



The Optimist Club of Treynor, Treynor, IA  
Iowa District, Zone 2 Club Number 40-109  
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## NEWSLETTER

Treynor Optimist Club President:  
Dale Willenborg



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### David Spalling, Special Ed Coach



David Stalling is a history teacher and Unified Coach affiliated with Special Olympics at Millard South in Nebraska. He is the son-in-law of Keith and Georgia Denton, married to Eva and has two children. David was named Coach of the Year a

few years ago which required being elected by several schools.

The Civil Rights Act of 1964 led to having Special Olympics so that special needs kids could have the same privileges as anyone else. In 2013 the desire was for the Special Olympics to be more affiliated with high school students so that they could be a part of a team with general education populations. Thus, NE and other states decided to do Unified. David noted that Treynor has Unified Sports. Many schools do Special Olympics, but it's a volunteer effort, but Unified pays for the school and teachers to help with the competitive program.

Millard South's Unified program has bowling and track and they want to offer golf. Competition includes a special needs athlete and a general education high school partner. Each competes and their scores are combined. In track there are two running events as well as shot put and long jump. With 2400 students at Millard South, it's a big deal when the teams are introduced at pep rallies and winners are announced.

At the school often the partners are students wanting to be teachers. The partners are very fast, but don't make the varsity team. They want to help build the character of the young special needs kids.

David stated when he's had a busy or bad day, he will go into the area of the Alternate Curriculum Program and do puzzles and have

conversation with the special needs students and his day is so much better.

The school offers a coffee cart service through Starbucks, and these kids deliver coffee to the teachers every Friday. The WIN program pays the special needs students to help clean tables after lunch. This helps prepare them for future work.

Fun activities also at Millard South which includes special needs students are Classic Friday competition before spring break, a polar plunge for the community, a special prom which former NFL quarterback Tim Tiebow sponsors nation-wide, and a "Choose to Include" week in which kids pledge not to use the R word, but use "mentally handicap".

David stated he was a special ed student and had a phenomenal teacher who did wonders for him and motivated him to do the work he is doing now. Counselors told him not to go to college, but he did and he made the Dean's List at University of Nebraska at Lincoln.

Thanks for sharing your amazing story, David.

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#### Next Week's Program:

**Rosie Rucker, Community Engagement Committee, Treynor's Tomorrow**

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#### Inspirational Quote:

**"Don't be pushed around by the fears in your mind. Be led by the dreams in your heart."**

**Roy Bennett**

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#### Meeting Minutes

President Dale Willenborg called the meeting to order. 15 members were present. Guests: Many members and leaders of the Silver Keg Feeders 4-H Club.

Thanks to the Silver Keg Feeders 4-H Club for providing breakfast. Leader Rachel Dyke introduced her group that helped and thanked the Optimists for their support. It was stated by Bill Vorthmann that Gary Guttau is the oldest living Silver Keg Feeders 4-H member.



**Prayer:** Bill Vorthmann

**Jokes:** Keith Denton, Dale Willenborg, Jeff Jorgensen, Steve Chambers, Judy Guttau

**50/50:** Kirk Vorthmann

**Attendance:** Dee Guttau. The money was given to Gary, and Chad stated it will go to the fire dept memorial for Dee.

**Birthdays/Anniversaries:** None

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

- Chad Guttau: He gave a tribute to his mom, Dee, who took his sister and him to many places when they were young (the zoo, etc.) and would load up the cousins also in the big white van for special outings.
- Phil Waggoner: Phil ended up living in a house (before marriage) with Mike Kalstrup and Jeff Danker which was right across the road from where Dee and Gary lived at the time. He said Dee was super kind and welcoming, and he was thankful Gary didn't shoot his two dogs.
- Jeff Jorgensen: He wanted to announce he was running for re-election as a Pott. Co. Supervisor.
- Jeff Jorgensen: Jeff stated that when he and his wife moved to Treynor, his neighbor Richard Vorthmann insisted he become an Optimist. Therefore, he got to know Gary, Dee, and Chad. He tearfully stated Dee was so good and when he lost his wife, she told him if he didn't have any place to go for

Thanksgiving dinner, he was invited to join them.

- Rachel Dyke, 4-H leader: She thanked the Optimists for all we do. On a personal note, she stated Dee was her 4-H leader and she has such fond memories of Halloween parties there in their basement which was turned into a haunted house. She also remembered when little, her parents were visiting Gary and Dee, and she sat on Dee's lap and Dee read a book to her.
- Judy Guttau: She stated she knew Dee before Gary did. Dee was in the class ahead of her at Griswold and was known as Henrietta Robinson. When she married Gary, she was now Dee Guttau, which makes Judy smile.
- Steve Chambers: His granddaughter who plays basketball for Doane University was honored for making 1000 points.

### Business

- Can Kennel sorting for Silver Keg Feeders 4-H Club will be tomorrow at 3 PM. Dale stated he was thankful they had moved the date to a warmer day.
- Zion Youth Group will have the Can Kennel next.
- John Klein reported the Can Kennel signs are here and ready to go.
- Bill Vorthmann stated he and John Klein picked up the new door from Home Depot and also boxes of bags for the Can Kennel at no cost. He praised Home Depot for all they do.

### Community:

- **Sun. Feb. 1:** Legion Bingo 6:30 PM
- **Wed. Feb.4:** JOI Club Souper Bowl – 2 PM - Pick up donated food from doorsteps in Treynor
- **Sun. Feb. 22:** Treynor Winter Market 10-2
- **Sat. Apr. 25:** Garage Sale
- **Fri. May 1:** Spring Cleanup

### Events this week in Treynor and some away if indicated:

- **Mon. Feb.2:** Jazz State Choir
- **Mon. Feb.2:** JH B Wrest @ Log-Mag
- **Mon. Feb.2:** 7-8 G BB vs Audubon
- **Tues. Feb.3:** G/B BB @ AHSTW

## CALENDAR

- **Th. Feb.5:** JH B Wrest@ Riverside
- **Th. Feb.5:** 7-8 G BB @ Underwood
- **Th. Feb.5:** JV Res. G BB vs LC
- **Th. Feb.5:** JV Boys Wrest @ Atlantic
- **Fri. Feb.6:** G/B BB vs Tri-Center
- **Sat. Feb.7:** JH Boys Wrest @ AL
- **Sat. Feb.7:** G/B BB vs St. Albert (afternoon)

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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### HUMOR



#### Events:

Feb. 7 Optimist Meeting 8:00-9:00 AM,  
Treyner Community Center

**Birthdays:** None

**Anniversaries:**None

#### Programs:

February Linda Danker (1<sup>st</sup>,2<sup>nd</sup> Sat)  
Kirk Vorthmann (3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> Sat.)  
March John Klein  
April Chad Guttau  
May Ken Graham (1<sup>st</sup>,2<sup>nd</sup> Sat)  
Jeff Jorgensen (3<sup>rd</sup>,4<sup>th</sup> Sat)  
June Steve Irvin (1<sup>st</sup>,2<sup>nd</sup> Sat)  
Dee Guttau a (3<sup>rd</sup>,4<sup>th</sup> Sat)

#### Speakers:

Feb. 7 Rosie Rucker, Community Engagement  
Committee, Treyner's Tomorrow  
Feb. 14 Matthew Hansmann, Speech Coach at  
Treyner Community School  
Feb. 21 Jeff Hazelwood, Trip to Vietnam, S. Korea  
Feb. 28 Garry Clark- He grew up in the D.C.  
Projects and how sports changed his life.

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