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Scott Wallace Speaks About Baseball

Scott Wallace, new Treynor Baseball Coach, spoke to the Treynor Optimists on Saturday, February 22. Scott graduated from Lewis Central in '94 and is married to Roni Matthews, a Treynor native, who he paid tribute to as a great partner for a baseball coach. They have four boys ranging from age 21 to 5- Tanner, Brock, Grady, and Kruse.



Although Scott didn't play college ball, he played All American League Ball (MINK League) until he was 38. A glass glazer for Keystone Glass by trade, he is passionate about baseball. He has coached a total of 18 years, coaching Tanner and also in the River City Youth Program. For three years, he has coached and learned the traditions under Bob

Mantel, who retired this year from Treynor.

Scott said he has no intention of changing the baseball program, just taking it to the next level – “competing with more Hintons and other successful programs.” The word he has with the players is “August 1” which means Class 2A state finals.

Last year out of the 39 games, eight of the last ten days were on the road to distant places in Iowa. This year the goal is to have 32 games and more big games in Treynor. They are looking forward to being a part of the Lynx Classic on June 13. Treynor will be a host school. The competition is a round robin with 3-4 teams at each host location and then each team has time to attend the College World Series.

Wallace has started a youth camp in the East Gym to connect with the youth. 70 kids age 5-13 came to it. Scott enjoys watching kids figure out the game. He has 18 high schoolers mentoring and he enjoyed what was “a crazy, humbling experience for them.”

Scott is updating equipment and using funds from concessions to buy needed equipment. His long-term goal is to raise enough money to get a new scoreboard (LED) with per/inning pitch counts on it. This fall a new playing surface will be needed.

Four seniors graduated; 32 kids have registered and there are a good number of 8th graders coming on.

Tyler Morgan, Carson, 29 from Carlisle will be his assistant coach and Scott hopes to get one or two more assistants.

The group was amazed at the cost of equipment with quality prices being \$300 for a bat, \$500-600 for a catcher's equipment. A catcher's mitt and gloves can range from \$300-600 each.

Scott's last words from Mantel were to “keep the tradition strong.” And that is his intention! Best wishes, Scott!

Next week's program will be by Rodney Schmidt, son of Roger and Christina Schmidt, speaking about the Shriner's Hospital. Join us from 8-9 AM on Saturday at the Treynor Community Building. All are welcome!

Meeting Minutes

Bill Vorthmann, President, called the meeting to order at the Treynor Community Building. Fourteen members and three guests were present: Scott Wallace, Eryn Eblen, and Stella Umphreys.

Bill shared that today is the birthday of George Washington, born in 1732. He was 6'3". His teeth, as commonly believed, were not wooden, but made out of ivory from a hippo's teeth.

Jokes/stories were shared by Dale Willenborg, Chad Gutttau, Mick Gutttau, Jordan Campbell, Gary Gutttau, and Bill Vorthmann.

The group said the Pledge of Allegiance. Dale Willenborg gave the opening prayer.

The 50/50 Drawing was won by Dale Willenborg, and the Attendance Drawing was won by John Klein, who was not present.

Birthdays/Anniversaries:

There were no birthdays or anniversaries observed.

Bragging Rights: (\$ to fund youth activities)

1) Judy Gutttau contributed to share that Cory Coleman and grandson Brock Fox qualified last Saturday for state in wrestling. However, on Wednesday they both had to scratch from the tournament due to a skin condition. 2) Gary Gutttau contributed to show an African porcupine quill. He also passed out sheets of expressions and lost words that were used in years past such as “Gee whillikers!”

Community News:

Treynor Boys Basketball plays Tri-Center Tues. night at T.J. If they win, they play Sat. night at A.L. the winner of Panora and Carroll Keumper.

The Legion Fish Fry is Mon. night from 5:30-7.

March 12 is the Pops Concert. A meal of lasagna will be served. There will also be a silent auction. New this year is the opportunity to buy an unbaked lasagna and bread sticks for 12 all for \$25. Also six tables are available to purchase for the evening at a price of \$250, which includes the meal, servers, and reserved seating for the evening.

Chad Guttau reported the pop bottle bill is out of committee in the Iowa Legislature.

Mick Guttau shared that Coach Tom Osborne spoke this past week at TS Bank about TeamMates being started in the Treynor School. It was learned that out of the 36 weeks of school, mentors are needed for an hour for each week, but expectations are that you could volunteer a minimum of 24 of those weeks. Call the school or Jordan Campbell if interested or for more information.

An after school dance is Friday sponsored by Cardinal Core for kids K-2. It is very active and lots of kids are expected. Pastor Adam Magill will be the DJ.



L-R: Memphis Dunsdon, Rachel Kinsella, Bella LaScalla

Memphis Dunsdon was selected as the Treynor Optimist Oratorical winner of her speech with the topic, "Just Imagine a World without Boundaries." Second place winner was Rachel Kinsella, and third place went to Bella LaScalla. Memphis won \$100 from our club and will compete in the district competition next month. The state winner receives a \$2500 scholarship award for college.

Old Business:

Bill Vorthmann reported that the Legion Club car show is up in the air during Treynor Days so it may work for us to have the Ford fundraiser in the same area instead.

The Optimists have been asked to run Bingo again for Treynor Days.

New Business:

Gary Funkhouser announced that the Optimist Youth Appreciation event will be on Sun., April 26 at Zion Congregational Church at 3:30 PM.

Jr Class and Baseball Team receive Can Kennel Checks



L-R. Bill Vorthmann, Stella Umphreys, Evyn Eblen, Scott Wallace

Can Kennel checks were given by President Bill Vorthmann to Stella Umphreys and Evyn Eblen, representing the Jr. Class After Prom Party and also to Scott Wallace for the Baseball team. Prom will be at the Palace Center on April 25 with the after-prom party at the school.

Helpers with the dance team can kennel sorting this week included Gary Guttau, Gary Funkhouser, Bill Vorthmann, and John Klein. There was a good group from the dance team as well.

The next can kennel sorting will take place at 2:15 on Wednesday, March 4 for Silver Keg Feeders.

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

HUMOR

Nobody's stronger than a toddler who doesn't want to get in their car seat



Calendar

March 4 Can Kennel Sorting- 2:15 PM
April 26 Optimist Youth Appreciation – 3:30 PM

Birthdays

Feb. 25 Lou Howell

Anniversaries

Programs

Feb. Gary Funkhouser

Mar. Gary Guttau

Apr. Jeff Jorgensen (first two)

Matt Saar (last two)

Speakers

Feb. 29

Rodney Schmidt, son of Roger and Christina Schmidt, will speak about the Shriner's Hospital.

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