Bob Abbott, former Treynor Optimist, for his kind attention to Niles Vorthmann.

Treynor Senior, Amanda Driver, on behalf of the Treynor Dance Team accepted the Team's Can Kennel redemption check of \$521. Gary Gutttau opened the Can Kennel on Dec 28 for sorting by the Treynor After Prom. The Treynor After Prom will be sorting again on Weds, Jan 11 and 25, at 5 pm.



Graduated 2016 Treynor senior, Megan Lutz, was presented her Optimist scholarship. Megan is a student at Iowa State University majoring in English and Journalism. In addition to her studies, she is a copy editor for the Iowa State Daily.



Treasurer Gary Gutttau reported most Treynor Optimist memberships have been renewed. The Optimist Board will meet after the Jan 14 Saturday morning meeting.

Unfinished business included updating Flag Project on the website and Kirk will follow up with District President Pro-Tem George Volz, Carson, regarding details of opening ceremonies at the District Optimist Convention in August. Agenda items are due as soon as possible for the upcoming Regional Optimist meeting scheduled for Feb 18 in Council Bluffs; event location and date are not yet known.

New business included discussion lead by John Klein of possible Optimist/Cardinal Core community projects to especially take advantage of the remaining grant funds before they expire on April 1. A possible bike safety event scheduled in March will be discussed at the next Cardinal Core. Volunteers to help with the project are John, Gary Gutttau, Keith Denton and Ann Vorthmann.

Gary Gutttau offered for auction a shoulder phone with I-Phone head phone jack. Keith Denton was the high bidder

Feb 13 – Gary Funkhouser

Anniversaries

Feb 6 – Jon & Debra Jacobsen

Feb 23 – Richard & LuEttta Vorthmann

Speakers

Calendar

Jan 11 Can Kennel sorting, After Prom, 1:00 p.m.

Jan 25 – Can Kennel sorting, After Prom, 1:00 p.m.

Birthdays

Jan 19 – Dennis White

Feb 12 – Richard Vorthmann

Programs

January - Keith Denton

February - Bill and Ann Vorthmann

March - Chad Guttau

April - Gary Funkhouser

May -

June - Jim Clausen

July - First two weeks open

Last two – Jerry Hempel

August - First two weeks open

Last weeks – Bob Mantell

September - Ken Graham

October - Gary Guttau

November - Mick Guttau

December –

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Notes provided by Ann Vorthmann