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Tour of IWCC Arts Center (See 3 pictures at bottom)

Tim Dickmeyer provided a tour of the IWCC Arts Center on February 18. Dale Willenborg, Keith Denton, Bill Vorthmann, Chad Gutttau, and Gary Gutttau went on the tour.

The Arts Center supports band, choir, theater, and audio and video productions. The building was built in 2001 by Peter Kiewit. It was originally called the SW Iowa Performing Arts Center, but is now called the Arts Center at IWCC. The main stage theater has 655 seats. They have a National Performance Series that provides 8-9 shows each season. More info on the season is available at <https://artscenter.iwcc.edu/national-performance-season/> Shows are booked 18-20 months in advance.

The Arts Center also supports various local competitions and Council Bluffs school events, such as the all-city orchestra and choir. The Master Gardeners also have meetings there. The goal is to not lose money for the year.

To determine shows for the National Performance Series, Mr. Dickmeyer goes to booking conferences to meet performance agents. There are regional and national conferences. An advisory committee of 12 people looks at a list of 20-25 artists and selects those they would like to perform.

To put on an event, the Arts Center has a list of people they call to help, paying \$15-\$25 per hour. These people include a lighting manager, a stage manager, and sometimes a costume manager. They have a full time technical director, who has been working there 20 years.

They also have a lot of volunteers who help with ushering, taking tickets, etc. Volunteers earn points to get free tickets to events. They can also watch some of the show when they are volunteering. Volunteers come 1 ½ hours before an event and help clean up afterwards.

For traveling groups, Tim has to help arrange hotels, catering, local ground transportation, and often instruments and other equipment.

Tim went to college at UNL and moved to Treynor in 2011. He started working for the Arts Center in 2014. He is married and has two children, one in 6th grade, and one in 8th grade.

Keith Denton told a joke on stage, so he could say he performed at the IWCC Arts Center.

Famous Quote:

"When you speak, always remember that God is one of your listeners."

Famous Amish Proverb

Meeting Minutes

No meeting this week. Just the tour.

Community:

- The first-ever Treynor Mouse Derby will be held on Friday, Feb. 24 at Silos. Tickets can be purchased at the Occasional Collective or online for \$20 individual and \$160 for a table of 8. Tickets include dinner and a drink ticket. This fundraiser will benefit Treynor Parks & Trails.

Auction Items: None.

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Calendar

Events

Feb 24 Treynor Mouse Derby will be held at Silos
Mar 1 Can Kennel Sorting, 3 PM
May 1 Mulch Madness 12:30-3:30 PM

Birthdays

Anniversaries

Programs:

Feb John Klein
Mar Dee Guttau (first two weeks)
Linda Danker (last two weeks)
Apr Keith Denton

Speakers

Feb 25 Dean Leaders, the Assistant Wrestling Coach at Lewis Central
Mar 4 Travis Castle – Building and use plans for “The T” recreation area in 2023 and beyond.
Mar 11 Byron Menke: How to Plan for an Estate Sale – what things people want and what is not of value.

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PICTURES BELOW:
L-R: Back Stage Stairs to Balcony/ Props Creation Room
Bottom: Dressing Room

