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### **Tim Navara Speaks to Optimists**

Tim Navara, Treynor Activities Director, spoke to the Treynor Optimists on Saturday, April 7. The position has evolved from coordinating the Athletics activities as well as the Arts.



**Tim Navara**

A University of Iowa graduate, Navara's job description includes: directing, supervising and coordination of activities, managing the budget, serving as liaison for scheduling all schools within WIC, serving as liaison to the State Athletic Association and Union, hosting state events, supervising coaches and watching practices, providing guidance and direction with facilities and keeping an eye out for potential new hires.

The West Gym will soon have new red bleachers after 35 years. The life of the old bleachers exceeded expectations due to great custodial care.

Gate sales and athletic passes fund sports activities. Football and basketball sales are in the black and support the other activities as well as helping fund participation costs in state events.

The Treynor Athletic Booster Club Bash on April 27 is a great effort to raise funds to support a budget for each coach plus a large fund to help the school with larger expenses. New wall mats are needed for the gym.

Navara stated that he puts in for every state event. The sponsoring school receives 20% of the admissions gate. He gave great praise to School Secretary Danette Blackledge who assists him and lines up workers.

He grooms the artificial turf, which has a life of ten years, every other week. It is composed of ground up old tires. He uses a tined wheel to turn up debris and a fork-type machine to fluff the turf.

Navara discovered recently a Council Bluffs Official Assigner who will arrange all officials for all levels of football and basketball for an annual fee of \$300 which is well worth it. More crews are three man because officials are getting older. There is a need for younger officials. Officiating two games of basketball will pay \$100 each and \$160 for soccer.

There is also an increased need for activity bus drivers especially in the spring. If you have a CDL, contact Navara. On Thursday alone five buses and two vans were needed to haul athletes.

In addition, Navara coordinates the Endeavor Program for At Risk students. There are currently five kids who focus on one course at a time. One current student will graduate early with an A minus average. Kids come to school from 9-12 and go to a job at 1:00.

### **Meeting Minutes**

Dale Willenborg called the meeting to order with 12 members present. Judy Guttau shared humor. After the pledge of allegiance Dee Guttau said the prayer.

Judy Guttau won the 50/50 drawing. Keith Denton won the attendance drawing but was not present. There were no birthday or anniversaries.

Bragging Rights Dollars were contributed to the Youth Fund by Chad Guttau to state he was introduced on the floor of the Iowa Legislature by Jon Jacobsen as his Special Legislative Assistant and received a standing ovation. He also had his

picture taken with astronaut, Peggy Whitson. Kirk Vorthmann gave a dollar to announce he will be a grandpa again (Wade & Alisha) and for Ashlyn getting first in discus at the JH track meet and the team placing tops. Judy Guttau donated to state she had seen the nation's top high school discus thrower this year from Kingsley Pierson throw at the AL/TG Track Meeting. His longest throw is 196 ft. Kevin Underwood contributed in recognition of John Klein's efforts for a successful Mulch Madness which was featured on tv.

The Zone meeting was attended by six from Treynor. Underwood presented their "Stop the Bleeding" project and have a goal of having a kit in every classroom and bus. The meal was reported as excellent and the state Governor and Governor-Elect attended.

Our local Youth Appreciation Event will be on Sun., Apr. 22 at 3 PM at Zion Congregational Church and is being organized by Gary Funkhouser. Volunteers to bring cookies were Dee Guttau, Judy Guttau, Gary Funkhouser, Kevin Underwood and Jim Clausen. Volunteers will be needed to set up tables and to assist in the kitchen.

Mulch Madness helpers with the 5<sup>th</sup> grade students were Gary Guttau, Keith Denton, Dee Guttau, John Klein, Jerry Hempel, and Bill Vorthmann along with parents and Master Gardeners. The school donated \$125 for the mulch and Home Depot donated 35 new buckets.

Bill Vorthmann will check on the time for can sorting this Wednesday. School gets out at 1 PM.

Gary Funkhouser, Ken Graham, Gary Guttau, Bill Vorthmann, Chad Guttau, John Klein and Kirk Vorthmann all helped with the Can Kennel Sorting for Silver Keg Feeders Wed., April 4.

The Scholarship Committee of John Klein, Bill Vorthmann, Gary Guttau, Dale Willenborg, and Keith Denton are reviewing the twenty applications.

Judy Guttau reminded the group that the Treynor Athletic Boosters Bash is April 27 at the Treynor Community Building. Reservations can still be made.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned with the recitation of the Optimist Creed.

*Come join us for fun, fellowship, and interesting programs! Optimist Club meetings run from 8-9 AM each Saturday morning at the Treynor Community Building (Legion Room). The coffee is always on and donuts are served (and sometimes breakfast)!*

### **A THOUGHT**

**So live that you wouldn't mind selling your family parrot to the town gossip.**

#### **Calendar**

Apr 21	Optimist State Oratory Contest
Apr 22	Optimist Youth Appreciation – 3 PM
Apr 25	Can Kennel Sorting - TBA
Apr 27	Treynor Athletic Booster Bash fundraiser Treynor Community Building Gail Hartigan will be honored.
Apr 29	Pitch Hit Run Contest sponsored by Cardinal Core

#### **Birthdays**

Apr 20	Steve Chambers
Apr 24	Linda Danker
Apr 25	Irvin Saar
Apr 28	Gene Seran

#### **Anniversaries**

#### **Programs**

April	Gary Funkhouser
May	Gary Guttau
June	Lou Howell

#### **Speakers**

April 21	Wendy Anderson – Entrepreneur, Author
April 28	Curtis Goos – Teacher, World Traveler

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