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**Keith Christensen, School Board Candidate**



Keith Christensen is a current member of the Treynor School Board and is running for reelection. He is an Associate Professor of Pharmacy at Creighton.

In 2018 Keith was asked to spearhead a fundraiser for the school. The fundraiser was successful. He was also a little league coach and on the school board advisory committee.

In 2019 Keith was elected to the school board. He waited to run until after his two children had graduated. He saw it as an opportunity to help make decisions to benefit the school.

Keith has been married to Carla for 28 years. She is from Treynor. Their two children are Kaylee and Kyle. Kaylee is a Physical Therapist and Kyle is a Mechanical Engineer. They have lived in the area 21 years.

Keith said he considers the two most pressing issues at school are enrollment and custodians. Enrollment has been steady with a slight uptick this year, in spite of the new Iowa law allowing parents to send their children to private schools at State expense. Open enrollment has been steady.

Two custodians are planning to retire and will be missed. Patty has been a custodian about 45 years.

The school hired a Dean of Students this year, who also acts as a Principal in the Middle School. Mrs. Behrens became a Success Coordinator, assisting Danie Floechinger with scholarships and student planning.

The new Pre-School is going well. A Pre-school Advisory Committee is helping plan for the future. They will have two classrooms next year, but need to plan how to move forward in the future.

Keith talked about the Niche best schools in Iowa. In Pottawattamie County, Treynor ranked as the best place to teach of 7 schools. It also ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> in

athletics and second in best teachers. The Treynor district ranked 7<sup>th</sup> in best school district in the state, with over 300 districts in the state. (see <https://www.niche.com/k12/search/best-school-districts/s/iowa/>)

**Carla Christensen, Ark Encounter**

Carla talked about their visit to the Ark Encounter and the Ark Encounter Creation Museum in Williamsburg, Kentucky. She is an Associate Professor of Pharmacy at Creighton.

The Ark Encounter opened in 2016. It is a creationist theme park with a representation of Noah's Ark. Carla said that the builders used a lot of artistic license in the design. The Ark is 510 feet long, 85 feet wide, and 51 feet high. It contains three levels. There is a lot of walking involved in the tour, but scooters are available to rent. There is also a lot of reading involved. You have to park some distance from the Ark and take a bus there.

Carla said that the Ark probably contained young animals, because they had to reproduce after the flood.

The Creation Museum was built by the same people. It is about 45 miles away. It contains more information about the Bible. There are a lot of videos and reading available. There are also a lot of things for children to do. You can easily spend a full day at each place.

Tickets for each place are \$59.95 for adults, \$49.95 for seniors (60+), \$29.95 for youth (11-17) and free for younger children. You can also buy two day and three day passes for visiting both places. For more information, see ArkEncounter.com

Thanks to Dale Willenborg for taking notes.

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**Next week's Program:**

**George Gillespie, SHIP Counselor,  
Medicare Part C discussion**

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**Famous Quote**

**"One face to the world, another at home  
makes for misery."**

**Amy Vanderbilt**

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## Meeting Minutes

Dale Willenborg called the meeting to order. Sixteen members were present. Rich May, past Iowa District Governor (2021-2022) also attended.

The group recited the pledge and Dee Guttau offered the prayer.

**Jokes:** Ken Graham, Bill Vorthmann, Jordan Campbell, and Steve Chambers shared jokes/stories.

**50/50:** Jordan Campbell won.

**Attendance:** Glenrose Meier won.

**Football Contest:** Ken Graham won.

**Birthdays:** Bill and Ann Vorthmann both had birthdays.

**Anniversaries:** Ken & Linda Graham are going to celebrate their 52<sup>nd</sup> anniversary on Monday.

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

- Dee Guttau was excited about going to the High School musical, Grease
- Steve Irvin had a knee replacement and his wife Debbie and his daughter were very helpful in his recovery.

### Community:

- The Treynor High School musical, Grease, is Sat. Nov. 4, 7:30 pm and Sun. Nov. 5, 2:00 pm.
- John Klein stated that he had applied to the Four Corners Community Foundation for the SWI Impact grant of \$1000 to help with the Optimist tree project. Nonprofits serving their communities may apply until Nov. 10.

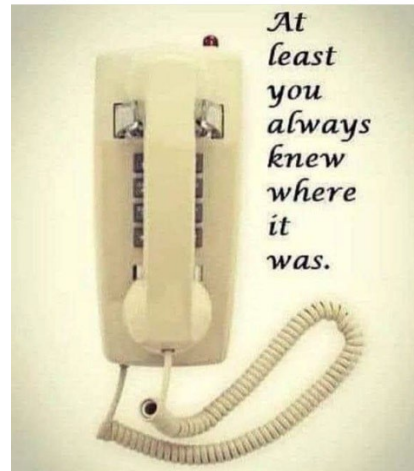
### Business:

- Can kennel sorting will take place on Sunday, Nov 12 at 4:00 p.m. for ZION Impact.
- Flags will be put along the highway for Veterans Day. Dale and Bill plan to put them up Friday, Nov 10. They will be taken down Monday, Nov 13.
- The St. Paul Preschool delivered cans and bottles to Atlantic on Oct 30. The total delivery was \$1300. \$180 of that is for the Silver Creek 4-H Club.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned with the saying of the Creed.

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## Calendar

### Events

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| Nov 11 | Veteran's Day                      |
| Nov 12 | Can Kennel Sorting 4 pm for Impact |

### Birthdays

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|--------|-----------------------------|
| Oct 29 | Bill Vorthmann (Celebrated) |
| Nov 8  | Mick Guttau                 |
| Nov 18 | Phil Waggoner               |
|        | Dianne Willenborg           |
| Nov 22 | Kathy Luedke                |

### Anniversaries

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| Nov 2  | Kirk & Lynell Vorthmann         |
| Nov 6  | Ken & Linda Graham (Celebrated) |
| Nov 22 | John & Carol Klein              |

### Programs:

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| Nov | Jordan Campbell (1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat) |
|     | Jerry Hempel (3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> Sat)    |
| Dec | Judy Guttau                                            |

### Speakers

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|--------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| Nov 11 | George Gillespie, SHIIP Counselor, Medicare Part C discussion |
| Nov 18 | Jeff Casey, Treynor football coach                            |
| Nov 25 | TBA                                                           |
| Dec 2  | Angie Avis, Chief Talent Manager, TS Bank                     |
| Dec 9  | Shelly Bailey, JOI Club                                       |
| Dec 16 | Randy Fontaine, Hope-Net Ministries                           |