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This year the Hinckleys have lived in their RV 21 days in May, 28 days in June, and will be full-time RVers for July and August, and part of September. "Our road is being torn-up," Rich explains. "We didn't want to be stuck with our camper in the drive – we'd rather be stuck out here!"

So far Rich and Lanette have kept their RV in southeast South Dakota. They tend to frequent Yankton, Platte, Tea, Salem and Sioux City areas. Lanette would love to take the RV out to the Black Hills but Rich doesn't seem so keen on the idea – especially since they recently suffered a tire blow-out at 60 miles an hour.

As Rich turns his head to show me where they spotted deer the night before, Lanette silently mouths, "We'll be taking it to the hills!"

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personally fulfilling experiences as she grew into her role as a DSP.

"What I like about this job is supporting these people every day, and seeing them be able to succeed, to meet their goals, and succeed in the community," she said. "Seeing that happen really makes me feel good about what I do."

Molly works in one of SESDAC, Inc.'s large group homes.

"There are eight people that I directly support on a day-to-day basis," she said.

Molly said her classes at USD included required service learning, which is composed of volunteering in the community. SESDAC was one of the places where students could volunteer.

Both her volunteer work and her time as an employee at SESDAC, Inc., she said, helped her find personal fulfillment.

"It is the culture, the getting out in the community and having all types of interactions with all types of people – that was the goal of that. I graduated, and I was going to go to grad school, but I'm not sure what field I'll be studying," she said.

Molly originally had goals to study physical therapy. She's leaning now towards perhaps directing future studies in the area of social work, in part because of what she's learned and continues to experience in her role as a DSP at SESDAC, Inc.

It's a job she's not ready to leave. At least not yet.

"Over time, as my relationship with the people that I support built up, and I became more comfortable in my role, I've really made a connection with them, and ... I can't leave," Molly said with a laugh. "I've definitely found a place here."

Her work is challenging, but she's quickly able to define what a good day on the job entails.

"It's somebody meeting a goal or doing something that was never on their radar to accomplish," Molly said. "It's just seeing people become valued and vital members of the community, and integrating them into jobs and groups and everything."

While in Miami, Molly and a co-worker attended ANCOR's Direct Support Professional Leadership Academy.

"I learned a lot about being an advocate for DSPs, and the importance of our work," she said, "and shared a lot of stories with other DSPs. I learned a lot from that."

"It's been interesting to watch Molly grow – she's now a veteran, a full-time staffer who now trains our new staff," Joe said. "Watching an employee grow within our organization has been really neat."

■ By *David Lias*

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