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## Western Iowa Sports

Kevin White, sports writer for the Council Bluffs Daily Nonpareil and the Omaha World Herald, spoke at the Treynor Optimist Club on July 15. He covers sports for over 60 schools.

Kevin grew up in Minden, Iowa. His father was the athletic director in Tri-Center. He was a journalism major.



Kevin started working for the Nonpareil in 1991, working on small Radio Shack computers. In 2000 the World Herald purchased 70% of the Nonpareil. Kevin started working for the World Herald, which took over covering Western Iowa sports. They covered 75 High Schools and now

they cover about 50. In 2007 the World Herald purchased the remainder of the Nonpareil. The World Herald is the largest independently owned newspaper in the United States.

For sports they have two other writers, one design person, and four part-time people for receiving calls on game nights.

Kevin's main office is at the Nonpareil, but often works from home. He travels a lot for work. This past week he drove 16 hours this week to go to four games. Friday night he sent the last page at 11:15 p.m. and got home at 12:30 a.m. The World Herald has 8 staff cars that can be checked out for travel. Kevin uses one when he has to travel over an hour to a game.

Kevin tries to staff every home game, since there is not a lot of TV coverage in Southwest Iowa. He

said that High School youth appreciate any coverage they receive in the paper. They often pick special interest stories based on newspaper readership.

Kevin said his children go to St. Albert. His father, age 75, is the assistant coach there.

## Meeting Minutes

Dennis White conducted the July 15, 2017 meeting of the Treynor Optimist Club. The meeting began with humor from Chad Guttau, Dee Guttau, Dale Willenborg, and Jim Clausen. Dee Guttau offered the opening prayer after the pledge of allegiance.

Chad Guttau won the 50/50 drawing and also collected the attendance prize. There were 12 members and 2 guests at the meeting.

Dale Willenborg contributed to the Youth fund to note the Chicory flowers blooming along the roads.

Can kennel sorting was Wednesday, July 12, for the Optimist Club. Kevin and Marsha Underwood, Gary, Dee, and Chad Guttau, Bill Vorthmann and two grandsons, John Klein, and Jordan Campbell all helped.

A calendar was auctioned for \$0.25 and some onions and cucumbers brought \$2.50.

For swim lessons, 42 youth are signed up for the bus. Lessons are 45 minutes and are 9 days, July 10-20.

Volunteer help is needed with the gates at Westfair, Thursday, July 27, 12:00-6:00. Bill Vorthmann and Ken Graham volunteered to help 12:00-3:00. Kirk Vorthmann will help 3:00-6:00. One more person is needed 3:00-6:00.

The state Optimist Meeting is in Council Bluffs on August 4-6. Kirk Vorthmann made a reservation, but will not be able to attend. Contact him if you would like to use his paid reservation. Reservations are due July 21. Members are encouraged to attend.

Trey Castle picked up his scholarship check. He will be attending ISU, majoring in business marketing and entrepreneurship. He plans to play intramural sports.



**Trey Castle and Dennis White**

**Calendar**

July 27 – Westfair, need help at gates 12:00-6:00

**Birthdays**

Jul 14 – Gary Gutttau (recognized)

Jul 23 – Jerry Hempel

Jul 27 – Jim Clausen

**Anniversaries**

Jul 14 – Jeff & Mary Beth Jorgensen

Jul 25 - Chuck & Kathy Nielsen

**Speakers**

July 22 – Eric Hempel

**Programs**

August - First two – Heidi Lunn

Last weeks – Bob Mantell

September - Ken Graham

October - Gary Gutttau

November - Mick Gutttau

December –