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Treynor Optimist Club President: Dee Guttau BRINGING OUT THE BEST

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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.

Calendar

Dec 17 – Can Kennel Sorting Jan 7 – Can Kennel Sorting Jan 28 - Can Kennel Sorting **Birthdays** Vol. 30 No. 44 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.

Meeting Minutes

Dee Guttau opened the meeting and led the pledge of allegiance.



The Music boosters received a check from the can kennel for \$769.00. They will use it for Christmas Concert and a trip to Chicago. Kevin Underwood celebrated his birthday this week. For bragging rights, Gary Guttau

contributed for ISU basketball. Marsha Underwood paid \$1 for a picture.

The spaghetti dinner will be February 6. Kevin Underwood is in charge of the meat. Bill Vorthmann will check with the school.

Dee Guttau won the 50/50 drawing. Rocky Saar won the attendance drawing, but did not collect. There were 16 members and 5 guests at the meeting. The guests were Roger Jensen, Kennedy Eitmann, Payton Livengood, Amanda Driver, and Gail Hartigan.

Dec 16 – Kevin Underwood (recognized) Dec 23 – Chuck Nielsen Anniversaries Dec 27 – Gary & Dee Guttau Speakers

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A Teacher's Resolution

Late one December an elementary school principal said to his teachers, "Let's all write out New Year's resolutions about how we can be better teachers and I'll put them on the staff bulletin board."

The teachers agreed, and when the resolutions were posted, they all gathered around the bulletin board to read them.

One of the young teachers suddenly went into a fit of anger.

"He didn't put up my resolution. It was one of the first ones submitted. He doesn't care about me. That just shows what it's like around here." On and on she ranted and raved.

The principal, who overheard this from his office, was mortified. He hadn't meant to exclude her resolution. Quickly rummaging through the papers on his desk, he found hers and immediately posted it on the bulletin board.

The resolution read, "I resolve not to let little things upset me anymore."