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Northern Minnesota Wilderness Trip

Kayli Christensen spoke at the Treynor Optimist Club on April 15 about her trip to Grand Marais and Grand Portage, Minnesota. The trip was organized by the Coldwater Foundation.



Kayli graduated from High School in 2015 and is currently going to Northwestern College in Orange City. She is majoring in Exercise Science and wants to go into Physical Therapy. She is in a Bible Study class at college, which is where she learned about the wilderness trip.

Kayli started her trip on Saturday at Mink Lake Wilderness Camp. Mink Lake Wilderness Camp is Coldwater Foundation's home for leadership development, wilderness adventure, and spiritual discipleship. The ice on the lake was two feet thick. There was no running water or electricity. They had morning and evening prayer and devotional.

On Sunday she went to church in Grand Marais. They also went to a nursing home next door. In the afternoon they went sledding. The

temperature was negative five degrees, but there was no wind.

On Monday she helped split wood. She also helped with food packaging to send fresh fruit and granola to the Indian reservation. It snowed a lot so they had to shovel snow.

Tuesday was spent packaging food for a portage and going to the shore of Lake Superior where it was very windy.

Wednesday Kayli spoke to a youth group of about 45 youth. The people are very poor who live there. In the evening they moved to the reservation at Grand Portage. They stayed at the Mount Rose Church. The church has beds upstairs for people to stay there.

Thursday their service was learning about the Indian culture. During the fur trade, Grand Portage was larger than Chicago. They also went exploring around the reservation. There are about 200 people living on the reservation.

Friday Kayli helped clean the church. They also went to the Elder center in the afternoon to clean the place.

Saturday Kayli helped with timing for an adult swim meet. They went back to Lake Superior and it was frozen.

Sunday after church they helped tap maple trees. The sap was not running yet.

Meeting Minutes

President Kirk Vorthmann called the meeting of the Treynor Optimist Club to order at 8:00 a.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Fourteen members and six guests were present.

Kirk Vorthmann gave the opening prayer. Gary Funkhouser won the 50/50 drawing and John Klein won the attendance prize, but was not present to collect it.

For bragging rights, Gary Funkhouser contributed to the Youth Fund because they were having a garage sale. Jim Clausen contributed because

his anniversary party went well. Judy Guttau contributed because people at the meeting had both Iowa State and Iowa shirts on. Gary Funkhouser recognized Keith Christensen for updates on community news.

Youth Appreciation will be April 23 at 3:00 at Zion Church.

Calendar

Apr 12 – Mulch Madness with the Master Gardeners at Elementary School

Apr 23: Youth Appreciation, 3:00 p.m.

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

Apr 1 – Janelle Keysor – Treynor food pantry

Can Kennel sorting will be Wednesday at 3:00 p.m. The can kennel has raised \$144,533.63.

Kevin Underwood bought the auctioned book for \$1.

Next week speakers will be from the Band and Choir trip and Staci McKern on STEM Camp.

Apr 8 – Kelly Groskurth – Treynor City Manager

Apr 15 – Kali Christensen – Missionary experience

Apr 22 – Candace Gregory – Open Door Mission

Programs

April - Gary Funkhouser

May -

June - Jim Clausen

July - First two weeks open

Last two – Jerry Hempel

August - First two weeks open

Last weeks – Bob Mantell

September - Ken Graham

October - Gary Guttau

November - Mick Guttau

December –