



**Iowa State Representative**



Greg Forristall, Iowa State Representative from the 22nd District, spoke at the Treynor Optimist Club on February 21. Greg has served in the Iowa House of Representatives since 2007.

Greg said that the Iowa budget is a big problem because farm income is down,

causing a shortfall of \$200,000 million. They are looking for areas to save money.

The start date for school could come as soon as Tuesday. Greg is rather confident it will be August 23<sup>rd</sup>. The later date is being pushed by the travel industry (Iowa State Fair and Lake Okoboji). The amount of money schools get is still undecided which is making school budgets impossible to set.

The gas tax is now 20 cents a gallon. There has been no increase in years. There will most likely a 10 cent increase. It will be used for county roads, bridges and road repair.

There was discussion on areas that might be options for increased taxes: That would include big companies that get big tax breaks and Credit Unions that pay no taxes.

Rep. Greg Forristall is attempting to have a town hall meeting in all communities in his district.

**Meeting Minutes**

**Calendar**

- Feb 25, Wed – Can kennel sorting after school
- Feb 28, Sat – District Meeting
- Mar 29 – Cub Scout Blue and Gold banquet

**Birthdays**

- Feb 12 – Richard Vorthmann (recognized)
- Feb 13 – Gary Funkhouser (recognized)

**Anniversaries**

- Feb 6 – Jon & Debra Jacobsen
- Feb 23 – Richard & LuEtta Vorthmann

**Speakers**

- March 7 - State Senate Majority Leader, Mike Gronstal from Council Bluffs (he is not our senator, so I am surprised he was willing to come out here).
- March 14 - Brian Shea - President of the Pottawattamie Co. Trails Association, telling us of the bike trail plans

Dee Guttau opened the meeting and Bill Vorthmann gave the opening prayer. There were 13 members present. Visitors included: Bob Beattie, Steve Owens, and Carol and Greg Forristall.

Keith Denton provided humor. Gary Guttau contributed to the Youth Fund to brag about the girl's great basketball season. Kevin Elwood contributed for Steven Gregory's success at the State Wrestling Tournament.

Can kennel sorting will be Wednesday February 25<sup>th</sup> after school for the Dance team. Remember that can kennel months must be applied for and applications can be found on line at [treynoroptimist.org](http://treynoroptimist.org).

The District Optimist Meeting is Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at St Johns UCC in Council Bluffs.

The Treynor Optimist regular meeting will start at 7:45 a.m. next week. The DOT will give an update on the bridge West of town, the changes with the Treynor Y North of town, and the interstate changes in Council Bluffs.

The following pictures are the Treynor Optimist Club essay contest winners for 14-15 school year.



going on around the county and which could someday include Treynor. He is from Crescent, IA.

March 21 - Susan Miller - Carson Dreamland Theater. She will outline the history of our closest movie house and the plans for the near future. Also she will outline how the decisions are made on which movies to select. She may bring some free movie passes to give away.

March 28 - Josh Bintz, Doctor of Physical Therapy with Flex Physical Therapy in CB and currently in Treynor at the Fitness Center. However, with Casey's buying that building he will hopefully be moving the Treynor location elsewhere in town. His plans should be definite by March 28.