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Mike Holton, Treynor City Manager



Mike Holton. The new Treynor City Manager, spoke at the Treynor Optimist Club on Saturday, June 27. He is from Tilden, Nebraska and his wife, Chris, is from Dubuque, Iowa. They have 4 children.

Mike worked as a city manager in Plainville, NE for 20 years. He had a Zoom conference with the city council, then came to Treynor to see the town in January in a blizzard. His first day of work was March 2, 2020.

Mike and his wife made a list of 20 items to consider for a move. 19 of them were met by Treynor and the other was actually moving.

Mike wants to build a stronger partnership with the school. He helped organize a farmer's market in Treynor. Before opening the Community Center they had it electrostatically cleaned for a couple thousand dollars.

He got a BS degree from the University of South Dakota. He has a Masters in Public Administration and is working on a PHD in Public Administration from Walden University online. He also studied in Norway.

Mike was the Vice President of the Nebraska City Managers Association (CMA) and is a member of the International CMA.

He mentioned several advantages of Treynor. Most towns have a downtown area, but many downtowns are failing and businesses moving to the outskirts of town. Treynor also isn't on a flood plain, has a contract with the Pottawattamie County Sheriff's office, and has access to animal control. Having a dedicated sheriff is expensive.

Mike said Treynor needs to do some significant street repairs, starting with Countryside. They also need to upgrade the waste water treatment facility. Money is available to complete those projects.

He also supports putting a splash pad on East Park (the money is available) and landscaping around the Treynor signs on each end of town.

Treynor population is 1000 people now. It is projected to reach 1100 in 5 years and 1500 in 20 years.

Meeting Minutes

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

Bill shared a point of history. The 1924 Democratic National Convention, held at the Madison Square Garden in New York City from June 24 to July 9, 1924, was the longest continuously running convention in United States political history. It took a record 103 ballots to nominate a presidential candidate.

Chad Gutttau, Kirk Vorthmann, and Bill Vorthmann provided humor.

There were no birthday or anniversary celebrations.

Kirk Vorthmann won the 50/50 drawing. Jim Clausen won the attendance drawing.

2020 Optimist Scholarship Winners



L-R: Clarissa Weitzel, Tyler Pollock, Jacob Lang

Clarissa Weitzel will attend Hastings College majoring in Art. Tyler Pollock will attend University of Iowa majoring in Pre Med. Jacob Lang will attend Iowa State University majoring in Ag Science.

Bragging Rights: (\$ to fund youth activities)

Gary Guttau contributed for bragging rights.

The can kennel for June 11-July 8 is for the Living Hope Youth Group. On Wednesday they sorted two weeks of cans and had 36 bags of cans and 15 bags of plastic. Many bottles.

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 from 4:00-5:00 p.m. The concert is free, but donation of food pantry items is suggested.

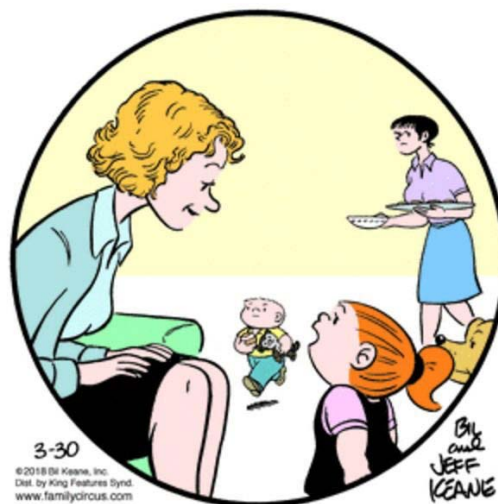
New Business: The Optimist District convention in Dubuque has been cancelled.

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 Guttau's house to pick up flags before meeting the Cub Scouts at the Community Center at 10:00. Gary Guttau, Dennis White, Kirk Vorthmann, Jim Clausen, and Dale Willenborg

will provide trucks. There will be no meeting July 4. We will pick up flags Monday, July 5 at 2:30 p.m.

We have 166 paid flags as of Friday, June 27.

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



"I wanted to show you my room but Mommy said 'DON'T YOU DARE!'"

Calendar

- July 3 Friday. Flags put up on Friday morning for July 4, 9:30 a.m. Meet at Guttau's house
- July 5 Take down flags, 2:30 p.m.
- Aug 14 – Iowa District Optimist Convention in Dubuque. (Cancelled)

Birthdays

Anniversaries

- June 28 Mick and Judy Guttau
- June 29 Dave and Linda Danker

Programs

- 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

- 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