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Mark Costello, State Senator



Mark Costello is our Senator in the Iowa Legislature. With redistricting, Pott Co. (not CB) is now in his district. He served two years in the house and now ten years as a senator. Mark lives in Mills Co. near Imogene where he farms 900 acres. He went to

high school at Nishna Valley and college at University of Northern Iowa with a major in computer information systems. Upon graduation he worked for five years for Garst Seed Co. as a computer programmer, then has farmed since 1990.

Mark and his wife have a family of five children and raise corn and beans. He knew he had to give up something when he became a Senator. His family and church are very important to him so he gave up his cows.

In July Mark took his family to Israel, which is a place he had been when he was younger. They felt safe and the tour didn't include disruptive places. There was the only tour bus and their driver from Bethlehem was excited as he hadn't worked since the war started Oct. 7.

After the tornado, Mark said he toured Minden as well as Greenfield. He said there are federal and state programs to help with tornado damage, but those programs never make people whole and he stated it's important for families to have insurance. In talking with Doug Reed, Pott. Co's Emergency Management Director, about towns themselves losing revenue when homes/businesses are hit. Costello said he would like to have a fund for towns in such cases.

Costello stated a lot has been accomplished with tax relief and it's been done in a gradual way. There is a budget surplus right now. As

tax cuts come in, revenue goes down so hope to make it up with the surplus and it's important to have a balanced budget. He talked about tax on retirees, tax for farmers on cash rent, and inheritance tax.

Costello is Vice Chm of the FHS (Family Health Services) Committee and Co Chm of the Budget Subcommittee. The health arena is the second largest expense in the state. They have reorganized the children's mental health network and made lots of progress in the crisis center. He stated that property taxes have been put into the general fund which helps pay for the gap in mental health.

Costello believes strongly in trying to protect unborn babies. He sponsored a bill for crisis pregnancy services which will help women have support to have the baby and get what they need and save lives.

Costello stated he wants the legislature to have good policies for all Iowans as well as being good for his district for legitimate needs. Mark stated a usual complaint is that schools are losing students, but today he also heard that schools with large open enrollments aren't able to get property tax from those open enrolled students' parents to help pay for building additional facilities. He said he hadn't considered that issue. He was appreciative of having this topic brought to his attention and said it's an issue that can be unfair both ways. Mark said that the school isn't forced to take open-enrolled students.

Nursing home issues, deposits on bottles/cans, and voting machines were also discussed.

Mark said his district used to run along the state of Missouri and now runs along the western border and includes the counties of Mills, Pott (not CB), Fremont, Harrison, Shelby (not Avoca) and is based on population. He is up for re-election this year.

Next week's Program:

Wendy Andersen
Splash Pad, etc. Update

FAMOUS QUOTE

"People often say that motivation doesn't last. Well, neither does bathing – that's why we recommend it daily."

Zig Ziglar

Meeting Minutes

Jordan Campbell called the meeting to order. Eighteen members were present. On this day in 1957 Philadelphia Phillies Richie Ashburn hit a fan twice in the same at-bat play. First, he hit her and broke her nose, then his second one hit her while she was on the stretcher.

Visitors today: Mark Costello, Haley Swanson, Cade Reed, Cindy Biederman, John Ross Biederman.

The group recited the pledge and Kirk Vorthmann gave the prayer.

Jokes: Keith Denton, Gary Gutttau, Gary Funkhouser, Jordan Campbell

50/50: Phil Waggoner

Attendance Award: Kirk Vorthmann but he was not present last week.

Birthdays/Anniversaries:

Celeb birthdays: Christian Laettner (pro basketball player) 55, Actor Shawn Penn 64 and Actor Robert DeNiro 81

Judy Gutttau said she will bring breakfast next Saturday for her birthday.

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

- Kirk Vorthmann stated Macedonia is celebrating 125th Anniversary today. AgriVision was trying to get 125 tractors in today's parade which starts at 11.
- Dick Fox's rain report for the week: 4.25".
- Dick also has donated platelets in Omaha every two weeks for 13 years and has given

836 units. Not many go over 900 he was told.

- John Klein thanked those who nominated him for lowan of the Day at the State Fair. The best part was having his son join him as his golf cart driver and riding down the grand concourse.
- Jordan Campbell bragged on a new ice cream place in Carson – Critic Creamery.
- Jordan's non-brag was being asked to race some kids from Impact. His hamstring popped, but he is still able to walk, just sore when he gets up.
- Keith Denton read requirements for driving a Mule on the road in Iowa and stated the rules aren't too bad.
- Gary Gutttau recalled an early Doni Days when there was to be a greased pig contest but no one participated.
- Gary stated his inner ear infection is gone and he found his cochlear implant part.

Business:

- Can Kennel sorting is today (Sat.) at 9:15 to help St. Paul Youth.
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Haley Swanson and Cade Reed

These two Treynor seniors were present to receive their \$500 Optimist scholarships.

Haley will do her pre-requisites at IWCC this fall, then apply for Dental Hygiene for two years. She became interested when she shadowed her mom's friend a couple of times. In high school Haley loved playing volleyball and likes going to all sporting events.

Reed will study business at Iowa State University, but he is not sure what career he will pursue. In high school he loved playing football and also went out for golf. He said he was bad at golf but it was a chance to play free golf and hang out with friends.



John Ross and mother Cindy Biederman

accepted a can kennel check for the Boy Scouts for \$898.30. They currently have 7-8 boy scouts. Sign up night is Aug. 29, then the scouts will start popcorn sales, rockets, etc. The cub scouts and boy scouts meet usually on the same night. A new cub scout leader will be needed next year to replace Cindy. She stated you don't have to have a scout to be a leader.

The money will be used for a new cooler for campouts, helps fund summer camps expenses, and helps to replace equipment as it wears out.

Community Events this week:

- Aug. 23 - School in Treynor begins. Out at 2 PM.
- Aug. 23 – Treynor Varsity Football Scrimmage vs. Riverside at Riverside. 6:30-8 PM and all attendees are encouraged to wear purple in honor of a Riverside player who has health issues.
- Aug. 23-25 – District Optimist Meeting in Des Moines

Future:

- Thurs. Aug 29, the public is invited to attend a presentation of consolidated findings from the Treynor's Tomorrow committees at an Action Forum 5:30-7 PM at the Treynor Community Building. There will be food and drink.
- Fri. Sept. 27 - Treynor Homecoming

Auction:

Dick Fox provided produce which was bought for a dollar by: John Klein, Bill Vorthmann, and Dee Guttau.

If you know someone who would like to receive this newsletter as an email, please have them contact Judy Guttau. See info at bottom.

There being no further business, the Optimist Creed was stated and the meeting was adjourned.

HUMOR



CALENDAR

Events:

Birthdays

Aug 23 Judy Guttau

Anniversaries:

Aug 25 Gary & Julia Funkhouser

Programs:

Aug Chad Guttau
 Sept Jim Clausen (first two)
 Bill Vorthmann (last two)

Speakers

Aug 24 Wendy Andersen, Splash Pad
 Aug 31 MaryAnn Hanusa, Candidate for County Auditor
 Sept 7 Byron Menke, Menke Auction
 Sept 14 Vicki Dowling – Part 2 – Treynor History Memories
 Sept 21 Russ Maguire - CPR