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Vicki Dowling, Treynor History Memories



Vicki Butler Dowling shared more Treynor memories today. She said she had 7 pages of notes, but we got through two today!

Besides the old names of Four Corners and High Five for Treynor, the history book states that in the 1890's there were four buildings on the four corners and one business was run by an Eyberg so Treynor was known as Eyberg City.

In 1919 Fred Bolte bought the Opera House from Karl Karrer, who had the first Ford dealership. Electricity came to town. Also Garfield's law said businesses, which included bars and pool halls, could open at 9 AM and close at 5 PM to conserve coal. President Garfield's wife was a cousin of Vicki's. She was an original recycler as her fancy ball gowns would only be worn once and then sent to her sister in Ohio. The Emperor of China sent Mrs. Garfield a bolt of green silk and carved jade buttons, which eventually ended up with the sister. Vicki's aunt even had a winter coat with those jade buttons and Vicki now has one of those carved jade buttons!

In that same era, there was a Commercial Club in Treynor, which later became a Lions Club, and then reorganized to the Town & Country Club. Vicki's dad was involved in the last two clubs. In 1953 the T & C Club bought and equipped a fire truck (750 gal. tanker), sponsored a midget baseball game, and donkey ball games, and a minstrel show.

In 1939 the Fire Department formally organized and to fund it, they sponsored Treynor Carnivals – huge ones. At first, they were located dead center at the Four Corners. On July 4, 1942, the Carnival ran out of food so locals raided their own frigs and went to CB for more. It was reported there was a crowd of 6000 people.

Hwy 92 (cement) replaced a gravel road through Treynor in 1955. It set for 1-2 years for the ground to settle. There were underground tunnels out of town for cattle to pass through. Hwy 92 became the big fast super- highway that went from coast to coast. Lots of semis went through Treynor. Hwy 92 was an experiment before putting in the Interstate.

As a result, it was determined that the Interstate should cut down the hills and be flatter.

When there were big snowstorms in the early 50's, trucks galore got stuck. Sudman's hill was a problem and Mrs. Sudmann fed truckers sometimes for a couple days. Stories about buses getting snowed in on gravel roads were also shared.

Vicki shared about businesses on the south side of Main St. going east from the current old bank. On the corner was first an undertaker, then it became a gas station. Gas was stored in the building and a hose went out through an opening in the back of the building. Then it became a hardware store.

The first Treynor Savings & Loan bank was two stores down for a time. Then Jack and Edna Apple had the tavern there. It was said that Edna sold liquor out back to the high school kids. She also had a lunch and bar area in the gas station before this.

Jack Apple also used to be the Justice of Peace in his house which was on a high hill where the Community Building is now. The Fire Department used that house for a couple years as a haunted house. Jack had been in vaudeville and did student makeup for plays at school and also directed Gary Gutttau's class play.

Many buildings around town were relocated around town. The old dance hall was moved 3 times in the late 1800's and early 1900's. The Legion moved three times too. Even the two parsonages moved. Zion's first parsonage was moved to where Tom and Sheila Lewis now live. The Lutheran Church used to be in the country and the parsonage was just east of their cemetery.

The drug store was originally where the old blue city hall was and included a furniture and hardware store and upstairs a dentist and doctor, plus living quarters. When the drug store moved to the main street, it was run by Rose Schumacher and locals remember the ice cream and comic books. She was known for buying ice cream in pints and would just cut them in half and serve. Rosie's hot dogs were a thing also for many, many years. (Vicki thinks the recipe is still a secret, but some have tried to copy.) There was a back room for guys to

play cards and slot machines, but Vicki said “We didn’t know that!”

At one time there were three grocery stores in Treynor. Once the town built up and Hwy 92 started, people had to have jobs so went to town. It was easy to pick up stuff there and businesses in Treynor started to go away.

Between the hardware store and the drug store was a big open space and that is where movies were shown. Frank hung curtains on poles with wire, and canvass screens were hung. It cost a dime, the group thought. Woody Woodpecker cartoon was a favorite of Frank’s. “Crank the Crank, Frank” the attendees would say, when the projector stalled. When you paid, you signed a book and were assigned a number. At the end a drawing for \$25 was given. Vicki said it was her first paying job when she was about 12 to go to businesses of all sizes to collect a dollar to help offset the cost of this.

The names of Treynor Fruit and Grocery, Conn Drug, Bryant Garage, Schoening Motors, Case Implement, Silver City Supply, Cardinal Auto Parts, Oceans of Notions, West Pott Seed Co. were mentioned. East of town where Roger Webster now lives, there was a brick home that Wayne Klahn lived in for years. Earlier FH Schultz had a patented hog oiler which was sold there. The house was built with bricks made from a brick plant there. The bricks were soft and eventually the house had to be taken down.

On the highway going west of the four corners a motel was built in 1960 which now are apartments. West of the current Casey’s there was a drive-up with a swirly top built by Slaters. It was eventually leased out to a couple from Neola who gave Vicki a job at age 14. She would arrive at 5:45 AM.

The first day they showed her everything, including cleaning the ice cream machine the best she could. They told her to just take the money in a bank bag home with her. And off they went. She ran into some challenges with the first brown out but managed to figure out where the fuse box was!

Going north on Eyberg, Vicki stated the Town Dump was an integral part of the town –located out of town on the east side where Celeste Nelsen’s property is. As a girl Vicki would pick up serum bottles that the vet put out there. Her dad taught her to shoot those. She was eventually head of the rifle team.

When Peggy and Patty Walter and Amy and Kerry Stephens were young, Vicki’s dad would load them on the tail gate of the pickup and take them to the Dump and then back to town for ice cream!!

We hope to have Vicki back some time to cover the remaining five pages of notes!

Next week’s Program:

Russ Maguire, CPR

FAMOUS QUOTE

“In the end, it’s not the years in your life that count. It’s the life in your years”

Abraham Lincoln

Meeting Minutes

Dale Willenborg called the meeting to order. Sixteen members were present.

Visitors today: Dave and Vicki Dowling

The group recited the pledge and Dale Willenborg gave the prayer.

Jokes: Keith Denton, Gary Gutttau, Vicki Dowling, Dale Willenborg

50/50: Dick Fox

Attendance Award: Chad Gutttau

Football Contest: Kevin Underwood won.

Birthdays/Anniversaries: Glenrose Meier’s birthday is Sept. 15. She brought breakfast pizza. John Klein’s birthday is Sept. 16. He brought cookies.

Next week Dee Gutttau will bring breakfast pizza for her birthday.

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

- Glenrose Meier shared that her son who has stage 4 cancer had a CT scan and the cancer is stable and lungs look better. She is praising God and so thankful.
- Anniversary – Dale Willenborg stated his parents observed their 73rd wedding anniversary on 9/11.
- Jim Clausen paid because Judy Gutttau’s college team (ISU) beat his (Iowa) last week. He stated ISU was only ahead for 6 seconds! (But that’s all it takes!) 😊
- Dick Fox had three granddaughters playing volleyball games and they won all games so they saw plenty of volleyball this week. In addition, he ran over a skunk at Shenandoah and now his pickup smells like a skunk.
- Gary Gutttau paid to state that he hopes UNI beats Nebraska.
- Judy Gutttau bragged on the Treynor Cardinals having a good win over the rated Clarinda

Cardinals, and her grandson Dane had a good game.

Business:

- Can Kennel sorting for Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) was changed to 5:00 PM this Sunday.
- Flags were picked up Friday, Sept. 13 by Jim Clausen, Dale Willenborg, Gary Gutttau, Chad Gutttau, and Dennis White.
- Flags will be put out for Homecoming the Thursday before and then picked up on Saturday after the Optimist meeting.
- Dues of \$75 are due by Oct. 1.
- A Board Meeting is being planned for next Saturday after the regular meeting.
- Dale Willenborg reported on the meeting with Droppett. They are ready to go with putting a trailer near the Treynor can kennel for Droppett to pick up bags/boxes and haul. Dale will meet with the City Council on Oct. 1 to seek approval. Underwood will haul their bags to the trailer as well. The Legion should be able to use it too.
- Droppett doesn't provide boxes, but boxes are needed for bottles. Please save appropriate boxes and bring. These boxes are each tagged separately as in the past.
- It was noted that Droppett is owned by distributors. Doll Distributing owns 50%.
- The next two weeks we will meet at Zion Congregational Church as carpet is being replaced at the Community Building.
- John Klein reported that he was able to get 5 boxes of latex gloves for the can kennel from the blood drive in Treynor on Thursday.

Community:

- Sept. 27 – 5-7 PM Homecoming Tailgate for St. Paul Preschool in St. Paul Parking Lot
- Sept. 27 – Treynor Homecoming. Theme "Board Games".
- It was reported that Loren Nusser, age 96 died.
- Oct. 6 – 5 PM Terrel Ave Block Party

Community Events this week (In Treynor):

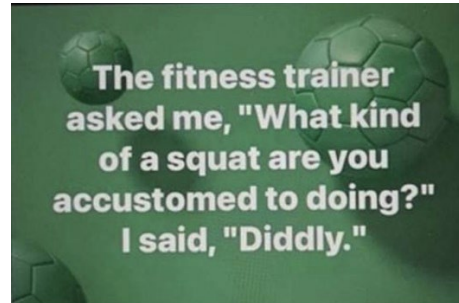
- Mon. Sept. 16- 5-9 PM JV Volleyball Invitational
- Tues., Sept. 17- 4:15 PM 7th FB vs Riverside
- Tues., Sept. 17- 5:15 PM 8th FB vs Riverside

Other Events (Not in Treynor): None to report

Jim Clausen brought produce for free takeaway. Thank you.

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

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CALENDAR

Events:

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| Sept 15 | Can Kennel Sorting 5 PM |
| Sept 21 | 8-9 AM – Optimist Meeting
Zion Congregational Church
Public welcome
Board meeting following the meeting |
| Sept 26 | Put up flags for Homecoming |
| Sept 28 | 8-9 AM – Optimist Meeting
Zion Congregational Church
Public Welcome
Pick up flags after the meeting. |

Birthdays

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| Sept 16 | John Klein |
| Sept 22 | Dee Gutttau |

Anniversaries:

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| Sept 24 | Phil & Jan Waggoner |
| Sept 26 | Bill & Ann Vorthmann |

Programs:

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| Sept | Bill Vorthmann (last two) |
| Oct | Gary Gutttau |
| Nov | Jordan Campbell (first three)
Jerry Hempel (last two) |
| Dec | Mick and Judy Gutttau |

Speakers

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| Sept 21 | Russ Maguire – CPR |
| Sept 28 | Tour of Treynor Waste Water System |