



Iowa Legislature



Greg Forristall spoke at the Treynor Optimist Club on March 23. Greg is the Iowa State Representative from the 22nd District. He has served in the Iowa House of Representatives since 2007.

Greg is a retired farmer. He makes \$25,000 per year as a member of the Iowa House. He serves on several committees and is chair of the Labor

committee and of an Education Tax Force.

Greg said that the House would like to reduce property and income taxes in Iowa. There is also an effort to create a 4.5% flat tax, which would be cheaper for about half the people in Iowa. Greg said that a lot of people are moving to South Dakota or Florida because of the income tax.

Iowa is moving to a bi-annual budget. The state budget is about \$6B, with another \$6B in block grants from the Federal Government.

Calendar

- Mar 27 – Can Kennel Sorting, 5:30 p.m.
- Apr 27 – Youth Appreciation
- Zone meeting in Treynor in July at the park.

Birthdays

- Mar 2 – Ward Chambers
- Mar 11 – Kenneth Graham
- Mar 20 – Jon Jacobsen

Anniversaries

- Mar 4 – Gene & Erika Seran
- Mar 8 – Keith & Georgia Denton (recognized)

IowaCare is a health care program that provides limited services for people who are not otherwise eligible for Medicaid. The purpose of IowaCare is to provide some health care coverage to people who would otherwise have no coverage. It operates under a waiver for Medicaid, which expires next year. The Iowa legislature must decide what to do next.

Iowa has a low unemployment rate because of agriculture, which makes up 15% of the economy. Agriculture has been doing well in the recession.

Meeting Minutes

Ken Graham opened the meeting on March 23. Gary Funkhouser and Richard Vorthmann provided jokes followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Chuck Nielsen offered the opening prayer.

Gary Funkhouser reported that Madison Clark won the essay contest and received \$2000. The oratory contest is this week for 8th graders.

For bragging rights, Gary Gutttau and Chuck Nielson contributed for ISU. An auction items sold for \$5.

Gary Funkhouser won the 50/50. Gene Seran won the attendance award, but did not collect. There were 14 members and 2 guests at the meeting.

Programs

- Mar - Dale Willenborg
- Apr - Chad Gutttau
- May - Gary Funkhouser
- Jun - Gary Gutttau

Prayers

- March 23-Chuck Nielsen
- March 30 -
- April 6 - Chad Gutttau
- April 13- Dale Willenborg

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Old Farmer's Advice:

Your fences need to be horse-high, pig-tight and bull-strong.
 Keep skunks and bankers at a distance.
 Life is simpler when you plow around the stump.
 A bumble bee is considerably faster than a John Deere tractor.
 Words that soak into your ears are whispered... not yelled.
 Meanness don't jes' happen overnight.
 Forgive your enemies; it messes up their heads.
 Do not corner something that you know is meaner than you.
 It don't take a very big person to carry a grudge.
 You cannot unsay a cruel word.
 When you wallow with pigs, expect to get dirty.
 The best sermons are lived, not preached.
 Most of the stuff people worry about ain't never gonna happen anyway.
 Don't judge folks by their relatives.
 Remember that silence is sometimes the best answer.
 Live a good, honorable life... Then when you get older and think back, you'll enjoy it a second time.
 Don't interfere with somethin' that ain't bothering you none.
 Timing has a lot to do with the outcome of a Rain dance.
 If you find yourself in a hole, the first thing to do is stop diggin'.
 Sometimes you get, and sometimes you get got.
 The biggest troublemaker you'll probably ever have to deal with watches you from the mirror every mornin'.
 Always drink upstream from the herd.
 Good judgment comes from experience, and a lotta that comes from bad judgment.
 Lettin' the cat outta the bag is a whole lot easier than puttin' it back in.
 If you get to thinkin' you're a person of some influence, try orderin' somebody else's dog around.
 Live simply. Love generously. Care deeply. Speak kindly. Leave the rest to God.
 Don't pick a fight with an old man. If he is too old to fight, he'll just kill you.