

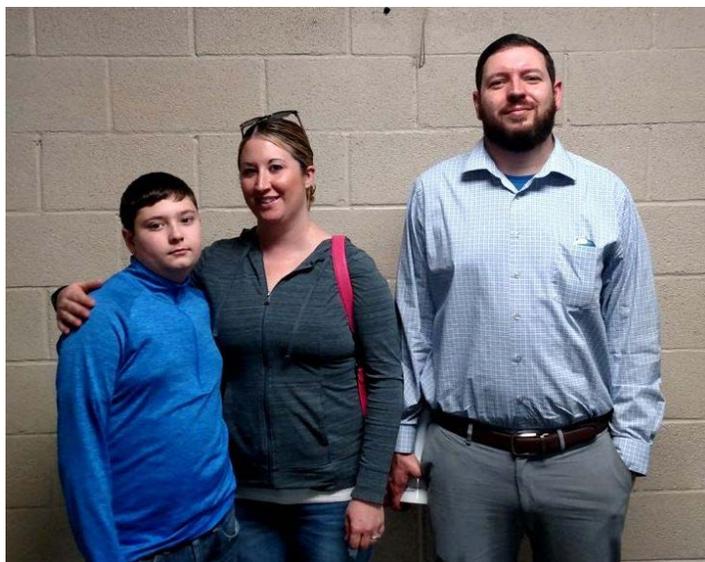


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Cody Guidry, Manager of McAlister's Deli

Cody Guidry, manager of the McAlister's Deli in Council Bluffs, spoke at the Treynor Optimist Club on August 22. He has been the manager there for 2½ years. Cody has worked for McAlister's for seven years and worked for them in four states. McAlister's Deli was started in Oxford, Mississippi by a dentist who saw a need for a restaurant with a full-service feel, but offered quick service. They have stores in 29 states, mostly in the South.



Chase, Nikki, Cody Guidry

Cody said that the deli lost 60-75% of its sales when they announced the possibility of a shutdown. The only ones still employed were him and his management staff. The company got a federal grant which helped them bring back staff earlier, 2½ months after the shutdown. They only lost one employee during the shutdown.

Now about 50% of patrons dine in. A lot of people order via DoorDash.

McAlister's Deli in Council Bluffs employs about 25 full time personnel and 8-10 college and high school students. They are open 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Cody said their most popular sandwich is a Club sandwich, with French Dip as second. They are one of the few places around that serve sweet tea, which is more popular in the South. They

brew their own tea and serve about 7 gallons of sweet tea and 20 gallons of unsweetened tea every day. They also have a very popular lemonade.

Pay starts at \$8.50 per hour and employees have a performance based raise every six months.

Employees always wear masks. They have their temperature taken daily, along with a standard set of questions. They also have to wash their hands very often.

McAlister's started a new system for tips about six months ago. All tips are combined and spit quarterly among all regular staff (not managers), based on hours worked. They average about \$1000 weekly, so it makes a nice quarterly bonus.

Cody said he grew up in Southeast Kansas. At age 14 he mowed a cemetery. At 16 he worked at McDonalds for four years and met his wife there. He worked in a factory one year and as a manager at Sutherland's Lumber for 6-7 years before starting at McAlister's Deli.

Meeting Minutes

Bill Vorthmann called the meeting to order at the Treynor Community Building. Fourteen members and three guests were present. Bill Vorthmann led the Pledge of Allegiance and Dale Willenborg gave the opening prayer.

Bill Vorthmann gave facts about this day in history. Dale Willenborg and Bill Vorthmann provided humor.

Kirk Vorthmann won the 50/50 drawing. Chuck Nielsen won the attendance drawing, but did not collect.

Bragging Rights: (\$ to fund youth activities)

None

Business: The Silver Creek 4H Club sorted the can kennel on Wednesday. John Klein, Ken Nielsen, and Bill Vorthmann helped. They had 30 bags of cans and 13 of plastic.

Flags were picked up after the meeting.

Gary Funkhouser said that masks will be expected to be worn at school, but not required.

Homecoming has been moved to September 18. The football game will be against Underwood.

Board Meeting: There will be a board meeting August 29 after the club meeting.

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

2020 HUMOR

- They said a mask and gloves were enough to go to the grocery store. They lied. Everybody else had clothes on.
- Keep in mind, even during a pandemic, no matter how much chocolate you eat, your earrings will still fit.

Calendar

Sept 5 – Put up flags for Labor Day after meeting

Birthdays

Sept. 1 Josh Guttau
Sept. 16 John Klein
Sept. 22 Dee Guttau

Anniversaries

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

Aug 29 – Tim Jacob, cancer survivor
Sept. 5 – TBA
Sept. 12 – Joe Chapman – Treynor Girls BB coach and owner of Cattle Drive food truck
Sept. 19 – Larry McKern and Megan Hastie (Tastee Treet owners)
Sept. 26 - TBA

Answers from last weeks Iowa quiz

1. Home of Albert the Bull location? **Audubon**
2. Where Donna Reed annual celebration is held? **Denison**
3. The Dow House built in 1874 at 5 times normal cost with red brick triple wide walls and is 3 stories high? **Dow City**
4. Town known as the Ice Cream capital of Iowa? **LeMars**
5. Location of the W.A. McHenry House with 6 fireplaces and 14 rooms? **Denison**
6. Location of the Danish Windmill and the Danish Immigrant Museum? **Elk Horn**
7. Town with "Little Mermaid" in the city park pond? **Kimballton**
8. Iowa's Antique city? **Walnut**
9. City closest to DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge and Bertrand Museum? **Missouri Valley**
10. City where Brigham Young was elected President of the Mormon church in 1847? **Council Bluffs, called Kaneshville at that time**
11. City with Swedish coffee pot and saucer? **Stanton**
12. Small Page county town located in two states divided by main street? **Blanchard, population 38 in 2020**
13. City known as the home of Glen Miller and has an annual celebration? **Clarinda**
14. Oldest town in Iowa? **Dubuque**
15. Name of town on an island in the Mississippi river? **Sabula, population 576 in 2010**
16. Fastest growing community currently? **Bondurant**
17. Richest income town in Iowa? **Johnston, Waukee (2020 update)**
18. Second richest community in Iowa? **Asbury**
19. What number order was Iowa in receiving statehood? **29**
20. "Safest town" in Iowa? **Orange City, Sioux Center (2020 update)**
21. Iowa's richest man, Iowa's only billionaire? **Harry Stine**
22. What livestock is the largest production in Iowa? **hogs**

23. Poorest town in Iowa? **Lamoni**
24. In Iowa the "middle class income range is \$36,000 to? **\$110,000**
25. Year Iowa became a state and who was the President of the U.S. that year? **1846, Polk**

IOWA, Beautiful Land

1. How many glasses of milk does a dairy cow produce each day? **80-90**
2. How many basketballs would one cow's leather provide? **12**
3. What fort was constructed to protect one Indian tribe from another? **Ft Atkinson**
4. How many gallons of sap does it take to make one gallon of maple syrup? **40**
5. Where is Iowa's first capitol building located? **Iowa City**
6. Where are the 2 black angel monuments located in Iowa? **Council Bluffs, Iowa City**
7. Where is the Herbert Hoover presidential library located? **West Branch**
8. What Iowa city draws up to 4,000 visitors for its quilt show and sale? **Kalona**
9. In what city is Snake Alley located? **Burlington**
10. In what city is Iowa's "Swinging Bridge" located? **Columbus Junction**
11. In what city is the Maharishi International University located? **Fairfield**
12. In what town is the American Gothic House located (pitchfork farm couple)? **Eldon**
13. What town is named after the wife of a Seminole chief? **Osceola**
14. Where is the Nelson Pioneer Farm Museum located? **Oskaloosa**
15. What county is home to over 600 Amish people? **Davis**
16. Farmington, Iowa and Waterloo, Missouri were prepared to go over war for what? **Honey War**
17. Where is the longest double decker swing bridge located? **Fort Madison**
18. What county is known for its covered bridges? **Madison**
19. Cowboy actor John Wayne's boyhood home is located in what town? **Winterset**
20. What teams and where was the first intercollegiate football game played? **University of Iowa vs Grinnell**
21. The National Balloon Classic is held annually at what Iowa town? **Indianola**
22. Mamie Doud Eisenhower's birthplace is located in? **Boone**
23. The 162 ft. Mahanay Bell Tower where one can see parts of 7 counties is located where? **Jefferson**

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