



**MidAmerican Energy**

On May 18 Matt Finnegan, General Manager at MidAmerican Energy was the speaker at the Treynor Optimist Club. No notes were taken, but his picture appears here with Gary Funkhouser.

**Bangladesh**



On May 25, Arin Mazumdar, a foreign exchange student from Bangladesh, spoke at the Treynor Optimist Club. Bangladesh is located between India and Burma. Arin has been in the United States since August. She was in Nishna Botna schools until March when she came to Treynor. She will leave for home in June.

Bangladesh is called the

Golden Country. The present-day borders of Bangladesh were established during the partition of the British Indian Empire in 1947, when eastern Bengal became part of the newly formed State of Pakistan. It was separated from West Pakistan by nearly 1,500 km (about 900 mi) of Indian territory. Due to political, economic, linguistic and ethnic discrimination by the Pakistani state; popular agitation, cultural nationalism and civil disobedience led to the Bangladesh Liberation War in 1971. After independence, the new state endured widespread poverty, famine, political turmoil and military coups. The restoration of democracy in 1991 has been followed by relative calm and economic progress, although the political scene remains turbulent.

The country of Bangladesh is slightly larger than Iowa. It has 150 million people. Dhaka is the capital, with six million people.

According to Arin, there is a 68% literacy in the country. Teachers change rooms, not the students. They have tests every 1 – 1½ months, half year

**Calendar**

- May 29 - Can Kennel, 10:00 a.m for 8<sup>th</sup> grade leadership
- July 18 – Zone meeting in Treynor at the park, 6:00 p.m..

**Birthdays**

- May 11 – Keith Denton (recognized)
- May 20 – Kelly Sutherland
- May 21 - Steve Irvin
- May 22 - Kirk Vorthmann (recognized)

**Anniversaries**

- May 29 – Bill & Rhonda Matthew

**Programs**

- Jun – Gary Guttau

**Prayers**

exams, and yearly exams. The school year is August to June.

Arin's school has 3000 students. There are 36 students in a class. For sports, the classes compete with each other, not against other schools. The main sports are cricket, hockey, soccer (called football), and shooting.

Students in school choose at an early age whether they will go to an English or a Bangla school. Arin chose English.

Bangladesh has six seasons: late autumn, monsoon, summer, autumn, winter, and spring. They eat rice at least twice a day. They eat a lot of mango and jackfruit. Jackfruit is the largest tree-grown fruit, weighing up to 80 pounds.

There are a variety of religions in Bangladesh. Each religion has their own festivals and everyone can participate.

**Meeting Minutes**

There were no meeting minutes on May 18.

Ken Graham opened the meeting on May 25. He asked a trivia question about the number of ski areas in Iowa. There are seven. Ken led the Pledge of Allegiance and Dennis White offered the opening prayer.



Ellisa Strohbehn, Logan Wright, and Melanie Schuler collected scholarship checks. Melanie is going to the University of Iowa to major in History and Spanish. Logan is going to Northwestern to major in Theater. Ellisa is going to the University of Nebraska in Lincoln to major in Nutrition.

Gary Funkhouser won the 50/50 drawing. Dianne Willenborg won the attendance drawing, but did not collect.

- June 1 – Bill Vorthmann
- June 8 – Dale Willenborg
- June 15 – Chuck Nielsen
- June 22 – Judy Guttau
- June 29 – Richard Vorthmann
- July 6 – Dennis White
- July 13 – Kirk Vorthmann
- July 20 – Dee Guttau
- July 27 – Gary Guttau
- August 3 – Bill Vorthmann
- August 10 – Dennis White
- August 17 – Dee Guttau