



Treynor Boys Basketball

Scott Rucker, the boy's basketball coach at Treynor, was the speaker this week. He teaches chemistry and physics at Treynor High School.

Scott graduated from Shenandoah High School and went to Cornell College. He coached college basketball for six or seven years, but wanted to teach. This is his seventh year at Treynor and fifth as a coach.

This is the first year the Treynor boy's basketball team made it to the state tournament as a 2A school. They are one of the smallest schools in 2A.

Scott says his main focus is to try to make a difference. He received a lot of letters and e-mails this year after the State Tournament about what a good example the boys were. The team spends a lot of time in practice talking about sportsmanship and focusing on the community, not on individuals. What the boys do affects the entire community.

This is the first year they held a pep rally at the Elementary school. Scott said that it was the loudest gym he was ever in. When he started coaching at Treynor they also started competitive basketball for the Elementary students. With a thriving youth program there, Scott expects to see even greater results in the future.

Treynor is trying to play the best teams during the season, including 4A teams like Thomas Jefferson. Scott wants to expose his team's weaknesses early so they can work on them before the State Tournament.

Scott Rucker tries not to coach High School any different than college. There are some differences. In High School they have fewer practices before the first game. They have multi-sport athletes. Scott tries to practice twice a day before the season starts, doing the strengthening before school and drills afterwards.

Meeting Minutes

Dennis White opened the Optimist Club meeting on April 2 with the Pledge of Allegiance and Marsha Underwood gave the opening prayer. Keith Denton provided jokes. There were 21 members and 5 guests at the meeting.

Dick Baber contributed to the Youth Fund in recognition his 53 wedding anniversary. Bill

Vorthmann contributed in recognition of his granddaughter receiving a series of basketball honors. Chuck Nielsen is expecting another grandchild. Gary Guttau recognized Taylor Hill and her many Treynor accomplishments. Kevin Abbott said his daughter made the cheerleader squad next year and his son joined the Volunteer Fire Department.

The JOOI club completed can kennel sorting this week, with assistance from Steve Irvin, Gary Funkhouser, Gary Guttau, and Dennis White. Sam, Brad, and Nick from the Junior Class collected a check for \$1335.70 for the After Prom Committee. After Prom activities this year will be at the school.

Richard Vorthmann won the 50/50 drawing. Ward Chambers won the attendance drawing, but did not collect.

LeRoy Cobia donated two honey bears last week. They were auctioned for \$5 each.

Bicycle Safety will be April 21 at the Elementary school. Sgt. Richie will speak at the school. Extreme Wheels will conduct bicycle inspections. The club will give away one boys and one girls Schwinn bike from Target, costing \$162.

CALENDAR

Apr 13 - Can Kennel sorting at 5:30 p.m. for the JOOI club

Birthdays

Apr 6 - Kevin Abbott
Apr 20 - Steve Chambers
Apr 25 - Rocky Saar
Apr 28 - Gene Seran

Anniversaries

Mar 15 - Dick & Betty Baber (recognized)
Mar 15 - Jeff & Carrie Nelson
Apr 7 - Jim & Diane Clausen

Speakers

Apr 9 - Speaker from Jenny Edmundson Hospital

Programs

Apr - Gary Guttau
May - Keith Denton
June - Dick Baber
July - Judy Guttau
Aug - Treynor Bank Employees
Sep - Jeff Jorgensen
Oct - Gary Funkhouser
Nov - Arlyn Norris
Dec - Chuck Nielsen

You know you are totally and hopelessly addicted to basketball when...

-You are outraged with so many 'phony' basketball fans who start leaving the game full three minutes before the final whistle... particularly as you yourself have the odd habit of arriving a full hour before start of any game and refusing to quite the stands till the last second when they start switching off the lights..