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### Jeff Casey Speaks

Jeff Casey, Treynor High School Football Coach, spoke to the Treynor Optimists on Saturday, December 7 at the Treynor Community Building. Jeff is a full-time banker who works for a Kansas City Bank out of his home in Treynor, which allows him some flexibility to be the head coach in Treynor. Jeff is also a Treynor high school grad and enjoyed his years of playing in Treynor.



Jeff was excited to say that the football program is fresh off of a great season – 10-1. It was the second consecutive district championship for this team. That last happened in 2003. He stated he had great talent and great people to work with. It was also the first time that Treynor had hosted a play-off game in the last ten years in the new complex which was built in 2013. Treynor was playing the

two-time state champions (West Sioux) in the second playoff game. In reflecting, he said if we could have taken out three minutes in the game, we could have won. But you can't redo 3 mins, so you leave it and learn from it. West Sioux ended up losing to West Lyon in a tight game and West Lyon destroyed Van Meter in the finals of the Play-offs in the Dome. Jeff took about 30 kids on a bus to watch the game.

Being a stat man, Jeff stated that four years ago Treynor won one game and scored 53 points the whole season. This year Treynor played 11 games and averaged over 40 points a game. His early decision was to change the offense. Treynor led the state this year in rushing yards. He stated that in 90% of the seasons there is a direct correlation between rushing and winning. He uses three types of run options and ran 590 total plays this year. They averaged a first down with 1/3 of the plays ran.

Individually Jake Fisher broke a long time record held by Jeff Schroeder set in 1975 by scoring the most touchdowns (26) in a season. He broke it by six TD's. Luke Mieska had one of the all-time greatest kicking seasons. He was in the top three in every single category. Seth Christensen was named the District

Assistant Coach of the Year; Kristian Martens was named the KMA Lineman of the year.

There were seven that made first team all-district, three made second team all-district. Kristian Martens was named the District Lineman of the year and Luke Mieska was the District Special Teams Player of the year. The Iowa Print Sportswriters Association named Kristian Martens, Brock Fox, and Jake Fisher to first team, Jack Tiarks to second team, and Blake Sadr, and Sid Schaff to third team. The Des Moines Register listing is yet to come.

18 kids out of 28 made All-Academic All District Team – far more than other teams. The 18 seniors at Treynor average a 3.4 GPA.

Jeff stated the seniors are busy with recruiting. There were coaches from D1, D2, D3, NAIA and JUCO schools in Treynor this week. He stated that they always ask him about the kids' grades and what else they do. He shared some of the varying methods used by the recruiters which was very interesting.

Jordan Campbell aptly stated what he hears around town about the good things Jeff does with the kids and his understanding and encouragement of players who are in multi sports/activities. Jeff also conducted a very popular first-time women's clinic at Silos to learn more about the game last fall!

Next week's speaker will be Dr. Mark Hopkins, new Treynor Superintendent. Join us from 8-9 AM at the Treynor Community Building. The coffee will be on!

### Meeting Minutes

Bill Vorthmann, President, called the meeting to order at the Treynor Community Building and shared some thoughts about the significance of this day – Pearl Harbor Day. Fifteen members were present and four guests, Dorothy Shamblen, Jeff Casey, Jon Jacobsen, and Shawn Reed.

Jokes/stories were shared by Gary Gutttau, Chad Gutttau, Jon Jacobsen, Jordan Campbell, and Bill Vorthmann. The group said the Pledge of Allegiance. Jordan Campbell gave the opening prayer.

The 50/50 Drawing was won by Gary Funkhouser and the Attendance Drawing was won by Linda Danker, who was not present.

### **Birthdays/Anniversaries:**

No birthdays or anniversaries were observed.

**Bragging Rights** contributions to the Youth Fund included: 1) Thoughts from Gary Guttau regarding Aunt Sabina Schmidt who was home on leave when the bombing at Pearl Harbor happened. She hurried back, was involved with flying troops out of Europe, was in Japan after the peace treaty was signed, Chief of Staff at Offutt, and became Treynor's school nurse. He also passed new quarter coins – one a war memorial on Guam and one on Marianna Island. 2) Bill Vorthmann also stated he enjoyed seeing the Battle of the Midlands movie with his grandson at the Carson Theater.

### **Community News:**

Tonight (Dec. 7) is the American Heroes Celebration, sponsored by the Palace Event Center from 7PM to Midnight at the Palace Event Center.

On December 20 at the school the National Honor Society is sponsoring a silent auction fundraiser for the benefit of Coaches vs Cancer. The JOI Club is making a basket for the auction which our club will donate to.

### **Old Business:**

A can kennel check for \$636 was received by Shawn Reed on behalf of his wife, Nicole, who sponsors the cheerleaders.



**L-R: Shawn Reed, Bill Vorthmann**

### **New Business:**

Jerry Hempel won the football contest.

The Board is meeting today to review 1) can kennel applications, 2) to determine a plan for the essay and oratory contest, 3) to discuss our contribution to the basket for the Coaches vs Cancer auction, 4) to discuss membership dues, and 5) to discuss holiday meeting dates.

The next Can Kennel Sorting is Wednesday at 2:30 to assist the After Prom Committee. Mon., Dec. 23 will be the last sorting for the year.

John Klein reminded the group about a fundraiser which ends on Sunday, Dec. 8 for Keep Kids Alive. Noteworthy is that “#Treynor Strong” decals and “#Treynor Strong” T Shirts being sold to raise funds for Keep Kids Alive are produced by a small local cottage business run by Adam Magill, known as Mascot Merch. To learn more about this business: call 712-308-4251 or [mascotmerchsales@gmail.com](mailto:mascotmerchsales@gmail.com).

Iowa Rep. Jon Jacobsen was invited to make comments. Jon invited the Optimists to come to the Capitol to be honored as designated invitees on the floor of the rotunda to lead the pledge of allegiance. Chad Guttau would then lead the group on a tour. This could happen on a Tues, Wed, Thurs, at 8:30 AM or Mon at Noon between now thru April.



**L-R: Jon Jacobsen, Chad Guttau**

Thanks to Ken Graham for providing breakfast.

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

### **BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

The Treynor Optimist Board met following the meeting and was called to order by Bill Vorthmann, President. Also present were board members Jordan Campbell, Gary Guttau, and Judy Guttau. Gary Funkhouser and John Klein also joined the meeting.

- 1) The group voted on a motion by Bill Vorthmann, seconded by Judy Guttau to contribute \$50 for the JOI Club to increase the size of the basket for the Coaches vs Cancer Auction. All voted aye.
- 2) By consensus it was determined to have meetings on Dec. 21 and 28. Speakers have been arranged.
- 3) A motion was made by Bill Vorthmann, seconded by Gary Guttau to award \$100 each to the top participant for the essay and oratory contest. Medals are given to the top three placeholders. Teachers have been arranged to lead these contests.
- 4) There was discussion about offering a first year break in dues for spouses joining, but by consensus it was decided to leave it that all members pay the same. School teachers do get a state-wide break.

It was determined that new members who are not a member for the entire year can have their fees prorated.

5) Can kennel applications were reviewed and organizations were assigned dates. It was good to note that many organizations volunteered to help with flags on specific holidays.

The board meeting adjourned at 10:30 AM.

### HUMOR



### Calendar

- Dec. 11 Can Kennel Sorting – After Prom 2:30 PM
- Dec. 20 Coaches vs Cancer Fundraiser
- Dec. 23 Can Kennel Sorting – After Prom

### Birthdays

- Dec. 16 Kevin Underwood
- Dec. 23 Chuck Nielsen

### Anniversaries

- Dec. 27 Gary and Dee Guttau

### Programs

- Dec. Jim Clausen
- Jan. Keith Denton
- Feb. Gary Funkhouser

### Speakers

- Dec. 14 Dr. Mark Hopkins, Treynor Superintendent
- Dec. 21 Jason James, Realtor, Heartland Properties
- Dec. 28 Anthony Kava, Policeman involved in cracking the case in Macedonia

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