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Shelly Sudmann, a Federal Prosecutor for the State of Iowa from the Western Division, spoke to the Treynor Optimists on Saturday, January 4 at the Treynor Community Building. Shelly is the wife of Adam Sudmann and they live in rural Treynor.



Sudmann talked about the difference between regular and federal jury duty. With federal jury duty you serve 18 months. For the first 12 months, you serve one time a month for one or two days. In the next 6 months a jurist may be called back to complete the case.

The types of federal cases that get prosecuted are for fraud, immigration, child obscenity and exploitation, violent crimes, human trafficking, and other. Most cases come from law enforcement officers.

Shelly stated that most drugs come from Mexico and are stronger than in past years. Federal cases deal with large quantities of illegal drugs. They will also prosecute resale of prescription drugs. She showed pictures of what different drugs look like. A gram is about the size of a sugar packet.

The subject of guns was discussed. Those who cannot legally have a gun are felons, drug users, those on protection orders and those who have been committed for mental health. You must be 21 to get a carry permit. Having a gun can add five years to case results for someone being prosecuted.

Most immigration cases start with a DWI. A work permit allows one to be in country for a year. To not leave the country, you would need to change

jobs. Sudman stated offenders who are deported seem to return. She also stated human trafficking is a big problem in our area.

The Federal Prosecutor's office has had a Council Bluffs office for about five years. There are three attorneys and two support staff. Much of Sudmann's time is writing briefs for all the steps in the process. She has about 15 open cases. She also can work together with other attorneys from different parts of the state if cases run together.

Next week's speaker will be from Children's Square. Join us from 8-9 AM on Saturday at the Treynor Community Building.

Meeting Minutes

Dale Willenborg, Vice President, called the meeting to order at the Treynor Community Building. Thirteen members were present and five guests, Craig, Adam and Shelly Sudmann, Doug Dillivan and Georgia Denton.

Jokes/stories were shared by Keith Denton and Dale Willenborg, The group said the Pledge of Allegiance. Dee Gutttau gave the opening prayer.

The 50/50 Drawing was won by Gary Gutttau and the Attendance Drawing was won by Jim Clausen.

Birthdays/Anniversaries:

Bragging Rights

- 1) Kevin Underwood and Keith Denton shared news about a Mercedes car from Kansas City driving with lights off hitting a pole which broke another pole.
- 2) Gary Gutttau donated because he can now talk again after having a sore throat.
- 3) Ken Graham announced his grandson graduated from college.

Community News:

The boys' basketball team play basketball in Kansas City today. They are playing a high

school there known for being one of the best in the area and from a large school. (Followup: Coach Rucker said on Twitter that Treynor led at the end of the first quarter, but then the game got away from them a couple times. He stated it was a good learning experience for the team.)

Old Business:

New Business:

The Music Boosters will sort cans at the can kennel this week on Wednesday at 4:30 p.m.

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

Thanks to Dee Guttau for her notes today.

HUMOR



Calendar

Jan 8 Can Kennel – Music Boosters, 4:30 p.m.

Birthdays

Jan 19 Dennis White

Anniversaries

Programs

Jan. Keith Denton
Feb. Gary Funkhouser

Speakers

Jan 11 Children's Square Speaker

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