

# **NEWSLETTER**

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Treynor Optimist Club President: **Dale Willenborg** 



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# **Katie Maguire Campbell Speaks**

Katie Maguire Campbell, elementary PE Teacher, spoke to the Treynor Optimist Club on August 3, 2019. Katie's family accompanied her: Husband, Jordan, Dallon, 9, Zoey, 7, Toby, 5, and Landry, 2.



Katie, a Trevnor graduate who played 5 sports, in high school, dated her husband in high school and they both played basketball at Buena Vista University in Storm Lake, Iowa. Until this past year, she has always been an

elementary teacher, teaching one year of 5<sup>th</sup> grade at Riverside, and eleven years in Kindergarten at Treynor.

When long-standing PE coach, Lee Van Winkle announced he would retire, he indicated to Katie that she should consider the position. She took online courses at five different universities to get the 15 credits needed last summer for a provisional certificate. She is working toward an additional nine credits to get her complete endorsement. Working with K-5<sup>th</sup> grade, she stated this is the "Best Job in the World"!

Each month Katie uses a different theme. For instance, teamwork is a major learning for the children – to be the best teammate, no matter how good you are. Today, so many kids feel they have to be the best or there isn't a place to play. She emphasizes to them that so much changes by the time they are teens and that now is the time to learn basics, teamwork, and focus on relationships....and that there is more to life than just sports. She helps kids know they can be active even if they aren't the fastest. She said kids also need to learn how to lose.

Campbell sees all elementary students two times a week by their grade section. Iowa has adopted standards in PE this year for the first year. The Board does request that she administer physical fitness tests, which she does two times per year. She has a Field Day for K-3 and a Track Meet at the HS for 4-6 grades.

A skill for kindergarten is learning to throw a ball and for first grade catching a ball. Skills are taught for softball, baseball, track, field, basketball, and gymnastics (girls) or par core (boys). She encourages kids to be active and asked her students to send her a picture of themselves doing physical activity this summer to be posted.

Katie is not in favor of organized sports until about 5-6<sup>th</sup> grade. She feels they lose imaginative play skills, burn out, and are forced to follow a coach's rules rather than working out differences with their playmates in backyard play. She said for the kids to play soccer at recess is a great way for kids to work out getting along and solving problems.

Katie was known for her many school records, and when asked, she says they have all been broken, but husband, Jordan, stated her individual game of 36 points in basketball still stands!

Next week four high school seniors who are going to play sports in college will speak. All are welcome.

## **Meeting Minutes**

Dale Willenborg, President, called the meeting to order. Sixteen members were present. Guests were speaker Katie Campbell and children, Dallon, Zoey, Toby, and Landry.

Jokes/stories were shared by Chad Guttau and Keith Denton. The group said the Pledge of Allegiance. Dee Guttau gave the opening prayer.

The 50/50 Drawing was won by Dee Guttau and the Attendance Drawing was won by Kevin Underwood.

Bragging Rights contributions to the Youth Fund: 1) Dale Willenborg shared that his dad will celebrate his 95<sup>th</sup> birthday this week, 2) Bill Vorthmann donated to share that his grandchildren fared well with multiple exhibits (static and livestock) at WestFair. Kaylee and

Avery have exhibits going to state. 3) Marsha Underwood contributed to state that Carter White decided to go out for football at St. Albert, 4) Mick Guttau contributed to praise the accomplishments of the kids at fair and the importance of 4-H on him and how this is repeated with this generation, 5) Garv Funkhouser stated all of their kids will be home this weekend, which is very special. 6) Gary Guttau shared a memory from the old county fair at Playland Park- draining a mud hole and getting stuck in sand. 7) John Klein shared that the Nonpareil's front page announced that Kendall Vorthmann received a state award for his conservation practices. 8) Gary Guttau stated that family members of Martha Chambers stated that their parents enjoyed reading the Optimist Newsletter to know the news.

## **Community News:**

## **Old Business:**

Bingo helpers at WestFair were Gary Funkhouser, Dee Guttau, John Klein, and Bill Vorthmann.

The paint bill to help the JOII Club was \$34.97. The JOII Club members will be scraping and painting picnic tables in the East Park Sun. afternoon at 2 PM and Monday morning.

## **New Business:**

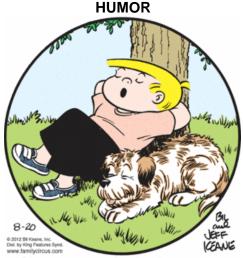
Can Kennel sorting to help the Girl Scouts will be at 1 PM on Wednesday. The next can kennel collection will be for Optimist Club to help fund youth events.

Judy Guttau announced that programs are needed for the last three weeks of November, due to the departure of Bob Mantell.

A nice thank you was received from Delaney Waterman stating: "Thank you so much for the incredible opportunity that you have given me with lowa HOBY. I have learned what it means to be a leader and how to make a community a better place. I will cherish the invaluable lessons and friendships that happened there, and hope to bring them back to the Treynor community in order to make it the best it can be....."

Gary Funkhouser donated printer ink cartridges (HP 45) for auction, and these will be auctioned next week.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned and concluded with the saying of the Optimist pledge.



"Summer vacation's almost over, Sam. We need to do as much of nothing as we can."

#### Calendar

Can Kennel Sorting Aug. 7

## **Birthdays**

Chad Guttau Aug. 11 Aug. 23 Judy Guttau

## **Anniversaries**

Josh and Shelly Guttau Aug. 5 Aug. 13 Jerry and Barb Hempel Aug. 25 Gary and Julia Funkhouser

## **Programs**

August Jordan Campbell Sept Gary Guttau (first two) Jerry Hempel (last two) Bill and Ann Vorthmann Oct

## **Speakers**

Panel of Treynor Seniors going on to play Aug. 10: college sports.

Aug. 17: Tom (Blade) Hartigan - Basketball referee

and evaluator

Dan Nielsen (Pest Control) Aug. 24:

Aug. 31: To Be Announced