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Pott Co. Trails Program

Courtney Harter spoke to the Treynor Optimist Club on June 8, 2019 at the Treynor Community Building. Courtney lives in Oakland, but was born in Council Bluffs. She is the President of the Pottawattamie County Trails Association and also is Community Project Development Coordinator for Council Bluffs.

The Pott County Trails Association was established in



Courtney Harter

2012 and Courtney has been involved since 2013. The group would love to have representation from Treynor. It is a grassroots, volunteer organization with the mission to promote health and prosperity for future generations through the establishment of a county-wide trail network connecting all cities within Pott Co. and additional connections to adjacent trail systems.

The Association is a fundraising body to assist Pott Co. Conservation with construction of trails and creation of an endowment fund for long-term trail maintenance. It has many phases and will take many, many years to complete.

In 2017, construction began on Phase I of the Council Bluffs to Neola segment starting at the Smith Wildlife Area on Railroad Highway. The 1.8 miles section was completed in 2018.

In 2019, Conservation bid the Phase II of the segment which includes a one mile segment and two bridges over the Mosquito Creek. An additional feature will be the trails first art installation by a local artist.

To date, \$4 million in funding for the CB to Neola segment has been received. \$2 million came from Iowa West Foundation, \$1.4 million from Iowa DOT, and \$425,000 from MAPA. An additional \$2 million is needed to complete the extension.

The Association has two ongoing fundraising events which includes the Arrowhead Obstacle Course Run and BIKetober in the Bluffs. The goal is raise a large endowment to sustain maintenance of the trails.

ArtFITS was formed to further the goal of trail art. "Goldfinch Gates" which is three dimensional will be installed on each side of one of the bridges to Neola.



The next phase is to secure land along the connection from Hancock to Oakland. This segment was chosen because of the abandoned railroad right-of-way available and ease of terrain.

For questions, contact Courtney Harter at [402-515-8355](tel:402-515-8355)/courneydharter@gmail.com or Mark Shoemaker at 712-328-5638/mark.shoemaker@pottcounty-ia.gov.

Meeting Minutes

Dale Willenborg called the meeting to order at the Treynor Community Building. Fifteen members were present plus one guest, Courtney Harter.

Jokes/stories were shared by Keith Denton, Dale Willenborg, and Judy Guttau followed by the group saying the Pledge of Allegiance. Dee Guttau gave the opening prayer.

The 50/50 Drawing was won by Dennis White and the Attendance Drawing was won by Linda Danker, who was not present so it will continue to grow. Dale Willenborg's birthday was observed. No anniversaries were observed.

Bragging Rights contributions to the Youth Fund: 1) Judy Guttau to announce the wedding today of their oldest granddaughter, Shianne Guttau to Cole Kizer,

2) Dee Gutttau to salute D-Day and all veterans, 3) Dale Willenborg to show the framed partial flag picture his wife Diane made from one of the old street flags. The words to the Star Spangled Banner were incorporated and this will be a gift for their 9 year old grandson. In addition, 4) Mick Gutttau gave to share about the VietNam Helicopter Pilots Association Reunion attended by him and Judy in Kansas City last weekend. 5) Gary Gutttau contributed to show a bag he had from the 100th Anniversary of the US Open, which now makes the US Open 119 years old. 6) Dee Gutttau contributed because they now have a rock road!

Additional conversation took place about batteries that were used for houses before electricity. Also it was stated that at an airfield in England a man who is still living was interviewed as he was one who flew the flight that dropped off the men in parachutes for the D Day invasion. He was 21 at the time.

Community News:

Treynor Days is June 28-30.

Old Business:

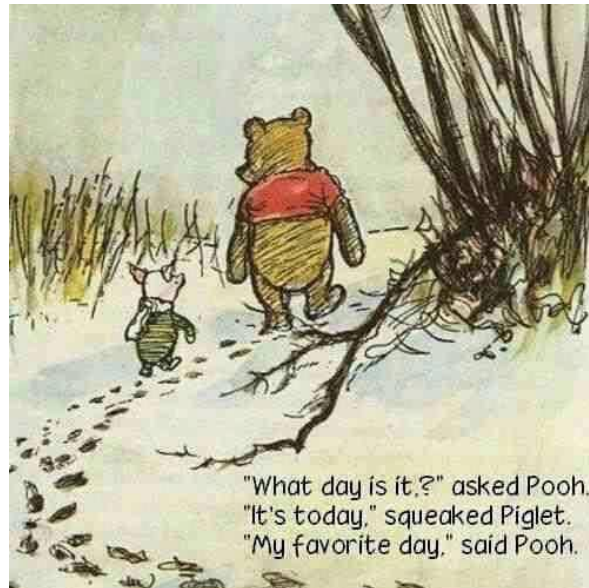
The last Can Kennel sorting will be this Wednesday at 12:15 PM for SPY. Flags will be installed on Wed. for Flag Day. Meet in the Treynor Community Building parking lot at 5 PM.

New Business:

141 flags have been purchased to date.

Swim lessons in Oakland will be from July 8-18. 32 have signed up.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



"What day is it.?" asked Pooh.
 "It's today," squeaked Piglet.
 "My favorite day," said Pooh.

Calendar

- June 12 Can Kennel – 12:15 PM
- June 12 ISU Citizens Mtg Followup – Treynor Community Building 4-7 PM
- June 13 Put up flags – 5 PM
- June 14 Flag Day
- June 17 Take down flags
- June 29 Treynor Days, Dedication of Helicopter

Birthdays

- June 16 Dale Willenborg
- June 20 Jeff Jorgensen

Anniversaries

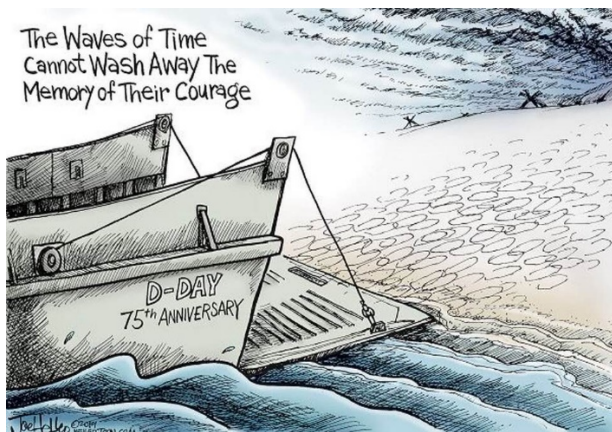
- June 5 Steve & Debra Irvin
- June 15 Steve & Jeannie Chambers
- June 28 Mick & Judy Gutttau
- June 29 Dave & Linda Danker

Programs

- June Mick Gutttau (first 3 weeks)
Dennis White (June 22)
Dale Willenborg (June 29)
- July Dale Willenborg

Speakers

- June 15: Adam Magill, graduate study research
- June 22: Jennifer Morris, ABA Tree Service, "Emerald Ash Borer and other tree problems"
- June 29: Brady Jorgensen, Ambassador for the Summer Bash for Childhood Cancer.



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