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Chad Vorthmann- Ag to Aerospace



It’s about communication. That’s a lesson **Chad Vorthmann, a 1991 Treynor graduate**, has carried from agriculture all the way to aerospace.

With a college degree in journalism and agriculture, Vorthmann built a successful career with the **Colorado Farm Bureau**, serving as Communications Director and Executive Vice President. But an experience in 2021 changed the direction of his career.

Chad and his family had a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to attend the launch of **Lucy**, a spacecraft sent to study the Trojan asteroids and help scientists better understand the formation of our solar system. Watching the tremendous power of the launch reignited something in him.

The experience, along with meeting the engineers behind the mission, reminded Chad of his lifelong fascination with Top Gun 2 and aviation. He jokingly told his Lockheed Martin host to let him know if a job ever opened. Two years later, the call came: “Let’s talk!”

Today, Chad works in government relations for **Lockheed Martin**, helping tell the story of aerospace to policymakers, state and local officials, and others who may have little direct connection to the industry.

He sees similarities between agriculture and aerospace. Most people never meet the people responsible for producing their food, building spacecraft or developing the technology they depend upon every day. Yet both industries affect daily life.

“We need space, too,” Chad explained. Cell phones, communications, weather forecasting and GPS all depend on space-based technology. Lockheed Martin’s work ranges from aircraft and national defense to spacecraft and NASA exploration.

Lockheed Martin built the Sikorsky and Blackhawk rotary wing helicopters, missiles, and THAD interceptors, the big C-130 transport, F-35, F-16 and more. Worldwide there are 120,000 employees. Chad works in the Denver, CO area, which is the strategic center of the country, stating a submarine missile is the only thing that can’t hit Colorado.

The Artemis astronauts came to the Red Rock Amphitheater and the tickets sold out in 8 minutes. The Red Rock Formation is a piece of the largest bedrock in North America. It houses one building built into it which has sensors doing docking testing that can’t be done anywhere else.

Space is more of a war domain. “Adversaries don’t have our best interest in mind,” Chad shared, “So we use space-based interceptors.”

The Fleet Ballistic Missile program created during the Cold War launches missiles from nuclear powered submarines. Adversaries know where silos and planes are, but they don’t know where submarines are. A new version will be introduced in 2030-32.

Among the projects Chad discussed were the **Artemis lunar exploration program**, GPS satellites, Mars exploration, asteroid sample missions and the X-59 experimental aircraft. He also described technology being used to help firefighters predict areas where lightning strikes are most likely to result in dangerous wildfires.

One of the messages Chad especially hopes young people hear is that aerospace is not just for engineers. Lockheed Martin has developed fellowship opportunities introducing high school and college students to the many career possibilities within the industry.

“No matter what your college degree is,” Chad emphasized, “you can find a path in aerospace.” By 2030 there will be a 1 million people deficit associated with space.

Next week's speaker:
Ken Graham, Personal Story

Positive Quote:
"Champions keep playing until they get it right." Billie Jean King

Meeting Minutes

President Dale Willenborg called the meeting to order at Zion Congregational Church. Twenty members were present. Our guests were Chad Vorthmann, Ann Vorthmann, Lynell Vorthmann, Sarah Vandevanter, Brock Vandevanter, Rachel Dyke, George & Deb Volz.

Prayer: Jordan Campbell

Jokes: Keith Denton, Steve Chambers, Dale Willenborg, Chad Guttau

50/50: Jordan Campbell

Attendance: Josh Guttau, not in attendance

Football Contest: Ken Graham

Thanks to Kevin Underwood for coordinating this.

Birthdays/Anniversaries: Bill & Ann Vorthmann, whose anniversary was today – 57 years. Phil and Jan Waggoner celebrated their 49th on Sept. 24.

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

- Judy Guttau: Thank you to Dale Willenborg serving as Optimist President for several years.
- Glenrose Meier: The same as above.
- Jordan Campbell, Kevin Underwood, and Marsha Underwood: Treynor beat Underwood in football Friday night.
- Dick Fox: Sherry and he went to Gothenburg, NE for their granddaughter's volleyball games. Eight schools played in 2 days. Their granddaughter's team won three games.
- Dick Fox: 9" rain for the month.
- Dale Willenborg: 9.25 inches and more coming.
- Keith Denton: Sophie had a good volleyball game collecting 10 points while serving.
- Gary Guttau: Attended reunion at Riverview Park which was where Henry Doorly Zoo was.
- Sun. Sept. 27th is the Can Kennel sorting date to help the Music Boosters at 2 PM. We are in need of boxes. It was suggested they could be obtained from possibly Dollar General, Sam's, and Target.
- Dale indicated the Can Kennel trailer was picked up, but money is still being processed.



L-R: Marsha Underwood, Kevin Underwood, Dale Willenborg

- Marsha and Kevin were recognized for donating for many years to the Optimist "Dime A Day" effort which went to cancer research, but now goes to scholarships and the JOI Club program.
- George Volz, our Optimist Lt. Governor, spoke about a great possibility we have of adding JOI members who have graduated this past year as Optimist members at no cost.
- George Volz will install our officers next week.
- Judy Guttau requested Optimist help for the "Treynor Thru the Years" Celebration on Sun., Oct. 18 (attached) during Bingo. Glenrose Meier, Phil Waggoner offered to help. Gary Guttau offered to help with the raffle. Three more volunteers are needed. The Optimist aprons will be needed too.
- Chad Guttau and Judy Guttau are on the Treynor's Tomorrow committee planning the above celebration which is from 2-4 PM.

Community:

- Gary Guttau would like names of people willing to talk about developing a plan related to the History of Treynor.
- Dale Willenborg inquired about who might know a square dance caller. George Volz said he would do some research.

Community Events:

- **Sat**. **Oct. 3: Treynor City-Wide Garage Sales**
- **Fri. Oct. 9: Zion Lunch at noon time at Zion parking lot.**
- **Fri. Oct. 9: Cardinal Combine after the parade.** The Optimists sponsor this event. Jordan Campbell leads it and parents help.
- **Fri. Oct. 9: Treynor City-Wide Cleanup**
- **Fri. Oct. 9: St. Paul Pre-school Tailgate** (**A fundraiser**) before Red Oak football game. Pulled pork and hot dogs will be served.
- **Sun. Oct 18**: 2- 4 PM, **"Treynor Thru the Years" Celebration** at Treynor Community Center. Historic Mural dedicated, Treynor Tomorrows update, Free Root Beer Floats, and an hour of fun Bingo. Hope you can come! (attached flyer)
- **Sun. Oct. 25**: 1-3 PM, **Treynor Spooktacular**, Treynor Community Center, Games, prizes, treats, free Halloweenies, costume contest. (attached flyer)

School Events in Treynor:

- **Mon. Sept. 28:** JV Boys FB vs Logan-Magnolia
- **Tues. Sept. 29:** 7/8 Boys FB vs Shenandoah
- **Tues.** Sept. 29: V G/B and JH G/B Cross Country
- **Wed. Sept. 30**: School out at 2 PM.
- **Thurs**. **Oct. 1**: 7/8, JV, JV Res, V VB vs. Tri-Center
- **Sat**. Oct. 3: SWI Band Jamboree, Parade @ Clarinda 9-3:30
- **Fri., Oct. 9:** Homecoming vs Red Oak

There being no further business, we thanked our long-time President, Dale Willenborg, and the meeting was adjourned by our new President, Kirk Vorthmann.

HUMOR

"Why do they call it rush hour when nothing moves?"

OPTIMIST CALENDAR

Events:

Oct. 3	Meeting 8-9 AM, Treynor Community Center

Birthdays:

Oct. 17	Marsha Underwood
Oct. 29	Bill Vorthmann

Anniversaries:

Oct 13	Dale and Dianne Willenborg
Oct. 17	Dennis and Kay White

Programs:

October	Judy Guttau
November	Jerry Hempel (1st, 2nd Sat)
	Josh Guttau (3rd, 4th Sat)
December	Mick & Judy Guttau

Speakers:

October	A series of talks this month by members to get to know them better:
Oct. 3	Ken Graham, personal story
Oct. 10	Steve Chambers, personal story
Oct. 17	Dennis White, personal story
Oct. 24	John Klein, personal story
Oct. 31	Judy Guttau, personal story
Nov. 7	TBA
Nov. 14	TBA
Nov. 21	Ashleigh Croushorn, Chief Technology Officer, TS Bank – topic: learn about AI
Nov. 28	Joel Beyenhof, Treynor Superintendent, (school related topic)

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