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Dr. Dan Kinney, President IWCC



Dr. Dan Kinney, President of Iowa Western Community College (IWCC), will begin his 5th year as President in January. When he became the fourth President of IWCC, his concentration was on how to grow and move forward.

Overall enrollment is up 7.5%. The cliff effect has affected many institutions with lower birth rates, the number of college age students being lower, but he says that hasn't happened for IWCC. He noticed much more could be done with high school involvement. In Iowa, high school students can take college courses for \$0 so more focus on high school enrollment was emphasized. This increases the likelihood that students would be more likely to come take more classes after graduation. The high school enrollment has increased 22%. The average high school student is already coming out with 36 credits which makes them juniors in college. This is a great benefit; Iowa is the only state in America to allow this.

With most of the IWCC career academy in special areas such as welding, HVAC, and nursing growing locally and at centers located in communities around SW Iowa (Missouri Valley, East Mills, Glenwood, Harlan), the enrollment has grown to meet demands and needs in local communities. There used to be 39 students in diesel technology, now 82; 33 in auto, now 74; welding 59, now 144, etc.

All spaces at IWCC were designed for 30-40 students and now they have run out of space. That is why there is a bond referendum.

The vote is November 4 for the Bond Referendum – a \$55 Million bond. Kinney stated it won't raise your tax levy, but he also said the actual taxes are controlled by the tax assessor. IWCC is half the cost of a 4-year university and 1/3 of private school cost.

The bond will cover:

- 1) A new transportation system building for auto and diesel – south of Hwy 6 near the big tower.
- 2) CDL drivers will be moved from the residential hall parking lot in the middle of campus to a new training course at the new building.
- 3) Supply chain logistics will be taught because businesses want students trained in that.

The majority of the bond goes for the above. Then construction, HVAC, plumbing, and electrical will move together from 4500 ft. to 11,000 ft and can double enrollment. Currently they've had to turn away 11 diesel students.

Dr. Kinney says there are three core students:
a) 1/3 know what they want to do and head to universities.
b) 1/3 don't want to get more education – want to work so need to expand getting training out to these students who come in from high school and go out to the work force.
c) 1/3 are students who want to see a return on their investment. If a student gets a degree, they want to know how they will pay it off. They know the need of a 2-year degree.

There is a bill in Iowa to make IWCC a four year college. This was stopped. Dr. Kinney thinks a "Work Force Bachelors Degree" may happen to begin in fall of '27. IWCC would not offer all baccalaureate degrees, but those needing a BS in nursing, teachers ed K-12, business degrees, and management degrees in trade areas. He would like to push a 3-year degree with one year done in high school.

Don't forget to vote November 4!

Next Week's Program
Barb Vorthmann
Gold Star Moms

Famous Quote:

“Success is falling nine times and getting up ten!”

Jon Bon Jovi

Meeting Minutes

Bill Vorthmann called the meeting to order in the absence of our President. 18 members were present. Guest: Dr. Dan Kinney

Prayer: Ken Graham

Jokes: Keith Denton, Steve Chambers, Bill Vorthmann, Jerry Hempel

50/50: Keith Denton

Attendance: Chad Gutttau

Football Pool: Bill Vorthmann won.

Birthdays/Anniversaries: We celebrated Marsha Underwood's birthday. Thank you for providing a delicious breakfast!

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

- Judy Gutttau bragged on all the Treynor high school sports teams successes and moving now into advanced competition.
- Dick Fox was supposed to have two granddaughters help him paint the deck, but he completed it himself!
- Keith Denton's granddaughter Lily Denton won first in cross country. She is a senior at St. Albert.
- Gary Gutttau stated that IWCC was initiated when he was teaching high school in '62-64. Dr. Kinney is the 4th president that he's known. Gary also taught Environmental Science at IWCC.
- John Klein shared that Underwood's homecoming was last weekend. His daughter Holly is married to Dean Leaders and his daughter Mallory Leaders was named homecoming queen.

Business:

- The St. Paul Pre-School started sorting cans early this morning. Optimists are welcome to help after the meeting if needed.
- Gary Gutttau announced today that a new treasurer for Optimist is needed immediately. He will help train for the next year. Bill Vorthmann said the board will discuss soon. Appreciation was expressed to Gary for all the years he has served as treasurer.
- Dues are now due: \$75. The actual amount that we pay Optimist International is more, but our bragging dollars help cover the extra cost.

Community:

The school has announced if a family or business would like to sponsor a scholarship for a senior, please contact Danie Floerchinger, Treynor HS Counselor. dfloerchinger@treynorcardinals.org

Events this week:

- **Sat. Oct. 18** – State Marching Band Contest – Glenwood
- **Sat. Oct. 18** – VB tournament – Lewis Central
- **Sat. Oct. 18** – B/G CC @ Logan/Mo Valley
- **Wed. Oct. 22** – VB tournament @ Treynor
- **Wed. Oct. 22** – 4:30-7 – St. Paul Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser for Taiya Vorthmann
- **Thur. Oct. 23** – B/G CC State Qual. Meet
- **Thur. Oct. 23** – 8th gr. FB @ St. Albert
- **Thur. Oct. 23** – Lincoln Reagan Dinner – Treynor Community Center
- **Fri. Oct. 24** – First FB Playoff game- Treynor vs. Ogden @ Treynor
- **Fri. Oct. 24**- School out at 2: End of Q1.
- **Sat. Oct. 25**- All state music auditions.
- **Next week at school** – Red Ribbon Week

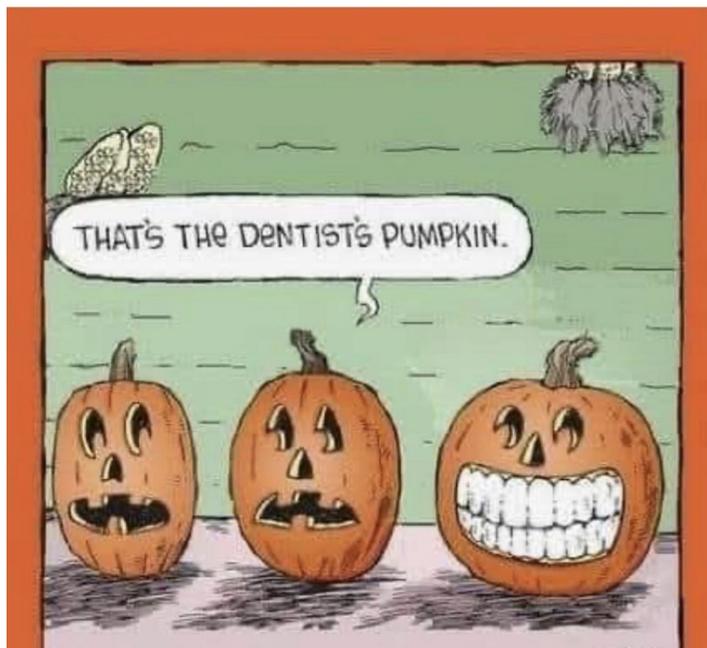
Coming Events:

- **Sun. Oct 26** – Treynor Spooktacular (includes Trunk or Treat plus more) 1-3 PM Comm. Center
- **Sun. Nov. 2** – Jr. Treynor Women deadline for ordering Christmas Wreaths as a fundraiser.
- **Sun. Nov. 2** – Bingo – Treynor Legion sponsor 6:30 PM @ Treynor Community Center

Auction: Dick Fox provided two bags of cherry tomatoes and a bag of green onions, which were purchased by Ken Graham and Kathy Luedke.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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CALENDAR

Events:

Oct. 25 Optimist Meeting 8:00-9:00 AM,
Treyner Community Center

Birthdays:

Oct 29 Bill Vorthmann

Anniversaries:

Programs:

October Dee Guttau (4th Sat.)
November Jerry Hempel (1st/2nd Sat.)
Linda Danker (3rd/4th Sat.)
Judy Guttau (5th Sat.)
December Mick and Judy Guttau

Speakers

Oct. 18 Dr. Dan Kinney, Pres. Iowa Western
Community College
Oct. 25 Barb Vorthmann, Gold Star Moms
Nov. 1 Chaley Rath Hempel – Girls CC Coach
Nov. 8 Jeff Casey, Treyner FB Coach
Nov. 15 Susan Enewold – CARES Program
Nov. 22 Terry Richardson, Judge Richard Distillary,
Carson, IA
Nov. 29 Korbin Horton, 2025 SE Asia Mission Trip

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