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### Jeff Casey, Treynor HS Football Coach



Jeff Casey, Treynor High School Football Coach, spoke today to the Optimists about the 2021 football season. The team went 6-2 and qualified for the playoffs.

Casey loves stats and stated that this was the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary for the Playoffs and Treynor has qualified twenty of those years. Only two schools in the KMA coverage area have been there more – Harlan and St Albert. He also stated this year's seniors were on teams that qualified three out of four years.

Next year a lot of work will need to be done to keep it rolling as 16 senior players are graduating. Those seniors have won 75% of their games in their four years.

Casey stated that tomorrow (Sunday) is a time to celebrate the kids at the football banquet, and there will be many award winners named. District awards will be named soon as well. Eleven players are receiving district recognition and eleven have made the academic team.

Coach announced that **Thomas Schwartz**, kicker, is being heavily recruited by several colleges. Thomas has also been invited to play in the River Bowl. The top 50 high school players in both Iowa and Nebraska will play in that bowl game the Saturday after Thanksgiving.

Coach Casey gave an update on kids he coached that went on to play in college. **Austin Kulesa** played as linebacker at IWCC and is now an assistant coach at Treynor and is on the Treynor Fire Dept. **Jake Fisher** went to the University of Iowa but had a 2" tear in his shoulder while in high school, which kept him out of the fall practice at Iowa. During spring ball he tore his other shoulder. He is a pre-med student and is paused with football for right now. **Brock Fox** is having a great time at Augustana at Sioux Falls, SD, is an art major and a guard. He has two seniors ahead of him, is red shirted, and has

great coaches and lots of opportunity. His strength and conditioning coach is former Treynor player, **Brett Chambers**. **Jack Tiarks** is doing well at ISU. He was red shirted and is back to being a linebacker, the same spot as Michael Rose. An injury caused him to be out for a month. He grew up as a Husker fan, but loves it at ISU. **Blake Sadr** went to ND State and on the second day he injured his shoulder and could not practice. He made the decision to transfer to IWCC and future plans are to go to the University of Iowa as a student.

Coach Casey said he is very, very picky about the men who are on his coaching staff. They are all really good men that he would want his own kids to be coached by. **Steve Chambers** has had a total of approximately 50 years' experience and is in his 25<sup>th</sup> year at Treynor. Other coaches are: **Josh Weiss, Joe Chapman, Seth Christensen, Jon Schnepel, TJ Quick and Austin Kulesa**.

A thrill for Coach Casey was the last home game when 133 youth football players filed on to the field and formed the tunnel. He also loves seeing more youth now playing backyard football. He's also excited that Fellowship of Christian Athletes is off to a good start.

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Next week's speaker will be Tony Leick, Investigator with the Pott. Co. Sheriff's Dept.

The public is invited to attend all meetings. The coffee is always on. Gary Funkhouser coins our club as "The best informed club in Treynor!"

**"Life is a series of lessons that must be lived to be understood." Ralph Waldo Emerson**

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### Meeting Minutes

Jordan Campbell, Vice President, called the meeting to order. Present were 18 members and guest, Jeff Casey.

Jordan Campbell led the Pledge of Allegiance and Steve Irwin gave the opening prayer. Gary Gutttau, Jordan Campbell, Steve Chambers and Keith Denton provided humor. Bret McVey won the football contest.

50/50 was won by Jerry Hempel and Matt Saar won the Attendance Drawing, but was not present.

### **Birthdays/Anniversaries:**

Celebrity birthdays announced on this day were Sally Fields, 74, and Emma Stone, 32.

Jordan stated his daughter was born on 11/11/11 and next year will be 11 on 11/11 and she feels that should be cause for an extra special celebration. The Optimists threw out a variety of ideas.

### **Bragging Rights: (\$ are used for youth activities)**

- Jordan Campbell reported on the success of the Halloween event at Zion Community Church
- Keith Denton paid to announce his daughter, Eva, had ridden on Ollie the Trolley on a cemetery tour.
- Jeff Jorgensen stated that the public is invited to the former Congressman Steve King's open house in Treynor at noon to share his book and discuss today's political situation.
- Jeff Jorgensen shared the interesting news of the possibility of an Abraham Lincoln museum in CB sharing his experiences while in CB.

### **COMMUNITY:**

The Treynor School Musical is today.

### **BUSINESS:**

Linda Frink became a new member today. Her application will be sent to Optimist International and she will be recognized officially at a later date. Welcome, Linda!

More dues were paid today.

Can Kennel sorting will be at 2 PM with Keep Kids Alive. More help is needed. Community members are always welcome to help too.

Putting up flags for Veterans Day is always based on the weather. It was determined to put them up

along Hwy 92 in Treynor on Wednesday and take them down Friday, weather permitting.



L-R: Gary Gutttau, Jordan Campbell

Jordan Campbell was presented a check for Impact After School for \$1695.15. He shared that the money will help with several projects with the possibility of it also going towards insulating the sun shades put up on the playground at the church for the Impact program.

A question was asked and discussed about the letter sent to residents of the Treynor School District by Adam Magill about the Treynor Preschool/5<sup>th</sup> grade move.

The meeting was adjourned with members reciting the Optimist Creed.

### **HUMOR**

**I don't usually brag  
about going to  
expensive places,  
but I just left the  
gas station.**

### **Calendar**

#### **Events**

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| Nov 10 | Can Kennel Sorting at 2 PM                                      |
| Nov 10 | Flags put up (weather permitting)                               |
| Nov 12 | Flags take down (weather permitting)                            |
| Nov 15 | Western Iowa Optimist Clubs – dinner at UMBA Hall in Underwood. |

Catered meal. Program: "Fly kites"

Feb 2 Optimist Day. District Conference – Cedar Rapids

Feb 28 Club Youth essays due

**Programs**

Nov

Jerry Hempel

Dec

Linda Danker (first two)

Mick Gutttau (last two)

Jan

Kirk Vorthmann and Doug Dillivan

**Birthdays**

Nov 18 Phil Waggoner

Nov 18 Diane Willenborg

**Speakers**

Nov 13

Tony Leick, Investigator, Pott Co.

Nov 20

Kara Huismann, Treynor Softball Coach

Nov 27

Brad Bailey PGA Professional, 2012 Grad

**Anniversaries**

Nov 22 John and Carol Klein

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