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### Family Consumer Science

Norma Vorthmann, the Family Consumer Science teacher at Treynor, spoke at the Treynor Optimist Club on November 3. She spoke about herself and about Career and Technical Education (CTE).

Norma met her husband through match.com. Through the website you communicate with

someone anonymously until you are ready to meet. They communicated for some time before they made formal contact. Fearful that they lived a long distance apart, she was shocked when she found that her future husband only lived three miles away. They were married in July.

CTE is a component of a national consumer education curriculum. Iowa law says each school needs to offer four of the six programs available in High School. Treynor offers:

- Business and Information Technology
- Family and Consumer Sciences
- Marketing
- Industrial Technology

#### Calendar

Nov 14 – Can Kennel Sorting, Cub Scouts, 3:30 p.m. Nov 28 – Can Kennel Sorting, Cub Scouts, 3:30 p.m.

# Birthdays

- Nov 8 Mick Guttau
- Nov 18 Dianne Willenborg

### Anniversaries

- Nov 2 Kirk & Lynell Vorthmann
- Nov Kenneth & Linda Graham (recognized)
- Nov 25 Ward & Suzanne Chambers Speakers

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Programs Nov – Gary Guttau Dec – Bill Vorthmann For Family and Consumer Sciences, Treynor has four babies, each costing about \$180. The babies are paid for through the federal Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act. Each student in the class has to ten the babies for 60 hours. The babies are programmable with 15 schedules to perform all the functions of a normal baby, with easy, moderate, and difficult levels. Norma mainly uses the moderate level. The school has eight new sewing machines, also funded mainly through Perkins.

Some of the topics they cover in her class are:

- Independent Living
- Careers
- Child growth and Development (ages 0-3), and
  Early Childhood (ages 4-10).

The students use the website ChooseMyPlate.gov to help plan meals that they serve to a guest.

## **Meeting Minutes**

Ken Graham opened the meeting on November 3. Chad Guttau and Chuck Nielsen provided jokes. Ken Graham offered the opening prayer.

The club celebrated Ken Graham's 41<sup>st</sup> anniversary with a song. Ken announced that the Board met last week and passed a budget of \$1500.

Ken Graham won the 0/50. Kevin Elwood won the attendance award, but did not collect.

Prayers

Nov 10—Gary Funkhouser Nov 17—Dale Willenborg Nov 24—Arlyn Norris Dec 1—Dennis White Dec 8—Bill Vorthmann Dec 15—Chuck Nielsen Dec 22—Richard Vorthmann Dec 29—Ken Graham Jan 5—Dale Willenborg Jan 12—Gary Guttau Jan 19—Steve Irvin Jan 26—Dee Guttau

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Once, in a typical inner-city school, there worked a science teacher who was just too busy! She decided to make a clone of herself so she could get twice as much work done. Well, the clone helped her a lot, but it also gave her a bad reputation because it kept swearing at the children. One day, the woman couldn't take her clone's rudeness anymore, so she took it to the top of the school building and pushed it off. Soon after, the woman was arrested for making an obscene clone fall.

How many teachers does it take to change a light-bulb? Well hang on a minute! You can't go changing a lightbulb just like that. You need a plan - long, medium and short-term - or your method of changing the bulb will be in question. And of course, you need to be very clear what you are trying to achieve by changing it - that will need writing down and handing out to anybody who happens to be watching you change the light-bulb. Furthermore, some account will need to be made for the fact that the light bulb may not be very bright - you can't just discard it. You will also need to spend time assessing your procedure after the event, with a clear emphasis on taking the bulb-changing process to the next stage. Oh and there is the question of changing other bulbs on a voluntary basis after hours...

Doris a wise schoolteacher sends this note to all parents on the first day of school: "If you promise not to believe everything your child says happens at school, I'll promise not to believe everything he says happens at home."