

Treynor Women's Sports



Gail Hartigan was the speaker at the Treynor Optimist Club on December 13. She talked about the trip to Mapleton for the regional basketball finals. They had to drive in bad weather and lost the game.

Gail talked about Griswold's win in track. They figured out how to work the statistics to place the right people in the right events. Dan Schliemann has been doing this for Treynor for several years. The 8th graders are now allowed to use the weight room. They are encouraged to do fitness only. Treynor has their own weight room coach, Jim Lovely.

Gail has a new job as the assistant athletic director. The director, Tim Navara, makes all the decisions

and she tries to put them in effect. She does scheduling on fields, building, and officials.

Several things happened to make it more difficult to find officials. It used to be easy to get tested and pay in Iowa and Nebraska – pay a little more to be licensed in both states. Now fewer officials are testing in Iowa.

Pay is around \$100 per night. Kids seem to get faster all the time, so the officials need to be in good shape.

Officials often take abuse from fans and coaches. This often makes the job feel rather thankless.

There are only 15 girls out for basketball this year. There are not many new freshmen. The 8th grade class has better numbers.

Gail is encouraging any athletes in the area to gather newspapers clippings, photographs, and memorabilia to submit to the Hall of Pride in Des Moines to be shared with visitors.

Gail was asked about the new track. She feels it is awesome, but does not think the track itself has improved anyone's times.

Gail says that her children are all doing well.