



### **Poverty in Treynor? Say it Ain't So!**

City Manager Kelly Groskurth spoke at the Treynor Optimist Club on January 30. She isn't familiar directly with poverty, but collects water bills, so she is familiar with people who are struggling.

One thing that she has done to improve payment of water bills is to shorten the billing cycle. They haven't had to shut off anyone's water yet. She is working with people to get them on a payment plan. Automatic payments also help. The city went from 48 to 21 late notices.

Iowa West Foundation helps cities with grants for infrastructure improvements. Kelly said Treynor is looking into applying. To get federal or state aid, a city must have 51% of its people in a low to moderate income bracket. Treynor doesn't meet that objective.

The median household income in Pottawattamie County is \$48,751. Treynor has \$60,417. Underwood is at about \$84,000, and McClland is about \$78,000.