/

,,The Optimist Club of Treynor, Treynor, IA
Iowa District, Zone 2 Club Number 40-109
Iowa District Governor: Jane Schmidt

Lt Governor: George Volz

NEWSLETTER

Treynor Optimist Club President:
Dale Willenborg

Apr 18, 2026 Vol. 42, No.16

MaryAnn Hanusa, County Auditor



MaryAnn Hanusa became Pottawattamie County Auditor in January 2025. The Auditors' Office does not audit. All auditing is done by State Auditors that come into Pott. County several times a year. They ensure the audit of all counties in Iowa. The State Auditors' Office is the Preacher of Iowa Code which tells them to do several things.

1. Finance Office – They are responsible for working on all budgets for the county's cities, schools, townships, etc. and certify them. MaryAnn indicated it is a huge task to keep expense and a chart of accounts that determines what line items are. They follow a chart of accounts which is better for taxpayers as we know where the money is spent.
2. Tax Valuations and all the bonding. They keep all papers for it and pay all the bills. They are the Accounts Payable Dept and ensure expenses meets public purpose, claims are in order and pay all the bills. They are the Payroll and Benefits Accountants for 550 employees that include temporary help.
3. Real Estate Dept – There are six offices within the courthouse that deal with real estate. Their information comes to the Auditor to make sure legal information is correct before it goes to the Assessor.

   There are 13 Drainage Districts in Pott. Co., and the Auditor's office is responsible for elections within each district every year to ensure there are trustees for each district. The Auditor's office pays the bills and keeps track of all their budgets.
4. Elections for Pott County involve the election team staff to set up elections, which takes 3-4 months to set up and be compliant and convenient. They try to stay out of schools and make sure polling locations are available and ADA compliant and to make sure there is no construction that obstructs. Two to three hundred neighborhood citizens are employed and trained on the usage of machines for ID verification and how to handle a glitch that might come up. The more they train, the smoother it goes, and the more elections are secure. They rent Penske trucks for a couple of days four times a year to deliver machines to polling sights and pick back up.

Last year, Mary Ann personally went out to all the precincts to say thank you! The employees appreciated it as they put in long hours. She stated that the history of elections is defined by integrity and transparency.

Questions were answered regarding recounts of elections, workers at the polling place, percentage of votes mailed in, early voting, absenteeism forms (not ballots), and her teams that go to nursing homes to assist with voting. Her department works with a lot of other county offices and is very busy.

Because this is the 250th year, Mary Ann described today as a historical event. On **April 18th, 1775**, Paul Revere, an activist in the Patriot Movement, went to the streets of Boston, and his midnight ride was a significant moment in the **American Revolution**. Some details have been subject to embellishment as to whether his verbal warning, "The British are coming" was said, or if other words were used.

Thanks to Kathy Luedke for taking notes!

We would love to have YOU consider joining our local Optimist Club if you are not a member. Call Dale Willenborg or text 402-651-1634 for more information. www.treynoroptimist.org

Next week's speaker:
Starlyn Purdue, USDA- Iowa

Inspirational Quote:

"If I cannot do great things, I can do SMALL things in a great way."

Martin Luther King

Meeting Minutes

Vice President Kirk Vorthmann called the meeting to order at the Treynor Community Center. Fourteen members were present. Guests were MaryAnn Hanusa and Charlie Johnson

Prayer: Bill Vorthmann

Jokes: Keith Denton, Jordan Campbell, and Steve Chambers

50/50: MaryAnn Hanusa, but she donated it back to the club.

Attendance: Linda Danker, but she was not present.

Birthdays/Anniversaries: None

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

- Keith Denton: His granddaughters' Lily and Sophie are playing soccer and running in track. St. Albert's has a good soccer team.
- Steve Irvin: Granddaughter Hope plays soccer for Sioux City North and made an assist for a goal.
- Jordan Campbell: Zion Church has great horned owls that have showed up yearly since close to 2020 and the last two years. Recently the mom has had two babies.
- Gary Guttau: He observed on the north side of Hwy 6 old metal poles got dumped from Quick to the water tower. What will be done with the poles?
- Gary Guttau: Went to his first soccer games and Treynor won both. He stated the football field looks fantastic.

Business:

- Our next Optimist Meeting will be at the TRA on Sat., Apr. 25. The TRA will provide the coffee.
- Gary Guttau gave a Treasurer's Report. He stated he will continue as Treasurer for one more year.
- Volunteers are needed to run for the next OptimistLt. Governor.
- John Klein reported that Friday, May 8 from 12:30-3:00 will be Mulch Madness Day. Arbor Day trees will be planted and mulched with the 5th grade students. A trailer and driver are needed. The community is invited to help supervise kids and scoop mulch.
- John Klein stated 35 students can now participate in the Swimming Lesson program. The bus is half filled already. The students will be taken from Treynor to Lewis Central for lessons. The newsletter with signup information went out to the Elementary this week. The dates are Mon-Thurs. the first two weeks of June. Pickup is 11:30 AM, Lessons 12:00, back to Treynor at 1:15 PM.
- The Youth Appreciation Event is Sunday, April 26 at 6:00 PM (New Time). Twelve students selected by the school faculty will be honored. The following have volunteered to bring 2 doz cookies or bars- Steve Irvin, Jim Clausen, Dennis White, Dick Fox, Kevin Underwood, Jordan Campbell, Judy Guttau. Please have them at the church by 5 PM. Kathy Luedke, Glenrose Meier and Judy Guttau will help prepare refreshments at 5:00 PM. Jordan Campbell will have tables arranged. Jordan is preparing the student certificates and program. Kathy, Judy, Gary & Chad Guttau will help serve. More are needed to help with clean-up and also to help greet at the beginning in the foyer.

- **Community Events:**

- **Sat. Apr. 25:** City Wide Garage Sale
  Kirk Vorthmann indicated that anyone can start bringing items now to St. Paul for the Garage Sale.
- **Sat. Apr. 25:** Treynor Booster Bash
- **Sun. Apr. 26:** Optimist Youth Appreciation Event – 6 PM NEW TIME
- **Fri., May 1:** City Spring Cleanup

- **Fri. May 1:** Mouse Derby by Treynor Parks & Trails

Events in Treynor and state events away:

- **Mon. Apr. 20:** B/G JH Cardinal Relays
  Mon. Apr. 20: Elementary Night of Arts
- **Tues. Apr.21:** V B/G Golf vs Shenandoah
  Tues. Apr. 21: V B/G Soccer vs Panorama
- **Thurs. Apr. 23:** V B/G Soccer vs West Central Valley
- **Thurs. Apr. 23 – Sat. Apr. 26**: V B/G @ Drake Relays
- **Fri. Apr. 24:** V B/G Soccer vs Logan-Magnolia
- **Sat. Apr. 25:** Spring Play – Theater 5-6 PM
- **Sun. Apr. 26**: Spring Play – Theater 2 PM
- **Mon. Apr. 27**: V B Soccer vs Creston
  Mon. Apr. 27: JH Spring Concert - Theater

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

HUMOR



Grandma, how come your CDs are so big?"

CALENDAR

Events:

April 18	Optimist Meeting 8:00-9:00 AM, Treynor Community Center
April 26	Optimists Youth Appreciation Event – 6:00 PM Zion Congregational Church

Birthdays:

April 20	Steve Chambers
April 24	Linda Danker
April 25	Irvin Saar
April 28	Gene Seran

Anniversaries:

Programs:

April	Chad Guttau
May	Ken Graham (1st,2nd Sat)
	Jeff Jorgensen (3rd,4th Sat)
	John Klein (5th Sat.)
June	Steve Irvin (1st,2nd Sat)
	Judy Guttau (3rd.4th Sat)

Speakers:

Apr 25	Starlyn Purdue, U.S. Dept. of Ag, works in Iowa
May 2	Wild Hearts & Horses, Bob & Carol Weilage, Glenwood
May 9	Pastor Emily Dalen, Treynor St. Paul Lutheran Church
May 16	Andy Wicks, Pott. Co. Engineer
May 23	Keith Jones, Pott. Co. Board of Supervisors, Candidate for Iowa Legislature
May 30	Cody Abbott, Manager of Home Depot (to be honored)

Editor: Judy Guttau, judy.guttau@tsbg.com , 402-670-4330. Contributors: Kathy Luedke, Chad Guttau
Dues/Donations/Flag Money: Mail to Optimist Club of Treynor, PO Box 354, Treynor, IA 51575