



The Optimist Club of Treynor, IA, Treynor, IA  
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**NEWSLETTER**

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The Treynor Optimist Club toured the former NIKE Fire Control portion of the Cold War Surface to Air Missile Base, at Treynor Iowa. During the Cold War, a number of military bases and civilian population centers were protected by these bases. The base in Treynor was built to protect Offutt Air Force Base in Nebraska (Strategic Air Command).



Jeff Danker bought the property about two years ago and is taking some steps to preserve it. After the military decommissioned the base, a company took out \$7,000 of copper. The base had six launching pads and three control bunkers. The bunkers were surrounded by a blast berm, which was removed before Danker bought the property.



Launch bunker-about 10 ft by 10 ft inside



Pictures inside bunker

There are 6-8 steps down into the bunker



Missile repair center



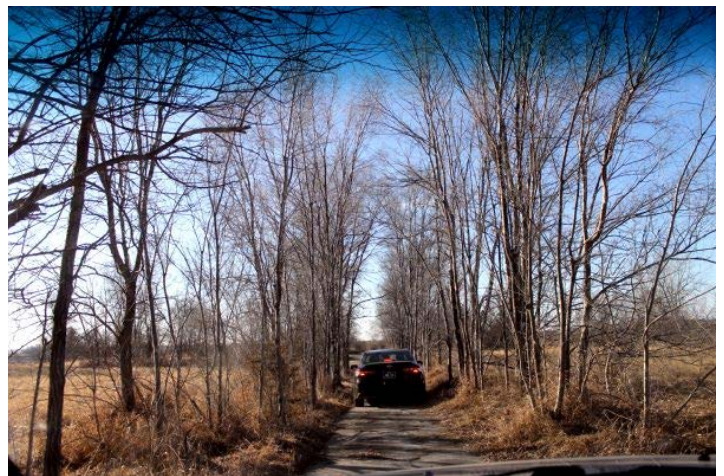
Escape hatch at top of bunker



Back side of bunker



Launch Pad – one of two for launch bunker

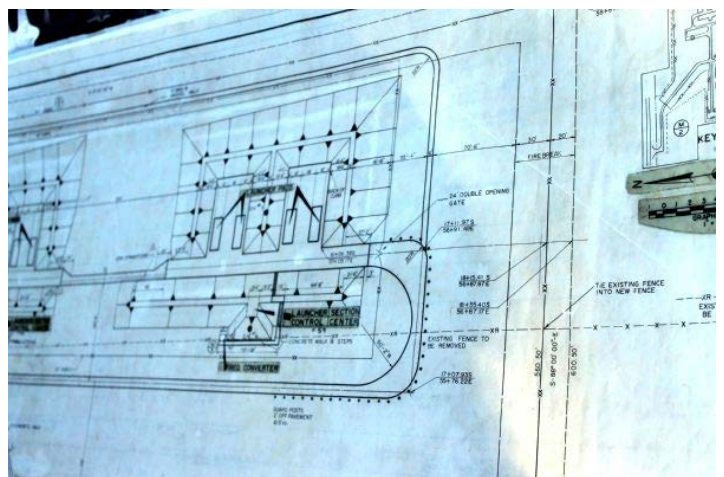


Trees grown up around road of facility



Guard shack

There are two gates and two guard shacks



Danker has original plans for original base design

**Next week's speaker is: Brandon Vorthmann,  
Treyner School Board Member**

**All are welcome!**

## Quote

**“A man wrapped up in himself makes a very small package.”**

**Ben Franklin**

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## Meeting Minutes

Dale Willenborg, President called the meeting to order. Present were 10 members plus Jeff Danker, Richard Warner from the Pottawattamie County Historical Society, and Jeremy Kern, Mike Peters, and Jamie Reid from Green Hills AEA.

Dale led the Pledge of Allegiance and Dee Guttau gave the opening prayer.

50/50 was won by Dale Willenborg. Dianne Willenborg won the Attendance Drawing, but was not present.

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

- Marsha and Kevin Underwood contributed because Bailey White scored 17 points in a basketball game at the College of St. Mary. Gary Guttau contributed because the Treynor girls won their first post-season basketball game.

### **BUSINESS:**

- Mulch Madness in Treynor will be Thurs., April 28 to mulch trees at the high school with 5<sup>th</sup> graders. A decision on a grant application for five trees is pending.
- March 19 is the date for the Inaugural Volunteer Awards Event in Treynor sponsored by the Treynor Optimists. It will be held at the Treynor Community Building starting at 6 PM. 24 organizations in Treynor have been contacted to select a volunteer to be honored. Each organization can bring 12 guests. There will be a \$250 drawing to go to one organization at the event. A free taco bar will be served by Silos. Jordan Campbell will be the MC.
- Gary Funkhouser also announced the sophomores are preparing for the Optimist Oratory Contest. Gary stated he won't be able to continue doing this in the future and hopes someone from the club will continue this effort.

- John Klein has informed us that: Omaha's KETV Channel 7 did not make it to the Optimist meeting or Missile Site tour on Saturday morning, but they did come out after and did an interview with Jeff Danker on-site. See it below.  
[Former sheriff preserves missile launch pads \(ketv.com\)](http://ketv.com)

- Chad Guttau received a pin for recruiting a new Optimist Club member.



- Callie Copperstone came and received her scholarship award. She is going to Iowa Western Community College to complete her basics before transferring to the University of Iowa to major in Speech Pathology.



- The Optimist Club helped with Can Kennel sorting for the Studio 7 Dance Team.

The meeting was closed with reciting the Optimist Creed before moving to the former missile base.

## HUMOR

### What do you call an angry carrot? A Steamed Veggie.

#### Calendar

#### Events

- Mar 19 Treynor Volunteer Awards Event  
Apr 2 Cub Scouts will be going door to door-  
Scouting for Food and will distribute the  
Optimist flag flyers. A few Optimists are  
needed as well.  
Apr 28 Mulch Madness

#### Birthdays

#### Anniversaries

#### Programs

- Feb John Klein  
Mar Gary Funkhouser  
Apr Chad Guttau

#### Speakers

- Feb 26 Brandon Vorthmann, Treynor School Board  
Mar 5 Susan Miller, Carson Dreamland Theater  
Also member of Iowa West Foundation and  
SWI Education Foundation

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