



**US Postal Service**

Treynor Postmaster Jeff Mitts spoke at the Treynor Optimist Club on June 22. Jeff is from Northwest Iowa and went to college at ISU in Journalism. He worked at a newspaper in Glenwood for six years, worked for the Post Office for 8 years in Glenwood, then worked a Mineola and Pacific Junction before coming

to Treynor.

A new Postal Plan was implemented last May. Treynor is a full time office. Jeff became Postmaster in December and has five other offices that work under him. Depending on the size of the town, the local Post Office may be open a few hours a day, or longer.

The Post Office loses money each day. They have to pre-fund the retirement fund and cannot raise rates beyond the rate of inflation. With a powerful union, it is difficult to lay off employees. Legislators in rural states also protect their local offices.

Some people might be surprised at the relationship between Fed Ex, UPS, and the Postal Service. The Postal Service does not operate aircraft, so Fed Ex flies postal mail where it needs to go. The US Postal Service also delivers some Fed Ex and UPS packages to remote areas that would be expensive for those companies to deliver to.

**Meeting Minutes**

Bill Vorthmann opened the meeting on June 22. Gary Funkhouser, Keith Denton, and Bill Vorthmann

**Calendar**

- July 6 – Take down flags after Optimist meeting
- July 18 – Zone meeting in Treynor at the park, 6:00 p.m.
- July 25 – Help at Westfair. Free admission this year.

**Birthdays**

- Jun 16 – Dale Willenborg (recognized)
- Jun 20 – Jeff Jorgensen
- Jun 22 – Kevin Elwood

**Anniversaries**

- Jun 1 – Kevin & Shana Elwood
- Jun 3 – Arlyn & Wanda Norris
- Jun 5 – Steve & Debra Irvin
- Jun 15 – Steve & Jeanie Chambers

provided jokes. Bill led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by an opening prayer by Judy Gutttau.

The club will put up flags for Treynor Days on Thursday, June 27 at 5:00 p.m. They will stay up until July 6.

Judy and Mick Gutttau contributed to the youth fund in recognition of their 45<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Dale Willenborg contributed to recognize the Treynor baseball and softball teams for success in their season.

Kevin Underwood won the 50/50 drawing. Ward Chambers won the attendance drawing, but did not collect it. There were 12 members and 9 guests in attendance.



The St. Paul Youth group received a check from the can kennel for \$996.35. This year they will go to the Standing Rock Indian Reservation in South Dakota to volunteer for Kid's Club and other activities. This is a Lakota, Yanktonai, and Dakota Indian reservation. They leave July 28 and return on August 3. There are 12 youth going with two adults and two college students. The cost is about \$500 per person.

Jun 28 – Mick & Judy Gutttau (recognized)

**Programs**

Jun – Gary Gutttau

**Prayers**

- June 29 – Richard Vorthmann
- July 6 – Dennis White
- July 13 – Kirk Vorthmann
- July 20 – Dee Gutttau
- July 27 – Gary Gutttau
- August 3 – Bill Vorthmann
- August 10 – Dennis White
- August 17 – Dee Gutttau

A woman took a package to the post office to mail and was told it would cost \$2.40 for fast delivery or \$1.30 for slower service. "There is no hurry," she told the clerk, "just so the package is delivered in my lifetime." The postmaster glanced at her and said, "That will be \$2.40, please."

33 cents is a really good price to mail a letter; 8 cents for delivery and 25 cents for the storage.

The US Postal Service is still one of the best deals around. For 33 cents they'll carry your letter around for weeks and weeks.

A lady bought a stamp at the post office and asked the clerk, "Shall I stick it on myself?" The clerk replied, "It'll get there faster if you stick it on the envelope."

Did you hear the one about the unstamped letter? You wouldn't get it.