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Treynor Track Teams

Gail Hartigan spoke at the Treynor Optimist Club on April 21. This year track is organized more like a college sport. Different coaches are over different areas for boys and girls. Mr. Owens is taking the sprinters for High School boys and girls. Mrs. Hartigan is working with the middle distance runners. Mr. Schleisman is working with the distance runners. Others are working with long jumpers, throwers, high jumpers, and hurdles. Mrs. Hartigan organizes the track meets. She said that the staff really likes this arrangement and there is less complaining among the youth.

Conner Meis and Chaley Rath are going to the Drake Relays this year and should do well. In other track interests, Griswold freshman Rebekah Topham is a big favorite in the 300 meter.

This year there are 38 girls and about 30 boys out for High School track. There are about 40 girls and 40 boys out for Jr. High track.

Girls basketball was a struggle this year. The girls did what they were asked to do, but lack of instinct through experience hurt them.

Gail talked about her children, Blaine, Leigh, and Kyle. Blaine has been working for Target in Council Bluffs for the past 1½ years. Leigh graduated with a Masters in Sports Management. She is a volunteer coach at Simpson and wants to teach college sports. Kyle is in his Junior year in Sports Management.

Iowa Architectural Foundation Community Design Program

Tom Lewis talked about the Community Design Program on April 28. The focus of the design is on Highway 92 between the welcome signs on each end of town. His slide show focused on weaknesses, strengths, suggestions, and phase one of the project for Treynor.

Weaknesses in Treynor include having no town center, speed of traffic on Highway 92, lack of pedestrian benches and waste receptacles, Highway lighting inconsistencies, inconsistent sidewalks, and lack of bicycle accommodations.

Strengths include the Community Center, new town entrance signs, grocery store, and the highway connected to Council Bluffs. Treynor has a pocket park next to the bank, a Post Office, Veteran's Memorial, a desirable school system and a high level of community involvement. The town also has the TRA, a new housing development for future growth, and has been successful in past projects.

The Community Design Program suggested directional signage in town, updated street lighting, and dedicated pedestrian crossings. Consistent landscaping, such as bump-ins with trees, would add to the town's appearance and slow Highway traffic. Dedicated seating and bicycle racks would add to the town appeal. They also recommended a community logo, a common business web presence, consistent building façade treatment, and including Treynor on future bicycle trails.

Phase one of the project will most likely include pushing for crosswalks, directional signage, a sign North of Treynor, trees for landscaping around the Veteran's Memorial, and a consistent town logo and identity for stationary and signs.

Information about the Iowa Architectural Foundation is available at IowaArchFoundation.org.

Meeting Minutes

Gary Funkhouser, Keith Denton, and Chuck Nielsen provided jokes for the Optimist club meeting on April 21. Chuck Nielsen opened the meeting by leading the Pledge of Allegiance and Dennis White offered the opening prayer.

Monday there is a Zone meeting at Griswold, 6:30 p.m. Can Kennel sorting will be at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday. Scholarship meeting for selecting Senior recipients will be May 1 at 7:00 p.m. at the Middle School.

Bicycle Safety is Thursday at 3:30 p.m. There is an assembly at 2:45. Extreme Wheels will be doing adjustments and minor repairs on bicycles. Kevin Underwood is supplying cookies. Gary Gutttau is supplying Tables and Drinks. Nigel Horton will help with the obstacle course.

The Oratory contest is today at 10:00.

Chuck Nielsen won the 50/50 drawing and Dee Gutttau won the attendance drawing, but did not collect. There were 15 members and one guest at the meeting.

Keith Denton and Kirk Vorthmann provided jokes for the Optimist club meeting on April 28. Chuck Nielsen opened the meeting by leading the Pledge of Allegiance and Dale Willenborg offered the opening prayer.

John Klein contributed to the Youth Fund, talking about a soil conservation project he is working on. They are also putting signs on smaller creeks around Carroll. They are currently putting up 40 signs, with 22 more planned. Keith Denton contributed for the can kennel.

The regional oratory contest is today, with Zach Maas and Emily Sutherland participating from Treynor.

Preston Vorthmann, Vice President of the JOOI club picked up a can kennel check for \$791.80. The JOOI club awarded two scholarships this year. They also painted lines in the school parking lot, went ice skating, helped at MOMS place and the Micah house 3-4 times each, sent cookies to overseas troops, held a can drive for food pantries, ushered for the fine arts night, and held a coat drive. They have about 30 members, with about 15 at each meeting.

Richard Vorthmann won the 50/50 drawing and Mick Gutttau won the attendance drawing, but did not collect. There were 15 members and three guests at the meeting.

Calendar

Apr 29 – Youth Appreciation, 3:00 p.m. at Zion Church.

Birthdays

Apr 20 – Steve Chambers

Apr 25 – Rocky Saar

Apr 28 - Gene Seran

Anniversaries

Apr 7 – Jim & Diane Clausen (recognized)

Speakers

Apr 28 – Tom Lewis, Vision Treynor

May 5 - Tina Popson, Pottawattamie County Parks Education Program Manager

May 12 - Dan's Auto, Treynor

May 19 – Daniel Flossinger

May 26 - Kevin Elwood, Treynor Community Schools Superintendent

June 2 –

June 9 – Ward Chambers

Programs

Apr – Jim Clausen

May – Ken Graham