



IWCC Nursing Skills Lab

Stacia Thompson showed pictures of the new skills lab at Iowa Western Community College on June 18. The new facility opened in February 2011.

The new skills lab can accommodate 70 first semester students each semester. It contains an actual ambulance that was wrecked for practice working in an ambulance. The walls were built around the ambulance after it was brought in. There is a simulated apartment for rescue practice. They are working with the theater department at IWCC to develop actual interview scenarios for people suffering various afflictions at home.

The emergency room is state-of-the-art. They have an actual Pyxis machine to ensure medicine dosages are correct. There are two Hal and two Suzie mannequins that actually bleed and need tourniquets to stop the bleeding. They also have 8 high-fidelity simulated people. The mannequins can cost \$65,000-%75,000 each. The new skills lab has full time IT staff to maintain the computers and set up scenarios for the mannequins to role play.

Most nursing students need to take two semesters of prerequisites and two semesters in practical nursing. Registered nurses need another three semesters.

In the lab everything is videotaped. Half the students in a group participate at one time with the mannequins and the other half watch from behind one-way glass or video camera. After a session they all get together to watch the videotape and discuss what worked and what didn't work. This is where a majority of the practical learning occurs.

Iowa Legislature

Greg Forristall, State Representative in House District 98, spoke at the Optimist Club on June 25. He said that the legislature has tackled many issues needed for the budget, but item still open for debate is education. The Iowa fiscal year ends on June 30, so they need to have a budget completed by then. One item that they planned to address, but will not be completed is property tax reform.

Greg has been chairman of the Education Committee for seven months. Governor Terry Branstad is hosting a conference on improving education next month. The conference has reached its limit of 2000 registered attendees. Iowa has a great education system, but Iowa is now ranked 47 in student improvement. That means other states are doing a lot more to improve their education.

Most areas of the Iowa budget are decreasing next year due to the end of Federal stimulus money. The main areas to increase are Medicate (which the State cannot control), State troopers, and support to community colleges.

Asked about the flooding in Iowa, Greg said that about 300,000 acres are affected to date. Since flooding in Cedar Rapids and Eastern Iowa a few years ago cost \$2.5 billion, the state will have a large bill soon to help address the recent flooding.

Meeting Minutes

On June 18 Dennis White opened the meeting with the pledge. Keith Denton provided jokes. Dick Baber won the 50/50. Gene Seran won the attendance drawing, but did not collect. There were 17 members and 5 guests at the meeting.

Chuck Nielsen opened the Optimist Club meeting on June 25 with the Pledge of Allegiance and Dale Willenborg gave the opening prayer. Keith Denton and Jon Jacobsen provided jokes. There were 17 members and 3 guests at the meeting.

Adam Schmidt and Mitch Godfrey came to collect their scholarship rewards. Adam will be attending Iowa State University, majoring in Chemistry and possibly Criminal Justice. He wants to play club baseball and other intramural sports. Mitch will go to St. Ambrose in Davenport, majoring in Engineering and Physics. He will play football and plans to go to Graduate school.

Chuck Nielsen announced that his second granddaughter is expected in November. He has four grandsons and one granddaughter. Kirk Vorhmann announced that he has a new granddaughter. Dale Willenborg celebrated his birthday on June 16. Mitch Godfrey and Adam Schmidt also share the same birthday in June.

The Treynor Club has been asked to set up chairs at the Prairie Crossing Winery on August 5 for the Optimist District meeting. Chuck Killian, the Treynor mayor, asked the Optimist Club to help with Westfair on July 28. Five people are needed from Noon – 3:00 p.m., and five from 3:00-6:00 p.m.

Can Kennel sorting is Wednesday at 3:30. The Optimist Club put up flags on Friday for Treynor Days and planned to take them down on Sunday.

Chuck Nielsen won the 50/50 drawing. Dale Willenborg won the attendance drawing.

CALENDAR

- July 2 – Flag installation
- July 4 – Flag take-down

Birthdays

- Jul 14 - Wes Nelson
- Jul 14 – Gary Guttai
- Jul 23 – Jerry Hempel
- Jul 27 – Jim Clausen

Anniversaries

- Jul 14 – Jeff & Mary Beth Jorgensen
- Jul 25 - Chuck & Kathy Nielsen

Speakers

- July 2 John Rasmussen, County Engineer
- July 9 Josie Baier, Tourism, Pott Co. She is from the Chamber of Commerce
- July 16 Jeff Theulen, Emergency Management

Programs

- July – Judy Guttai
- Aug – Treynor Bank Employees
- Sep – Jeff Jorgensen
- Oct – Gary Funkhouser
- Nov – Arlyn Norris
- Dec – Chuck Nielsen