



Andrew Moats, Property Fraud Alerts



Regarding fraud alerts, there are media ads that try to sell insurance to protect the seller. Andrew Moats, Pott. Co. Recorder, states there are not many cases of property fraud in Iowa. He feels their Property Fraud Alert system, which only 5-10 counties in Iowa

offer, is a protection of your investment and insurance is not needed. By enrolling, the county will notify you when a document is recorded under your name. You can be notified by text, call, and email. Enroll all the names that your property could be listed under, including farms in a business name or a trust. To enroll, call, visit, or go online: pottcounty-ia.gov or 712.328.5612.

Moats stated too that the real estate agents in the area are very good and “if it sounds too good to be true”, the agents look into it. He also said squatters’ issues are rare across the state. Property Books from E. Pott are also located at W. Pott.

When asked about identity issues, he stated that all who have the same common name, such as John Smith, will be notified about a property being recorded. Moats doesn’t feel there is much issue as most good lawyers and title companies sort through that. He also stated that in the Recorder’s office “Vital Records” and “Passports” are totally separate. Employees working in those areas only have a key to their particular area.

The oldest deed on record is most likely from 1853, Moats indicated. He shared it’s interesting to find records such as a deed Abraham Lincoln had for property near the Conagra plant. In 1920 Budweiser had bought land but sold it off. Gary Guttau mentioned that

land in the area where he lives was owned by Jennie Edmundson in 1876 at one time.

Key services of the Pottawattamie County Recorder’s office are: marriage applications, birth records, death records, marriage records, issuance of passports, licensing of recreational vehicles including boats, issuance of hunting and fishing licenses, military records, and the recording of real estate and records search.

Passports take 6-8 weeks for issuance. Expedited service for an extra \$60 is 2-3 weeks. You do need to make an appointment. The office takes your picture which is cheaper now than at Walgreens. Passports do expire after ten years.

Moats will be up for reelection in 2026. He has been Pott. Co, Recorder since 2022. Prior to that he was the Deputy of Elections for 1.5 years, worked in the Auditors office for 5 years, and worked for the Board of Supervisors for one year.

His grandmother was Betty Moats, a county Supervisor, who “drug him to all types of meetings”. He graduated from AL and is a graduate of ISU in Political Science. He interned for Senator Grassley for one summer.

Moats was questioned about his previous role in elections. He stated that people here illegally in Iowa cannot vote. He said Iowa is set up very well and use paper ballots. Pott. Co has a great IT Dept and Tony Kaupa runs it. Voting is never connected to the internet.

Next week’s Speaker:

Vicki Butler Dowling, Treynor History Memories

FAMOUS QUOTE

“Life is too short to spend another day at war with yourself.”

Ritu Ghatourey

Meeting Minutes

Dale Willenborg called the meeting to order. Sixteen members were present as well as guests: Andrew Moats and Haley Nowlin.

The group recited the pledge and Dee Guttau gave the prayer.

Jokes: Bill Vorthmann, Keith Denton

50/50: Jordan Campbell

Attendance: Kevin Underwood

Birthdays/Anniversaries: Dale Willenborg's 72nd birthday was observed, which was June 16. Mick and Judy Guttau's 56th wedding anniversary coming June 28 was noted.

Keith Denton shared an invitation to the Optimists to attend the 50th wedding anniversary party of Keith & Georgia Denton which will be Sunday, July 14 from 4-7 PM at the Treynor Community Center. Also celebrating at this event are: Roger & Marsha Andersen, Craig & Donna Sudmann, Kirk & Lynell Vorthmann, and Gene & Jan Young.

Bragging Rights: (Dollars are contributed to benefit local youth programs.)

- Gary Guttau stated he pushed a dead 30 ft. fir tree into a fire pile with his skid steer.
- Judy Guttau announced the Retirement Open House for Mick is this Wednesday from 3-5 PM in the lobby of the Bank in Treynor. All are welcome. (RSVP's aren't necessary.)
- Be sure to ask Keith Denton about his story of a branch that fell over their outhouse. Instead of flipping the branch, he flipped the outhouse, but this was no ordinary outhouse; It was 150 years old and now there is a new one.
- Dale Willenborg shared about going to Dollywood and Pidgeon Forge on their vacation.

Business:

- Can Kennel sorting is Sun., June 23 at 5 PM. To date \$232,349 total has been taken in from the Can Kennel as reported by Gary Guttau, Treasurer.



- Haley Nowlin picked up her \$500 Treynor Optimist scholarship this week, presented by Dale Willenborg. Haley will attend Johns Hopkins University in

Baltimore to study biology in the pre-med program. Next Saturday she leaves for a 5-week summer program there which is fully paid for. Haley led the JOI Club at Treynor and was involved in Student Government. It was stated that Haley was the only senior who attended the Alumni Banquet.

- 216 flags have been paid for. Dale gave thanks to Bill Vorthmann for organizing the flags being put up recently. They will stay up through July 4 and be taken down on July 7. If anyone has a flag problem, please contact Dale.
- A thank-you note was received from Emery Whitney for her scholarship.
- John Klein gave an update on the Swim Program sponsored by the Optimists. Lots of positive letters/texts have been received including a note from the Elementary Principal, Jill Kay. A special thanks to Steve Fahrenkrog for being a parent chaperone on the bus each day. Impact also provided a female high school student daily.



- The Swim Program will conclude this Thursday and the bus riders will be treated to ice cream cones at Tastee Treat.
- Glenrose Meier decided to give the \$20 she won last week plus \$10 to pay for the extra money needed for the ice cream cones. John Klein did indicate that Tastee Treat is now giving a 50 cent discount on the cones. Thank you, Glenrose. Thank you, John for your leadership on this project.

- Bingo volunteers for next Saturday's Treynor Days are Bill Vorthmann, Gary and Dee Gutttau, Glenrose Meier, Jordan Campbell, and Judy Gutttau. Bingo starts at 2:15 PM.
- Helpers will be needed to work gates at WestFair on Thursday, July 25. Dale Willenborg offered to help.

Community Events:

- John Klein gave a brief update on Treynor's Tomorrow teams meetings.

- Events in Treynor

Tues., June 25– Treynor Farmer's Market-

Food Wagon: Smokin' Good Times.

Music: J. Nevins

Wed., June 26 – Treynor JV and Varsity Boys Baseball vs St. Albert in Treynor.

Wed., June 26 – Treynor JV and Varsity Girls Softball vs Atlantic in Treynor

Wed., June 26 – Open House for Mick Gutttau's Retirement – 3-5 PM – Lobby – Treynor Bank.

Fri.-Sun. June 28-30 – Treynor Days – The schedule was sent last week.

Fun note: Jeff Schoening is the drummer in the Gwen & Scott Band that will play at Silos 8-12 PM on Sat. eve.

Sat., June 29 – Free Speech America event starts at 6 PM at WestFair. Fireworks begin when dark.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

HUMOR

I choked on a carrot this morning, and all I could think of was, "I'll bet a doughnut wouldn't have done this to me."

CALENDAR

Events:

June 23	Can Kennel Sorting – Zion Youth 5 PM
June 24-27	Optimist sponsored swim lessons
June 29	Treynor Days Bingo – Optimists help.
July 7	Flags to be taken down

Birthdays

Anniversaries

June 28	Mick and Judy Gutttau
June 29	Dave and Linda Danker

Programs:

June	Judy Gutttau (5 th Sat)
July	Judy Gutttau (1 st /2 nd Sat.)
	Dale Willenborg (3 rd Sat.)
	Joel Beyenhof (4 th Sat)
Aug	Chad Gutttau
Sept	Jim Clausen (1 st /2 nd Sat)
	Bill Vorthmann (3 rd /4 th Sat)
Oct	Gary Gutttau
Nov	Jordan Campbell (1 st /2 nd Sat)
	Jerry Hempel (3 rd /4 th Sat)
Dec	Mick and Judy Gutttau

Speakers

June 29	Vicki Dowling – Treynor History Memories
July 6	Christine Buresh Ford, "Gather at the Table" coffee shop ministry – Old Market Omaha
July 13	Treynor School Board Members, Brandon Vorthmann and Anica Buckingham Olsen.
July 20	Aaron Terry, Football Offensive Coordinator for Iowa Western Community College
July 27	Jill Kay, Treynor Elementary Principal

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