



### American Legion



Ron Kerber from the American Legion spoke to the Treynor Optimist Club on October 24. He is the current Treasurer.

The Treynor Legion has 80 members and 12-15 are very active. They give 10 college scholarships each

year for \$1000 each. The Legion received a large donation a few years ago and haven't used the interest from that for scholarships, but may use that in the next few years to increase the number of scholarships they award. They are the only organization in town that requires an oral interview as part of the scholarship application.

Boys State and Girls State are summer leadership and citizenship programs sponsored by The American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary for high school juniors. The Legion usually sponsors 4 boys and two girls each year. The boys cost \$250 each and go to Camp Dodge in Des Moines for a week. About 700 boys attend Boys State each year. The girls cost \$400 each and go to Ames. The Legion is also working with the Underwood Optimist Club to sponsor 2 boys and 2 girls. They also helped send a boy from Council Bluffs last year.

The Legion sponsors Boy Scout Troop 729. The troop has produced at least 16 Eagle Scouts. The Legion collects about 300 flags a year to be destroyed and the Boy Scouts ceremonially retire the flags.

The Legion is looking for a static display for outside the community center. They are interested in getting a helicopter, cannon, or some other military-themed display.

#### Calendar

Oct 28 Wed – Can Kennel Sorting, 4:00 p.m.

#### Birthdays

Oct 17 – Marsha Underwood (recognized)

Oct 29 – Bill Vorthmann (recognized)

Nov 8 - Mick Gutttau

Nov 18 – Dianne Willenborg

#### Anniversaries

Oct 13 – Dale & Dianne Willenborg (recognized)

Oct 17 – Dennis & Kay White

Nov 2 - Kirk & Lynell Vorthmann

Nov 25 – Ward & Suzanne Chambers

The Treynor Legion meets the second Tuesday of the month at the Treynor Community Center. Meetings usually last one hour. The Treynor Legion started a long time ago, then went away. It was revived after World War II and renamed the Lamar Hartje post a few year later.

Information about the American Legion and Boys State is available at: <http://www.ialegion.org>

#### Meeting Minutes

John Klein opened the meeting on October 24 and led the pledge of allegiance. Dee Gutttau gave the opening prayer. John Klein and Keith Denton provided jokes.

Bill Vorthmann celebrated his 68<sup>th</sup> birthday with a gift to the Youth Fund.

Dee Gutttau and Marsha Underwood contributed to the Youth Fund in recognition of the Royals. Judy Gutttau visited Calvin and Glen at the Elk Horn nursing home. Mick Gutttau recognized the TS Bank sponsoring Promise week. Kevin Underwood was in a video "A Midwest Harvest 2015" on youtube.com. Gary Gutttau contributed because he helped with a rhinoceros.

The club passed a hat to collect money for the Shop With a Sheriff program for Christmas for those in need. The club raised \$236 and will challenge other Optimist Clubs in the area to also contribute.

Gary Funkhouser, Ken Graham, John Klein and Zack Mass (JOOI club) helped with parking cars and buses for the track meet. The girls' team qualified for the State meet and Jerry Jorgensen also qualified.

Club dues are \$75 again this year and are now due.

Gary Gutttau won the 50/50 and Steve Chambers won the attendance award, but did not collect. There were 15 members and one guest at the meeting.

#### Speakers

Oct. 31: Abel Sisco, minister for the Christ the King Presbyterian Church of Council Bluffs will speak on his church and their plans to build a new building in the future (currently they are meeting at I.W.C.C.)

Nov. 7: Baseball Coach Bob Mantell will speak to us about their very successful last season, and we will meet in the Baseball clubhouse at the H.S. Baseball field south of the H.S. building.

#### Prayers