



Moving a House

Nigel Horton spoke at the Treynor Optimist Club on August 29. His is on the Treynor City Council.

Nigel is the Griswold School Principal. Monday will be their first day of school. Griswold School district includes the cities of Lewis and Griswold. Nigel is trying to set up an after school program. There are a lot of home school families in the district. He has a 30 minute commute to school.

Nigel moved his 120 year old brick house 18 miles. The house was built in 1891 and the brick was added in 1980.

The house weighs about 138 ton. A permit for moving is good for 3-5 days. The 4th time he got a permit they were actually able to move the house.

The chimney was very heavy and they needed an engineer to help with it. They also hired a surveyor to measure the house before and after moving it.

They used 17 jacks to hold up the house. Just the cost for MidAmerican to move power lines cost \$39,000.

Nigel called 6-7 movers. Four companies were interested. The costs ranged from \$36,000 to \$90,000. He picked one in the middle.