



## Treynor Baseball

Bob Mantell, the Treynor head baseball coach, spoke at the Treynor Optimist Club on September 22. Bob is also the Financial Literacy Coordinator at Treynor. Bob attended Thomas Jefferson High School and Creighton University as a baseball pitcher.

Treynor made it to the State baseball tournament this year for the first time since 2000. They set a school record for wins with their 30-5 record.

Bob has been a coach at Treynor for seven years. He says it is “fun to coach the kids” since he doesn’t have to worry a lot about discipline. This year they only graduated two Seniors. Cole Chapin was 1<sup>st</sup> team All State and Player of the year for Southwest Iowa by the Omaha World Herald. He will attend Morningside, majoring in Elementary Education and coaching. Jacob Weis received honors for all area and all district. It was his first year as a starter, working as a 3<sup>rd</sup>

baseman and a pitcher. He was 8-1 as a pitcher. All 9 team starters were voted by coaches as either 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> team all conference.

Speaking on Financial Literacy, this is Bob’s third year in this position, which is growing and expanding. He created a K-12 financial literacy program and started an in-school banking program for the Elementary school.

Iowa had new standards for financial literacy this year. They are mandatory in July 2014 for K-12. Bob says “Managing money is a critical life skill.”

With the support of TS Bank, the program is adding people to support other schools, specifically Council Bluffs, Lewis Central, Underwood, AHST, and Riverside. A person has been hired full time to help support the other schools. A part time person also helps with daily work.

The focus of the Financial Literacy is in five areas:

- Personal and consumer finance
- Banking and financial markets
- Insurance and risk management
- Economics
- Entrepreneurship

The Bank at Treynor Elementary is open Tuesdays. 80-100 children go there each week. They have also opened a bank at Thomas Jefferson High School that opened September 7, 2012. It is open four days a week during the noon hour. It is a real bank where youth have actual accounts, with checking and an ATM. It has four student tellers. One of the tellers is fluent in Spanish. Some of the youth there have parents without a bank account.