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Jeff Casey, Treynor Football Coach



Treynor Football Coach Jeff Casey has been head coach at Treynor for nine years. The team wrapped up the regular season with a 7-1 record and won the opening round of playoffs against West Sioux, playing their best game of the season, but then lost in Ida Grove with lots of turnovers.

The kids have a great experience attending a football camp at Central College in Pella each July and practicing and scrimmaging for three days. Parents pay for this camp and Treynor, a smaller school, has had the biggest roster attending the last few years.

Highlights of the year for Casey include: 1) a heart to heart talk with the kids when scrimmaging Independence at the camp and learning some tough lessons. 2) Playing Clarinda in Treynor and being down by 14 points, but playing the best five minutes of football and doing everything by the book, using timeouts and the clocks, etc. and winning in overtime! The kids said they will keep this game as a favorite memory! 3) Playing Avoca and coming back with a one point victory when some unlikely things happened and that had the kids singing the whole way home on the bus.

Congratulations to the 2023 1st Team All District players from Treynor: Karson Elwood, Jared Schwarte, Zack Robbins, Joey Bittner, Caleb Cooper, and Aaron Ehmke. And to the 2nd Team All District players from Treynor: Ben Casey, Cade Reed, Jace Tams, Aaron Ehmke, Peter Young. And to the Honorable Mention players: Brady Phelps, Holden Minahan, and Danny Kinsella.

Casey stated the thirteen seniors had a huge impact on the team. They were the class that had been freshman from the COVID shut down in 2020. They had won 70% of games during their four years.

The football banquet was held Sunday. Karson Elwood received lots of honors and Ben Casey, broke seven school records as quarterback. Fourteen kids made academic all-district which led all in the district. A player has to be a Junior or Senior and carry 3.5 GPA. Our kids averaged 3.8 GPA. Academics will also be honored for All State in a couple of weeks, which we have 7 kids to be honored and their GPA is much higher than the 3.5 qualifier.

Tyler Cooper is going to play at Northwestern in Orange City. Karson Elwood has received three Division 1 scholarship offers.

Two Treynor kids are still playing football in college: Brock Fox still has 2 years left to play at Augustana University in Sioux Falls SD and Thomas Schwartz is playing at Morehead State KY.

Coach Casey has a winter program in the weight room for the 22 kids not playing a winter sport. The kids will also attend some camps for additional coaching.

Jeff states there are volunteer opportunities for boys to help when people in the community need help raking leaves, farm work, shoveling snow, etc. He stated he has sixty big strong kids.

Coach Casey also leads the Treynor FCA Group. Heather Yokum helps facilitate these gatherings. Up to 40-45 kids turn out. Some kids not in sports attend as well. They eat, play a game, do a Bible study or devotional and then maybe watch Sunday night football on TV.

Other topics discussed were the college recruiting system, how much time Coach devotes to kids and the sport, concept called Collisions, helmets, schedule selection process, class size, turf replacement and more. In addition, Coach predicted the following to be tough teams next season: Clarinda will be good, Avoca, Red Oak brings all their kids back and so does Shenandoah, plus they have a good freshman team.

Thanks to Kathy Luedke for taking notes.

Next week's Program:

Lea Crouse, High School Volleyball Coach

Famous Quote

"Failure isn't falling down. It's staying down."

William Jennings Bryan

Meeting Minutes

Dale Willenborg called the meeting to order. Twenty two members were present. Jeff Casey and Mike Holton were guests.

The group recited the pledge and Jordan Campbell offered the prayer.

Jokes: Bill Vorthmann, Keith Denton, Steve Chambers, Jordan Campbell, Mike Holton

50/50: Dee Gutttau won.

Attendance: Dave Danker won, but was not present.

Football Contest: John Klein won.

Birthdays: Dianne Willenborg turned 69.

Anniversaries: John and Carol Klein's Anniversary is Tuesday.

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

- Gary Funkhouser's son is visiting and attending the Iowa State football game.
- Glenrose Meier appreciates the respectful kids at the ball game. In addition, her son who has cancer had a good scan and the cancer hasn't spread.
- Gary Gutttau shared that he found an address for a scholarship recipient who hadn't picked up her check. He also shared about the lions, elephants, cheetahs and all the babies at the Henry Doorly Zoo. There hadn't been a baby elephant born in the US for a long time.
- Dale Willenborg stated his sunroom has been completed and now they are moving furniture into the space.
- John Klein shared that Lewis Central won the 4A Division Football game.

Community:

- Brent Behrens, formerly of Treynor, has passed. He lived in Oklahoma. He had lost his twin brother several years ago. He played football for Kansas State and retired from teaching school in Sulphur, OK.
- The Treynor Legion has Bingo tonight at 6:30 PM. Future dates for Bingo are Dec. 2 and Dec. 16 at 6:30 PM. \$7/card for 30 games.
- The Cattle Drive food truck will be in the Zion parking lot Monday from 11 AM to 1 PM. Next week it will be Tilly's.

Business:



- Jordan Campbell received can kennel checks for Zion Youth (\$1458) and Impact (\$644). Zion has another \$160 to be received for bottles. Zion Youth will use the money to help with food as they all meet Wed. nights (5-7 youth). They lost a lot of seniors. Jordan makes a meal plus they have a lesson during the hour. Impact has 12 staff members and just hired another so may use the funds for a staff meal and some fun on the wiffleball field behind the church.
- Can kennel delivery was performed by Bill Vorthmann, John Klein, Jordan Campbell, and Pastor Adam Magil.
- Treasurer Gary Gutttau stated all checks have been received except for Addie Schnepel, Silver Creek Club and St. Paul Youth. It was recommended that the parents be notified when a scholarship check is not picked up.

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

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Nov 22 Kathy Luedke

Anniversaries

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Programs:

Nov Jerry Hempel (3rd/4th Sat)
Dec Judy Guttau

Speakers

Nov 18 Jeff Casey, Treynor Football Coach
Nov 25 Lea Crouse, Treynor Volleyball Coach
Dec 2 Angie Avis, TS Bank, Chief Talent Management Officer
Dec 9 Shelly Bailey, JOI Club Advisor, etc.
Dec 16 Randy Fontaine, Hope-Net CEO
Dec 23 No meeting
Dec 30 No meeting

Calendar

Events

Birthdays

Nov 18 Phil Waggoner
Dianne Willenborg

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