

One in a Million

Meet Hazen Bye

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Hazen Bye is well-known in Vermillion as part of a progressive family that has always remained highly involved in the local business community.

Late this fall, he decided to take on another venture. It's not exactly a new role – he's done this sort of thing before.

Hazen is devoting a great deal of his time this year to serve as head coach of the Vermillion Tanager wrestling team.

"I actually coached seven years, back in the late 1980s through 1994, somewhere in there," he said.

Hazen, a graduate of Vermillion High School, was a member of the Tanager wrestling squad, and from there went on to wrestle for South Dakota State University. "I wrestled there for about three years," he said.

This year, the Tanager grapplers needed a coach, "and I applied for the job and got it," Hazen said.

The Vermillion wrestling team has been in a unique position over the years, relying at times on people from the community rather than members of the school staff to serve as the squad's coach.

It's a trend that concerns Hazen. "When we know we need a wrestling coach, I don't know why we don't put an ad in the paper for a wrestling coach and a teaching position, but instead of complaining about it, I just went ahead

and applied for the job," he said last Wednesday, a day before the Tanager squad was to compete in the regional meet in Sioux Falls.

"We actually had a seeding meet last night (Feb. 12) at Sioux Falls Lincoln; we had seven kids seeded and the top four go to state," he said. "The Regions start tomorrow (Feb. 14) which is Valentine's Day at 5 p.m. at Sioux Falls Lincoln."

The region tourney wrapped up Friday, Feb. 15.

There are no seniors on this year's Vermillion wrestling team, made up of 27 young people.

"We have a nice core of kids who are anywhere from sophomores to juniors," Hazen said. "They are very good kids; the entire team is made up of hard workers who are easy to coach and easy to get along with, so we've had a lot of fun."

"I was just talking with the kids – they've all said they've had fun and they can't believe how fast the season has gone," he said. "Those are good signs that they're enjoying it."

The sport of wrestling seems to come naturally to the Bye family. Hazen's son Regan, a sophomore, wrestles for the Tanagers at 145 pounds. Brett Bye, son of Brook and Shelly Bye, is also a member of the team. Brook is Hazen's cousin.

Hazen laughed when asked if coaching members of one's family poses any special challenges.

"There haven't been any – they'll do anything I ask

them to. They'll actually listen," he said, "but all of the kids listen well. I'm very impressed with how good all of the kids behave, even our own."

Hazen chose to become involved in the coaching aspect of wrestling once again because he believes Vermillion High School athletes should have the opportunity to participate in the sport.

"I think the best thing about it is, even though it's of course very demanding, kids do learn a lot of things, and they must be disciplined," he said. "This year, our motto has been: 'Hard work,' and it shows. Each one our kids has gotten to be in the best shape they've been in their lives."

"Another thing we emphasized this year is lifting weights," Hazen said, "and we really started seeing results from that. They're buying into it, and hopefully, this is a step in the right direction. With the young core of kids that we've got, they know what it is going to take to excel and get better for next year."



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