

## Treynor Softball



Jo Ellen and Mike Travis spoke at the Treynor Optimist Club on October 20 about the girl's softball season.

Treynor won the State Champion on July 20, 2012 at Iowa Central College in Fort Dodge. They received several honors, including pitcher of the year, player of the game, and alternative captain.

Jo Ellen said that "Western Iowa has been underrated in softball," so Treynor's season was an eye-opener to many people. Mike said that he kept track of non-Treynor people paying them complements and they were getting daily complements for a full two months after the tournament.

Going into the state tournament, Treynor had only two home runs for the season. Some teams had 39 and 42. Treynor doesn't focus on home runs, but on speed and ball placement. They didn't hit the ball out of the infield often. However, they try to create as much chaos on the bases as possible, keeping the opposing pitcher and catcher on their toes.

Jo Ellen said the hard work and enthusiasm has carried over into volleyball and she hopes it carries over into basketball. She is proud of the girls.

There is only two weeks of pre-season because some girls are still in track. The softball team had only one full practice before the first game because of girls in other sports. For the state tournament they got a favorable draw. Next year they will be Senior heavy. Only one Senior graduated last year.

Throughout the season, Mike and Jo Ellen scout other teams. Jo Ellen pays attention to the quick stats that each team had to provide the State throughout the season.