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Next Club Meeting

The next meeting of the Optimist Club of Treynor is planned for Saturday, September 13, 2008, 7:30 a.m. at the Treynor Community Center. The speaker will be Treynor High School girls head softball coach JoEllen Travis. The meeting will also include club officer elections. The public is invited to the meeting.

Report of Recent Club Meeting

The Optimist club met September 6 with 13 members and one guest in attendance. President Dale Willenborg opened the meeting by leading the pledge, with Arlyn Norris offering the devotional prayer.

The 50/50 was awarded to Arlyn Norris. The attendance pot was also awarded to Arlyn Norris.

The club recognized Arlyn Norris's upcoming birthday on Tuesday, September 9. John Klein contributed to the Youth Fund, complementing the summer library program where 93 children checked out 614 books. Dick Baber contributed for the opportunity to attend the Republican National Convention.

Chad Gutttau contributed apples for the club auction and they were sold for \$2 a bag. (Correction – Linnea White contributed the peaches last week).

The Optimist Club will put up flags on 10 September for Patriots Day and will take them down Sunday evening around 6:00 p.m.

Treynor Baseball

Bob Mantel, Treynor baseball coach, told the club that they had 23 players out for baseball this summer, with one senior and two 8th graders. Since the Treynor baseball field is under construction, they played all their games on the road this year. Practices and "home" games were played in Oakland.

The new Treynor field should be completed this fall and should be the nicest field in the conference. Plans are to have dual batting cages and a windscreen along the outfield

fence. Players all receive a Treynor bat ad a batting cage jacket. They added new uniforms last year, so they are the only team in the league with two uniforms.

One advantage from practicing in Oakland was that the players were together a lot. They started the season slow and were 5-10 at mid-season. Then they had a 13 run streak until they lost in the District. Treynor ended 11-3 in conference, tied for the lead with Tri-Center.

Coach Mantel has been trying to play more games each year, with tough non-conference games scheduled early. League rules allow schools to play 40 games in the season. Smaller schools like Treynor generally do not have enough pitchers to play that many games. Treynor had 29 scheduled this summer, but 6-7 were rained out. He wants to schedule 35 next year.

League rules allow pitching and catching to start in January for grades 8-12. A pitcher can only pitch 16 innings in a week (Sunday through Saturday). They are only allowed to pitch 9 inning per day, but that is usually excessive for a High School player.

This fall there will be a team for 7th and 8th graders. The baseball team is expecting 30-35 players next year, so they will probably have a freshman team. Freshman games will be during the day, because of field availability. Next summer could be a great year for Treynor baseball. Nigel Horton is the assistant coach, but another coach will be needed.

CALENDAR

The September Can Kennel contributions will be for the Treynor High School Dance Team.

- 9/10 Can Kennel sorting at 3:30 p.m.
- 9/10 Flag installation after Can Kennel
- 9/14 Flag takedown, 6:00 p.m.

Birthdays

- 9/9 Arlyn Norris#, 9/10 Milli Harvey, 9/16 John Klein, 9/19 Bob Hibbard, 9/30 Tim Greiner

Anniversaries

- 9/26 Bill Vorthmann
- #=recognized to date

PS. A conceited new rookie was pitching his first game. He walked the first five men he faced and the manager took him out of the game. The rookie slammed his glove on the ground as he yelled, "The coach took me out when I had a no-hitter going."

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