



Treynor Baseball, Financial Literacy

Bob Mantell spoke at the Treynor Optimist Club on September 20. He is the baseball coach at Treynor and works for TS Bank teaching financial literacy.

The baseball team this year was 24-7. They won the conference for seven years in a row. Bob had three seniors on the team this year. One of them played in the All Star Series this year and Bob coached the small schools team. Six players on the team won honors recognitions. They lost to St. Albert again this year in the District playoff. Junior Varsity was 7-7-2 and Freshmen were 11-8-1.

Bob also talked about financial literacy he has been involved in for five years. He said that Mick and Judy Gutttau received a "Partner in Education" award from the Council Bluffs school district. The financial literacy program also received a "top Flight Education Award".

The financial literacy program received a grant from the Division of Banking in Iowa to help other banks promote financial literacy. They also became a pilot program for Youth Savings, sponsored by the FDIC. Nine banks in the country were invited to participate.

They are talking to the Atlantic schools in October about an in-school training program for them. A branch of TS Bank will open in Atlantic in 2015.

For financial literacy training, Bob and his staff work with youth grades K-12. They focus on grades K-5, with focal areas of Entrepreneurial, basic economics, risk management, banking, and consumer finance.

Governor Branstad is promoting financial literacy in Iowa schools. Bob is a member of the 10 person advisory board.

A year ago they started working with non-profits. They visit Micah House once a month, focusing on concepts like insurance and banking. They also work with Boys and Girls clubs on Mondays.