

Trezona UW Volunteer Of The Month

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September celebrated National Literacy Month. Accordingly, United Way & Volunteer Services of Greater Yankton named Veronica Trezona, a Yankton Area Literacy Council tutor, as September's Volunteer of the Month.

A wise man once said "the limits of my language are the limits of my world." Yankton Area Literacy Council (YALC) tutors teach English as a Second Language to individuals so that they may live in the Yankton community without language limitations.

Veronica has donated over 450 hours to YALC while teaching ESL in the last year and a half. According to YALC director, Bev Calvert, Trezona "has touched the lives of 24 students who have furthered their education through her leadership."

We asked Trezona to tell us, in her own words, how she feels about volunteering.

- I have lived here in the Yankton



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Veronica Trezona was named United Way & Volunteer Services of Greater Yankton's September Volunteer of the Month.

Area since: December 1994;

- I began volunteering: January or February of 2012;
- I continue volunteering because: It's fun helping students with their English.
- I volunteer at: I'll begin teaching Sunday School soon at Peace Presbyterian Church. I make food for Habitat for Humanity occasionally; P.E.O. guard at

meetings 3-4 hours per month; also Church Women United and SHARE.

- Approximate hours per year that I volunteer: Over 241 hours with YALC in 2012.

• Volunteer work is enjoyable because: You get the opportunity to work with many different people that you wouldn't get to meet any other way.

• My best volunteer experience was: Every day is a new experience. Each and every one of the people with whom I have worked is my "favorite". There are great stories that go with each. Communication is not all language. So even though I don't speak Spanish, Chinese, Ethiopian or any other language, the students and I communicate with each other. Being named Volunteer of the Month was totally unexpected!

• The advice I would give to those thinking about getting out there and volunteering in their communities is: Just do it. There is always a great need for volunteers.

For more information on volunteering, contact United Way & Volunteer Services of Greater Yankton at 605-665-6766.

Laurel BioComposite Celebrates With Ribbon Cutting, Open House For Bio-Based Project

LAUREL, Neb. — A ribbon cutting and open house was held by Laurel BioComposite, LLC in Laurel, Neb., Sept. 25 for their bio-based project funded through the purchase of equipment and working capital.

A \$5 million loan from Security Bank in Laurel backed by a USDA Rural Development Loan Guarantee and leveraged funds of nearly \$6.9 million were utilized.

Attending the event were Nebraska Gov. Dave Heineman, USDA Rural Development Nebraska State Director Maxine Moul, and Laurel Mayor Mark Patefield.

"As a start up company utilizing new technology and introducing new products, the USDA Rural Development Loan Guarantee was an essential component of our

plans to move the project forward. We appreciate the work of USDA and Security Bank team members in putting this together," said CEO Tim Bearnes, Laurel BioComposite, LLC.

"USDA Rural Development is pleased to be able to assist Laurel BioComposite, LLC," said Moul. "This is an innovative business bringing nine new jobs to the area, which is important to rural communities. It also is a project that fits very well with Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack's focus on building the bio-based economy in Rural America."

"We appreciate the long term relationship that our bank has developed with the USDA and are excited to see the Laurel BioComposite project progress," said Keith

Knudsen, President of Security Bank.

The funds were used to purchase equipment and provide working capital to the startup manufacturing plant that takes distiller's grain from ethanol plants and produces a pellet and powder product. That product is sold to plastics manufacturers to use as a resin enhancer for thermoplastics products. Three jobs will be retained and nine added.

"We're celebrating some important milestones," said Bearnes. "Today's event gives us the chance to thank a lot of people that have supported our project and believe in our future."

Laurel BioComposite's mission, Bearnes explained, is to produce Bio-Res products from a renewable re-

source. "Our product replaces a portion of traditional plastic resins and creates a positive environmental impact by reducing our reliance on crude oil," he said. "It remains our goal to manufacture a quality bio-based product at a cost effective price. We don't make the plastic. We make the plastic greener."

The new production line converts feedstock into a powder for thermoset applications or master batch pellets for use in thermoplastics applications such as injection molding. Phase II which includes a second production line and bulk material handling is under way. Completion of Phase II will raise Laurel BioComposite's annual capacity to 48 million pounds.

May Promoted To President

Kolberg-Pioneer, Inc. (KPI-JCI and Astec Mobile Screens) is pleased to announce the promotion of Jeff May to company president.

In his new position, May will focus on leading and managing the activities and functions of Kolberg-Pioneer, Inc., while helping to direct its strategies in providing growth and profitability for the company and its parent corporation, Astec Industries, Inc. of Chattanooga, Tenn.

Kolberg-Pioneer, Inc. is a premier worldwide manufacturer of heavy equipment for the aggregate, construction and recycling industries. The Yankton, S.D.-based company is one of 17 divisions of Astec Industries, Inc. Kolberg-Pioneer, Inc. markets, sells and supports its products with Johnson Crushers International, Inc. in Eugene, Ore., and Astec Mobile Screens in Sterling, Ill. Together, the three manufacturing facilities make up KPI-JCI and Astec Mobile Screens.

May, who began working as Controller for Kolberg-Pioneer, Inc. in 1996, is a 1985 graduate of the University of Iowa, where he also earned his Master of Business Administration degree in 1995. Before his promotion to president, May served as vice president of operations and finance for Kolberg-Pioneer, Inc. Prior to his employment with Kolberg-Pioneer, Inc., May served as Controller for Fairtron Corporation in Des Moines, Iowa, and Lebeda Company in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Joe Vig, a group vice pres-

ident with Astec Industries, said May's dedication to the company and leadership capabilities made him a stand-out candidate for the position.

"During these past 17 years, Jeff May has demonstrated strong abilities and work ethics in promoting the company's efficiencies and vital initiatives," Vig said. "With his help, Kolberg-Pioneer, Inc. has attained a strong position in the marketplace and served as a significant contributor to the growth of Astec Industries. We know he will be successful in this new leadership role."

For more information about KPI-JCI and Astec Mobile Screens, please visit www.kpijci.com.

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May

Cowman Of YHS Named Commended Student

Principal Dr. Jennifer Johnke of Yankton High School has announced that Brice Cowman has been named a Commended Student in the 2014 National Merit Scholarship Program.

A Letter of Commendation from the school and National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC), which conducts the program, will be presented by the principal to this scholastically talented senior.

About 34,000 Commended Students throughout the national are being rec-

ognized for their exceptional academic promise. Although they will not continue in the 2014 competition for National Merit Scholarship awards, Commended Students placed among the top five percent of more than 1.5 million students who entered the 2014 competition by taking the 2012 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT).

"The young men and women being named Commended Students have demonstrated outstanding potential for

academic success," commented a spokesperson for NMSC. "These students represent a valuable national resource; recognizing their accomplishments, as well as the key role their schools play in their academic development, is vital to the advancement of educational excellence in our nation. We hope that this recognition will help broaden their educational opportunities and encourage them as they continue their pursuit of academic success."

MEETINGS

YANKTON COLLEGE

The Yankton College Board of Trustees met Friday, Sept. 20, at the Summit Activities Center to discuss agenda items that were then brought forward for Board action on Saturday, September 21, to include:

- a proposed agreement between Yankton College and the Yankton County Historical Society procuring a space for Yankton College in the Mead Building;
- an opportunity for administering scholarship funds in the future;
- the conferral of two Honorary Degrees to Joan Neubauer, Yankton, and Charley Trantina, Sun City West, Ariz., to be awarded next Spring;
- and incentives for attracting a larger attendance at the 2014 Yankton College All-Class Reunion to be held next July in Yankton.

Six current members of the YC Trustees have served a significant amount of Board terms totaling 192 years of their interest and support for Yankton College. They are: Dr. Charles Kaufman, Vermillion, totaling 45 years, from 1968 to present; Trantina, 36 years, from 1977 to present; Rev. Dr. Paul Opsahl, Yankton, 33 years, from 1980 to present; Dr. Joe Ward III, from Gainesville, Fla., 30 years, from 1983 to present; Dr. Ken Jones, Yankton, 29 years, from 1963 to 1972 and again from 1993 to present and Neubauer, nineteen years from 1994 to present. These six individuals have given considerable amounts of their time and talents to the College, as well as charitable contributions.

The Yankton College Alumni Advisory Board met prior to the BOT meeting to hold its election of officers, make suggestions for strengthening the connections between the alumni at the 2014 All-Class Reunion

and to finalize details for the upcoming Rapid City Regional Reunion scheduled Sept. 28.

To cap off the weekend, some members of the Yankton College BOT, AAB and staff attended the Scotland UCC, Sunday, Sept. 22, to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the merger with the Ward Memorial Church. The Lesterville church was named in honor of Sarah Frances Ward, a Home Missionary and wife of the founder of Yankton College, the Rev. Joseph Ward, who wished to continue the work of her late husband. Attending the celebration were Ward descendants, to include: Joe Ward III, Alan, Gary and Rhea Ward, all great-grandchildren of Sarah. For further information, call the Yankton College office at (605) 665-3661.

TOASTMASTERS CLUB 6217

Eric Taylor called Toastmasters Club 6217 to order Sept. 26, 2013, at noon in the KPI Conference Room with a warm welcome and an invocation by Tim Bohn.

Joyce Stevens presented the word of the day, "Noisome" and tracked its use by the speakers as well as unusual and interesting phrases, like "long, healthy, happy, rich life" and "million more wishes."

Kary Beltz's evaluation team included timer Stan Sudbeck and "ah" counter Gale Vogt.

Tim Bohn did an impromptu speech giving us very interesting information about his heritage and that he hopes to keep finding out more information in the near future.

Bohn was evaluated by Jeff May with praise for his use of the opening, the body and the closing with such short time to prepare. Enjoyed that when telling his story he made it very com-

fortable to listen to.

Table Topics Master Chelsi Hames asked impromptu questions, using "If you could" questions. Jen Wubben had 3 wishes, good health, happiness and financial stability. Jane Miller would have liked to have more confidence in high school if she could go back. Stevens would like to change one trait about her being "think before she speaks." Vogt would also like to change one trait of himself being his ability to speak well in public, it's a good thing he's in Toastmasters. May would like to forget the hazing days when going back to his home town Alumni. Sudbeck wishes he would have put 115 percent into football and basketball when he was in high school.

Taylor awarded trophies to May as Best Evaluator, to Bohn for Best Speaker and May for Best Respondent in Table Topics. Taylor then asked Vice President of Education Jeff May for announcements, which were upcoming District Speech Contest in Sioux Falls Oct. 25-16.

YANKTON TOASTMASTER CLUB 1294

Yankton Toastmaster Club 1294 met Saturday, Sept. 28, 2013, at 7:30 a.m. at the Fry'n Pan Restaurant. The meeting was called to order by President Steve Hamilton. The invocation

was given by Matt Stone, who also lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Joy Winther was introduced as the Toastmaster of the meeting. She called on Master Evaluator, Kevin Buhl, who in turn introduced Grammarian, Steve Hamilton. Hamilton gave the word of the day, which was "pensive," meaning dreamily thoughtful or suggestive of sad thoughtfulness.

Speeches were given by John Swensen on "The Middle of the Hole" from the Competent Communicator manual, project 10; Mike Arens on "The Many Benefits of Trees" from the Advanced Communicator series manual, project 2.

Table Topics was lead by Kathy Hejna on the subject of "Toastmasters."

Buhl evaluated the meeting and called on Jana Lane to evaluate Swensen and Janice Kruse to evaluate Arens. Presentations were also given by Grammarian Hamilton, Joke Master Mike Arens, Ah Counter/Nail Dropper Matt Stone, Timer Hamilton, and Vote Counter Vernon Arens.

Table Topic winner was Hamilton, best speaker was Swensen, and best evaluator was Lane. Other participants in the meeting were Harry Voelzke, Janice Stone, and Roy Wilcox.

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Thue Named To YCHS Board

At its Sept. 19, 2013, meeting, the Board of Directors of YCHS unanimously ratified the candidacy of Bob Thue as a new member. Once elected by Society members at the Annual Meeting on Oct. 6, 2013, Bob will serve until 2015 and then may seek re-election.

Bob joins current Directors Jane Bobzin, Carol Hamvas, Lola Harens, Stan Hoffart, Nathan Johnson, Bill Nelson, Joan Neubauer, Jim Nyberg, David Olson, Steve Pietila, Dick Pillar and Tom Steinbach as well as City Rep Pauline Akland, County Rep Donna Freng, Executive Director Crystal Nelson and Assistant Director Heidi Henson.

Bob grew up in Hamlin County and earned his BS degree in Secondary Education with an emphasis on Social Science at General Beadle State College in Madison SD. He continued his education at USD where he earned a Master's Degree in History, with an emphasis on Western American Studies.

Bob is the product of a pioneering family; his grandmother Thue, along with her parents, homesteaded south of Lake Poinsett in the 1880's. Grandfather Thue homesteaded east of Lake Nor-

den in 1882; this homestead is still being farmed by his great-grandson.

When Bob began teaching South Dakota history, he learned that many of his students knew very little about the history of our state, the local history of the immediate area in which they lived or even about their own family history. As Bob says "in order to know where we are going, we must first find out where we have been."

Bob presently works as an advocate at the Yankton Homeless Shelter and, in addition to his teaching career, has been a Youth Care worker and owner/operator of the Daylight Donut Shop in Yankton. Bob is an active member of the Yankton Lions Club and the Yankton First United Methodist Church.

At the Oct. 6 annual meeting, present Board Members will join Bob in pledging their loyalty and promising their diligence to the Yankton County Historical Society. Bob's talents and energies will prosper the organization.

Tickets for the annual event are still available by calling the Dakota Territorial Museum at 665-3898. The theme is "Rockin' the 50's" and the setting is "The Teen Canteen."

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