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## NEWSLETTER

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### Iowa House of Representatives

Mark Brandenburg, a member of the Iowa House of Representatives, spoke at the Treynor Optimist Club on August 9. He is nearing the end of his second term in the legislature and is currently running for Pottawattamie County Recorder.



Mark has two sons and six grandchildren. He likes to go to the Zoo once a month. He is a member of the Carter Lake Optimist Club and the West End Optimist Club. He believes in living every day to its fullest. His goal is to visit every state capitol in the U.S. He worked in Human Resources OPPD for 34 years. He also taught about human resources at IWCC,

including how to find a job.

Mark lives in a house in Des Moines during the session where the people go to Florida for five months. He talked about what it is like to be a State Representative. He said that seating in the house is based on Seniority. They have live streaming of legislative sessions. Each legislator can hire a clerk and can have a page.

The Legislative Services Agency provides nonpartisan staff services to all members of the General Assembly. They provide information and craft bills. Each year 800-900 bills are submitted and 150-200 pass the legislature.

Mark has had 5-6 bills become law. One of them requires anyone installing wind or solar energy to the power grid to inform the power company. That helps power company workers avoid being electrocuted when repairing equipment.

Another bill allows someone who finds their stolen tools at a pawn shop to get them back free if they can prove they owned them.

In Iowa, the Democrats control the Senate and the Republicans control the House. They manage to work well together.

Mark found that the State troopers do not have tasers. Studies show that tasers reduce trooper injuries by

### Calendar

- Aug 13, Wed – Can kennel sorting, 5:30 p.m.
- Aug 27, Wed - Can kennel sorting, 5:30 p.m.
- Sep 4, Thursday, 6:30 p.m. – Treynor Optimist Anniversary Party at B&B Again

### Birthdays

- Aug 11 – Chad Gutttau
- Aug 23 – Judy Gutttau

### Anniversaries

- Aug 13 – Jerry & Barb Hempel
- Aug 25 – Gary & Julia Funkhouser

### Speakers

70% and offender injury by 40%. The legislature approved buying tasers for all state troopers. Also, the trooper level in Iowa went from 450 to 350 in the last few years. The legislature approved hiring 30 new troopers.

### Meeting Minutes

Bill Vorthmann opened the meeting on August 9. Gary Funkhouser provided jokes. Bill led the Pledge of Allegiance and Chad Gutttau gave the opening prayer.

Gary Gutttau contributed to the Youth Fund to celebrate his mother's birthday. She will be 99. Keith Denton contributed because one of his children moved to their own house. Dale Willenborg contributed because his father celebrated his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday with family. Ken Graham contributed in recognition of his uncle who died. He was at Pearl Harbor when the Japanese attacked.

Can Kennel sorting will be Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.

Emily Nelson received her scholarship award. She will begin college at IWCC in the fall and complete her degree through Buena Vista University. She will major in Elementary Education and would like to teach 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. She is also a Westfair Queen candidate.



Richard Vorthmann, Kirk Vorthmann, and Dale Willenborg helped with selling tickets at the baseball games this week.

Keith Denton won the 50/50 drawing. Gary Funkhouser won the attendance drawing. There were 17 members and 4 guests at the meeting.

The Board of Directors held a short meeting after the club meeting. They approved a can kennel month for the SW Iowa Honors Band trip on Dec 31. Four youth are going and each needs to raise \$1500. The month was not determined.

The board also approved \$150 for the Freedom Rock in Oakland. Six board members were in attendance.

- Aug 16 - Denise Wilson and youth group
- Aug 23 - Josh Gutttau arranging
- Aug 30 - Keith Denton – dairy tour
- Sept 6 - Bill Vorthmann arranging
- Sept 13 - Jon Jacobsen arranging
- Sept 20 - Bob Mantell arranging
- Sept 27 - Bill Matthew arranging

### Prayers

- Aug 16 – Judy Gutttau
- Aug 23 – Dale Willenborg
- Aug 30 – Dee Gutttau