



The Optimist Club of Treynor, Treynor, IA
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NEWSLETTER

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Jeff Jorgensen, County Supervisor



Jeff Jorgensen, Optimist and Pottawattamie County Supervisor, was asked to provide an update.

Jeff states he is enjoying being a Supervisor and it's basically a full time job. They meet once a week on Tuesday, but Supervisors are also appointed to serve

on local governing boards and organization committees. He is the board representative for the Veterans Services Committee, the Council Bluffs Airport Authority, and the Pottawattamie Co. Trails Board, just to name a few.

Jeff stated the main thing right now is working on next year's budget which means meeting with department heads. He feels financially that Pottawattamie County is doing fairly well.

Jeff stated he attended a meeting in Des Moines recently and was impressed with a presentation made by Lt. Gov. Adam Gregg, who is working to revamp the first responders' process based on a process used in the nation of Israel. His project is called Iowa United First Aid. In Iowa the average response to a 911 call is 23-25 minutes which can be too long a lot of the time. He stated recently a young girl choked to death by the time the first responders arrived. A doctor living close by said if he had known he would have been there right away.

In Israel the first responders react not in minutes, but in seconds. When someone calls 911 in Israel, there is a network contacted – certain public people and qualified people who live closest who are given the address information of the situation. The response can be quicker. These people also have emergency packs which are taken with them. This program is being tested in three counties already in Iowa. Jeff believes that Cass County is one. Once they get the results, this will be implemented state wide.

The fire department and first responders are responding favorably to this program.

Questions presented to Jeff were given answers:

1) Two buildings being built north of the airport are a new maintenance shed for the Roads Dept. and county offices for the Roads Dept.

2) Bridges are a number one concern. There is a bridge inspection team required by the state that works for the county. More tubes are replacing bridges. Money for this area is always a problem, Jeff indicated.

3) The budget includes a percentage of gambling receipts from Pottawattamie County's casino gambling operations and they try to use that effectively. Jeff believes the casinos in Nebraska aren't having that great of an effect on the local casinos. He feels it makes for more opportunity.

4) There is a big effort to get big companies to move to Pott. Co and Iowa, companies that manufacture and provide services. ConAgra is being courted. Their headquarters were in Omaha, then Chicago. Chicago has become a disaster as a city and states such as Iowa are taking advantage of that. Iowa is a great retirement state. It is #1 in the nation, as far as safety, which is a big plus to attract businesses.

5) There is an area of 20+ acres near Big Lake, which a developer wants to put in possibly ten lots for small companies that do service work (one example, machine maintenance, etc.). The county owns this land. At one time the thinking was the Sheriff Dept. would go there. The developer would acquire the property through a forgivable loan process, with specifics yet to be worked out.

6) Jeff stated that Council Bluffs will grow exponentially in the next 20 years and should double in size in 20-30 years.

7) A housing development southeast of the Bent Tree housing development will be built with lots for 18 houses. These would be in the Treynor School District.

8) Jeff stated that at his Rural Development meeting in Des Moines, Treynor was named as one of the top communities that have gotten statewide notice for their rural community development. Also mentioned was Manning, Corning, and Keosauqua.

Next week's Program:

Keith and Carla Christensen

School Board Candidate Forum Questions

Vacation to see Noah's Ark, Kentucky

Famous Quote

"Tell me, and I'll forget. Show me, and I may not remember. Involve me, and I'll understand."

Native American Saying

Meeting Minutes

Dale Willenborg called the meeting to order. Fifteen members were present.

The group recited the pledge and Dale Willenborg offered the prayer.

Jokes: Dale Willenborg, Jeff Jorgensen, Judy Gutttau, Gary Gutttau shared jokes/stories.

50/50: Kevin Underwood won.

Attendance: Chad Gutttau won.

Football Contest: Ken Graham won.

Birthdays: None

Anniversaries: None

Bragging Rights: (Dollars are contributed to benefit local youth programs.)

- Jeff Jorgensen bragged on Iowa. He was in Des Moines Wednesday for the Rural Iowa Development Presentation. Iowa is #1 in a lot of areas. A big surprise was for the first time, more people are moving to Council Bluffs than to Omaha. Taxes play a big part.
- Jim Clausen announced he has three bags of green tomatoes which anyone can have.
- Gary Gutttau announced leftover pumpkins in their patch were picked up by Open Door Mission and the patch is tilled up.
- Judy Gutttau bragged on Gary Gutttau for being recognized recently for teaching Sunday School for 46 years. He retired recently.

Community:



- Recently when there were field fires, it was stated at an Optimist meeting that we should do something for the department. Dee Gutttau baked and delivered cinnamon rolls for the Treynor Fire and Rescue Department. Dee shared with them that we pray for them and value them for what they do in our community. See the list of Treynor Fire Department members below so that you can thank them when you see them.

| NAME | LEVEL |
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| 1. RUSS MAGUIRE | EMT-B/FFI |
| 2. JEFF THEULEN | EMT-B/FFI |
| 3. TONY EBLEN | ParaM/FFI |
| 4. WILLIAM (BILL) LASTOVICA | FFI |
| 5. KELLY BURHENNE | ParaM/FFI |
| 6. TOBIAS (TOBY) WATERMAN | EMT-B/FFI |
| 7. DANIEL ROBERTS | ParaM/FFI |
| 8. JEFF KULESA | FFI |
| 9. KURTIS W STROHBEHN | FFI |
| 10. TRAVIS GAYER | FFI |
| 11. MATTHEW WIESE | FFI |
| 12. JAMES RECTOR | FFI |
| 13. BLAIR PAULSEN | ParaM/FFI |
| 14. KEITH CHRISTENSEN | EMT/FF |
| 15. DAN TEMEYER | FFI |
| 16. AUSTIN KULESA | EMT/FF |
| 17. MATTHEW WEEKLY | FFI |
| 18. GRACE ABBOTT | EMT/FF |
| 19. JAMES FLEISSNER | FFI |
| 20. ERIC STEWART | FFI |
| 21. IAN JOHNSON | FF |
| 22. TYLER BEATY | FFI |
| 23. RICHARD ANDERSEN | EMT/FF |

- The Treynor Mouse Derby is this evening.
- The Treynor High School musical, Grease, is Sat. Nov. 4 at 7:30 pm and Sun., Nov. 5 at 2:00 pm. Students and Senior Citizens - \$5. Adults \$10.
- John Klein stated Jordan Campbell indicated that Zion Church will not be doing Haunted Halloween this year.
- It was stated that 12 girls from Middle School have signed up for Girls Wrestling.
- Judy Gutttau shared information from Kelsey Stupfell to pass along:
 - a) Four Corners Community Foundation is accepting applications for the SWI Impact grant of \$1000. Nonprofits serving their

communities may apply until Nov. 10. For information about this grant please follow this link: [SWIA Impact Fund News \(google.com\)](#)

To apply for this \$1,000 grant please create an account here: [Logon - Grant Lifecycle Manager \(grantinterface.com\)](#)

b) REV Event: The public is invited. Thurs., Nov. 2 at PACE in CB, sponsored by Advance SWI Corporation and TS Bank. Enjoy light appetizers, drinks, networking and hear live pitches from this year's finalists competing for \$20,000:

- Bev's Porch (Neola)
- Entry Envy (Omaha)
- OCookieOs (CB)
- Gillett Hauling, Inc. (Underwood)
- Judge Richard Distillery (Carson)

In addition, you will have a chance to vote for one of the five runner-up businesses to win \$500. Visit <http://www.tsbank.com/revevent> for more information and to grab a \$10 ticket.

Business:

- Can kennel sorting will take place on Sun., Oct. 29 at 3:00 pm.
- Glenrose Meier read a thank you from "Sewing for Babies".
- Flags will be put along the highway for Veterans Day. Talk to Dale if you'd like to help.
- The Speakers sign-up sheet for 2024 was passed around.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned with the saying of the Creed.

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Calendar

Events

Oct 29 Can Kennel Sorting 3 pm.
Nov 11 Veteran's Day

Birthdays

Oct 29 Bill Vorthmann
Nov 8 Mick Guttai
Nov 18 Phil Waggoner
Dianne Willenborg
Nov 22 Kathy Luedke

Anniversaries

Nov 2 Kirk & Lynell Vorthmann
Nov 6 Ken & Linda Graham
Nov 22 John & Carol Klein

Programs:

Nov Jordan Campbell (1st/2nd Sat)
Jerry Hempel (3rd/4th Sat)
Dec Judy Guttai

Speakers

Nov 4 Keith & Carla Christensen
School Board Candidate Forum Questions
And Vacation to Noah's Ark, Kentucky
Nov 11 George Gillespie, SHIP Counselor,
Medicare Part C discussion
Nov 18 Jeff Casey, Treynor football coach
Nov 25 TBA