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Kirk Vorthmann History

Kirk Vorthmann spoke at Optimist Club on Saturday, July 25 about how his family came to Treynor, Iowa.



In 1871 Wilhelm and Charelette Rahtut came from Wilton, Iowa with their three daughters. They bought 240 acres for \$2400.60. They were helped by the Strohbahn family until their house was built in the Spring.

The family bought lumber for the house to build on the east side of Keg Creek; however, Spring floods washed their lumber away. They then moved the location to the west side of Keg Creek.

Wilhelm died of cholera just two years later in 1873. Charelette hired two men to help her run the farm.

Kirk's great grandmother was Lydia Rahtut, the youngest daughter of Charelette. Lydia had four sons and one daughter. Her husband also died young and Lydia was left to raise her children on her own.

Kirk stated he believes his family is full of strong women.

Lydia, his great grandmother, was active in her church and one of the people that helped the church be built and moved to Treynor in 1929 – St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

Another interesting fact is that in 1980 the Vorthmann family laid tile and straightened Keg Creek. Their focus for their land is conservation of the soil so it will continue to support the Vorthmann family for generations to come.

Meeting Minutes

Gary Funkhouser called the meeting to order at the Treynor Community Building in the absence of our President and Vice President. Ten members and one guest were present.

Chad Guttau and Gary Funkhouser provided humor.

Kirk Vorthmann won the 50/50 drawing. Matt Saar won the attendance drawing but did not claim it.

Jim Clausen provided breakfast pizza in observance of his 77th birthday on Monday, July 27.

Bragging Rights: (\$ to fund youth activities)

None.

Community News:

The Treynor baseball team earned the right to play in the State Baseball Tournament on Monday.

Monday night at 6:30 PM the School Board will meet to make school start decisions.

New Business:

Helping with Can Kennel sorting with the Cub Scouts this week was Chad Guttau, Gary Guttau, John Klein, and Ken Graham.

The Cheerleaders have the Can Kennel next.

Auction items were sold: Cucumbers donated by Kevin and Marsha Underwood were purchased for a dollar by Dennis White. Two cannisters were donated by the Gary Guttau family and purchased for \$3 by Gary Funkhouser.

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

HUMOR



Calendar

Aug 19 – Put up flags for beginning of school

Birthdays

Aug 11 – Chad Guttau

Aug 23 – Judy Guttau

Anniversaries

Aug 5 Josh & Shelly Guttau

Aug 15 Jerry & Barb Hempel

Aug 25 Gary & Julia Funkhouser

Programs

August - Dale Willenborg

September - Jordan Campbell

October - Bill Vorthmann

November - Jerry Hempel

December 6, 13 -Ken Graham

December 19, 26- Chad Guttau

Speakers

To be announced

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