,,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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## Cody Abbott Honored



It was an honor for us to present Cody Abbott, Store Manager of Home Depot in Manawa, a plaque as a Friend of the Treynor Optimist Club, the Treynor Community School, and Treynor's Tomorrow. He has generously donated trees, lumber, buckets, sign posts, metal brackets, paint, labor and more to help with our community projects.

For many years Cody Abbott and Home Depot have helped with labor and supplies for the Treynor Optimist Arbor Day projects, the JOI Club/KKA contest Burma Shave signs along Hwy 92, the mural by the Post Office, and the Can Kennel structure as well as many boxes of large trash bags for sorting. He said he had five boxes today in his pickup to give us!

Abbott served in the Marines for four years, attended college at UNL and has worked in twelve different Home Depot stores, with almost six years in Council Bluffs, and he's still young with kids in school.

Cody's favorite part of working for Home Depot is the Giving Back program which helps him take care of communities. They were pleased to help Minden when they were hit by the tornado. They donated $20,000 worth of materials and labor for the Legion Building in Minden. They've assisted the Moving Vets program in Papillion donating rugs for homes for homeless vets, once they are qualified. He also said Home Depot does lots for individual veterans. Their crew currently works with a soup kitchen too.

Compliments were given by Kathy for excellent customer service and Kirk for their excellent quality and organization of outdoor plants. Cody stated Mother's Day to Memorial Day is their busiest time. Being close to Father's Day, he stated paint will be on sale, and there will be price reductions of power tools and grills. An $800 drill will be down to $400. Dale also praised Cody for their excellent windows.

Cody said he wants to exceed customer expectations. He wants employees to smile, be friendly and have them present in the aisle.

Other items discussed: Customers can use the Home Depot app to locate items in the store. He manages 145 associates. There is 50% tuition reimbursement for employees. Self-check-out is the direction people want, but Cody tries to have a cashier on each end of the store. Seasonal workers can earn the lowest wage of $17/hr.

What a pleasure to honor our friend, Cody Abbott, today at our meeting!

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**Next week's speaker:**
**Tracy Petersen**
**Treynor High School Teacher of Sports Marketing, Entrepreneurship, Accounting, Careers/Finance, Work Based Learning**

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**Optimistic Quote:**

**"The pessimist complains about the wind; the optimist expects it to change; the realist adjusts the sails."**

**William Arthur Ward**

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**Interested in being an Optimist member? Contact any Optimist member! Or Dale Willenborg, President, 402-651-1634**

**Meeting Minutes**

President Dale Willenborg called the meeting to order at the Treynor Community Center. Eighteen members were present. Our guests were: Mike Holton, Piper McVey, Elizabeth Kinsella, Lilly Yochum, and Zoey Zadalis

**Prayer:** Judy Guttau

**Jokes**: Keith Denton, Steve Chambers

**50/50:** Cody Abbott

**Attendance**: Glenrose Meier

**Birthdays/Anniversaries**: None

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

- Chad Guttau: He reported Senator Joni Ernst and Ashley Hinson, candidate for Senate were at an event in Treynor last night. They are old friends of Chad's.
- Keith Denton: His granddaughter, Lily Denton got 3 golds and 1 silver in the state track meet. His granddaughter, Sophie Denton got a gold medal too.
- Kevin and Marsha Underwood: They attended Carter White's graduation last weekend from UNI. They also attended Bailey White's graduation in Des Moines. She is a doctor now.
- Steve Irvin: Granddaughter Hope played soccer with Sioux City North and beat AL 1-0. They play Tues. to qualify for state against Waukee who is #1 rated.
- Kirk Vorthmann: His oldest granddaughter Ashlyn graduated with her Masters from Colorado State University in Ag Business.
- Glenrose Meier: Her only granddaughter is a graduate of University of Nebraska in biochem. She is now working for a new company which sells medical devices for diabetes and is now earning twice as much money as before.
- Gary Guttau: He bragged on the Treynor boys soccer team qualifying for State.

**Business:**

- Dale Willenborg stated his grandson made 150 more plugs for the flag holes. 250 have already been made by him and they are ,helpful. We have 440 paid flags.
- Dale Willenborg presented three JOI Club $500 scholarships today to:



**L-R: Zoey Zadalis, Lilly Yochum, Ellie Kinsella, Dale Willenborg**

Zoey Zadalis will study nursing at the University of South Dakota. She was soccer captain this year. Lilly Yochum will attend Simpson College to play soccer and study psychology. She was Vice President of Silver Keg Feeders 4-H this year. Elizabeth Kinsella will study psychology at St. Mary's this fall. She was VP of JOI Club, Class VP and started the Healthy Living Club which she talked about. 25 students were members.




- **L-R. John Klein, Piper McVey, Bret McVey**
- Bret McVey was introduced as our newest member last week and received his pin from our visiting Iowa District Governor Jane Schmidt. Bret is shown today with John Klein, his sponsor, and his daughter, Piper. Again welcome!
- Due to the rain, flags will be picked up at 5:00 today.
- Dale Willenborg thanked Judy Guttau for arranging a tour of The Wall That Heals last Saturday. Sixteen attended.
- An email was received by members on May 28 from Jed Becker praising our Optimist

Club and praising John Klein for the article he wrote about our club in the "Our Iowa" magazine. Jed stated you can read it at www.treynoroptimist.org.

- Next week after our meeting there will be Can Kennel sorting to benefit the Treynor Optimist Club to help with our giving for youth opportunities.

- Bret McVey stated the Optimist Club sponsored swimming lessons are June 15-18 and June 22-25. The bus is full.

**Community:**

It was shared by Glenrose Meier and Kirk Vorthmann that St. Paul Lutheran Church is sponsoring a fundraiser pulled pork meal on Friday, June 5 from 4-7 PM to help Dylan Dreyer, senior at Treynor High School this fall, with his cancer treatments. You can eat in or carry-out will be available.

- Judy Guttau shared about GreenSpace Jam, a **FREE** Summer Concert Series in Treynor on the Green Space west of the bank – 7 East Main Street. Bring your blanket or lawn chair. **Thurs., June 11, 7-9 PM** features Matt Wallace Quartet and Jeff Schoening's Cocktail Jazz Trio. Future concerts are Thurs., July 16 featuring High Heel and Thurs., Aug. 13 TBA. Sponsors: Treynor's Tomorrow, Iowa West Foundation grant, TS Bank, and City of Treynor. There will be food/drinks available from Tweets and Jarvis Quality Meats.

- Treynor Farmers Market Revamp 2026 is focusing on less craft fair, more farm-to-table. 5:30-7:30 PM.

- **Community Events:**
  - **Tues. June 2:** Farmers Market begins 5:30-7:30
  - **Tues. June 2:** Primary Election 7 AM-8 PM
  - **Fri., June 5:** First Friday Food Truck 11 AM – 1 PM Amigos
  - **Fri. June 5:** Fundraiser meal for Dylan Dryer served by St. Paul Lutheran. 4-7 PM. Pulled pork. Eat in or take out available.
  - **Sat. June 6:** Treynor Alumni & Friends Dinner/Program. Jeff Schnepel is one contact to make your reservation: 402-658-4867.
  - **Thurs. June 11:** Treynor Blood Drive. 11:30 AM – 5:30 PM. Treynor Community Center. Call 1-800-733-2767 to schedule an appointment.
  - **Thurs. June 11:** GreenSpace Jam – Free concert **7-**9 PM See Community news.

**School Events in Treynor, and State**

- **Mon. June 1:** Boys Soccer at State vs West Central Valley 5:00 PM
- **Tues. June 2:** G/B JV/V softball/baseball vs IKM
- **Tues. June 2:** G V soccer vs Van Meter
- **Wed. June 3:** JV Boys baseball vs TJ
- **Fri. June 5**: JV/V G/B softball/baseball vs AHSTW

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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**HUMOR**

**"Whatever you do, always give 100%, unless you are donating blood."**

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**CALENDAR**

**Events:**

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| June 6 | Optimist Meeting 8:00-9:00 AM<br>Can Kennel sorting after meeting. |

**Birthdays:**

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| June 16 | Dale Willenborg |
| June 20 | Jeff Jorgensen |

**Anniversaries:**

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| June 5 | Steve & Deb Irvin |
| June 15 | Steve & Jeanie Chambers |
| June 28 | Mick & Judy Guttau |
| June 29 | Dave & Linda Danker |

**Programs:**

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| June | Steve Irvin (1st,2nd Sat)<br>Judy Guttau (3rd.4th Sat) |
| July | July 4 – no meeting<br>July 11 – Pending<br>Phil Waggoner (3rd, 4th Sat) |
| August | Dale Willenborg |

**Speakers:**

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| June 6 | Tracy Petersen: Treynor High School |
| June 13 | Steve Irvin, Secretary/Treasurer of the Southwest Iowa Educational Foundation |

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