



## Treynor Schools

There was no designated speaker at the Optimist Club meeting on August 27. However, club members had a general discussion, led mainly by Steve Irvin.

The Treynor Fan website ([www.treynorfan.com](http://www.treynorfan.com)) is changing and will be hosted by ihigh.com in the future as [www.ihigh.com/treynorfan](http://www.ihigh.com/treynorfan). The new website is free while the old one was somewhat expensive. Jennifer Anderson is the contact for the website. They may continue to solicit donors for the website, but that will pay for equipment instead of website costs. The content should remain similar.

Enrollment at the Elementary school is up about 20 students. Total school enrollment contains about 25% open enrolled students.

This year a professor from IWCC is teaching Sociality at Treynor. 26 students are enrolled in the class. The High School offers 21 college credits. Two students are taking college classes from IWCC.

Students are allowed to take up to 11 college credits per semester. More than that would be considered full time college and the schools is not obligated to pay for the tuition. However, parents continue to want the school to offer more college credits.

The ICN room at the High School is not used much. The equipment is old and needs to be updated.

Treynor requires all students to take a competency test for graduation. Other schools in the area do not require one. 98% of the seniors last year passed the first time they took the test.

There are 67 students out for marching band this year and 41 out for football. The senior class has 48 students and the largest class at Treynor is 66 students.

## Iowa Straw Poll

Jeff Jorgensen talked at the Treynor Optimist Club on September 3 about the Iowa Straw Poll. It originally began in 1979 and was called the Ames Straw Poll. In 1999 the rules changed so that you had to be 16 1/2 years old and an Iowa resident or a student at one of the main three universities in Iowa. Before that many people from out of state were voting.

This year there were 30,000-40,000 people at the straw poll and 17,000 voted. Tickets are \$30, but most people sign up with a candidate and the candidate pays for their ticket. Indelible ink is used to prevent people from voting twice.

The Iowa Straw Poll is a Republican event. It can give an early indication of how candidates are doing in their campaign. It is only held when the sitting president is not Republican or is not running for re-election. The winner of the straw poll is not often the winner of the caucus, and the winner of one or both of them is often not the party nominee. 1999 was the only time the winner of the straw poll, caucus, and Republican nominee for President was the same person.

## Meeting Minutes

Gary Guttau and Chuck Nielsen provided jokes before the Optimist Club meeting on 27 August. Vice President Chuck Nielsen opened the meeting with the pledge and Gary Guttau offered the prayer.

Richard Vorthmann contributed to the Youth Fund because of a successful fishing trip to South Dakota. He caught his limit of large fish. Gary Funkhouser recognized the Treynor High School seniors. 40 of 48 completed the ACT test with an average score of 24.5. Last year the average score was 23.5.

The next Optimist Zone meeting is Sept 12 at 6:30 p.m. It will probably be at Zion Church. Sandwiches will be served.

Gary Guttau won the 50/50 drawing. Tim Greiner won the attendance, but did not collect. There were 7 members at the meeting.

Gary Guttau provided a joke and Dennis White opened the meeting on 3 September. Ken Graham gave the opening prayer. Chad Guttau, Dale Willenborg, and Dennis White had bragging rights. There were 11 members at the meeting. Kevin Underwood won the 50/50 drawing and Jim Clausen won the attendance drawing.

On Wednesday, Kirk Vorthmann, Dennis White, Ken Graham, Chuck Nielsen, Gary Guttau, and Gary Funkhouser helped with can sorting. Help is needed Tuesday for multicultural night at the High School and next Friday for the Treynor football game. The Treynor Optimist Club is sponsoring the Optimist Zone meeting on September 12 at Zion church.

## Calendar

- Sept 6 – Treynor Multi-cultural night, 6:00-9:00 p.m.
- Sept 12 – Zone meeting at 6:30 p.m. at Zion church.
- Sept 14 – Can Kennel sorting for Wrestling Team, time: TBD
- Sept 28 – Can Kennel sorting for Wrestling Team, time: TBD

## Birthdays

- Sep 9 - Arlyn Norris
- Sep 10 - Milli Harvey
- Sep 19 - Bob Hibbard
- Sep 30 – Tim Greiner

## Anniversaries

- Sep 26 – Bill & Ann Vorthmann

## Speakers

- Sept 10 –
- Sept 17 –
- Sept 24 –
- Oct 1 -

## Programs

- Sep – Jeff Jorgensen
- Oct – Gary Funkhouser
- Nov – Arlyn Norris
- Dec – Chuck Nielsen