

# **NEWSLETTER**

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# **Tastee Treet**



Megan Hastie from Tastee Treet spoke at the Treynor Optimist Club on September 19. She is taking over the business from her father.

Her father bought the business in 1986 and is 65 now and retiring in November. Megan's mother, a

nurse, ran the business when they purchased it, until her father could quit his job. Megan started working there when she was a Senior in High School. Megan then got her Business Associate's degree from Iowa Western Community College.

The first building for Tastee Treat was built in 1955 and did not have indoor seating. Megan's father, Larry McKern, rebuilt it in 1997, making it larger and adding indoor seating. In 2005 they added barbeque to the menu, with the hope they could stay open year-round. They kept the barbeque, but staying open all winter didn't work out.

Megan graduated from Lewis Central in 2003. She has two daughters, ages 15 and 8.

Tastee Treat employs 10-15 people, mainly high school students. Candy Malts are their most popular item. Burgers are their most popular nonice cream item. They use about 300 pounds of fresh meat each day, including hamburger and pulled port. They also do catering for graduations and weddings.

A lot of Iowa School for the Deaf students and teachers walk over for treats. Megan doesn't know sign language, but the students type on their phone and show what they want to her. In

May a lot of classes from Titan Hill walk over to purchase food.

This year they opened for business on February 21. They are open 11:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. every day except Sunday. Sunday is their busiest day and they don't open until noon and close at 9:00 p.m. They will be open until around November 6. Her father's retirement party is November 7.

This year business has really picked up. When asked, Megan said that about half their sales are cash and half are credit. They charge 25 cents for credit because it costs them a flat rate of 10 cents to swipe a card and a 3% fee. They started charging when their credit card use bill was \$12,000 a couple years ago.

Megan and her father work every day. They have 2-3 youth working in the afternoon and evening. Tastee Treet is in the county, so they have a health inspection every 18 months.

Megan gave everyone at the meeting a \$5 gift certificate to Tastee Treet, valid until October 30. Their Facebook page is https://www.facebook.com/TASTEE-TREET-COUNCIL-BLUFFS-190011412615/

## **Meeting Minutes**

Bill Vorthmann called the meeting to order at the Treynor Community Building. There were about fourteen members and one guest present. Bill Vorthmann led the Pledge of Allegiance and Jordan Campbell gave the opening prayer.

Bill said that on this date in 1796 George Washington gave his farewell address. In 1793 he laid the cornerstone for the Capitol Building.

Chad Guttau, Keith Denton, Dale Willenborg, and Bill Vorthmann provided humor.

Dee Guttau won the 50/50 drawing again. Ann Vorthmann won the attendance drawing, but did not collect.

Dee Guttau celebrated her 75<sup>th</sup> birthday and brought cinnamon rolls.

**Can Kennel:** The club received gloves for sorting cans from the Red Cross when they had a blood drive in Treynor.

Gary Guttau, Chad Guttau, John Klein, Bill Vorthmann, and Gary Funkhouser helped with can sorting and organizing this week, along with Keep Kids Alive youth.

Flags: The Optimist club picked up flags for the last time this season. Thanks for everyone who helped. We had 165 paid subscriptions this year.

Bill Vorthmann contacted Woodmen Life to see if they would provide some flags again. They have suspended that program because of the Coronavirus.

Other business: Dues will be \$75 again this year. Gary Guttau will accept them any time.

There have only been three cases of COVID-19 in the High School, three in the elementary school, and one in middle school.

September 28-October 3 is a cash mob at Silos, sponsored by the Western Iowa Development Association. The goal is to encourage people to buy locally. Flyers should be available next Saturday. Silos will have several specials to celebrate.

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

## Fall is Here!



# WILL YOU PLEASE PICK UP ALL YOUR CLOTHES?

#### Calendar

### **Birthdays**

Sept. 22 Dee Guttau (recognized)

#### **Anniversaries**

Sept. 24 Phil and Jan Waggoner Sept. 26 Bill and Ann Vorthmann

## **Programs**

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

## **Speakers**

Sept. 26 - Pastor Mike Kalstrup, pastor of Fellowship Church

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