



## College Counseling

Rita Laughlin, middle and high school counselor at Treynor, spoke at the Treynor Optimist Club on April 23. She talked about colleges and scholarships, which represents a large part of her job in working with students.

Rita said that UNO offers classes to Iowa residents at a reduced rate of \$300/credit. There is also \$400 in fees. Northwest Missouri State charges \$282/credit if students have an ACT of at least 23 and meets some other requirements. Books are included. South Dakota Universities will now offer in-state tuition of \$281/credit for Iowa residents. Iowa State University credits are \$240-\$280. University of Iowa is about \$300. University of Northern Iowa charges \$220-270.

Many Treynor students go to IWCC or Metro Tech. Metro Tech has good programs in culinary arts and welding. Their tuition is lower than IWCC.

There are very few Presidential Scholarships available. Students need an ACT of at least 30 to apply and that may change to 32 because they received so many applications this year.

Rita starts 8<sup>th</sup> graders with a program that lets them explore career interests through a set of questions. The program also lets them explore what offerings colleges have in that area of interest. In 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades they reevaluate and start exploring colleges.

20 to 25 college representatives visit Treynor each year. Rita also takes all the Juniors to Lewis Central to the college fair there. There is also a larger college fair at the Century Link building, where over 100 colleges are represented.

Speaking of transfers into Treynor, many students come for a day to shadow another student before transferring. They are teamed with a student council member.

High School Juniors and Seniors in Iowa are allowed to take a maximum of 23 college credits each year. Treynor has more college credits offered in-house than any other school in the WIC conference.