



## **US Postal Service**

Treynor Postmaster Jeff Mitts spoke at the Treynor Optimist Club on June 22. Jeff is from Northwest Iowa and went to college at ISU in Journalism. He worked at a newspaper in Glenwood for six years, worked for the Post Office for 8 years in Glenwood, then worked a Mineola and Pacific Junction before coming to Treynor.

A new Postal Plan was implemented last May. Treynor is a full time office. Jeff became Postmaster in December and has five other offices that work under him. Depending on the size of the town, the local Post Office may be open a few hours a day, or longer.

The Post Office loses money each day. They have to pre-fund the retirement fund and cannot raise rates beyond the rate of inflation. With a powerful union, it is difficult to lay off employees. Legislators in rural states also protect their local offices.

Some people might be surprised at the relationship between Fed Ex, UPS, and the Postal Service. The Postal Service does not operate aircraft, so Fed Ex flies postal mail where it needs to go. The US Postal Service also delivers some Fed Ex and UPS packages to remote areas that would be expensive for those companies to deliver to.