

Treynor Football



Steve Owens was the speaker on December 12. He has been the football coach at Treynor for 16 years. This season the team was 9-2. However, he stressed that he does not want the football players to be measured by the final score of a game or by the season. That is not who they are, although society tries to measure us that way. This season the wins over Underwood and Tri-Center helped the players believe in themselves. The Seniors this year did not win any games in 7th and 8th grades.

This year's football team stood out by how well they got along with each other. Unlike many past years, the seniors did not separate themselves at team meals but the grades intermingled themselves.

About six years ago, Owens developed a leadership class for the Juniors, meeting in the Spring. The focus was on being a leader by being a servant and serving their fellow teammates. As Juniors they can use their influence to support the Seniors. Attendance is voluntary and they meet at 7:00 a.m. one day a week. Three quarters of the current Seniors attended last Spring. Next year he may open the class to all the players instead of just Juniors.

The team threw the ball a lot this year, making use of the talent on the team. They gained over 1000 yards passing and 2000 yards rushing. They went back to the no huddle offence because it makes Treynor unique.

In football the coaches try to develop a positive attitude. Steve Owens read a quote saying that leadership is "the capacity to influence others by enhancing their capacity to do good."

This year was the first time the football team had a service project. They raked leaves for people in the community. He hopes to expand the project next year.

Steve concluded paraphrasing Proverbs by saying that "Those who speak kindly are able to teach. We need more kindness."