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## Joel Beyenhof, new Superintendent



Joel Beyenhof is the new Superintendent of the Treynor Community School. He came from Lewis Central Schools. He is originally from Minnesota, but graduated from a small rural high school near Sioux Falls, SD.

Joel has lived in SW Iowa for 31 years. He is married with 4 children, 2 step children and 2 biological. (2 sons, 2 daughters)

Beyenhof earned a master's degree in curriculum and instruction from Doane University and a master's degree in educational administration and supervision from the UNO, where he also completed his doctorate in educational administration. Teaching and principal positions have been held in the CB Community School District and he last served as principal of Lewis Central High School.

"Why Treynor?" Joel stated that SW Iowa people know about Treynor – the good and bad. Good because we have much to tout because of scoreboards. Good things also are the community pride and support of the school and growing up in a small community. The CB area smacks of urban challenges. Treynor kids grow up in a rural setting but yet are close to the metro area. He doesn't know if others around us understand the power of the school district in a rural community. This is what drew him to Treynor, which is similar to his childhood.

Treynor does not have a true main street but in the hub of the town is the school community. It speaks to the vision of the community. Young people in the schools and community keep us going and we have pride and tradition.

In a TV interview with Channel 3 News, he emphasized the rural communities have broad support that other communities do not have.

People understand the role the school has for the community at large and this is cause for families to move into the community or travel from another school district. He was also aiming to get the word out to teacher candidates.

Seven new teachers report to school Monday. The remaining staff begins on Wednesday. A first concern is educating about safety and outdoor security including Standard Response Protocol, including difficult education situations.

Beyenhof said the public can support educators by listening to their struggles and encourage them to speak about what they enjoy about their position. Change the narrative and speak positively as there is lots of focus today on negatives and challenges versus strength. Most teachers teach because a teacher had a positive impact on them and they want to do likewise.

Other subjects discussed were the teacher deficit and shortage, locking down the entrance to the Locker Room from the street, a lack of teachers specializing in areas of education (such as trades, agriculture, wood and shop), Board Meeting info continuing to be shared, and open enrollment breakdowns.

An important question was how will the public get to meet and know the new Superintendent? Introduce yourselves. When Joel meets people, he wants people to talk about themselves and for them to tell him about what he needs to know about the school, what can be done better, and provide opportunities for the school.

Thanks to Kathy Luedke for taking notes.

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**Next week's speaker will be:**

**Nani, Metro Area Youth Foundation**

**All are welcome!**

**Meetings are from 8-9 AM, Saturdays**

**Treynor Community Building**

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## Meeting Minutes

Jordan Campbell called the meeting to order. Present were 17 members plus Mike Holton and Joel Beyenhof.

Jordan led the Pledge of Allegiance and Gary Gutttau gave the opening prayer.

Jokes were shared by Steve Chambers, Jordan Campbell, Jerry Hempel, and Chad Gutttau.

50/50 was won by Ken Graham. Gary Gutttau won the attendance drawing.

### Birthdays/Anniversaries:

Chad Gutttau's 52<sup>nd</sup> birthday was celebrated. We also observed Jerry and Barb Hempel's 39<sup>th</sup> anniversary and Mike Holton's 60<sup>th</sup> birthday.

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

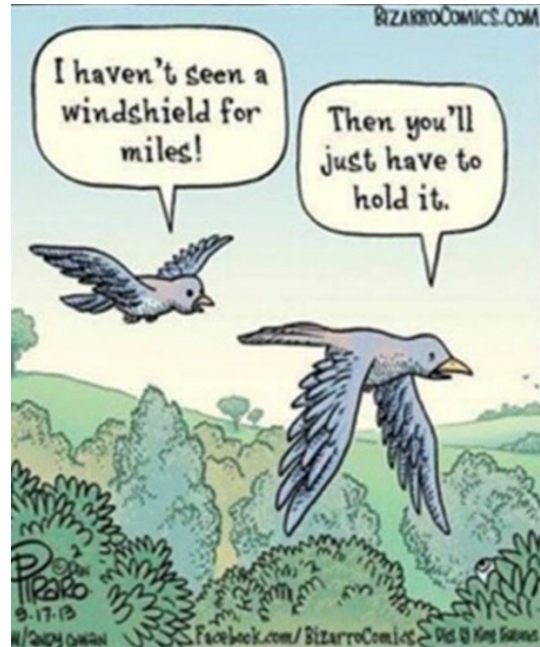
- John Klein bragged on 250 people attending this week's Appreciation Dinner sponsored by the city of Treynor and Farmers' Market vendors in Treynor.
- Gary Gutttau donated to announce that Todd Frain was selected for the KMA Hall of Fame.
- Bill Vorthmann contributed because his grandson won a purple ribbon at the Iowa State Fair with his sheep.
- Jordan Campbell announced his family had a vacation to Branson and saw the play 'Jesus' and a ball game in St. Louis.

### BUSINESS:

- Can Kennel sorting will take place for the Optimists on Wed., Aug. 17 at 4:30 PM and the group can again enjoy free pizza at Silos afterwards.
- The Legion bought two flags. There are a total of 219 flags purchased this year.

The meeting was closed with reciting the Optimist Creed.

## HUMOR



## Calendar

### Events

- Aug 17 Can Kennel Sorting 4:00 PM  
Optimist Club and pizza after at Silos
- Aug. 26-28 Iowa District Optimist Convention -  
Davenport

### Birthdays

- Aug 23 Judy Gutttau

### Anniversaries

- Aug 25 Gary & Julia Funkhouser

### Programs

- Aug Jim Clausen (last two)
- Sept Jordan Campbell
- Oct Gary Gutttau

### Speakers

- Aug 20 Nani from Metro Area Youth Foundation
- Aug 27 Denise Wilson, Youth Leader SPY

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