

One in a *Ver* Million

Meet Jen Hovland

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Giving people the help they need to remain living at home is probably one of the best parts of the job for Jen Hovland.

Jen manages HeartPrint Home Care in Vermillion. The business is sporting a new name – it was once known as Heartland Home Care. It also has a new location, in a building the business recently purchased at 2610 E. SD Highway 50.

Jen, who lives in Elk Point, grew up in Lincoln, NE, and settled in southeastern South Dakota in 1995 to work at Gateway, Inc. in North Sioux City.

Her job there ended in 2004.

“That’s how we got started doing this branch of the family business up here,” she said. “The company itself was started in Kearney, Nebraska in 2003. I opened up a branch up here in January 2005.”

The business, Jen said, doesn’t offer medical services.

“We help out with things that help people remain independent – just some everyday living type of things – meal preparation, helping with laundry, making beds,



Jen Hovland chats with local visitors at the HeartPrint Home Care’s booth featured at Clay-Union Electric’s Membership Appreciation Day, held Feb. 21 at the cooperative. (Photo by David Lias)

transportation to appointments or grocery shopping with a client,” she said. “We can help with some light housekeeping.”

A greater share of the duties that HeartPrint Home Care is asked to provide deals with personal care.

“That has to do with helping someone with a shower, or with dressing assistance – just things that people need just a little bit

of assistance with so that they can stay at home,” Jen said.

Respite care is also offered, she said.

“When a primary family caregiver cannot be available because they need to go out of town for the weekend, or maybe they need a couple hours so that they can go to a doctor’s appointment, we can visit with the client to make sure the client is safe while

the family members are taking care of themselves,” Jen said.

She said HeartPrint’s new location on E. Highway 50 allows more private office and meeting space.

“There’s also growth potential for us to be able to create a training space to be able to train more people in the facility,” Jen said.

HeartPrint Home Care employs 31 people in southeast South Dakota, who serve approximately a 30-mile radius around Vermillion and Yankton.

“The favorite part of my job is I get to meet so many different people,” Jen said. “I honestly believe that with the older generation, you can learn so much if you just listen and be patient. I just enjoy being around the people.”



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Attention Pleasant Valley Township Taxpayers

Board of Equalization Meeting

Monday, March 18th, 2013 at 7:30 PM
Clay Rural Water Plant

Notice is hereby given that the Equalization Board will meet for the purpose of reviewing the tax assessments for 2013. All persons seeking and adjustment must notify the clerk in writing no later than March 14th, 2013.

Brandi Johnson, Clerk
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Wakonda, SD
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Notice

Brule Township Property Owners

The Board of Supervisors will be meeting as a Board of Equalization on Monday, March 18, 2013, 5:30pm at the Union Co. Shop in Spink, SD.

A written requires to appeal must be delivered to the clerk’s office no later than Thursday, March 15, 2013 5:00pm. The request must include the parcel number.

Gregg Hanson, Clerk
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Elk Point, SD 57025