

October 21, 2020

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Optimist Club of Richfield, Minnesota  
Dakotas-Manitoba-Minnesota District  
Club Number 35125  
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Hello fellow Richfield Optimists,

**WED Oct 21 - Zoom meeting at 8:00 AM**

Our guest speaker will be : **Brian Kelley - Director, Young Builders and Designers**

Sign on for Zoom is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81482306704>

Last week we heard from **Paul Smithson**, Manager of the Wood Lake Nature Center

Paul has been the manager since Jan 1, 2020, but he has over 20 years of experience at several large nature centers, including Wolf Ridge, where many Richfield school students go annually.

One of his unique assets is that he is certified to band birds.

He is enjoying relating to school students at Wood Lake.

At Wood Lake, they are gearing up for the Half Haunted Halloween activity on October 24<sup>th</sup>, and planning is underway for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Wood Lake in 2021.

**TRUNK & TREAT** was held on Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup>. A huge crowd of costumed trick or treaters showed up, along with quite a few open trunks to dispense candy. Richfield Fire brought two rigs, Richfield Police had four units and Hennepin County Sheriff had a car as well. And of course, Richfield Optimists were well represented by **Tony Koval**, dressed as Santa, and his friend who helped dispense wooden toys. **See next page for pictures.**

