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Dan Nielsen Speaks to the Optimists

Dan Nielsen, Treynor, spoke to the Treynor Optimist Club on August 24, 2019. After a career of mechanics, Nascar and seven years of owning an auto repair shop in Treynor, he decided to make a major change and now owns Genuine Pest Control.



A friend in Pittsburg encouraged him to check out the pest control business, which Dan at first declined because it was “disgusting”. However, his friend encouraged him to ride with him for two days. He decided it wasn't really too bad. Dan ended up buying a truck and equipment from him. His friend has been his mentor.

Dan now has three employees working for him – one in the office, one with pest control, and one with wildlife control. Anything that is a pest or wildlife he will deal with.

Dan shared story after story of what all he has seen varying from a possum in the basement of a \$2 million home in Omaha (grandkids left the basement door open) to wasp nests that are beach ball size in attics to having 120 bat jobs in a year plus more.

Dan stated that many roofs are not finished correctly causing major problems. Chimneys that are open can also cause problems. The maternity season for bats is June 1 to Aug. 15. Bats are caught, frequently using a one-way valve system and then released outside. In the spring he receives many raccoon calls, averaging 10-15 raccoons a week. He can use a thermos imaging gun to determine what is in a wall.

In Iowa and Nebraska wild animals must be released within 100 yards or can be euthanized. Dan stated that most animals will die quickly when exposed to the wild. The alternative is they come right back.

Raccoons have minds like a puzzle. Film footage has shown that they can learn every part of a trap to avoid, they can unscrew lids, can unhook cages, and can pull off soffits.

Nielsen is not fond of wild bird feeders as they feed a lot of mice, rats, squirrels, and raccoons. This can create problems in urban neighborhoods.

Dan also stated that home remedies do not work. Windex will kill any bug including ants and even Japanese beetles. A mixture of Seven dust and water is good for large areas for the beetles.

Bed bugs can be treated with a special spray that is harmless to people and animals. If you are concerned about termites, he can place stations to check every few weeks to see if treatment is needed.

Dan stated he really likes his job because the cost of materials is low and people are very happy when he comes.

Dan's web site is GenuinePestControl.com. You can also get products and advice to control insects and other pests at DoYourOwnPestControl.com.

Meeting Minutes

Dale Willenborg, President, called the meeting to order. Twelve members were present. Dan Nielsen was present as our guest speaker.

Jokes/stories were shared by Gary Funkhouser, Judy Gutttau and Mick Gutttau. The group said the Pledge of Allegiance. Dale Willenborg gave the opening prayer.

The 50/50 Drawing was won by Jim Clausen and the Attendance Drawing was won by Jeff Jorgensen, who was not present.

Judy Gutttau's birthday was observed and Gary & Julia Funkhouser's wedding anniversary was observed.

Bragging Rights contributions to the Youth Fund included: 1) Kevin Forristall contributed to salute Gary Funkhouser for painting the space by Treynor Home & Acres. 2) Judy Gutttau donated to note Yesterday's in Okoboji has a great steak! 3) Mick Gutttau donated to announce that Okoboji Classic Cars is a must-see for anyone traveling in that area.

Community News: It was announced that the first official football game will be at Logan on Friday.

It was also announced that Zion Congregational Church is hosting two free drive-in movie nights starting at 8:30 outside the church. One was to be that evening and the next will be Apollo 11 on Sun., Sept. 1.

Donia Days is this weekend (Aug. 23-24).

Old Business:

John Klein announced that Kevin Underwood/Greg Soloth are donating a trailer for the Omaha Street Percussion at the Homecoming parade. The Music Boosters will build the float. In addition, the Elementary Band teacher, Michael Stinman, will have the new 5th grade drummers march behind this float while keeping the beat. Sept. 13 is Homecoming. In addition, Zion will be feeding the Percussion Group over lunch. The Zion lunch area is open to the public.

John also noted that the Keep Kids Alive, Drive 25 Committee of the JOI Club held a Burma Shave contest and the signs will be put in in the future.



Dennis White, Ken Graham, Bill Vorthmann, Gary Funkhouser, and John Klein and three JOI members, two grandchildren, and Denise Wilson all sorted cans on Wed. There were 20 bags of cans, 11 of plastics, and 700 bottles.

Anyone with ideas for three programs the last three weeks of November, please let Judy know.

New Business:

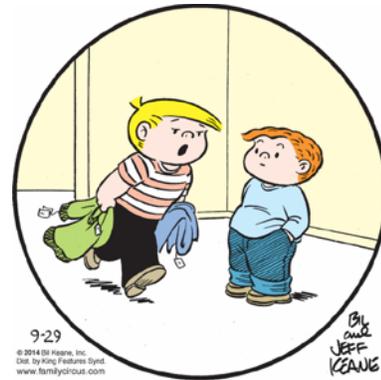
It was noted that Kirk Vorthmann is working on the Optimist float.

Flags will be put up next Saturday, Aug. 31.

There will be a board meeting Sept. 7 after the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned and concluded with the saying of the Optimist pledge.

HUMOR



"Now I know summer's REALLY over. Mommy just got me two new sweaters."

Calendar

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| Aug. 31 | Put up Flags after the meeting |
| Sept. 4 | Can Kennel Sorting @ |
| Sept. 7 | Board Meeting after Opt. Club |
| Sept. 9 | Joint Zone 2&3 Meeting – 6:30 PM
Hoy-Kilnoski in CB |

Birthdays

Anniversaries

Programs

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| August | Jordan Campbell |
| Sept | Gary Gutttau (first two)
Jerry Hempel (last two) |
| Oct | Bill and Ann Vorthmann |

Speakers

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| Aug. 31: | To Be Announced |
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