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Ruby Bentley speaks about Macedonia

Ruby Bentley, Macedonia, spoke about the history of Macedonia to the Treynor Optimist Club on September 28, 2019.



When the pioneers and Mormons made their trek west, a little town sprung up to meet their needs and some stayed behind first at Stutsman's Mill at the edge of what is now Macedonia. Stutsman's Mill became a community center, church, and school. Later they wanted to have their own post office so they didn't have to go to Kaneshville (CB) to retrieve

mail. But a name for the town had to be determined. An elder had delivered a sermon from Acts 16:9: "And a vision appeared to Paul in the night: There stood a man of Macedonia, and prayed him, saying, 'Come over into Macedonia, and help us.'" The settlers being mostly Mormon had given biblical names to many of their communities. Someone remembered that sermon. Thus the name of Macedonia was given to the town.

The current site was settled because of the CB&Q Railroad. To get the railroad to stop in Macedonia a certain number of houses and building were required. Local folklore tells that one resident who was away on business returned to find his home relocated in the new town to meet the qualification!

Ruby spoke about the Macedonia Historical Society, a 501c3, formed in 2000. Their motto is a "Bridge from the Past to the Future". Their logo is the old railroad bridge which was removed in the '70's which was located on the west end of Main St. Their mission is preservation, restoration, and education. They meet once per month and are responsible for the Pioneer Museum. The Pioneer Museum is open from 1-4 PM Fridays and Saturdays and by appointment. The old Treynor Post Office is on location there with some names still on the mail boxes.

The Historical Society is also caretaker of the Stempl Bird Museum, a collection of Dr. Guido Stempl, who

died in the early 1900's. This very old collection was formerly housed at the Court House.

The Society is a volunteer group with a low budget. They depend on memorials, gifts, and have received grants. One fundraiser they sponsor is the Nishna River Rubber Ducky Race. Each duck is sponsored with a \$10 donation.

The first Macedonia History Book was printed in 2008 and is available for \$35. They, along with the Macedonia Hamilton Development Corporation, have also developed a free "Architectural Gems of Macedonia" pamphlet to guide people on a historical tour of special buildings in Macedonia.

Ruby shared info about the school building, the church, the old Dungeon of Fear, the historical railing, Doni Days, etc. One interesting fact is that the baseball grandstand was purchased by the city from the Riverside school for \$40,000 and is one of two remaining grandstands in Iowa.

Next week Kevin Pingel will speak to the Optimists about his woodworking. Join us from 8-9 AM at the Treynor Community Building. The coffee will be on!

Meeting Minutes

Bill Vorthman, Vice President, called the meeting to order at Zion Congregational Church. Fourteen members were present. Ruby Bentley was a guest.

Jokes/stories were shared by Chad Gutttau, Jordan Campbell, Gary Funkhouser, Keith Denton, and Bill Vorthmann. The group said the Pledge of Allegiance. Jordan Campbell gave the opening prayer.

The 50/50 Drawing was won by Judy Gutttau and the Attendance Drawing was won by Kirk Vorthmann, who was not present, so the fund continues to grow.

Breakfast was served today by Dee Gutttau and Bill and Ann Vorthmann in celebration of Dee's birthday and Bill and Ann's 50th Wedding Anniversary. Be sure to ask Bill how far a \$20 bill would go for a date 50 years ago and who gave it to him!

Gary Gutttau won the college Football Contest again.

Bragging Rights contributions to the Youth Fund included: 1) John Klein to announce the wedding of his daughter Holly to Dean Leaders on Sunday, Sept. 29. 2) Judy Guttau to thank the Optimists for allowing two flags to be put up Friday for the ribbon cutting celebration of the TS Community Foundation for its 20th Anniversary and new affiliation with PCCF (Pottawattamie County Community Foundation). 3) Judy also contributed for attending two other ribbon cuttings on Friday – Tradeworks at TJ and AL High Schools in CB. 4) Dee Guttau contributed for Mick's positive heart test, 5) Judy contributed for the successful football game at East Sac at Wall Lake, Iowa and 6) for Marvin Atteberry's 90th birthday. 7) Gary Guttau shared that Ruby Bentley's dad was a "teacher" to him and that Gary had taught both Bruce and Ruby. 8) Mick Guttau donated to brag on Ruby's family. 9) Jordan Campbell contributed because of the all-concrete bench at the crosswalk near the church which was donated by Reid Andersen. 10) Kevin Underwood contributed to announce the Mt. Hope Soup Supper/Bake Sale from 4-7 PM at McClelland on Sunday. 11) John Klein donated to state that Master Gardeners had delivered 200 lbs of sweet corn to the Treynor Food Pantry which was donated by someone north of Crescent. He thanked Jnelle Keysor and Jordan Campbell on this end for the distribution.

Community News:

Jordan Campbell announced a retirement coffee for Susan Maguire from 4-6 PM this Friday in the High School Commons. Mick Guttau announced a coffee for Jennifer Brammer, who will take Susan's position, was held at the bank on Friday for her ten years of service.

Old Business:

Gary Guttau reminded members that dues are due - \$75, annually, or \$40 for life time members.

A thank you from some students was circulated for the dictionaries that were given to them by the Optimists.

New Business:

The next can kennel will be Wednesday at 4 PM. The next one will be at 2 PM.

An auction item (birdhouses) donated by Dee Guttau was purchased by John Klein for \$5.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned and concluded with the saying of the Optimist pledge.

There is always hope!



Calendar

- Oct. 2 Can Kennel Sorting- football & basketball Cheerleaders – 4:00 PM
- Oct. 16 Can Kennel Sorting – 2:00 PM
- Oct. 21 35th Anniversary Dinner for Treynor Optimists, 6 PM, Silos
- Dec. 1 Deadline for Can Kennel Applications

Birthdays

- Oct. 17 Marsha Underwood
- Oct. 29 Bill Vorthmann

Anniversaries

- Oct. 13 Dale and Diane Willenborg
- Oct. 17 Dennis and Kay White

Programs

- Oct Bill and Ann Vorthmann
- Nov Josh Guttau (first two)
- Last three are open yet

Speakers

- Oct. 5 Kevin Pingel - woodworking
- Oct. 12 Trip to China talk
- Oct. 19 Kara Huisman – Softball season
- Oct. 26 To be announced

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