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Benefits of 4-H

Zachary Mass spoke at the Treynor Optimist Club on June 3 about his involvement in 4-H and the benefits he has gained from it.



Zach is a member of a club in Silver City that has 45 members now. It had 15-20 when he joined in 4th grade.

Zach said he has been given a lot of leadership opportunities through 4-H. Everyone in 4-H has to give an educational presentation each year.

Zach is now on a council planning a 4-H conference in Ames.

Zach went to the National 4-H in Washington DC on April 11-18. Five youth were selected from the 70 that applied from Iowa. There were 3 Democrats and 2 Republicans. They met at the Des Moines airport and had a cordial and enjoyable conversation about politics.

In DC, they divided into groups and spent three days preparing a briefing to present to a Federal agency. Zach presented to the House committee on Agriculture. His group included youth from Oklahoma, California, Alberta Canada, New York, Iowa, and Georgia. There were 15 people in the group giving a 30 minute briefing, so they each had 2 minutes.

The briefing was postponed for an hour because the congressmen were called away for a vote.

Congressman King and staff from Young and Loesbsack's offices were at their briefing, along with Senators Ernst and Grassley. He heard later that the gallery was full of staffers who had been in 4-H.

Zach said that Land Grant colleges run 4-H. 4-H was initially started in Iowa and Illinois. It is the largest youth group in the country. The goal is to have every youth in Iowa touched by 4-H in some way.

Wikipedia says that the 4-H name represents four personal development areas of focus for the organization: head, heart, hands, and health. As of 2007, the organization had over 6.5 million members in the United States, from ages 5 to 21, in approximately 90,000 clubs. The 4-H pledge is:

I pledge my head to clearer thinking,
my heart to greater loyalty,
my hands to larger service,
and my health to better living,
for my club, my community,
my country, and my world.

Meeting Minutes

Kirk Vorthmann, club President, conducted the June 3, 2017 meeting of the Treynor Optimist Club.

The meeting began with humor from Keith Denton and Gary Gutttau. Dale Willenborg offered the opening prayer after the club members cited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Kevin Underwood won the 50/50 drawing and Gene Seran was not present to collect the attendance prize.

Dale Willenborg and Kevin Underwood contributed to the Youth Fund for bragging rights to recognize the Treynor girls' golf team for winning the state competition by 47 points. Judy Gutttau contributed to advertise the Child Evangelism Fellowship of Southwest Iowa because they have a concert tonight. John Klein because they received another grant from the

Pottawattamie County Foundation for more creek signs. Mick Gutttau also recognized the signs. Bill Vorthmann said that Richard Vorthmann's house will go up for sale soon.

The club received a thank you form Emily Sutherland for her scholarship.

Zachary Mass came to receive his scholarship. He went to orientation at ISU this week. He will be majoring in software engineering. He is working on the farm this summer and working on 4-H. He has 27 college credits from IWCC. Zachary is open enrolled from East Mills.



The state Optimist Meeting is in Council Bluffs on August 4-6. Reservations are due July 21. Members are encouraged to attend.

Calendar

June 14 - Can kennel sorting for Treynor High School
Baseball, 4:00 p.m.

Birthdays

Jun 16 – Dale Willenborg
Jun 20 – Jeff Jorgensen
Jun 22 – Kevin Elwood

Anniversaries

Jun 1 – Kevin & Shana Elwood
Jun 3 – Arlyn & Wanda Norris
Jun 5 – Steve & Debra Irvin
Jun 15 – Steve & Jeanie Chambers
Jun 28 – Mick & Judy Gutttau

Speakers

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July 1 – Bob Dailey, boys soccer

July 8 – Shawna & Ken McClure

Programs

June - Jim Clausen

July – First three weeks – John Klein

 Last two – Jerry Hempel

August - First two weeks open

 Last weeks – Bob Mantell

September - Ken Graham

October - Gary Gutttau

November - Mick Gutttau

December –