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### **Tina Bakehouse speaks about Golden Hills**

Tina Bakehouse spoke to the Treynor Optimists on July 28 about Golden Hills Resource Conservation & Development. Tina is the Outreach & Communication Coordinator for Golden Hills, located across from Dairy Queen in Oakland.



### **Tina Bakehouse (right) with former teacher, Julie Funkhouser (left).**

Tina stated that when her husband's relatives in France/Belgium, who have traveled the world, were asked their favorite place, they said Iowa because of its land and the people. Golden Hills is all about the land and the people.

Golden Hills' focus is on 1) land and water conservation, 2) byways and trails, 3) arts and culture along with local foods to create vibrant rural areas in eight southwest Iowa counties.

Until 2011 Golden Hills was funded by the federal government and now is a non-profit funded by grants and donations. There are nine employees.

Their goals are to provide robust rural recreation and tourism; promote art, history, and culture as a venue for rural economic development; champion clean, healthy water, rivers, and streams; support local food system capacity-building; sustain and

diversify agricultural practices; encourage preservation, stewardship, and protection of the Loess Hills; cultivate partnerships to further common goals harmoniously.

Examples of programs they support are partnering with conservation groups, watershed projects, restoring native oaks, birding in the Loess Hills, RVing in the Loesa Hills, wine trails, water trails on the West Nishnabotna River, Ag Arts Day Camps, biking trails, scenic byways, farmers markets. Two fall events are Literacy Loess (landscape, literature and local foods – Sat., Sept. 22 at Waubonsie State Park and a four day cycling tour of Western Iowa's Loess Hills – Thurs-Sun, Sept. 27-30.

Check out [www.goldenhillsrccd.org](http://www.goldenhillsrccd.org) for more information.

### **Meeting Minutes**

Dale Willenborg called the meeting to order. Thirteen members were present plus three guests, Tina Bakehouse, Jordan Campbell, and Julie Funkhouser. After the pledge of allegiance, Dee Gutttau offered the prayer.

Judy Gutttau, Gary Gutttau, and Dale Willenborg shared jokes.

Marsha Underwood won the 50/50 raffle and Dennis White won the attendance drawing.

Jim Clausen's birthday was observed. Thanks to Jim for the breakfast pizza today.

Bragging rights dollars were contributed by Kevin Underwood to announce the Mt. Hope yard sale today starting at 9 am. Judy Gutttau donated to state they had taken a behind the scenes tour this week of the zoo. Gary Gutttau contributed to tell about finding 8 baby snakes plus the egg sack in the apple tree mulch which he brought today in a pail.

Thanks to Gary Gutttau, Dale Willenborg, and John Klein for the can kennel sorting. The next Can Kennel sorting for Cardinal Core will be August 8.

A check for \$1235.65 was presented to Jordan Campbell, representing Zion Congregational Church youth. The money is used to assist with expenses for the 24 youth who attended the Summer Games Camp.



**Dale Willenborg presents check to Jordan Campbell, youth pastor at ZCC.**

Thanks to Dale Willenborg, Gary Gutttau, Ken Graham, Kirk Vorthmann, and Keith Denton for watching gates at WestFair on Thursday.

Volunteers today to help with Bingo from 3-5 PM at WestFair are Dee Gutttau, Gary Funkhouser, and Gary Gutttau.

The meeting was adjourned with the stating of the Optimist Creed.

*Remember: All guests are welcome! Come be informed and enjoy the fellowship. The coffee is on and donuts are available.*

YOU KNOW YOU'RE FROM IOWA IF YOU CARRY JUMPER CABLES IN YOUR CAR.

YOU KNOW YOU'RE FROM IOWA IF YOU DRINK "POP".

YOU KNOW YOU'RE FROM IOWA IF YOU CONSIDER BEING CALLED A "PORK QUEEN" AN HONOR.

YOU KNOW YOU'RE FROM IOWA IF YOU KNOW SEVERAL PEOPLE WHO HAVE HIT A DEER.

#### Calendar

Aug 3-5 District Optimist Convention  
Aug 8 Can Kennel Sorting – Cardinal Core

#### Birthdays

Aug 11 Chad Gutttau  
Aug 23 Judy Gutttau

#### Anniversaries

Aug 5 Josh & Shelly Gutttau  
Aug. 13 Jerry & Barb Hempel  
Aug. 25 Gary & Julia Funkhouser

#### Programs

August Judy Gutttau  
September Linda Danker  
October Bill Vorthmann

#### Speakers

Aug 4 "Stop the Bleed" Program, CHI starting at 8  
Aug. 11 Alora Nowlin, Girls State attendee and scholarship recipient, JOI Club President  
Aug. 18 Mick Gutttau, VN Helicopter Pilots Monument Dedication  
Aug. 25 Deb Masker, SWI Leadership Academy

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