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## Shelly Bailey, JOI Club Advisor, and More



Shelly Bailey spoke today about her role as JOI (Jr. Optimist International) Club Advisor, serving on the KKAD25 committee and her job as IT Director at Treynor Community School. She is married to Tandy and has two children, Brad and Ashley.

The JOI club meets on the first Wed of each month at 2 PM and has 62 members, up from 49 last year. Haley Nowlin is President, Amelia Hedrick is VP, Cadence Quick is Sect., and Addy Schnepel is Treasurer. Haley is also a regional governor in the state for JOI. Shelly's objective is to provide guidance and ideas at the first meeting, then empower the kids to take control. And they do!

Meetings are short followed by working on service projects. These include tie blankets for the homeless and for Children's Hospital, Treynor Trunk or Treat, and making Cookies for the Troops, which included 205 letters written by Treynor students this year. One platoon wrote back and want to keep writing.

Other projects include helping with the Community Christmas, a Toy Drive which resulted in 150 toys plus \$2000 raised. JOI kids did the shopping for those in need. The club was in the Homecoming parade and also helped clean up at the football field after games.

Upcoming projects include Souper Sunday, non-perishable food items will be collected in the community for those in need. They will also collect old t-shirts to be made into dog toys to give to the animal shelter. The seniors will have priority in helping the 5<sup>th</sup> graders with Mulch Madness. Helping at New Visions Food Service is another project.

A sub project for JOI Club is known as KKAD25 (Keep Kids Alive Drive 25) which was organized after the death of Tristan White in 2015 while jogging. A grant from State Farm for

\$25,000 was won and a local group was organized, under the leadership of Tristan's mom, Lisa White, to make Treynor a safer place to walk, cycle, drive, run, etc.

Projects to create awareness have been: 1) Safety tables at sports events with t-shirts and keychains given away 2) Yard signs, 3) Radar signs at all entrances to Treynor, 4) Light pole banners (which didn't last well), 5) A runner safety speaker, 6) Nathan's running vests, 7) Driver's Ed scholarship, and 8) Sidewalk safety study turned over to the city.

Another \$25,000 was received earmarked for Tristan's Trail. In Sept. 2017 a feasibility, design study was begun with involvement of environmental groups. Two mock crash events have been sponsored (2017 and 2022) which has had great impact on students. The first annual 5K run locally was held in July, 2022.

This year KKAD25 is focusing on partnering with SAFE Iowa to increase seat belt use among teens in Iowa. Safety promotions will be done at three home games and will include fatal vision goggles, remote car races, and table games with half time drawings.

Shelly also shared about her IT job at Treynor Community School, which she has been doing for 21 years, 17 were full time. There are 9 servers, 1300 devices, 100 wireless access points, 20 switches, 100 phones, 20 printers. She has one half time helper who helps students with their Chrome Books. Her responsibilities are quite inclusive and include webmaster, data base management, Google management, cybersecurity enforcer, heating and lighting controls, communication liaison and social media manager, school safety team lead, marquee manager and more. She plans to retire in 8 years and knows she needs to be able to train someone for four years.

Thank you, Shelly, for all you do!

Shelly is our Optimist Club representative for JOI Club.



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January 21st speaker will be:

Wendy Andersen,

Treynor Days and Splash Pad Update  
8-9 AM Sat. Treynor Community Building

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**Famous Quote:**

*“The secret of education is respecting the pupil.”*

*Ralph Waldo Emerson*

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**Meeting Minutes**

Jordan Campbell called the meeting to order. Present were 18 members. Guests were Ryan and Genevieve Deitchler.

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

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

**50/50** was won by Jordan Campbell. The **Attendance Award** was won by Dale Willenborg.

**Birthdays/Anniversaries:**

January 7 was Dick and Sherry Fox’s 56<sup>th</sup> Anniversary which was observed.

Jordan announced the celebrity, Faye Dunaway, is 81 today.

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

- Dale Willenborg shared that the sunrise was beautiful today.
- Jordan Campbell stated the 5<sup>th</sup> graders Bounced to the Beat at last night’s game.
- Jordan stated his daughter Zoey was 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Legion’s contest of “What the flag means to you.” She was invited to read it at a Legion meeting and received \$25.
- Jordan also stated that Joe Chapman let Zoey’s 5<sup>th</sup> grade team coached by Katie Campbell come to the varsity game and be around the basketball team before the game.

- All students from K-12 were allowed to come free to last night’s basketball games.

**Auction Items: None**

**Business:**

- Can Kennel sorting will be Wednesday at 2 to help the Post Prom group. Dale Willenborg will make another rack. No bags were brought to the meeting, but the group will help with that in the future – double bagging.
- Gary Gutttau, Treasurer, reported on unclaimed checks to date. It was voted upon to mail the three remaining scholarship checks to the recipients.



Genevieve (L) and Ryan (R) Deitchler from Silver Creek Club were present to receive their club’s can kennel check of \$1093.50. It will be used for bedding at Fair and a fun trip as a club.

They are the children of Rod and Rhonda Deitchler. Ryan is enjoying working on restoring a 1947 M tractor. Genevieve enjoys raising and showing goats.

- An Optimist Board Meeting will be held after the meeting on Jan. 28.
- Dale Willenborg agreed to be the new representative for the Cub Scouts.
- John Klein met with the new Superintendent who was very supportive of our Arbor Day/Mulch Madness project which will be in April. He reported he hasn’t heard anymore regarding the fence painting.

**Community:**

- Glenrose Meier announce that St. Paul is having their annual spaghetti dinner on Sun., Jan. 22 from 11 – 12:30. The public is invited.
- Chad Gutttau announced that Jon Jacobsen was in Des Moines this week and appeared in his Coast Guard uniform and was recognized by the legislature, thanking him for his years of service in the House.

The meeting was closed with reciting of the Optimist Creed.

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## HUMOR

**My bed is a magical  
place**  
where I suddenly  
remember everything  
I was supposed to do.



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## Calendar

### Events

Jan 18 Can Kennel Sorting at 2 PM

### Birthdays

Jan 19 Dennis White  
Jan 23 Doug Dillivan

### Anniversaries

### Programs:

Jan Mick and Judy Guttau  
Feb John Klein  
Mar Dee Guttau (first two weeks)  
Linda Danker (last two weeks)  
Apr Keith Denton  
May Dale Willenborg  
June Steve Irvin (first two weeks)  
Jeff Jorgensen (last two weeks)  
Chad Guttau  
July Jim Clausen (first two weeks)  
Bill Vorthmann (last two weeks)  
Aug Glenrose Meier (first two weeks)  
Steve Chambers (last two weeks)  
Sept Gary Guttau  
Oct Jordan Campbell (first two weeks)  
Jerry Hempel (last two weeks)  
Nov Kirk Vorthmann (first two weeks)  
Dec ??? (last three weeks)

### Speakers

Jan 21 Wendy Andersen, Treynor Days and  
Splash Pad update  
Jan 28 Jona Kuenstler, German Exchange Student

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