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Managed Care

Bill Vorthmann introduced speaker Kristyn Vorthmann Nielsen. Kristyn graduated from Treynor Community School in 2008 and went on to earn a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from the University of Northern Iowa in 2012. Kristyn and her husband, Ethan, farm in Avoca, Iowa.



Kristyn's work experience includes Boys Town and an Early Head Start Program. Recently, the State of Iowa changed from state-managed Medicaid to private company-managed Medicaid called "Managed Care." Kristyn's current position is with United Healthcare Managed Care as a Community-Based Case Manager working from home. Kristyn primarily coordinates services for members of all ages with diagnosed needs that are on a Medicaid Waiver to allow them to live in their homes in the community and ensure their needs are met and safety maintained. She also works with members in nursing facilities to ensure they are able to safely transition back to their homes if they wish.

United Healthcare has existed in Iowa for more than 30 years and employs over 1000 people in Iowa. Kristyn is especially pleased that United Healthcare believes in hiring local people to advocate for local people. United Healthcare not only provides qualified services but also provides grants for improving patient health.

Meeting Minutes

President Kirk Vorthmann called the Oct 15, 2016 meeting of the Treynor Optimist Club to order at 8:00 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the prayer offered by Dee Guttau.

Keith Denton and Gary Guttau provided jokes. For Bragging Rights, Keith Denton contributed \$2 for donated pumpkins from Jim Clausen. John Klein contributed for his good experience as a Watchdog volunteer. Ann Vorthmann recognized the awesome help with the can kennel from the Treynor Junior Optimists. Kirk Vorthmann won the 50/50 and the attendance prize was not collected.

Marsha Underwood was recognized for her birthday.

Cardinal Core has arranged for an historic bus tour on October 29 for 50 Treynor high school students, to include the Council Bluffs Squirrel Cage Jail and Union Pacific Museum. The tour is funded by the lowa History Center.



The Treynor Dance Team's can kennel proceeds of \$521.46 and the Treynor Baseball Team's proceeds of \$688 are both ready to be picked up at one of the next Saturday morning Optimist meetings. John Klein is coordinating the current can kennel with the Music Boosters. Their first sorting is scheduled for 1:30 on Wednesday, Oct 19. The Optimist Club's can kennel proceeds of \$592.75 will be used to send two senior high

students to the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership (HOBY). HOBY is an organization dedicated to "training and nurturing the young leaders of tomorrow."

Optimist members were reminded of annual club dues. Steve Chambers from Midwest Insurance of Treynor partnered with the Treynor Optimists to pay for transporting swimmers to Kirn Junior High for summer lessons this year. The cost from Treynor CSD for the bus and driver was \$164.95.

The Treynor Food Pantry needs donations. The High School is having an in-house canned food drive on Friday, October 21. Optimists can bring items for the pantry to the next meeting.

A community prayer event will be held on Sunday, Dec 16, for Anika Vohs, a Treynor high school student receiving chemotherapy treatments for leukemia.

Calendar

Nov 2 – Can kennel sorting, 3:30 Nov 10, Thurs, 4:00 p.m. – put up flags

New 10, Thurs, 4.00 p.m. – put up mays

Nov 12, Sat, take down flags after club meeting Nov 12 and 19th – collection for needy families for

Christmas

Nov 16 - Can Kennel sorting, Cub Scouts

Nov 30 – Can Kennel sorting, Cub Scouts

Birthdays

Oct 17 – Marsha Underwood (recognized)

Oct 29 - Bill Vorthmann

Anniversaries

Oct 13 - Dale & Dianne Willenborg

Oct 17 - Dennis & Kay White

Programs

Nov - Judy Guttau

Dec - Chuck Nielsen

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