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Chris Perdue - board member of the East Pott. Co. Farm Bureau.

Chris Perdue spoke about the Farm Bureau at the Treynor Optimist Club meeting on April 17. His farm is between Carson and Griswold and there are four generations on the farm.



The Iowa Farm Bureau was founded in 1918. The Farm Bureau has affiliates in each state and in Puerto Rico. According to Wikipedia, the American Farm Bureau Federation (AFBF), more commonly known as Farm Bureau Insurance and Farm Bureau Incorporated (FB), is a United States-based insurance company and lobbying group that represents the American agriculture industry, from small family farms to large agricultural corporations. Chris said that the lobbying group and the insurance groups operate mostly independently. He is Vice President of the East Pottawattamie County Farm Bureau. There are 100 Farm Bureaus in Iowa, one in each county and two in Pottawattamie.

The East Pottawattamie Farm Bureau meets monthly and has an annual meeting at the Fairgrounds. Last year they handed out slow moving vehicle signs to farmers, donated \$1,000 to the AHSTW Greenhouse project, hosted Arts in Education camps, and donated funds to the Riverside and AHSWT Chapters for educational opportunities. They also advocate for tax and economic policies beneficial to farms and small businesses and advance water quality and soil conservation programs.

Dale Willenborg said that he utilizes the Farm Bureau Financial Services for housing and automobile insurance and is very pleased with their service. Chris said the insurance is mostly separate from the group he works with.

John Biederman-Eagle Project



John Biederman came to ask for money to help with his Boy Scout Eagle project. He is a sophomore now and a Life Scout. He is trying to raise money to paint the dugouts and bleachers at the ball fields. The city is providing paint, but he wants to raise \$150 for paint brushes and other materials he needs. He has raised \$75 so far.

The Optimist Club passed a hat for donations and collected \$95. John said any extra paint brushes and materials will be given to the city. He expects to have about 8 other youth help with the project.

Meeting Minutes

Dale Willenborg, President, called the meeting to order at the Treynor Community Building. Present were 15 members and 3 guests, Chris and Starlyn Perdue, and John Biederman. Dale Willenborg led the Pledge of Allegiance and Dee Gutttau gave the opening prayer.

Gary Funkhouser, Gary Gutttau, Bill Vorthmann, and Dee Gutttau provided humor. John Klein won the 50/50 drawing. Bill Vorthmann won the attendance drawing.

Community: Kirk Vorthmann announced last week that the St. Paul Lutheran Church Wedded Band group is hosting a carry-out- only Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, April 25 from 9AM – 12 PM. To reserve your meal contact the church office at 888-487-3880 or luthernchurchspl@gmail.com by April 20.

Mulch Madness will be April 30. There are about 80 youth in 5th grade to help, so many buckets and adults are needed.

Bragging Rights: (\$ to fund youth activities)

Kirk Vorthmann contributed because Kira was in the Farm Bureau paper that Chris Perdue brought.

Old/New Business: Can Kennel sorting was Wednesday at 2 PM with the JOI Club. John Klein, Gary Gutttau, and Bill Vorthmann helped. There were a lot of youth from the JOI Club participating. Gary Funkhouser sorts bottles every day or two.

Jordan Campbell took bottles to Smash in Omaha. They had about 900 bottles and he will make a second trip to deliver the remainder. They pay \$0.10 for bottles.

Jordan Campbell handed out an order menu for ZION's Cinco De Mayo menu. They will sell Tacos, nachos, and pop on May 5 from 5:00 p.m-7:30 p.m. They will provide Dine-in, Carryout, and Curbside delivery. This is just a fun activity on the Fine Arts night at the school. Jordan doesn't expect this to be a fundraiser-just break even.

Scholarships

Dale Willenborg, Gary Funkhouser, Bill Vorthmann, Jordan Campbell, and Gary Gutttau met after the Optimist Club meeting to determine this year's scholarship winners. The club is providing \$7000 from flag sales for scholarships. The Junior Optimists selected two recipients and the club selected another 12. We had 30 very qualified applicants, all with a GPA above 3.0. Winners will appear on the Treynor Optimist website (treynoroptimist.org) after they are announced at graduation.

Auction: A Gentleman's Kit (soap, mask, two clippers) was contributed by Gary Funkhouser. Bill Vorthmann won the auction.

The meeting was closed with the Optimist Creed.

Family Circus HUMOR



"We've decided Billy will wash, I'll dry, and Jeffy will pick up the pieces."

Calendar

Apr 30 Mulch Madness – Treynor Elementary

Birthdays

Apr 20 Steve Chambers
Apr 24 Linda Danker
Apr 25 Irvin Saar
Apr 28 Gene Seran

Anniversaries

Programs

May Steve Irwin (first two)
Dale Willenborg (last two)
June Judy Gutttau

Speakers

Apr 24 - Dan Kinsala, Youth Wrestling Program
May 1 - Steve Irvin, ICAN/SWIEF
May 8 - Cara Cool-Trede, career EdVantage

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