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## Doug Dillivan, Speaker



Doug Dillivan, our Treynor Optimist member, spoke Saturday about his recent trip to South Carolina for the Iowa Farm Business Association (FBA) Conference. He stated that South Carolina produces more peaches than GA, second only to CA, even though Georgia is known as the Peach State. Their second largest crop is garbanzo beans. There are lots of rolling hills and places that can't be farmed so there are efforts being made to enlarge the cattle population. Doug shared that he enjoyed swimming in the ocean, touring Savannah, GA, and the great live music in Nashville.

Doug grew up in Adel, received his accounting degree from Buena Vista University and became an FBA Consultant in Treynor in 2018. His previous work experience included being a Sales Rep for Woodman Life, working for an accounting firm in Indianola as a farm guru, and being the No. 2 person in the tax department at Casey's headquarters.

There were 85 in attendance at the conference and 30 virtually. Small groups studied different farm scenarios as related to their accounting and tax work. A former professor from University of Nebraska stated that 75% of family farms are owned by people 75 years and older. In the next 20 years there will be lots of turnover in farm ground. The consultants will be involved as "psychologists" and financial advisors. Doug shared that the FBA started in the 30's. At first in Iowa it was tied to Iowa State University, but then spun off. Most states are still tied to a state university. In this area, the Farm Business Association started in the 60's. Farm Consultants work with farmers regarding their financial information, book work, and managing their taxes.

The biggest concerns for farmers are price of commodities and trying to figure out where they

are financially and if they buy something, how it's going to work and cash flow. Farm supplemental income from government programs has been huge the last couple years, but Doug doesn't foresee a lot this year.

The group discussed that even with the price of commodities up, input prices also go up. When the commodity price drops, the decrease in inputs doesn't fall at the same rate. It was stated by one farmer that the government's biggest concern is keeping the economy rolling, which was hoped the stimulus money would cause consumers to spend. Other than the PPP stimulus, stimulus money consumers received was/is not taxable, but with farmers it is taxable.

Other topics discussed were a new bill being proposed regarding transfer tax and how that will affect a farm being in a trust, regulations, tiling, carbon credits, and capturing methane.

Next week's speaker will be Alysha Hess who will speak about the new business she is opening in the former Treynor Barber Shop.

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**"Those who expect to reap the blessings of freedom must undergo the fatigue of supporting it." Thomas Paine**

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## Meeting Minutes

Dale Willenborg, President, called the meeting to order at the Treynor Community Building. Present were 18 members and two guests: Elizabeth Nowlin and her mother Lynne. Dale Willenborg led the Pledge of Allegiance and Judy Gutttau gave the opening prayer.

Phil Waggoner won the 50/50 drawing. Bill Vorthmann won the attendance drawing.

Bill Vorthmann shared jokes.

No birthdays or anniversaries were observed.

## Bragging Rights: (\$ support youth activities)

- Gary Guttau donated to share a fireworks story when growing up.
- Judy Guttau contributed to honor Bonnie Bolte, the mother of Ann Vorthmann, who passed. Bill Vorthmann also contributed.
- Judy Guttau donated to state that Mick spoke briefly at the Declaration of Independence event July 1 in Treynor.
- Dale Willenborg donated because the road tree trimmers gave him two loads of mulch.
- Keith Denton bragged on the fireworks Friday night in Treynor. He also donated for the death of his daughter's pug dog.
- Kirk also bragged on the 40 min. fireworks show Friday night down in their neighborhood.
- Kevin Underwood contributed because he helped Collins as a fireworks technician.

## COMMUNITY NEWS:

Public Fireworks events were announced:

- July 4 – Free Speech America - Fireworks Spectacular – WestFair
- July 3 – Treynor – gather at the Golf Course

Chad Guttau gave an update on Vicky Putnam. John Klein stated on Sept. 19 there will be a block party in his neighborhood which will include a hydrant water party.

Kudos for the new Treynor banners on light poles in Treynor purchased with funds from Treynor Days and installed by the city. Nice!

## BUSINESS:

**Can Kennel:** The Optimist can kennel sorting will be Wednesday, July 7 at 5 PM. Community volunteers are welcome to help sort.

**Flags:** The Optimists will take flags down Tuesday, July 6 at 5 PM. Community volunteers are welcome to help. Gather at the Treynor Community Building. 185 flags have been purchased by the community. Thank you, community participants!

**Treynor Days Raffle:** Gary Guttau stated a total of \$92 50/50 tickets were purchased.

Gary Guttau also mentioned he thought it would be nice to have another Treynor Optimist celebration event.



L.R. Elizabeth Nowlin, Dale Willenborg

2021 graduate Elizabeth Nowlin was present to receive her \$500 Optimist Scholarship. She will attend Central College in Pella, majoring in Elementary Education and Spanish. Elizabeth stated she received 26 college credits in advance, and 24 will transfer. Her favorite subjects were English and Spanish.

**Auction:** Two beautiful roses in a vase were donated by Gary Funkhouser and purchased by Phil Waggoner.

The meeting was closed with the Optimist Creed.

## HUMOR



## CALENDAR

### Birthdays

July 14 Gary Guttau  
July 23 Jerry Hempel  
July 27 Jim Clausen

### Anniversaries

July 14 Jeff and Mary Beth Jorgensen  
July 15 Jordan and Katie Campbell  
July 25 Chuck and Kathy Nielsen

### Programs

July Judy Guttau (second one)

Aug Doug Dillivan (next two)  
Dale Willenborg (July 31)  
Bill Vorthmann

**Speakers**

July 10 Alisha Hess, new Treynor business  
owner  
July 17 Kelly Hessler, B&B Owner, near Treynor  
July 24 Dave Eldridge, Woodman Life  
July 31 TBA

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