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## Treynor's Tomorrow Update



Mike Holton and Kelsey Stupfell gave an update about a community project in Treynor. This past spring Treynor's Tomorrow was organized when the

community was invited to attend a meeting at the Community Building put on by Marketing Hometown America, a program used by Cooperative Extension programs in several mid-west states.

Directors from the ISU and UNL Extension Services were present to explain this as a program to involve citizens who would choose to participate to get together in small groups. Discussion would be about what people love about Treynor and what different and realistic things we could do as a community to retain our quality of life and market the value of our rural community.

From that meeting, a steering committee of Mike Holton, Kelsey Stupfell, Josh Gutttau, Bob Beattie, and Alan Hadfield was formed. Kelsey led the effort to start conversation groups, and 14 groups with leaders were organized with approximately 10 people in each group. Four sessions for each group were held this summer with different topics discussed each time: What do you love about your town, what could we work on, what would draw people to our town, etc. Kelsey stated that many participants expressed how much they loved opening up and speaking.

All groups and others were then invited to attend the "come together" forum on Aug. 29. Food was served. 80 attended. Each group spoke about 3-5 things they would like to see. This was then boiled down to 4 Action Groups. Citizens have volunteered to serve on the four Action Groups as leaders and members to work for the next 18 months on projects.

Because of the timeframe, some projects may only be researched for future consideration.

Chairmen are: **Safety**: Jeanette Pavkov; **Beautification & Signage**: Jodi Volkens and Judy Gutttau; **Community Engagement**: Rosie Rucker, **Development/Housing**: Mike Holton.

Committees may work on:

Safety – sidewalks, flashing lights; lighting, crosswalks and education for youth on child abduction.

Beautification & Signage – new seasonal banners, signage in Treynor, murals.

Community Engagement – bringing back the welcome basket;

Development/Housing – all economic and community development issues such as housing needs.

More volunteers are desired. Please reach out to Kelsey Stupfell – 402-680-9548 or Mike Holton – 712-487-3787 to volunteer for an Action Group.

Mike Holton, City Administrator, wanted to clarify some confusion regarding the recent Lakin Foundation announcement. The \$3.4 million from the Lakin Foundation is not a grant or free money. It is like an endowment placed in the Community Foundation of Western Iowa for the community of Treynor and the corpus (principal) stays in place.

Vision Treynor Group has space for housing lots to be developed on the west and east side of "The T". Money will be borrowed; earnings will be put back into the fund along with interest when the lots are sold. 5% of the fund will then be given to Vision Treynor Group to be used for further development of community projects.

Mike also shared that in the works is the connector road from Hwy 92 into the T, which has to be done by 2026. Construction will begin in 2025.

Kelsey concluded by stating that Treynor will continue to be a small town with good growth that will keep the magic going for Treynor.

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## Next week's Program:

### Update on Cardinal Combine & Impact Jordan Campbell

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## FAMOUS QUOTE

**"You can, you should, and if you're brave enough to start, you will."**

**Stephen King**

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## Meeting Minutes

Bill Vorthmann called the meeting to order.

Sixteen members were present.

Guests today: Michael Holton, Kelsey Stupfell

The group recited the pledge and Steve Irvin gave the prayer.

**Jokes:** Jordan Campbell, Bill Vorthmann, Gary Guttau

**50/50:** Judy Guttau

**Attendance Award:** Steve Irvin, present, but he was not present last week.

**Football Poll:** Jordan Campbell won

**Birthdays/Anniversaries:** We celebrated Mick Guttau's birthday coming up on Nov. 8. Ken and Linda Graham celebrated their anniversary.

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

- Dee Guttau bragged about the Treynor football team having a great season and great coaches. She also bragged about the cross country girls going to state today. (They did come in 3<sup>rd</sup> – congrats!)
- Jordan Campbell shared that last Sat. night there were 15 boys that went to Skinny Bones, a pumpkin patch near Blair and they had a good time.
- Jim Clausen stated that after the football historical facts presentation last week, he looked at yearbooks and discovered he played 6 man football his freshman year, then 8 man football, and finally 11 man football! The coach was Coach Kaiser.
- Dick Fox shared that he attended six volleyball games in Nebraska in the last two weeks. His granddaughter plays for Gothenburg as a sophomore. They beat #1 Minden, NE (unbeaten in 2 years). Carney Catholic has

beaten them, but they play them today at Lee Clark, by Norfolk for their chance to go to state.

- Dick also stated their van got hit by two deer, a buck and a doe, by Bertrand, NE and one was over 300 lbs. The van is totaled.
- Dick also announced they had 206 trick or treaters.
- Steve Irvin stated that cross country is over for his 8<sup>th</sup> grade granddaughter and now she is on to basketball, which she also loves. He told her she would have to recruit. She attends a Christian School in Sioux City, and she was only one of two in 7<sup>th</sup> grade. Steve is proud of her recruiting, saying she is a real go-getter and they now have 12 out for basketball!
- Gary Guttau announced that he went to Barb Rath's visitation. She was a Kindergarten teacher in Treynor and hired by the janitor Hank Moore, because the superintendent was gone! Gary shared several fun stories about Hank Moore.
- John Klein stated that they had a total of 53 trick or treaters. He shared that national news reported a story about Des Moines, where he grew up, had a beggars' night the night before Halloween and kids were expected to tell a joke or riddle to get a treat. John carries on this tradition. He donated for Jordan Campbell to repeat the joke he told last night.

## Community:

- Kelsey Stupfell announced that the public is invited to attend REV this Thursday, Nov. 7 at the Pace/Hoff Family Center. This is a Shark Tank type of event and there are 5 businesses, including Lilly Pops, that will each give a 10 min. pitch – all vying for \$19,000. Registration is \$15 at [www.tsbank.com/revevent](http://www.tsbank.com/revevent). More info is also listed there.
- Kelsey also stated that the Four Corners Community Foundation is trying to raise \$10,000 by year end to be used for a Treynor Classrooms Grant fund. An anonymous person is matching that amount. \$2000 more is needed to reach the goal and the money will help teachers with supplies, programs, and classroom field trips. Learn more or donate: [https://pccf.fcsuite.com/erp/donate/create/fund?funit\\_id=2374](https://pccf.fcsuite.com/erp/donate/create/fund?funit_id=2374)
- Mike Holton stated that polling for the election will be from 7 AM – 8 PM. (Please note: not 9 PM)
- The Music Boosters are selling poinsettias.

## Business:

- It is time for members to sign up for selecting speakers for 2025.
- Dues are due.
- The Droppett Trailer will be in place Tuesday. Silver Creek Club will have Can Kennel sorting at 9 on Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Bill Vorthmann will put up flags by the Community Center for Election Day.
- Bill Vorthmann paid \$1 because the elections will be over this week.
- Gary Gutttau stated that the Optimists take a month of the can kennel to offset some of the dues that are due to the district - \$108. Our members pay \$75. Lifetime members pay less.
- Jerry Hempel had a hip replaced.
- Next week's meeting will be at Zion Congregational Church

## Community Events this week (In Treynor):

- Sun., Nov. 3 – Bingo at Treynor Community Center at 6:30 PM, sponsored by the Treynor Legion. Next time is Sun., Nov. 17.
- Sun., Nov. 3 – Jr. Treynor Women orders for wreaths are due.
- Sat., Nov. 9 – Cinderella Musical at High School at 7:30 pm
- Sun., Nov. 10 – Cinderella Musical at High School at 2:00 PM.

## Other Events Mentioned (Not in Treynor):

- REV as described above is Thurs., Nov. 7 at PACE/Hoff Family Center.

There being no further business, the pledge was stated and the meeting adjourned.

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## HUMOR



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## CALENDAR

### Events:

- Nov. 9 Optimist Meeting 8 AM. Zion Congregational Church  
Nov. 9 Silver Creek 4-H Club Can Kennel Sorting after meeting

### Birthdays:

- Nov. 8 Mick Gutttau  
Nov. 18 Phil Waggoner, Dianne Willenborg  
Nov. 22 Kathy Luedke

### Anniversaries:

- Nov. 2 Kirk & Lynelle Vorthmann  
Nov. 6 Ken & Linda Graham  
Nov. 22 John & Carol Klein  
Nov. 25 Ward & Suzie Chambers

### Programs:

- Nov Jordan Campbell (first three)  
Jerry Hempel (last two)  
Dec Mick and Judy Gutttau

### Speakers

- Nov. 9 Jordan Campbell, Update on Impact and Cardinal Combine  
Nov. 16 Travis Hitchcock, Mills County Emergency Management Agency Director  
Nov. 23 Jeff Casey, 2024 Football Season  
Nov. 30 TBA

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