



**Council Bluffs**

Art Hill, financial director for the city of Council Bluffs, was the Treynor Optimist Club speaker on August 17. He has held that position for five years, but is now retiring. Thom Hanafan, along with the police chief, fire chief, and human resource director

are all retiring before the end of the year.

Art said that the Tom Hanafan River's Edge Park has changed Omaha's vision of Council Bluffs. Omaha doesn't have anything similar on their side of the river. Also, with all the bike trails connected to the park, bikers have a lot of options in the Council Bluffs area compared to a few in Omaha.

Council Bluffs is looking at a variety of changes that are needed. The police department is in a 40 year old building and need more space. The fire department has 100 firefighters, but only about 300 fire calls a year. Animal control needs relocating because of Interstate changes and the city is looking at different options. The Library is now an attractive place, but some people stay all day just to be out of the weather.

Council Bluffs includes about 40 square miles. The city is looking at housing and retail nearer the river, more like most cities along a river. They haven't had any growth in the Council Bluffs schools. Growth has been in Lewis Central and outlying areas like Treynor.

**Calendar**

- Aug 28 – Can kennel sorting
- Aug 31 – Put up flags after club meeting
- Oct 19 – Optimist in Action day

**Birthdays**

- Aug 11 – Chad Gutttau (recognized)
- Aug 23 – Judy Gutttau (recognized)

**Anniversaries**

- Jul 25 – Chuck & Kathy Nielsen (recognized)
- Aug 9 – Tim & Janet Greiner
- Aug 13 – Jerry & Barb Hempel
- Aug 25 – Gary & Julia Funkhouser

**Programs**

- Aug 24 – Tom Johnson, IWCC
- Aug 31 –
- Sept 7 – Dave Mason – Optimist area governor

**Prayers**

- Aug 24 – Richard Vorthmann

Council Bluffs needs to attract young professionals, like for the Google plants. It currently has a low average income. Art said that there are about 4,000 people commute from Omaha to Council Bluffs, but about 18,000 commute from Pottawattamie County to Omaha. With 90,000 working people in Pottawattamie County, 20% of them commute to Omaha.

Art is running for the Iowa Senate for District 11.

**Meeting Minutes**

Ken Graham opened the meeting on August 17. Gary Funkhouser provided jokes and Ken Graham gave the opening prayer. Judy Gutttau contributed to the Youth Fund for her birthday. Judy Gutttau contributed to recognize the Treynor softball players who made the all area baseball team.

The first Treynor football game will be August 30 against Underwood. Help will be needed for tickets.

Can kennel sorting was this week. Kevin Underwood, Marsha Underwood, Gary Funkhouser, Kirk Vorthmann, Gary Gutttau, and Ken Graham helped.

Ken Graham auctioned a book of Presidents, which included a short talk by each of them. It brought \$15 for the Youth Fund.

Judy Gutttau won the 50/50 drawing. Gene Seran won the attendance drawing, but did not collect. There were 16 members and 1 guest in attendance.

Last week the club held a board meeting. The board approved a \$1000 donation to Vision Treynor for the new sports park and providing the previously approved scholarship money to Victoria Showalter, who will go on a mission to Africa for a year instead of starting college immediately.

- Aug 31 – Dale Willenborg
- Sept 7 – Gary Funkhouser
- Sept 14 – Chuck Nielsen
- Sept 21 – Dee Gutttau
- Sept 28 – Gary Gutttau
- Oct 5 – Bill Vorthmann
- Oct 12 –
- Oct 19 – Dennis White
- Oct 26 – Dale Willenborg
- Nov 2 – Dee Gutttau
- Nov 9 – Gary Gutttau
- Nov 16 – Judy Gutttau
- Nov 23 – Mick Gutttau
- Nov 30 –
- Dec 7 – Dee Gutttau
- Dec 14 –
- Dec 21 – Dennis White