



Colorado Water

Garin Vorthmann spoke at the Treynor Optimist Club on December 1. She lives in Denver Colorado with her husband Chad. She grew up on a cattle ranch and received a degree in Ag Business from Colorado State University.

Garin worked for Senator Wayne Allen in Washington DC and as a Farm Bureau regional

manager. For Farm Bureau she coordinated membership, worked in the policy department, worked on wildlife issues, and was a lobbyist on policy at the Colorado State Capital.

Garin works for Colorado Legislative Services now. It is the oldest lobbyist firm in Colorado. She mainly focuses on natural resource issues, especially water.

In Colorado, no water runs into the state; it all leaves. The water in the Western part of the state is mainly surface water. That on the Eastern side is mainly ground water.

The State owns all the water rights in Colorado. Water law is based on first come, first served. There are seven water basins in Colorado. Surface water rights are older, therefore they have priority. Wells directly impact the surface water. Therefore, Colorado meters well and water surface pumping.

Agriculture uses 80% of the water in Colorado. Water rights can be leased on a temporary or permanent basis. Water quality is now becoming important. Cities and counties are trying to control sub-surface drilling.

Meeting Minutes

Calendar

- Dec 13 – Can Kennel Sorting, Jr. Sr. Prom, 1:00 p.m.
- Jan 9 – Can Kennel Sorting, Jr. Sr. Prom, TBD
- Jan 30 – Can Kennel Sorting, Jr. Sr. Prom, TBD

Birthdays

- Dec 2 – Gerald Forristall
- Dec 16 – Kevin Underwood
- Dec 23 - Chuck Nielsen

Anniversaries

- Dec 27 – Gary & Dee Guttau

Programs

- Dec – Bill Vorthmann
- Jan – Bill Matthew

Speakers

- Dec 15 - Rev. Benson from Saint John Lutheran Church talking on trip to Israel
- Dec 22 –
- Dec 29 -
- Jan 5th: Jim Anderson (Organic Farming)
- Jan 12th: Kevin Forristall (Behavioral Economics)

Ken Graham opened the meeting on December 1. Ken Graham provided jokes before the Pledge of Allegiance. Dennis White offered the opening prayer.

There were 15 Cub Scouts that helped with can sorting on November 28. Four Optimists helped.

Gary Funkhouser reported that dance team this year has three separate teams. All three received 1 ratings. They also received the distinguished academic achievement award. 270 teams competed in Des Moines. One Treynor dance team received the community service award.



Kegan Hendrick & Ken Graham

Scout Troop 23 came to pick up a can kennel check for \$842.20. They will use the money to buy new 2-3 man tents. The American Legion sponsors the Scout Troop, which in return helps the Legion put up flags around town. The Scout Troop earns most of their funds from selling popcorn. This year they sold \$10,000 of popcorn, which also helps fund the Mid-America Council. They also do highway cleanup West of Treynor.

Dale Willenborg won the 50/50. Steve Chambers won the attendance award but did not collect. There were 16 members and 7 guests at the meeting.

Ken Graham brought a garage stop light for the auction. He also brought a book. They auctioned for \$16.

Jan 19 - Cynthia Angerth, Outreach Coordinator for Iowa School for the Deaf

Prayers

- Dec 8—Bill Vorthmann
- Dec 15—Chuck Nielsen
- Dec 22—Richard Vorthmann
- Dec 29—Ken Graham
- Jan 5—Dale Willenborg
- Jan 12—Gary Guttau
- Jan 19—Steve Irvin
- Jan 26—Dee Guttau
- Feb 2—Mick Guttau
- Feb 9—Judy Guttau