

July Yankton Area Volunteer Of The Month

Stan Hrouda moved to the Yankton area ten years ago, looking for employment and a good place to raise his family. He was humbled and impressed by the programs within Yankton that provide services and assistance to their neighbors in need.

"Starting out, my family and I were in need of some of the services the Yankton community provides. Everywhere we turned, people were very helpful and friendly to us," says Stan. "Now that I am in the position to give back what was given to me, I do what I can to make a difference. I want to pay it forward, so I started to volunteer."

Stan has been awarded the United Way & Volunteer Services of Greater Yankton, Volunteer of the Month Award for July, due to his volunteer efforts among numerous programs, including the Banquet, Contact Center, Sack Pack, The Center, Red Cross, and the American Cancer Society, Relay for Life event.

Nominated for the Volunteer of the Month Award, by the staff at the Contact Center, Stan has gone above and beyond, volunteering up to 6 hours per week. "Stan starting volunteering in December and comes every week to check the expiration dates on any food that has come into the food pantry. He then spends a lot of time restocking the shelves and organizing," states Contact Center Director, Jennifer Adamson. "We are all so impressed and happy to have Stan as a volunteer. He is such a



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positive person and is always willing to lend a hand any way that he can."

For the past decade, Stan has been working at Walmart in Yankton and enjoys his work. For eight of the ten years employed with the organization, he has participated and is enthusiastic about Walmart's, Volunteerism Always Pays (VAP) program. Through the VAP program, the Walmart Foundation awards grants and donates funds to eligible nonprofit organizations where associates volunteer. Since the launch of this program, associates nationwide have volunteered more than 7 million hours of their time.

Volunteering thru the VAP program, Stan has the opportunity to choose which organiza-

tion he would like to volunteer for and in turn where the funds go. "Walmart gives back a certain amount for every hour of service I provide to a nonprofit organization. It is a wonderful program," says Hrouda.

Growing up on his family's farm in Stanton, Nebraska, Hrouda was surrounded by hard working people who instilled in him a strong work ethic. "Working hard and giving back is important to me," says Stan. "I have seen how many people it takes and all the work that goes into having these nonprofit programs succeed. I believe that giving back to something you believe in is very important and also very rewarding."

FIGHTING AGAINST HUNGER



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First National Bank of Yankton recently packed food at Kids Against Hunger for children in need of our care. To learn more about how your business can help, please visit www.kahyankton.org.

SACK PACK PROGRAM DONATION



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The Yankton Lions recently donated \$1000 to the Yankton Sack Pack Program. Many children are given food on Friday afternoon so they have a little extra food during the weekend. It is now in its fifth year. This program is funded through donations and volunteers. Sandi Kramer, one of the board members and also a menu planner, told President Carol Becker and Katherine French (both members of the Yankton Lions Club) that this donation will help feed 266 children. With the unemployment and recession in Yankton there are many families and especially children that can use a little extra help.

MOTIVATION ON WHEELS AT BEADLE



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Beadle Elementary hosted Aaron Cross for an all school assembly on October 18, 2012. Aaron's program is called "Motivation on Wheels" and his message to students is to focus on their target. Aaron Cross traded in his 10-speed for a four-wheeler, although it wasn't an all-terrain vehicle; it was a wheelchair. For the last 21 years, Aaron has pushed, crawled, swum and shot his way to what most people call their limits. Aaron is a 3-time paralympian in archery and he shared his story about turning

MEETINGS

KEYSTONE CHAPTER #33, OES

Keystone Chapter #33, OES, met Thursday, Oct. 18, 2012, at the Masonic Temple, Yankton.

Sue Koepp, Worthy Matron, presided at the meeting which opened in regular form. One petition for membership was read and approved for membership by vote of the chapter.

The chapter will decorate a Christmas tree for the mall this year. Mary Johnson is in charge of the project. Decorations may be brought to the November meeting.

Officers for the ensuing year were elected and are as follows: Worthy Matron — Chris Bryan, Worthy Patron — Charles Bryan, Associate Matron — Janelle Kriebell, Associate Patron — Don Koepp, Secretary — Neva Raysby, Treasurer — Mary Johnson, Conductress — Sue Koepp, and Associate Conductress — Kathryn Buechler.

The next meeting will be Thursday, November 15, and will be followed by installation of officers.

Sue and Don Koepp hosted the fellowship hour following the meeting.

YANKTON TOASTMASTER CLUB 1294

Yankton Toastmaster Club 1294 met Saturday, Oct. 20, at 7:30 a.m. at the Fry'n Pan Restaurant. The meeting was called to order by President Joy Winther. The invocation was given by John Swenson followed by John Swenson leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Matt Stone was introduced as the Toastmaster of the meeting. Matt Stone acted as the grammarian, giving the giving the word of the day, "Malarkey" or "Malarky." Both spellings are correct according to Webster's dictionary. Table Topics was lead by Kevin Buhl. Speeches were given by Kevin

Buhl on "Road Rage." Master Evaluator of the meeting was Jana Lane, who evaluated the meeting. Presentations were also given by grammarian Matt Stone, joke master Harry Voelzke, Ah Counter/Nail Dropper Joy Winther, and timer John Swenson. Table Topic winner was Janice Stone, and best speaker was Kevin Buhl. Guests at the meeting were LouElla Machin.

For more information, call 665-9217.

TOASTMASTERS CLUB 6217

Jeff May called Toastmasters Club 6217 to order Oct. 18 at noon in the KPI Conference Room with a warm welcome for guest Taylor O'Bryan and an invocation by MJ Rogers, praying for "God to be in our heads and hearts."

Eric Taylor presented the word of the day, "worldly-wise," and tracked its use by the speakers as well as unusual and interesting phrases, like Tim Bohn's "Hill Billy Bob." Taylor was part of Muriel Stach's evaluation team along with timer Melissa Bader and "ah" counter Joe Neuhalfen.

Speakers Jane Miller and Bohn informed the audience using humor in their Advanced Manual speeches. Miller's "We Raise Our Children to Leave Us" related an African proverb to teaching children to obey by following through with consequences. Bohn's video clips showed the difference between what people say and what people hear if there's "miscommunication instead of decoding."

Miller was evaluated by Greg Stach and Bohn by Steve Anderson with praise for creating and keeping audience interest and suggestions for improving vocal variety in larger venues.

Table Topics Master Joyce Stevens asked impromptu questions, using her personal medical field experiences as

creative segues. She questioned Miller on "u-tube searches" with Miller "enjoying babies' laughter." O'Bryan didn't sleep through his conventions, "but had too much fun!" Eric Taylor "jokes and teases" with his son. Rogers feels media may convict athletes "without court hearings and with unelected judges, personally motivated testimony and improper evidence."

May awarded trophies to Greg Stach as Best Evaluator and to Miller for both Best Speaker and Best Respondent in Table Topics. May then asked President Bader for announcements, which were: appreciation for the new meeting area, the district conference will be in ND, and the Nov. 1 Halloween Party will be held in the Convent Sunroom. The contest song, "I'm an old cowhand from Belvedere Land" was dedicated to O'Bryan.

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