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Pottawattamie County Trails Association



Brian Shey, from the Pottawattamie County Trails Association, spoke to the Treynor Optimist Club on March 14. He is also the Mayor of Crescent.

About five years ago a group of 65 people met in Council Bluffs to discuss biking trails. The next meeting they had 20 people and the next they had 5. Since no action was being accomplished, they formed the Association. They drew up a propose trail map and the Pottawattamie County Board approved it.

The Association has applied for a lot of grants and currently has \$2.6M. Each mile of trails costs \$250,000 to \$400,000 because they prefer cement trails so they last. The minimum width now is 8 feet, but they prefer 10 feet.

Council Bluffs will pay for a trail on Highway 6 to the North border of the city. Iowa DOT is supplying funding to get bicycles off the roads. Over \$6B is spent in the country on trails each year.

Iowa has made a commitment to be first in the nation in trails. Des Moines has a lot of trails.

Calendar

- Mar 18 – Can kennel sorting
- Mar 29 – Cub Scout Blue and Gold banquet
- Apr 1 – Can kennel sorting

Birthdays

- Mar 2 – Ward Chambers
- Mar 11 – Kenneth Graham
- Mar 20 – Jon Jacobsen
- Apr 20 – Steve Chambers
- Apr 25 – Irvin Saar
- Apr 28 - Gene Seran

Anniversaries

- Mar 4 – Gene & Erika Seran
- Mar 8 – Keith & Georgia Denton
- Apr 7 – Jim & Diane Clausen

Speakers

March 21 - Susan Miller - Carson Dreamland Theater. She will outline the history of our closest movie house and the plans for the near future. Also she will outline how the decisions are made on which movies to select. She may bring some free movie passes to give away.

Pottawattamie County would like to connect to the trails in Atlantic.

The purpose of bicycle and walking trails is to allow people to get more exercise and to help provide economic development in small towns. Mineola has a bar that mainly serves bikers. They typically have 1000-1500 people per night.

The Wabash Trail uses mainly volunteers to maintain the trail. They hire a few people each summer to help.

Meeting Minutes

Dee Guttau opened the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Gary Guttau gave the opening prayer.

Keith Denton and Dale Willenborg provided humor. Chuck Nielsen won the 50/50 and Bob Mantell won the attendance award, but did not collect.

Bragging rights brought \$18 to the Youth Fund. They included celebrating the Treynor basketball victory, ISU winning, the Treynor award for sportsmanship, and the Speech Contest. Bill Vorthmann celebrated his mother's birthday. Chuck Nielsen celebrated his grandson transferring to Treynor.

Ken Graham celebrated his 69th birthday.

Can Kennel sorting will be Wednesday after school. John Klein is applying for a grant for six recycling containers.

Youth Appreciation, the last Sunday in April, cannot be held at ZION Church, due to a conflict. Another place needs to be found.

On April 4 some members from a Council Bluffs Optimist Club will attend our meeting.

March 28 - Josh Bintz, Doctor of Physical Therapy with Flex Physical Therapy in CB and currently in Treynor at the Fitness Center. However, with Casey's buying that building he will hopefully be moving the Treynor location elsewhere in town. His plans should be definite by March 28.

Chad Guttau arranging speakers for April

Dale Willenborg arranging speakers for May

Need someone to arrange speakers for June

Prayers

- Mar 21 – Richard Vorthmann
- Mar 28 – Ken Graham
- Apr 4 – Bill Vorthmann
- Apr 11 – Bob Abbott
- Apr 18 – Gary Guttau
- Apr 25 – Dennis White