

## Loessfest



Art Hill spoke at the Treynor Optimist Club on May 24. He has lived in Council Bluffs for 19 years and has held six different jobs there, including working for Lewis Central Schools, Harveys, and Ameristar. He is currently finance director for the city of Council Bluffs. His wife, Andrea, is a substitute teacher, mainly at Treynor and Underwood.

Art talked about a variety of topics, including Loessfest, a 10 day event

this year in Council Bluffs. Sunday, May 25 is the kickoff with three bands. They cost \$100,000, but no taxpayer money was used.

The Council Bluffs Library is also the Pottawattamie County library. There will always be books in the library, in spite of technology changes, because there is a lot of value in people browsing through shelves of books. Each year the library spends \$700,000 for new materials. There is also a teen center in the library for ages 12-18. A new meeting room has a \$9,000 television. There are also five different book clubs in the library. The Library costs about \$23M each year to operate. Half of that is for salaries.

January 2 is Arts last day working for Council Bluffs, He is running for the Iowa Senate from District 11, to replace retiring Senator Houser. There are 68 communities in the district.