



ACT and Standardized Test

Steve Irvin, the High School counselor at Treynor, spoke to the Treynor Optimist Club about standardized testing at Treynor. Iowa Tests of Basic Skills (ITBS) is administered to Kindergarden through 8th grade and Iowa Tests of Educational Development (ITED) is administered to 9th through 11th grades. ITBS and ITED are normalized tests, which means that the scoring on the tests relates to a reference group, not to an actual percentage of people taking the test.

The Iowa Department of Education has determined that a student in Iowa is considered proficient if they score 41% or higher on these normalized tests. They are considered highly proficient if they score 90% or higher. Proficiency test scores are given for English, Math, Science and overall. Treynor students take testing seriously. That helps them do better on the tests. Overall, the percentage of Treynor students determined to be proficient is well above state and national averages.

85% of Treynor students take the ACT test for college entrance. Their composite average score is 23.5 versus a state average of 21.5 for students taking the ACT test. If a school has a low percentage of its students taking the ACT test, the school average will generally be higher because then only the best students are taking the test.

Hospice of Southwest Iowa

Stacy Stanton talked at the Treynor Optimist Club on November 6 about Hospice of Southwest Iowa. She has been working there for two months and was hired to focus on fundraising for building a Hospice house on North Broadway. Jenny Edmundson Hospital donated five acres for the house. The house will have eight private rooms and facilities for family to participate in patient care.

Hospice of Southwest Iowa is a non-profit hospice program formed in November 2007. They service an average of 30 patients each day and serviced 421 last year. Hospice programs focus on comfort care, care of the dying, and effective grieving. They differ from home care programs which focus on treating illness. Hospice programs do not focus on treating illness, but on managing pain and comfort for those who are terminally ill.

There are four levels of care for Hospice under Medicare. Routine Hospice care is primarily provided in a patient's home or in a nursing home. Respite care is provided in a Hospice facility for up to five days. General inpatient care is provided in a hospital or facility when care can no longer be provided in the home setting. Continuous care is 24 hour in-home care when families need assistance for short periods of time, but prefer to keep the patient in the home.

Hospice of Southwest Iowa has 62 volunteers who provided 2500 hours of service last year. They provide direct care through caregiver relief, diversional activities, meal preparation, and household assistance. They also assist with bereavement, office support, special event assistance, and as advisory board members.

Hospice of Southwest Iowa has a yearly memorial service, which will be November 13 at the New Horizon Presbyterian Church in Council Bluffs. More information is available at <http://www.hospiceofsouthwestiowa.org>

Meeting Minutes

Dennis White opened the meeting on October 30 and Gary Gutttau gave the opening prayer. Keith Denton provided jokes. For bragging rights, Jim Clausen recognized the football and volleyball teams for a great season. Gary Gutttau talked about the Ukrainians he had met during their visit to Council Bluffs.

Gary Gutttau and Dennis White helped with can kennel sorting for the High School dance team. Dennis White attended the Optimist Zone meeting in Underwood on October 24. Richard Vorthmann won the 50/50 drawing and Ward Chambers won the attendance drawing, but did not collect. There were 17 members at the meeting.

There is a good video on Facebook from the Treynor Volleyball team. In Facebook.com, search for "Treynor Volleyball Dig Pink" and watch the 11 minute video.

Dennis White opened the Optimist Club meeting on November 6 and Keith Denton provided a joke. Dee Gutttau gave the opening prayer. Keith Denton bragged about the comical High School Musical titled "The Wild, Wild, Wildest West."

There were 11 members and 1 guest at the meeting, Arlyn Norris won the 50/50 drawing and Gary Gutttau won the attendance drawing. Can Kennel sorting will be Wednesday around 3:30 p.m. for the Cub Scouts

CALENDAR

Next Can Kennel sorting on Wed, Nov 10, 3:30 p.m. for the Cub Scouts.

Birthdays

Nov 8 - Mick Gutttau
Nov 18 - Dianne Willenborg

Anniversaries

Nov 21 - Les (deceased) & Milli Harvey
Nov 22 - John & Carol Klein
Nov 25 - Ward & Suzanne Chambers

Speakers

Nov 13 - Keith Norris, Materials Engineer for the Iowa Department of Transportation
Nov 20 - Pastor Harry Wahler, MOHM's Place in Council Bluffs
Nov 27 - Arlyn Norris, featuring a video on our recent Pilgrimage to Tanzania
Dec 4 - Speaker from Field Services, 4th Judicial District.
Dec 11 - Jim Mathai, Chief Deputy, Pottawattamie County

Programs

Nov - Arlyn Norris
Dec - Chuck Nielsen/Keith Denton