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## Wendy Andersen – Treynor Community Volunteer



Wendy Andersen is a member of the Treynor Days Committee since 2009 after being asked by Donna Collins. Norm and Donna Collins have led the community event since 2008. Gary Gutttau mentioned he had been involved in 1976 at the time of the bicentennial

when organizations and the city led the project. Keith Lambertsen was a driving force.

Treynor Days is always the last weekend of June when it doesn't include a July date and is set for June 23-24 in 2023. The purpose is to bring together the community at a gathering place and to have fun. In 2022 Friday events included: a dinner at the Community Center, outdoor games, and an outdoor movie. Fireworks were eliminated due to the cost that doubled. Other weekend events were: Rhythm Collective playing at the TRS, sand volleyball, carnival games, silent auction baskets, tractor show, barbeque contest, bingo, hydrant party, lunch, Silos beer garden and band, a golf tournament, and on Sunday the Pancake Man and community church.

The football and volleyball teams help set up. Volunteers are always desired and if you have an idea and are willing to help, it can most likely happen. The hope is to bring more of the events back inside the Community Building.

On the average, Treynor Days makes \$6000-\$10,000. The money is donated to organizations in the community and funds for Treynor Vision, the Splash Pad, and even the first sets of Treynor flags which unfortunately didn't hold up well.

Trunk or Treat is also a community Halloween event. This is a non-money maker, and is for the enjoyment of kids and their families. If the weather isn't great, the event can move into the community building which is unique about Treynor's event. It is very well attended.

Wendy shared about a future fundraising event coming to Treynor on Friday, Feb. 24: The Treynor Mouse Derby. It is sponsored by the Treynor Parks and Trails Commission. The event is put on by a Kansas City company and will involve a table with a platform that has 8 tracks. There will be 36 mice, 7 races, and 1 champion. It will either be at Silos or the Community Center. This adult event will cost \$20/ticket and include pizza, salad, cookies, and two drink tickets. A club, family, or individual can sponsor a mouse for \$40 each. Sponsors are also being sought for the event, food, and drinks. There will be prizes and also a Mouse Roulette at a cost of \$5, \$10, \$20, etc. per round. 50% will go to the winner and 50% to the Treynor Parks and Trails Comm.

Who knows? Maybe each mouse will have a pedigree and statistics to assist you in betting. To learn more, be sure to check out the event on Facebook – Treynor Splash Pad.

Wendy also talked about "The T". The Splash Pad, Tristan's Trail, Dexter's Dream, (now known as Treynor Parks and Trails Commission) are working together with Vision Treynor as well as working with the city for planning the future of "The T". A major effort is making the whole space family friendly, safe, and ADA (America's Disability Act) compliant. One unique factor is having an adult or large child changing station in the bathroom. A future dream is a Ninja Warriors course that will be ADA approved also.

One of the first steps is to get the grading done. Grants are being worked on. Fundraising continues. This is a special space which has dynamic possibilities for improving our community and drawing many to come to visit and enjoy.

Thanks, Wendy, for sharing what all is happening!

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**January 21st speaker will be:**

**Jona Kuentler**

**German Foreign Exchange Student at Treynor  
8-9 AM Sat. Treynor Community Building**

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**Famous Quote:**

***"We get too soon old and too late smart."***

***Amish Proverb***

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**Meeting Minutes**

Dale Willenborg called the meeting to order. Present were 18 members. Guests were Wendy Andersen, Norm and Donna Collins, Mike Holton, Denise Wilson, and Shirley Chambers.

Dale led the Pledge of Allegiance and Dee Gutttau gave the opening prayer.

Jokes were shared by Keith Denton and Steve Chambers.

**50/50** was won by Ken Graham. The **Attendance Award** was won by Marsha Underwood.

**Birthdays/Anniversaries: None**

**Bragging Rights: (\$ are used for youth activities)**

- Gary Gutttau shared that Iowa will have its first George Washington Carver Day on Feb. 1. Carver is known for his development of peanuts and helping the South plant them as an alternative crop to cotton. He earned his bachelor's degree in 1894 at Iowa State University and became the university's first African American faculty member. In addition, he shared that Jack Trice Stadium at Iowa State is named after the first African American to play football at ISU who died in a football game against Minnesota. Also, Gary just learned that Iowa was the first state to have a black participant in the Miss American contest. The winner that year was Phyllis George.
- Kirk Vorthmann donated to announce the Spaghetti Dinner at St. Paul tomorrow on Sunday. Serving is announced from 11 to 12:30; however, serving will start closer to 10:30.

**Auction Items: None**

**Business:**

- Can Kennel sorting was held Tuesday due to the forecasted snow. Dale Willenborg made

another rack which doubled the size. The Post Prom group was assisted by Optimists Gary Funkhouser, Gary Gutttau, Chad Gutttau, Dale Willenborg, Steve Chambers, and John Klein.

- An Optimist Board Meeting will be held after the meeting next week.
- Dale Willenborg announced the list of speakers that John Klein has arranged for February. On Feb. 18 we will meet at the Auditorium- Iowa Western Community College Art Center for a tour of the Backstage facilities to see how national touring stars live on the road. Meet at 8 AM at IWCC Art Center. Those interested in carpooling could meet at the Treynor Community Center at 7:30 AM.



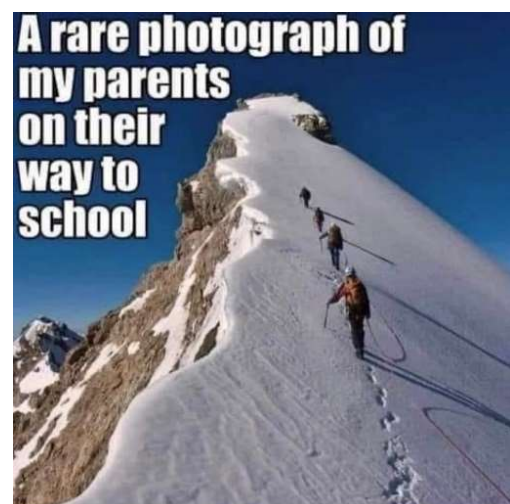
Can Kennel checks were presented to Shirley Chambers (left) for the St. Paul Preschool for the amount of \$1003.25 and to Denise Wilson (right) for \$1575.05 for SPY. They are planning a mission trip this summer.

**Community:**

The meeting was closed with reciting of the Optimist Creed.

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## Calendar

Apr

Keith Denton

### Events

Feb 1 Can Kennel Sorting Time TBA

### Birthdays

Jan 23 Doug Dillivan

### Anniversaries

### Programs:

Jan Mick and Judy Guttau  
Feb John Klein  
Mar Dee Guttau (first two weeks)  
Linda Danker (last two weeks)

### Speakers

Jan 28

Feb 4

Jona Kuenstler, German Exchange Student  
Scott Strohmeier, Iowa Western  
Community College football coach – “How  
to win a national Jr. College Football  
Championship in 2022”

Feb 11

Julie Danker – President of the Treynor  
Music Boosters – Spring 2023 schedule,  
including Nashville trip in March.

Feb 18

Optimist Field Trip – 8 AM meet in  
Auditorium at IWCC Arts Center for  
Backstage Tour – see more info above.

Feb 25

Travis Castle – Building and use plans for  
“The T” recreation area in 2023 and  
beyond.

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