

The Optimist Club of Treynor, IA, Treynor, IA Iowa District, Zone 3, Club Number 40-109

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NEWSLETTER

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Jordan Campbell



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Jeff Casey, Treynor High School Football Coach. stated the following participated in football this year: 53 high schoolers, 42 junior highers, and 100 K-6th graders. There are 12 coaches from 7th grade up. The group has gotten so big

that the banquet Sunday, the 13th, will be at the Community Center.

The football team received a state academic award, averaging a 3.5 GPA. This is the first time he remembers that there were no ineligibility issues.

Casey meets with every student out for football at the end of the season to talk about the season, what went well, what to work on. He also encourages football players to be involved in other activities.

Jeff stated the Jr. High teams both went undefeated, saying the 8th graders have never lost. There were 23 8th graders, 22 intend to continue. He entered them in the Midwest Harvest Bowl in the Metro area and it was an eye opener for them playing larger schools.

Out of the 53 in high school, 13 were seniors, 3 who had never played before, seven had played all four years. Three had nagging injuries so the team was very inexperienced. There is lots of excitement and lots of experience coming back for next year.

Casey announced this was the 21st time that Treynor had qualified for state play offs, which is right behind St. Alberts record and Harlan's 51st year. The single passing record was broken this season.

Casey and wife Amy have four children, Stella – 2nd grade, Sophie – 6th grade, Brock – 8th grade (QB), and Ben - Soph (QB). He shared some of the issues of being the QB's coach-dad.

Jeff talked about the safe helmets today, the daily and weekly tracking needed, planning and prepping for a practice which he spends more time at than actually practicing.

He stated that he grew up here and was taught by great coaches. Giving back to the community by the players is important. The players have helped individuals, families, and businesses in the area with projects. Twenty kids showed up to help when the Winery was destroyed by the tornado. Chambers confirmed that the kids are really nice kids!!

The life of a turf field is 10 years and Treynor's has reached that. About half the conference has turf fields.

Jeff stated that Coach Steve Chambers is required to wear shorts - not a rule, but an expectation. It's fun to note that Steve's nephew Jamison is coaching his first year and also only wears shorts!

Casey stated the kids work hard at keeping the locker rooms picked up because they want to stay on good terms with the Janitor - Patty!! She keeps the whole school looking new!

Casey also discussed FCA. They've had between 20 and 50 kids at the events which are held once or twice a month. The whole year is planned with families hosting meetings.

Next week's speaker will be: Kara Huisman, Treynor HS Softball Coach 8-9 AM Sat. Treynor Community Building

Meeting Minutes

Jordan Campbell, President, called the meeting to order. Present were 21 members plus guests, Jeff Casey, Amelia Hedrick and Addie Schnepel.

Jordan led the Pledge of Allegiance and Dale Willenborg gave the opening prayer.

Jokes were shared by Keith Denton, Steve Chambers, Jordan Campbell, and Bill Vorthmann.

50/50 was won by Jerry Hempel. Steve Chambers won the attendance drawing.

Birthdays/Anniversaries: None

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

- Jim Clausen babysat young grandchildren last weekend and survived!
- Judy Guttau proudly announced that John Klein was the recipient of the Treynor Community Volunteer Award on Monday at the City Council meeting. Dale Willenborg also contributed.
- John Klein also contributed to state that additional award winners were Doug Wehring and Kathy Klahn.
- Jeff Jorgensen donated \$10 to cover his election win as Supervisor, the Marine Corp is 247 years old and it was fitting that Veteran's Day was the following day, and to salute other veterans.
- Steve Chambers stated the Legion had a good program on Veteran's Day in the school auditorium and it was nice the kids watch and hear that.
- Keith Denton bragged on his son-in-law, David Stalling for being named Coach of the Year at Millard South.
- Jordan Campbell donated to state he survived sleeping on a church pew and wore the kids out who attended the birthday party for his 11 year old.
- Gary Guttau bragged on the White Christmas musical at the High School being very good.

Auction Items: Socks were purchased by Jordan Campbell and a keychain was purchased by Keith Denton.

Football Pool: Chad Guttau won!

Business:

- Can Kennel sorters were Dale Willenborg, Gary Guttau, John Klein, Chad Guttau, Gary Guttau, Steve Chambers and Keith Denton along with the Cub Scouts. Double bagging has helped. The request by the resource center is to make the bags a little less full.
- Dale Willenborg will assist with hauling extra materials that accumulate at the can kennel.
- Flags will continue to be up on Main Street through Fri, Nov. 18 for the Veteran Ruck Sack March group coming through Treynor to raise awareness for Veteran suicide. Dale Willenborg and Bill Vorthmann put up 39 flags.

- The flags will be picked up Saturday, Nov. 19 around noon.
- It was announced that Gary Funkhouser is stepping down from being Chairman of the Youth Oratorical and Essay Contests. A volunteer is needed and Gary will support.
- It was noted that people stop to see the helicopter in town and it would be nice to have a sign telling about the project.

Community:

Annually there is a Veteran Ruck Sack March from Lincoln, NE to Iowa City for the Nebraska-Iowa football game to raise Awareness for Veteran suicide. The group of 3-5 vets departs Lincoln on Nov. 16 and will arrive around noon in Treynor. Ruck sacking means walking with a bag on your back. TS Bank is sponsoring their lunch at Silos. Their evening's stay will be in Avoca and and is being sponsored by Menke Auctions and Realty. Donations and sponsorships are desired. You can email davirangeloff@gmail.com or contact at 402-720-0364 for more information. (If you wish to drop off a donation to the group at Silos on Friday and say hi, that is welcome also.)



The JOI Club received a check for \$1214 from the Can Kennel today. Addy Schnepel (L.) and Amelia Hedrick (R.) shared that there are 54 members with 40 quite involved. They had a recent cookie making project and letters were sent to

troops. They tied blankets for New Visions and the Children's Hospital. They helped with Trunk or Treat and look forward to helping with the Treynor Christmas event on Nov. 27 from 4:30-7:30 PM.

Judy Guttau was asked by Bill Vorthmann to share a little about the award she and Mick received from ISU last week during Homecoming – ISU Alumni Association medals.

The meeting was closed with reciting of the Optimist Creed.

HUMOR "I think I've had enough winter for today."

Calendar

Take down flags on Main St.
Treynor Christmas event at Treynor Comm
Building – 4:30 – 7:30 PM.
Phil Waggoner, Dianne Willenborg
Kathy Luedke
John & Carol Klein
Ward & Suzanne Chambers
Jerry Hempel
Linda Danker (First 2 Saturdays)
Mick Guttau (Third Saturday)
No meetings Dec. 24, 31.
Kara Huisman, Softball Head Coach
Matt Hempel, John Deere Engineer

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