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Jacob Beresh, Social Science Teacher



Jacob Beresh, Social Science teacher at Treynor, is “another good young teacher” as introduced by Optimist Steve Irvin. Mr. Beresh has taught four years at Treynor, and it’s his first job after subbing in the

metro area for one year. He thanks Joel Beyenhof, who was an administrator at Lewis Central at the time, for pointing him to Treynor.

Jacob is a graduate of Millard High School and Nebraska Wesleyan for his BS degree. He is engaged to be married next May.

Jacob has always been interested in history (loved the History Channel even as a young child) and collects historical items as well as sports memorabilia. He also loves golf and thinks the TRA is a hidden gem.

As a freshman in high school, Jacob was small in stature, pursued debate instead of sports. He loves learning, researching, and teaching and now is the Debate Coach at Treynor and the team had their best year ever this school year placing in the top 8 teams in the district.

Beresh also coaches 7th grade basketball. He is also the voice announcing high school football, volleyball, and basketball games at Treynor.

Beresh teaches Social Studies to Freshmen, Economics to mostly Juniors and some Sophomores, and U.S. Government to Seniors. World History is taught by another teacher across the hall, who he enjoys collaborating with.

His teaching philosophy for the various courses are “How do events connect today with the past and the why?”, “History is the key to the future.”, “Wants kids to understand why we have a political system.” The students have a one-month simulation of studying a country

(the demographics and scenarios) to understand, “Why do things happen around us?” In U.S. government they discuss how to participate in our democratic country. He states, “It’s important for the students to share their opinions.”

Jacob wanted us to be aware of two House files being reviewed by Iowa’s State Legislators – H files 2545: literacy review of English and Social Studies, and H file 2544: emphasis on Social Studies – historical individuals and specific documents. He stated that Treynor is already doing a lot of this.

There are three debate events participated in by the Debate Team during the season of Sept – Jan. 1 The group works in teams of two to study a topic for one month preparing the pros and cons. Next year Beresh will start an 8th grade debate class.

When asked when he sees his fiancé, he said, “In the Spring!” 😊

Next week’s Speaker:

**Carrie Currin, Elementary Counselor
 Also Kallie Danker – All State Speech
 will perform her speech**

FAMOUS QUOTE

“Always find opportunities to make someone smile, and to offer random acts of kindness in everyday life.”

Roy Bennett

Meeting Minutes

Bill Vorthmann called the meeting to order. Sixteen members were present as well as guests: Jacob Beresh, Gary Funkhouser’s daughter Jennifer from Chapel Hill, NC, Emmersen Fox, Emery Whitney, Rylie Magill, Averie Corollo, and Heidi Gutttau.

Bill reported that on this day in 1989 the Philadelphia Phillies had 10 runs in the first inning and ended up beating the Pittsburgh Pirates 15-11. Pittsburgh radio broadcaster and former pitcher Jim Rooker told listeners he'd walk back to Pittsburgh if his team lost. He took his walk at the end of the game!

The group recited the pledge and Jordan Campbell gave the prayer.

Jokes: Gary Funkhouser, Keith Denton, Bill Vorthmann, and Jordan Campbell.

50/50: Keith Denton

Attendance: Jim Clausen

Birthdays/Anniversaries: None

Bragging Rights: (Dollars are contributed to benefit local youth programs.)

- Gary Gutttau reported on his nerve conduction study and results.
- Chad Gutttau reported his dad did well with the father/daughter dance at Lyse's wedding last week.
- We were glad to have Gary Funkhouser back. He reported the doctor knew that he had leukemia (AML). He has had three blood transfusions plus infusions and feels much better.
- Judy Gutttau reported that she and Mick were honorary chairmen for the Heartland Family Services event last night. She also reported that all are invited to Mick's Retirement Party in the TS Bank Lobby on Wed., June 26 from 3-5 PM.

Business:



• L-R: Rylie Magill, Averie Corollo, Emery Whitney, Emmersen Fox

Four Treynor seniors picked up their \$500 Treynor Optimist scholarships this week.

Rylie Magill will attend UNO to study Computer Science and wants to participate in the band program.

Averie Corollo will attend Peru State in English Education. She would like to be a high school teacher. She plans to continue playing Volleyball for Peru State.

Emery Whitney will attend Iowa State University to study Journalism and Mass Communication. A favorite memory for her was being named to the homecoming court.

Emmersen Fox will attend Kansas State University to study horticulture. She was selected to be in the KSU Band's Color Guard team.

- Flags will be put up on Thurs., June 13. Meet at the Community Building at 5 PM. Adults from St. Paul Pre-School will assist. The flags will be up through July 4. Bill Vorthmann is in charge.
- Can Kennel sorting will take place Sun., June 9 at 5 PM.
- John Klein reported that 27 students have signed up for swimming lessons at Lewis Central and will be transported by a Treynor school bus, driven by Diane Rath. Lessons are 45 mins. each June 17-20 and June 24-27. Steve Fahrenkrog will be a daily chaperone and Impact will provide a high school student as a daily chaperone. Thanks for organizing this, John & Jordan.
- Treynor Days is the last weekend of the month. It is anticipated that the Legion and Optimists will help with the popular Bingo.

Community Events:

- Treynor's Tomorrow teams have started meeting for a total of four weekly meetings.
- Jim Clausen reported that 37 attended this year's Treynor Alumni Banquet on Sat., June 1 at Silos, and Hayley Nowlin a senior attended. Jim stated that next year will be the 100th Anniversary. As it will most likely be the last banquet, there is a goal of having 200 or more attend which will be at the Treynor Community Building on the first Sat. of June. Mark your calendars for Sat., June 7, 2025. Dr. Ward Chambers will pay for the rental of the building.
- Events in Treynor:

Mon., June 10- Treynor JV and Varsity Boys Baseball vs Logan-Magnolia in Treynor.

Tues., June 11 – Treynor Farmer’s Market-
“Literacy Night – Book Swap”

Wed., June 12 – Treynor JV and Varsity Girls Softball vs Tri-Center in Treynor

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Sat., June 29 – Treynor Days BBQ Contest. Bring family for a Pulled Pork Feed from 5-7 PM at Silos parking lot.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

HUMOR



CALENDAR

Events:

June 14 Friday– Put up Flags 5:00 PM
June 29 Treynor Days Bingo – Optimists help.

Birthdays

June 16 Dale Willenborg
June 20 Jeff Jorgensen

Anniversaries

June 5 Steve & Deb Irvin
June 15 Steve and Jeannie Chambers
June 28 Mick and Judy Gutttau
June 29 Dave and Linda Danker

Programs:

June Joel Beyenhof (3rd Sat)
Judy Gutttau (4th/5th Sat)
July Judy Gutttau (1st/2nd Sat.)
Dale Willenborg (3rd Sat.)
Joel Beyenhof (4th Sat)
Aug Chad Gutttau
Sept Jim Clausen (1st/2nd Sat)
Bill Vorthmann (3rd/4th Sat)
Oct Gary Gutttau
Nov Jordan Campbell (1st/2nd Sat)
Jerry Hempel (3rd/4th Sat)
Dec Mick and Judy Gutttau

Speakers

June 15 Carrie Currin, Elementary Counselor
Also Kallie Danker – All State Speech
June 22 Andrew Moats, Co. Recorder,
“Property Fraud”
June 29 Vicki Dowling – Treynor History
Memories
July 6 Christine Buresh Ford, “Gather at the
Table” coffee shop ministry – Old
Market Omaha
July 13 Treynor School Board Members,
Brandon Vorthmann and Anica
Buckingham Olsen.
July 20 Aaron Terry, Football Offensive
Coordinator for Iowa Western
Community College
July 27 Jill Kay, Treynor Elementary Principal

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