



Treynor Baseball Clubhouse

Bob Mantell gave a tour of the new baseball clubhouse on November 7. Bob just finished his 10th year of coaching.



In 2008 the Treynor School District approved a bond issue that included construction of new baseball and softball fields and the first games were played on the new fields in 2009. The baseball field is 325 feet to the fence on the left and right fields and 375 feet in the center, which is larger than most high school baseball fields. There is grass on the baselines, which is a new trend and is easier to maintain. There is also drain tile around the field to help keep it dry.

This fall they will expand the dugout, replace the warning track with agrilime, and add two new batting cages. They would also like to put a red windscreen around the fields.

The new baseball clubhouse was built without school funding. Bob Mantell and two assistant coaches built the clubhouse. It is 40x20 foot and has an upstairs press box. It has air conditioning and heating, but no plumbing. Plumbing would have doubled the cost.

They used artificial turf in the bottom of the clubhouse. They got it free, but paid \$150 to lay it. The chairs were donated by Mutual of Omaha. They used old baseball uniforms to cover the chairs. Bob says the clubhouse is as nice as in any college. It is open six days a week, April to August.

The school provides one set of uniforms. Since they play so many games each season, they use fundraising to buy other uniforms.

The baseball team had 21 boys in 2006 when Bob Mantell started. This year they had 35. Their record was 27-8 and they went to the state tournament for the second time in four years. They have won the conference eight years in a row.

Iowa is the only state that has summer baseball. Other states have baseball in the spring. In the spring you have to fight weather problems and in the summer you have a short season. Teams can play up to 40 games in the seven week season. Pitchers are limited to 16 innings a week (Sunday through Saturday). Normally they pitch 7-8 innings a week.

The Junior Varsity baseball team was 9-5 this year. The freshmen were 10-8. Bob said that he has had 7-8 of his baseball player's play in college.

Meeting Minutes

John Klein opened the meeting on November 7. Dale Willenborg gave the opening prayer.

Calendar

- Nov 11 – Can Kennel Sorting for Cub scouts-1:15 p.m.
- Dec 2 - Can Kennel Sorting for Cub scouts-time 1:15 p.m.
- Dec 16 - Can Kennel Sorting for Jr/Sr. Prom-time TBD
- Jan 6 – Can Kennel Sorting for Jr/Sr. Prom-time TBD
- Jan 16 – Zone meeting in Carsen – 9:00-noon
- Jan 27 Can Kennel Sorting for Jr/Sr. Prom-time TBD

Birthdays

- Nov 8 - Mick Guttau
- Nov 18 – Dianne Willenborg

Anniversaries

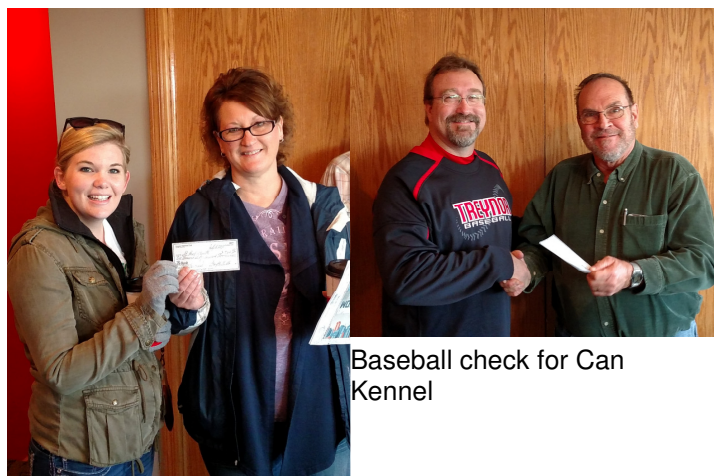
Mick Guttau celebrated his birthday with a gift to the Youth Fund. Kirk and Lynell Vorthmann celebrated their 41st anniversary.

The can kennel has contributed \$130,285.58 to youth activities in Treynor. Sorting is November 11 for the Cub Scouts at 1:15 p.m.

Gary Funkhouser reported that there are 810 students registered in the Treynor Schools. 277 of them are not in the district.

Chad Guttau won the 50/50 and Dennis Whire won the attendance award, but did not collect. There were 17 members and 9 guests at the meeting.

The St. Paul Youth picked up their can kennel check. There were 11 youth who went on a mission trip to inner city Chicago. They stayed at a church between two gangs and couldn't talk about Jesus. Next year they are going to the Northern Cheyenne Reservation in Wyoming.



Baseball check for Can Kennel

The Silver Keg Feeders picked up their check. They have 65 youth ages 3 to 17. They participate in a variety of activities, including bowling, hockey games, a pot luck for Christmas, and a BBQ at Westfair after the fair. They also are involved in the community through Shoe Box Angels, adopt a family, raking leaves around town, adopt a highway (West of Treynor), clothes for the Open Door Mission, and St. Paul's Mission Tree. They were the outstanding club of the year out of 10 clubs.



- Nov 2 - Kirk & Lynell Vorthmann
- Nov 25 – Ward & Suzanne Chambers

Speakers

- Nov. 14: Carrie Martin. She is with the "Connections" senior citizens aging group and will speak on setting up their volunteer program.
- Nov. 21: Bill McCarthy of Hansen House. Mr. McCarthy and the Hansen House work with Alzheimer patients and their specialized care.
- Nov. 28: Discussion on instigating a younger member satellite club of Optimists.