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NEWSLETTER

Treynor Optimist Club President:
Dale Willenborg

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Get to Know You Better

In lieu of a speaker, Dale Willenborg conducted a game. Members received ten questions before the meeting, but due to time constraints, members were able to provide answers to just four of the questions. Members did expand with stories on some of the questions.

1. **Favorite Movie**: Sound of Music, Dr Zhivago, 10 Commandments, High Noon, Paint Your Wagon, Star Wars, Notebook, Field of Dreams, Barry Lyndon, Mama Mia. Reasons why varied.
2. **Best Vacation**:
    a. St Louis (the Arch, Cardinals Game)
    b. Wisconsin Dells
    c. Cruises
    d. Black Hills
    e. Alaska Cruise
    f. California
    g. Florida
    h. Colorado
    i. Yellowstone
    j. Hawaii
    k. Washing DC
    l. South Dakota
    m. North Carolina
3. **Best Extended Get Together**: All answers were with family members.
    a. Hawaii
    b. Father's Day Family Reunion
    c. Christmas Family Get Together
    d. Lake of Ozarks
    e. Alaska; 80th birthday party with family
    f. Destination Wedding in California
    g. Mother's Family at Wisconsin events
    h. Parent's death and all family there
    i. 40th birthday to St Louis Cardinal Game
    j. Niobrara River in Nebraska
    k. Elliott, IA
    l. Family together for funeral
4. **Unique activity done in last month**
    a. Family photo albums being scanned
    b. 720 diesel John Deere Tractor project
    c. Gardening / weeding
    d. Mowing and naps
    e. Writing checks to fix barn
    f. Been in many parades
    g. Volunteer Friends of Lake Manawa - write a grant for trees to be planted on south and west side of playground
    h. Watch tv and doing word search
    i. Master gardeners making cards and pressed flowers
    j. Caretaker of property during family member's absence
    k. Attending Mighty Mallard Ducks in Mallard, Iowa
    l. Boat Tour on Great Salt Lake in Salt Lake City
    m. 30x30 building built
    n. Parasailing on Gulf Shores (Orange Beach)

Thanks to Kathy Luedke for taking notes!

Next Week's Program
Ryan Stumbo, THS social studies teacher and coach

Famous Quote:

"You'll never find a rainbow if you're looking down."

Charlie Chaplin

Meeting Minutes

Dale Willenborg, President, called the meeting to order.13 members were present. Our guest was Taryn White,

Prayer: Steve Irvin

Jokes: Dale Willenborg

50/50: Bill Vorthmann

Attendance: Gene Seran, but he was unable to claim.

Birthdays/Anniversaries: None

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

- Steve Irvin bragged on his granddaughter, Hope, finishing fourth in cross-country at Hinton County Park. The first four finishers were all freshmen.
- Dennis White shared that his granddaughter ran in her first cross-country meet. He also shared that Treynor finished second to Harlan in that meet. Jordan Campbell stated the Treynor girls are very good!
- Kirk Vorthmann stated his son took Palmer Vorthmann fishing. Palmer is blind and it's hard for his son to get him into the boat, but he loves to do this for him.
- Gary Guttau was connected in a round-about way through TS Bank with Bob Peters from Wyoming. Bob saw a truck in WY from Treynor which led to his research. Bob's mother was Lois Trede. Gary shared that he is taking Bob to the Henry Tiarks farm today.
- Jordan Campbell paid to say KMA predicted Riverside would beat Treynor Fri. night, but Treynor won.

Community News:

- Jordan shared about the Wiffle Ballfield at Zion Congregational Church. It gets used 2-3 times a day and the kids play an hour at a time. Equipment is there for the kids to play. Sponsors are welcome to donate to help raise funds for more equipment. Names of sponsors would be put on a banner or nameplate located on the base. Highway signs have been ordered which will say "Emmett Goos Wiffleball Field", also found on Google.
- Bob Gronstal has passed at the age of 94. Bob was President of Treynor State Bank in the early 70's.
- The wedding of Ashley Boehm and Trey Robinson is today.

BUSINESS:

- Jordan Campbell stated Cardinal Combine will be held during Homecoming, Sept. 19. See the flyer below. They will use half of the football field at the Treynor FB Complex.100+ kids participated in 2024.The Optimist Club approved to sponsor it and provide a snack and water for the kids with the approximate cost being $100.
- John Klein, Dennis White, and Dale Willenborg helped with the Can Kennel sorting. The two-week collection was completed within an hour. The next sorting will be in two weeks.
- Boxes are needed at the Can Kennel as lots of bottles are being turned in.



- Taryn White received a check for $506.90 for JOI Club and $506.90 for Keep Kids Alive. Keep Kids Alive does fundraising, seatbelt checks at the school and check to see if people are not on their cellphones while driving. They sit outside on cold mornings to record activity and report percentages to the state.
  The JOI Club makes cookies and cards and send these to soldiers and nursing homes. They make tie blankets and conduct the Community Christmas. Both groups work together and have approximately 40 members.
  John Klein praised Gary Funkhouser for creating the JOI Club and leading it for years. He also praised Optimist member Shelley Bailey for her leadership with both groups.
- Flags were put up today after the meeting. They will remain up through Homecoming.
- The meeting today and next week will be held at Zion Congregational Church.

AUCTION:
There were no takers for a Walnut Grove pen with Calvin Hoegh's name on it, but if someone is interested, please indicate at the next meeting.

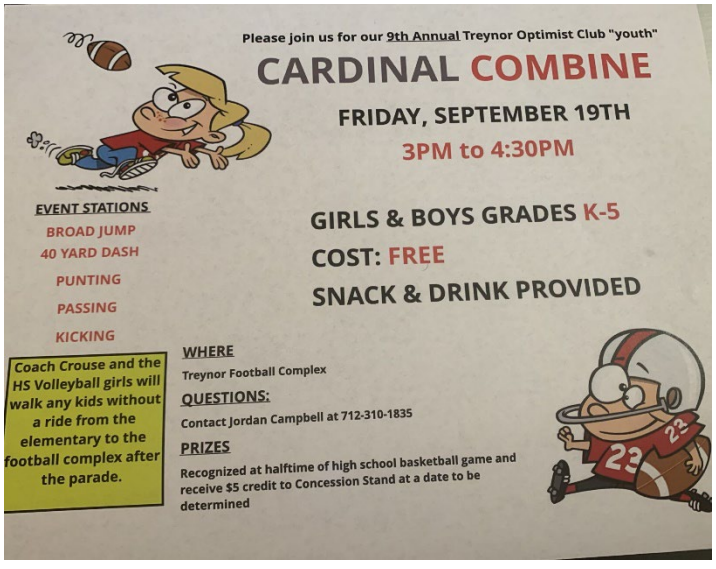
Events this week:

- **Mon., Sept 1** – Labor Day – No school
- **Thurs. Sept 4 –** Volleyball at Tri-Center
- **Fri. Sept 5 –** First monthly community meeting with the school. Time to be announced.
- **Fri. Sept. 5 –** Picture Day at School
- **Fri. Sept. 5 –** First Friday Food Truck -Twisted Hitch @ parking lot by The Occasional Collective
- **Fri. Sept. 5 –** Football at Van Meter
- **Sat. Sept. 6 –** Volleyball at Atlantic
- **Sat. Sept. 6 –** Cross Country at IWCC
- **Sun. Sept. 7** -Treynor Fall Market, 10AM-2PM Treynor Community Center green space.

Coming Events:

- **Wed., Sept. 10 –** 8-8:15 AM TeamMates' meeting at school. If you are interested, please attend.
- **Treynor Fall Farmers Market** – Tuesdays, Sept.16, 23, 30, Oct. 7, 14- 5:30-7:00 PM
- **Fri. Sept. 19 -** Treynor Homecoming vs Shenandoah Mustangs
- **Fri. Sept. 19** – Cardinal Combine -see flyer below.
- **Sat., Oct. 4 –** Treynor City Wide Garage Sale
- **Sun., Oct. 12 –** 8 AM – 12:30 PM. Legion Pancake Breakfast

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



HUMOR

I asked a supermarket worker where they kept the canned peaches. He said, "I'll see," and walked away.

I asked another worker and he also said, "I'll see," and walked away.

In the end I gave up and found them myself, in Aisle C.

CALENDAR

Events:

Sept. 6	Meeting 8:00-9:00 AM Zion Congregational Church

Birthdays:

Sept 1	Josh Guttau
Sept 16	John Klein
Sept 22	Dee Guttau

Anniversaries:

Sept 24	Phil & Jan Waggoner
Sept 26	Bill & Ann Vorthmann

Programs:

September	Jim Clausen (1st/2nd Sat.)
	Bill Vorthmann (3rd/4th Sat.)
October	Jordan Campbell (1st/2nd Sat.)
	Dee Guttau (3rd/4th Sat.)
November	Jerry Hempel (1st/2nd Sat.)
	Linda Danker (3rd/4th Sat.)
	Judy Guttau (5th Sat.)
December	Mick and Judy Guttau

Speakers

Sept. 6	Ryan Stumbo, THS social studies teacher and coach

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