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### **Bob Beattie, Retired Teacher**

Bob Beattie, retiring after 44 years at Treynor, spoke at the Treynor Optimist Club on June 2. Bob came from Malvern and started teaching at Treynor after graduating from Iowa State University in 1974. He started teaching on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the old building, teaching Life Science and Biology.



Bob said that when he started teaching, 80% of the youth were farm kids, 10% were from town, and 10% were from local homes. Now only about 10% are farm kids.

During his teaching career, he only had 20-25 youth who were questionable students. The others were very good.

At Treynor he has been the class sponsor for 7<sup>th</sup> grade through Seniors, has been assistant wrestling coach, helped with girls' softball, Jr. High track, Jr. High baseball, helped with music performances, helped build 44 homecoming floats, and various other activities.

Bob enjoyed his involvement in service learning. They worked at the Open Door Mission a couple of days and built small libraries for around town.

He has had a variety of unique experiences in teaching. In biology he saw youth turn all colors from dissecting pigs. Only a couple youth fainted, but they were caught on the way down.

Ann Vorthmann recalled a story of when the students took a trip to Washington DC. Someone had dropped a shoe in a storm sewer. Since Beattie was small and skinny at the time, someone held him by his feet and lifted him down into the sewer to recover the shoe.

### **Meeting Minutes**

Keith Denton called the meeting to order. After the pledge of allegiance, Dale Willenborg said the prayer.

For bragging rights, Gary Guttau recognized both girls and boys soccer teams, and the Hibbard auction. Chad Guttau encouraged everyone to vote on Tuesday. Ann Vorthmann recognized the Jr. High musical. Keith Denton said he had a flat tire on both his Jeep and his pickup the same day (not something to brag about). Gary Funkhouser contributed to the Youth Fund because his picture was in the newspaper when watching the soccer game.

The Silver Keg Feeders collected a check from the can kennel for \$1033. They have over 125 members. At the end of the year they have a barbeque at Westfair. They go bowling in January. The state charges \$35 to join 4H and the club pays that if someone needs help paying. They are also going to use the money to buy new metal signs for Westfair. The current ones are wood and need painting frequently.

The club also gives donations to 4H, Westfair, and for scholarships. They do a highway cleanup twice a year. Their June meeting is on June 3, their last meeting before county fair.

Silver Keg Feeders is the largest 4H club in West Pottawattamie. They include youth K-12. K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade has about 27 youth.



Past members of the Silver Keg Feeders attending the Optimist Club joined them for a picture.



Dennis White won the 50/50 drawing. Jeff Jorgensen won the attendance drawing but was not present. There were no anniversaries or birthdays.

This year 139 flags have been paid for so far. Last year the final was 151.

Can kennel sorting went quickly on Wednesday. They had 29 bags of cans and 15 of plastic. A few pictures are shown below.



*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)! Come join us for fun, fellowship, and interesting programs!*

**Calendar**

**Birthdays**

June 16 Dale Willenborg  
June 20 Jeff Jorgensen

**Anniversaries**

June 5, Steve & Deb Irvin  
June 15 Steve & Jeannie Chambers  
June 28 Mick & Judy Guttau  
June 29 Dave & Linda Danker

**Programs**

June Lou Howell  
July Ann Vorthmann (first 2 weeks)  
Chuck Nielsen (last 2 weeks)

**Speakers**

June 9 Tom Lewis: The Life of a City Mayor  
June 16 Brandon Vorthmann: The Life of a School Board Member of a School Nurse  
June 30 Becky Thompson, Heather Kellar, and Erin Mrsny: STEM? What's That?

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