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Gardening

Dee Guttau went over the presentation she gave at Westfair. She demonstrated some of the tools she uses, including a spade, hoe, and cart.

Dee gave a variety of tips for gardening. She said that raised beds are a good way to start



gardening. It is smaller and easier to control the quality of the dirt. A garden needs at least six hours of sun. Trellises work well for cucumbers and beans. Some plants require acidic soil.

Dee uses Tempo to control bugs. She said lemon grass and citronella plants repel bugs. Now

through September is a good time to put out grub control under trees and bushes that had trouble with Japanese Beetles. Dee uses grass clippings to control weeds.

For onions and potatoes, you need to add dirt around the plants as they grow. There are three kinds of potatoes, short, medium, and long season. Tomatoes come in two categories, determinate and indeterminate. Determinate all ripen at the same time. Cracks in tomatoes result from uneven watering. Sweeter onions keep worse than others.

Dee said she soaks beet seeds for two hours for better germination. She only grows them every three years for making pickled beets.

Meeting Minutes

Kirk Vorthmann conducted the meeting of the Treynor Optimist Club on August 12. The meeting began with humor from Chad Guttau and Dale Willenborg. Dee Guttau offered the opening prayer after the pledge of allegiance.

John Klein won the 50/50 drawing. Steve Irvin won the attendance prize, but did not collect. There were two more drawings for plants provided by Dee Guttau. Bill Vorthmann won one plant and Judy Guttau the other. There were 13 members at the meeting.

Chad Guttau celebrated his 47th birthday. The Guttau's provided cinnamon rolls.

Kirk Vorthmann contributed to the Youth Fund to recognize Chad Guttau's work with the Republican Party. Keith Denton recognized his daughter getting engaged. Bill Vorthmann and Kirk Vorthmann recognized their grandchildren getting several blue ribbons at the fair. Gary Guttau said his mother would have been 102 now.

For community news, the JOI Club is a finalist in receiving a \$25,000 grant from State Farm. They hope to be one of the 40 clubs receiving the award of the 200 finalists. They would use the money for Tristin's Trail on the Cardinal Core property. They used the previous award to purchase speed signs for around town. The signs should be arriving soon.

Kevin Underwood, John Klein, Gary Guttau, Chad Guttau, and Ken Graham helped with can kennel sorting on August 9 for Cardinal Core. There were 20 bags of cans, 11 of plastic, and 833 bottles.

Bill Vorthmann said there were 60 people at the Optimist Zone banquet. Kevin Underwood was recognized at the Zone Meeting for contributing \$0.10 per day to the Optimist cancer drive.



Kevin Underwood and Kirk Vorthmann

Calendar

July 27 – Westfair, need help at gates 12:00-6:00

Birthdays

Aug 11 – Chad Gutttau (recognized)

Aug 23 – Judy Gutttau

Anniversaries

Aug 13 – Jerry & Barb Hempel

Aug 25 – Gary & Julia Funkhouser

Speakers

Aug 19 – Pete Tulipana – Iowa West Foundation

Programs

August - First two – Heidi Lunn

Last weeks – Bob Mantell

September - Ken Graham

October - Gary Gutttau

November - Mick Gutttau

December –

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