

Mentoring with HEART News

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Mentoring with HEART News is printed monthly for mentors, mentees and their parents. Comments and contributions are encouraged. **Dean Bentley, Mentoring Coordinator, cell phone: 402-305-3395, e-mail: dbentley@aea13.org**

Summary of Board Meeting

Everything has been sent to the Iowa Secretary of State and IRS to complete the application for the 501© 3 status. We are waiting to receive the final approval so we can apply for more grants to help with the mentoring program. Calley Boatwright applied for a \$10,000 grant and should receive notice on this grant sometime in April.

Attending "Y" Camp This Summer

Devin Large and Blake Roger will be attending the "Y" camp at Boone, Iowa, this summer. This is a week long camp with all expenses paid by the Iowa State Sheriff and Deputy Association. They will provide the transportation to and from the camp. We want to thank this association for taking two of our mentees.



Kudos

to Daniel VanSant for receiving the Junior Citizen of the Year in Mills County. Daniel has been a mentor for two years in Malvern.

Birthdays for March and April

March

23 - Dr. Kunkel
26 - Scott Gregory

April

7 - Keith Confer
27 - Susan Stogdill



New Mentors

We welcomed two new mentors in the past two weeks. John Walker, a Junior in high school, will be doing school-based mentoring at Malvern. His interests are football and dirt bikes. Greg Pierce is retired and is the Vice President of Malvern Low Rent Housing. He will be doing community-based mentoring at Malvern. Greg enjoys hunting, fishing, furniture repair and refinishing, gardening and small building projects.

Mentoring with HEART Luncheon

The Mentoring with HEART luncheon was held February 22 at Northeast Elementary with an attendance of 60. Dr. Stan Sibley welcomed everyone to the meeting. Catie DeMasi, Recreation Superintendent for Council Bluffs Parks and Recreation, gave a presentation on what mentoring meant to her. Greg Florian stated what mentoring meant to him and his mentee. The mentors and mentees enjoyed having Mary Sneed draw portraits of them.

We want to thank Linda Ratigan, Public Relations and Director/Staff manager at Wal-Mart, for refreshments and Rachelle Floral Design in Glenwood for the balloons.



High School Mentors

To receive Community Service hours for mentoring, make sure you get the form from the Guidance Office. When you leave your mentee, have a school staff member sign off on the form.

Meet the Mentors

Randy Reed

- A mentor for 2 years
- Senior at Malvern

Hobbies: Photography, exercise, and scrap booking

Favorite mentoring moment: Frosting cookies

Past activities he and his mentee have enjoyed together: Checkers, I Spy, coloring

What benefits do you think the Mentoring with HEART program provides?: I think it helps learn about each other

Cori Michelson

- A mentor for 2 years
- Senior at Malvern

Hobbies: Sports, drama, speech, scrap booking, and reading

Past activities she and her mentee have enjoyed together: Playing cards, coloring, and other board games

What benefits do you think the Mentoring with HEART program provides?: I think it gives the mentee something to look forward to and gives them someone else to visit with.

Shaila Gregory

- A mentor for 2 years
- Senior at Glenwood

Hobbies: Hunting, shopping, and plays sports

Favorite mentoring moment: Building forts out of floor mats

Past activities she and her mentee have enjoyed together: Volleyball, basketball, talking, and playing games

What benefits do you think the Mentoring with HEART program provides?: Provides role models for mentees and gives them someone else to talk to in confidence



Ardeth McLaughlin

- A mentor for 3 years
- Retired



Hobbies: Reading, trying new recipes, travel, and being with my grandchildren

Favorite mentoring moment: When he runs to meet me and gives me a hug when I come to get him on the playground. He has a sweet smile! I love his laughter when I read to him, and he thinks something is funny.

Past activities she and her mentee have enjoyed together: We spend one hour a week at school reading, playing games, and doing some school work.

What benefits do you think the Mentoring with HEART program provides?: I think he looks forward to our time together. This is my second year with him and he has opened up so much since our first year together.

Craig Florian

- A mentor for 4 years

Occupation: Customer Relations, Paminda Corporate Offices

Hobbies: Theatre, model railroading, Elvis Tribute Artist

Favorite mentoring moment: Flying kites, playing soccer, playing games, throwing the football

What benefits do you think the Mentoring with HEART program provides?: It allows young and old alike to see the world through someone else's eyes.

Kids in Church



A little boy was overhead praying: "Lord, if you can't make me a better boy, don't worry about it. I'm having a real good time like I am."

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If you are reading one of our newsletters and would like to be a mentor in Glenwood or Malvern, please contact Dean Bentley. As a mentor you will spend one hour a week with your mentee during the school day for School Based mentoring or one hour a week after school or on weekends for Community Based mentoring. If you are under the age of 18, I will need three references. If 18 or older, I will need three references plus a criminal background check. Thanks Dean.