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Steam Show

Everett Vorthmann spoke at the Treynor Optimist club on December 17. He retired after working for Honeywell for 20 years as an engineer. His designed secured a couple of patents and the company is still developing products from one of his patents. He got \$1 for the patent.



Everett volunteers at the Stephenson County Antique Engine Club in Freeport, Illinois. One of six large engines, it powered a rolling mill and a line shaft that powered other equipment. In 1989, the engine was then assembled by club volunteers. The 25-foot, 4-inch flywheel consists of twelve 5-ton sections connected by 24 bolts, three inches in diameter, and 96 dog-bone shaped keys 2.5 inches square by thirty inches long. It is supported by a 25-ton crankshaft. Assembly of the engine required 12 hours.

The museum run by the club has a saw mill run by a steam engine, a steam engine that runs on a mile of track, They also have a lot of tractors. Their website is

<http://www.thefreeportshow.com/index.htm>

Calendar

Dec 28 – Can Kennel sorting, After Prom, 1:00 p.m.

Jan 11 Can Kennel sorting, After Prom, 1:00 p.m.

Jan 25 – Can Kennel sorting, After Prom, 1:00 p.m.

Birthdays

Dec 16 – Kevin Underwood (recognized)

Dec 23 – Chuck Nielsen (recognized)

Everett is also working on a genealogy book of his family. His mother was born in Ottawa, Canada. Her family moved to Montana. She was young when her mother died. She was on her third set of parents by age 7. The she went to an orphanage in Waverly. Henry Wiese form Mineola took her. She took seven different trains to get to his house. Later she taught in four different schools near Mineola.

Meeting Minutes

Kirk Vorthmann called the meeting of the Treynor Optimist Club to order on December 17 and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Gary Gutttau gave the opening prayer.

Keith Denton, Kirk Vorthmann, and Dale Willenborg provided jokes. Gary Gutttau won the 50/50. Gary Funkhouser won the attendance award.

Chuck Nielson celebrated his 70th birthday.

For bragging rights, John Klein contributed to the Youth Fund because he went to the new Raising Kane Chicken Fingers. He also talked them into donating 300 meal tickets to Hope Net. Kirk Vorthmann contributed because Everett Vorthmann put together the family history book of his mother. Gary Gutttau contributed because they finally have a renter for their other house.

Wednesday was can sorting. They had 21 bags of cans and 10 bags of plastic. Gary found from past experience that a bag of cans is worth about \$17.50 and a bag of plastic is about \$8.00. The can kennel has raised \$141,215.

There were 12 members and one guest at the meeting. .

Anniversaries

Dec 27 – Gary & Dee Gutttau

Speakers

Programs

Dec - Chuck Nielsen

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