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Tom Becka Speaks

Tom Becka, Fox 42 KPTM-TV News Commentator, spoke to the Treynor Optimist Club on April 6, 2019 at the Treynor Community Building. Becka stated that he is hired by the Simpsons Fox, not the Hannity Fox. He is allowed to say what he wants. He prepares and airs daily six days a week; however, he produces Sunday night's show on Friday. Becka's Beat airs at approximately 9:15 PM.



Tom Becka

A reflection of the world today is the recent sign under the TV at HyVee in Omaha where Becka and his buddies drink coffee in the morning, stating "No news on TV". Several news programs were constantly running and clients were getting riled, but no more. Instead, HyVee is running sports programs. He said the news is stressful today and people are shutting it off, but he said we must still pay attention. There is danger in not following news. He stated that 40 percent of Americans don't have access to local news. He also stated that Facebook is doing a study to add more local news.

Becka stated that snap judgments are made today on social media, and we must be aware how we consume social media and be smart in using social media. It is important that we all make opinions based on fact, not emotions, he opined.

Becka also stated that Americans aren't as divided as the media makes us think. The Midwest floods are an example. It doesn't matter if First Responders, other volunteers are Republican, Democrat, or any other group that separates beliefs when we are working for a common cause, and Becka stated that needs to be emphasized more. He also said that groups like ours (Optimist Club) get along regardless of beliefs. That must be embraced more.

Topics discussed included what to do about immigrants coming across the border, the subject of believability, how rating systems get their information, changes in radio vs. television getting out local news and serving community, and what are we willing to cut to have smaller government.

Meeting Minutes

John Klein called the meeting to order. Fifteen members were present and our guest speaker was Tom Becka. Jokes were shared followed by the group saying the Pledge of Allegiance. Jordan Campbell gave the opening prayer.

Jim Clausen won the 50/50 drawing and John Klein won the Attendance drawing. There were no birthdays observed. The 52nd anniversary of Jim and Diane Clausen was observed.

Bragging Rights contributions to the Youth Fund: 1) Kevin and Marsha Underwood each contributed because Carter White from St. Albert is undefeated competing in tennis after 3 games in a row. 2) Kevin also contributed to announce that his sister, Marsha was recognized for having the most volunteer hours at Jennie Edmundson Hospital. 3) Gary Funkhouser donated to state that there is a nice story in the newspaper about Connor Sudmann being named Athlete of the Year. 4) Gary Gutttau donated to state that he was a driver for a group from the Sister City Program and learned more about human trafficking in the area. 5) Gary also contributed to share that a baby gibbon was born at the Zoo on April Fool's Day. The mother was seen holding the baby and combing the hair of another small one.

Old Business: The first Can Kennel sorting to benefit the JOII Club was held Wednesday. Gary Gutttau, Gary Funkhouser, Bill Vorthmann, and John Klein assisted.

New Business: Gary Funkhouser announced that the Optimist Youth Appreciation Event is scheduled at 3 PM on April 28 at Zion Congregational Church. There are a large number of students (16-17) selected by teachers to be honored.

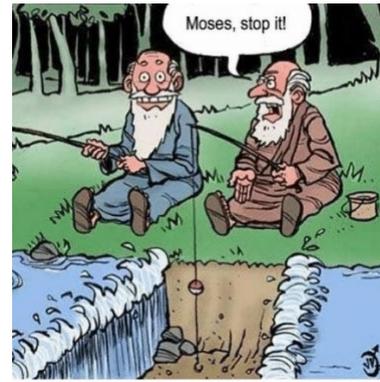
Community News: John Klein reported that the ISU Community Transportation Planning Workshop held last week in Treynor had 81 local residents participating, which was a great turn out. The attendees were divided into various age/needs groups. One universal finding was the need for more safe sidewalks.

Jordan Campbell announced Cardinal Core news: A Pitch, Hit, Run event for ages 7-14 will occur next Sunday, April 14. John Klein stated that the Baby Sitting Clinic is uncertain at this time since the end of the year school schedule has been changed.

It was reported that the helicopter to be displayed by the flag pole area which the Treynor Legion has obtained will be mounted in the next couple weeks. It was also mentioned that the Collins Consulting Building has been sold.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by stating the Optimists Pledge.

It's almost fishing weather!!



Fishing with Moses

Calendar

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| Apr. 17 | Can Kennel Sorting – 3:30 PM |
| Apr. 25 | Mulch Madness – volunteer to help 5 th graders mulch trees 12:30-3:00 PM |
| Apr. 28 | Optimist Youth Appreciation Event |

Birthdays

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| Apr. 20 | Steve Chambers |
| Apr. 24 | Linda Danker |
| Apr. 25 | Irvin Saar |
| Apr. 28 | Gene Seran |

Anniversaries

Programs

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| April | John Klein |
| May | Gary Funkhouser |
| June | Mick Guttau (first 3 weeks) Open (last 2 weeks) |

Speakers

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| April 13: | Vision Treynor Plans – Travis Castle, Doug Wehring |
| April 20: | Kevin White, SWI sports writer Nonpareil and World Herald |
| April 27: | East & West Pott. Conservation District's new Conservation Education leader: Paige Volkens |

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