



## American Legion

Ron Kerber from the American Legion spoke to the Treynor Optimist Club on October 24. He is the current Treasurer.

The Treynor Legion has 80 members and 12-15 are very active. They give 10 college scholarships each year for \$1000 each. The Legion received a large donation a few years ago and haven't used the interest from that for scholarships, but may use that in the next few years to increase the number of scholarships they award. They are the only organization in town that requires an oral interview as part of the scholarship application.

Boys State and Girls State are summer leadership and citizenship programs sponsored by The American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary for high school

juniors. The Legion usually sponsors 4 boys and two girls each year. The boys cost \$250 each and go to Camp Dodge in Des Moines for a week. About 700 boys attend Boys State each year. The girls cost \$400 each and go to Ames. The Legion is also working with the Underwood Optimist Club to sponsor 2 boys and 2 girls. They also helped send a boy from Council Bluffs last year.

The Legion sponsors Boy Scout Troop 729. The troop has produced at least 16 Eagle Scouts. The Legion collects about 300 flags a year to be destroyed and the Boy Scouts ceremonially retire the flags.

The Legion is looking for a static display for outside the community center. They are interested in getting a helicopter, cannon, or some other military-themed display.

The Treynor Legion meets the second Tuesday of the month at the Treynor Community Center. Meetings usually last one hour. The Treynor Legion started a long time ago, then went away. It was revived after World War II and renamed the Lamar Hartje post a few year later.

Information about the American Legion and Boys State is available at:

<http://www.ialegion.org>