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### Tony Leick, Private Investigator Speaks



Tony Leick, Private Investigator with the Pott. Co. Sheriff Dept, spoke today. He is married to Jane, a teacher in Treynor, and has two daughters, Brooklyn and Quinley. He grew up in CB and is a 1999 St. Albert grad. Tony graduated from the University of Iowa, where he was in track and field, running the 400 hurdles. He spoke about competing against the Woods boys

from Treynor.

After first working as a youth worker at Children's Square, Tony was hired as a police officer in 2008. He worked his way up to the Sheriff's Dept. Patrol, was certified as a technical collision investigator and drug expert, and in 2015 went into investigations, where he is now Corporal and in his sixth year of being in charge of the accident division. There are four in the department with three more in training.

Training for being a private investigator included 160 hrs. of classroom work, plus several weeks of additional specific schools. As an expert, Tony responds to major accidents in the county such as where there is prolonged loss of function by the driver(s) or high liability situations such as if a Fed X truck were involved.

Training included first learning the old methods – measuring tapes, hand drawing on giant piece of papers for the courtroom. Now technology, including Total Stations (tripod laser devices), GPS antenna, drones and computers are used to provide info for the courts. We learned that evidence can be gotten from downloading air bag info, and if the incident occurs in some towns in Pott Co., there are camera systems placed that may provide info. Treynor has two. In fact, a camera system in Treynor identified the car used to steal cans from

the Optimist can kennel. A federal grant provided the opportunity for every department to have access to county wide grants, which a portion of was used to purchase these cameras.

The Pott. Co. Dept. has a number of drones. A drone provides overlapping pictures of what is on the ground.

Most investigations, Leick reported, take up to two months to get all information together. He said most cases are settled out of court by attorneys. He has presented in court three times in six years.

Once first responders go to an accident, it is determined if an investigator is needed. Tony prefers that two investigators go at a time. They are on call 24/7.

Other topics discussed were: Bad weather/drag factor issues, blood samples, texting and driving, a hand signal for kids to indicate help, drugs that are popular in this area, and who has priority in an accident if in CB, Pott Co, or on interstate highways.

Two closing points: Tony will want his girls to drive a large heavy car. No one should act on getting a phone call from a grandchild asking for bail money to get them out of jail. Legitimate phone calls will never be made by Social Security offices or banks asking you for account information.

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Next week's speaker will be Kara Huisman, Treynor Softball Coach.

The public is invited to attend all meetings. The coffee is always on. Gary Funkhouser coins our club as "The best informed club in Treynor!"

**"Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap but by the seeds that you plant."**

**Robert Louis Stevenson**

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## Meeting Minutes

Dale Willenborg, President, called the meeting to order. Present were 18 members and guests, Glenrose Meier, Tony Leick and daughters, Quinley and Brooklyn.

Dale Willenborg led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the opening prayer. Gary Gutttau, Keith Denton, and Dale Willenborg provided humor. Steve Chambers won the football contest.

50/50 was won by Kirk Vorthmann, and Doug Dillivan won the Attendance Drawing, but was not present.

### Birthdays/Anniversaries:

### Bragging Rights: (\$ are used for youth activities)

- Keith Denton shared humorous back seat driving stories.
- Gary Gutttau enjoyed a Veterans Day meal at HyVee and showed a drink can and medallion he received.
- Gary also stated that he's happy that the Mr. Pillow Guy is now Mr. Slipper and all those products are not made in China.
- Gary Funkhouser stated the Treynor HS Veteran's Day Program was excellent and the students were so respectful.
- Dale Willenborg has travelled to be with grandchildren and enjoyed the elaborate marching band performance his grandchild was involved in. Prizes were given for best props, best color guard, and bands.
- Shelly Bailey shared that the High School musical was excellent. She will share an email link to a podcast(s created by Peyton and Memphis.
- Gary Gutttau enjoyed spending time with Don and Joanie Saar and Adrienne Saar to discuss his grandmother who was a Saar. He stated that many family names we grew up with are no longer in Treynor, but still it's interesting how many he is related to as are other Treynor natives.
- Dale Willenborg stated there are so many great things to watch on videos.
- Dennis White paid tribute to a WWII vet still living in Treynor: Roland Burger

- Judy Gutttau announced her sister Kathy Luedke has moved to Treynor from Alabama and is currently living with them.
- Glenrose Meier stated she went to an excellent Veterans Day program at Lewis Central and the kids were very respectful as well.
- Bill Vorthmann paid \$1 to see who wanted the keys left on the registration table. Kirk Vorthmann paid for them, but Jerry Hempel plus others offered more!

### COMMUNITY:

### BUSINESS:

More dues have been paid, but some remain.

Optimist can kennel workers, along with seven members of Keep Kids Alive, were: John Klein, Gary and Chad Gutttau, Gary Funkhouser, and Steve Chambers.

Putting up flags for Veterans Day were Gary Gutttau, Chad Gutttau, Jim Clausen, Bill Vorthmann and John Klein. Taking down flags were Bill Vorthmann, Gary Gutttau and Chad Gutttau. It was observed that Patty Walter stopped and repaired a flag that had come loose. Thanks, Patty.

John Klein introduced Glenrose Meier as a guest who lives in walking distance. Thanks for coming, Glenrose.

Monday is the Optimist Zone meeting. John Klein and Dale Willenborg are attending from our club.

The meeting was adjourned with members reciting the Optimist Creed.

### HUMOR



## Calendar

### Events

Nov 15 Western Iowa Optimist Clubs – dinner at  
UMBA Hall in Underwood.  
Catered meal. Program: “Fly kites”  
Feb 2 Optimist Day. District Conference – Cedar  
Rapids  
Feb 28 Club Youth essays due

### Birthdays

Nov 18 Phil Waggoner  
Nov 18 Diane Willenborg

## Anniversaries

Nov 22 John and Carol Klein

### Programs

Nov Jerry Hempel  
Dec Linda Danker (first two)  
Mick Gutttau (last two)  
Jan Kirk Vorthmann and Doug Dillivan

### Speakers

Nov 20 Kara Huismann, Treynor Softball Coach  
Nov 27 Brad Bailey PGA Professional, 2012 Grad

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