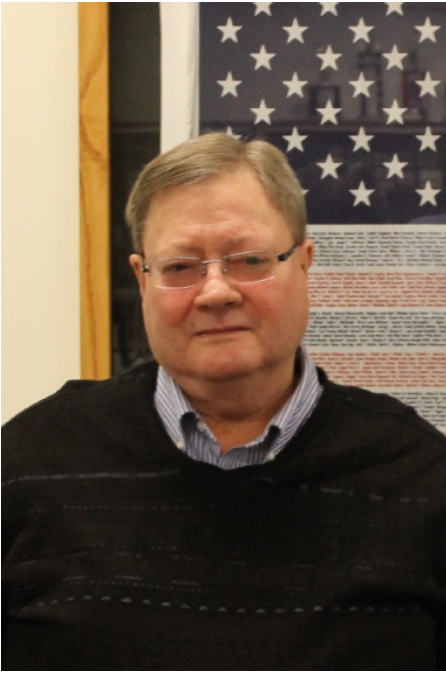


Iowa Legislature



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.

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.