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Mark Hopkins, Treynor School Superintendent

Mark Hopkins spoke at the Treynor Optimist Club on Saturday, June 13. He talked extensively about the school shutdown in March.



Mark said that every decision since March has been difficult. On March 17 they closed the doors to the school. The week before that all the superintendents met and discussed what to do, since they knew a shutdown was pending.

They decided to go to school Monday and planned to be closed for two weeks starting Tuesday. The next day the Governor closed the schools for 4 weeks.

The school had to determine how to do learning online, which they were not set up for. The school also had to determine if attendance would be mandatory or voluntary. Treynor decided on voluntary, with 90% of the schools in Iowa making it voluntary. School went through the end of May for Treynor. They used Google Meet for online learning.

By July 1 each school district must submit plans for three alternate ways of learning in the fall:

1. Normal school with all students wearing masks.
2. A hybrid model where half the students are online and half at school, alternating days.
3. Online learning.

Treynor has to make sure each student has a learning device. The school board approved getting them for kindergarten and first grade, which didn't have before. Very few students in the Treynor schools do not have online access and the school is looking at ways to remedy the others.

Since the State Fair was cancelled, the Governor approved an earlier school start date this year.

Treynor Community School will start August 18 and the teachers will report 10-11 days earlier for Teacher Development and planning.

Baseball and softball are starting now. The school must practice social distancing, so they will only have about 13 youth on a bus. Two buses will be needed for each away game. Youth will have to stay in their assigned seats for travel. They will load the bus from the back to the front exit from the front to the back. The bus driver will be the last person on and the first off, with the seat behind the driver being empty.

High School graduation will be June 21 at 7:30 p.m. on the football field. There will be a parade of all the graduates beforehand. Graduation will be in the evening because it can be very hot this time of year. In case of rain, graduation will be in the gym and only parents will be allowed to attend.

They are doing drivers education online. 28 are doing the June session and 28 in July. They will have two youth in a car, but they have to wear masks.

The building project is continuing. The bus barn has been completed. The High School addition is on pace for completion in February. The old auditorium has been gutted, the weight room is progressing and all projects should complete next summer.

Alora Nolan



Alora Nolan, past JOI President, who graduated last year, came to the club and gave an update on her schooling. She attends Central College in Pella, studying Political Science, Spanish, and French. The first semester this year she worked in Des Moines

twice a week while attending school, teaching English as a second language. The second semester she worked in an immersion pre-school where you can only speak Spanish. The school is for K-8 grades.

Alora went to Mexico for two weeks in High School. Next Spring she wants to study abroad in Spain. The next year she plans to spend the year in France. She wants to do international work when she graduates.

Meeting Minutes

Bill Vorthmann, President, called the meeting to order at the Treynor Community Building. Fifteen members and three guests were present.

The group said the Pledge of Allegiance and Bill Vorthmann gave the opening prayer.

Bill Vorthmann provided a history lesson for this day. The Supreme Court handed down its decision in Miranda v. Arizona, establishing the principle that all criminal suspects must be advised of their rights before interrogation.

Jim Clausen and Bill Vorthmann provided humor.

Dee Gutttau won the 50/50 drawing. Marsha Underwood won the attendance drawing, but was not present last week.

The club celebrated Dale Willenborg's birthday this coming Tuesday.

The St. Paul Youth completed can kennel sorting Wednesday, June 10. For the week they had 18 bags of cans and 8 bags of plastic.

For the next collection period, June 11-July 8 the cans will go to the Living Hope Youth Group. The Silver Creek 4H club will have it Nov 26 to December 23.

Bragging Rights: (\$ to fund youth activities)

- 1) Dale Willenborg contributed to recognize the large number of cans contributed to the can kennel.
- 2) Bill Vorthmann contributed because he is done calving. He had four calves born yesterday and two had to be pulled.

Community News:

There will be a Treynor Drive-In Concert featuring the Polka Police at the Treynor Community Center parking lot on Sunday, June 28 4:00-5:00

p.m. The concert is free, but donation of food pantry items is suggested. Last week's speaker gave the Polka Police a rousing recommendation.

New Business: We will put up flags after the meeting today. The Boy Scouts are scheduled to help and provided valuable help.

Flag pickup will be Monday, June 15 at 4:00 p.m. Meet at the Community Center.

We will put up flags for July 4 on Friday, July 3 at 9:30 a.m. to get done before it gets really hot. Meet at Gary Gutttau's house to pick up flags.

We have 146 paid flags as of Friday, June 13.

The Iowa District Optimist Convention will be August 14 in Dubuque.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned and concluded with the saying of the Optimist pledge.



In the U.S., Flag Day is celebrated on June 14. It commemorates the adoption of the flag of the United States on June 14, 1777 by resolution of the Second Continental Congress.

Calendar

- June 15 Flags taken down, 4:00 p.m. weather permitting
- June 28 Treynor Drive-in Concert at Community Center parking lot, 4-5 PM
- July 3 Flags put up on Friday morning for July 4, 9:30 a.m. Meet at Gutttau's house
- July 5 Take down flags, 4:00 p.m.
- Sept 11,12 Treynor Days and Homecoming

Birthdays

- June 16 Dale Willenborg (recognized)
- June 20 Jeff Jorgensen

Anniversaries

- June 15 Steve and Jeannie Chambers
- June 28 Mick and Judy Gutttau
- June 29 Dave and Linda Danker

Programs

- June - John Klein

July - Kirk Vorthmann
August - Dale Willenborg
September - Jordan Campbell
October - Bill Vorthmann
November - Jerry Hempel
December 6, 13 -Ken Graham
December 19, 26- Chad Guttau

Speakers

June 20: Short business meeting then tour of the new Valkyrie Arms engraving business in Treynor. Cory Damgaard is the owner.

June 27: New Treynor City Manager, Mike Holton will speak on the issues and opportunities facing Treynor, Iowa.

July 4: **No meeting**

July 11: Doug Sullivan is the scheduled speaker

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Dues/Donations/Flag Money: Mail to Optimist Club of Treynor, PO Box 354, Treynor, IA 51575