

Solutions For A Monumental Task

Dear Tom and Ray:

Here's my challenge, for which I'd welcome help and/or suggestions. Our theater company soon will open its latest production. Almost all of the play takes place in one of two cars, which the actors are sitting in, standing by, etc. The only way into the theater is down steps and through a not-much-larger-than-regular doorway. I thus have to disassemble, then reassemble the front ends of these cars, along with the front doors, on the stage. I also have to remove them and rebuild them every week for five weeks, as there is another show running at the same time. I'd like to do so in less than two hours each time. So, how would you go about this task? Feel like coming out to Colorado to tackle the task firsthand? - **Darren**

TOM: To answer your last question first, Darren: No. But thanks for asking.

RAY: I think the easiest thing to do is widen the theater's doorway, Darren. I think that's an easier job. Cars are not made to be assembled or disassembled so easily.

TOM: If you can't actually drive or push the cars onto the stage, I guess you've got two options. The better option is cardboard cutouts. I'm sure you've seen cardboard cutouts - where you can stand next to someone really famous, like Sleepy LaBeef, and have your picture taken, even though Sleepy's too busy to actually stand next to you.

RAY: Well, you could have photographs taken and cutouts made for the parts of the front ends of two cars. That's about as easy and safe as it gets in terms of moving, assembly and disassembly.

TOM: It would cost you some money to have them made. But they'd probably look pretty good, or at least good enough for a theater that doesn't have a loading bay.

RAY: If that's too expensive or too easy an option, then you need to do a little disassembly and fabrication over at your local junkyard.

TOM: You want just the body parts - without the mechanicals. So you need to find a couple of junkers that are ready for the crusher. Those will have the engine removed, along with the steering



CAR TALK

Tom and Ray Magliozzi

components, the suspension and everything else under there. Not to mention the hazardous fluids. That's a big job, and it's not one you want to tackle yourself.

RAY: You'll then have to cut the body to remove the roof and everything behind the A-pillar (which is what the windshield attaches to), saving the doors for later.

TOM: Then you need to remove, as carefully as you can, the hood, the front fenders, the grille and the headlights, trying not to destroy them.

RAY: Once you have your parts, you can try to install some hinges on the insides of them that allow you to pop in a pin during assembly and pop it out during disassembly so the parts come apart.

TOM: But these are not going to be pretty, street-worthy cars, Darren. These were cars that were moments away from the crusher, before you chewed 'em up with your Sawzall!

RAY: If you go this route, you'll have to mask the audience's view of underneath the car (a curbstone? Some grass? A black curtain? Very dim lighting?) so you can prop the whole thing up from below, including the wheels and doors, and add some chairs for the actors. And hope it doesn't all collapse during Act II.

TOM: On the other hand, if you use cardboard cutouts instead, the underside of the car will already be part of the front photographic panel, so you don't have to worry about masking your contraption. You even can include a realistic oil leak in the photo, Darren. So seriously consider the cardboard option. And break a strut!

YANKTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Celebrating Children's Book Week

BY KATHY JACOBS

Director, Yankton Public Library

Libraries across the nation will celebrate Children's Book Week May 1-7, and so will we! On Sunday, May 1, the library will host an open house and book signing for author Marilyn Kratz and illustrator Hector Curriel. Their new book entitled "Umpire in a Skirt: The Amanda Clement Story" will be on sale from 2-4 p.m. Kratz and Curriel will speak on their experiences with the book beginning at 2:30 p.m. On May 5 at 3:45 p.m., Lita Stucky will present "How a Book Gets Illustrated." The newest book that she illustrated is "The Adventures of Annie and Maggie" written by K.C. Lemon.

Because our morning "Fancy Nancy" Tea Party was such a success, we've decided to host a second party in the evening for those who were unable to attend our morning party. On Monday, May 23, at 7 p.m., children and adults are invited to dress up in tiaras and top hats and join us for our party. Because we believe this time will be very popular, we are requiring both adults and children to register at the library. When you register, you will be given a "ticket" that is your admittance to the party. Tickets are free but we are limiting the party to forty people, so pick up your tickets as soon as possible.

We will show one after school movie in May. "Yogi Bear" will be shown on May 12, beginning at 3:45 p.m.

Summer reading is just around the corner and registration has already begun for children and adults of all ages. This year's theme

One World, Many Stories! will allow us to visit the seven continents, stopping at famous places and learning about several countries on each continent. There will be four story times per week, each with different stories and activities. We are hosting guest speakers who will present on the cultures and special interests of many countries. We'll have photography and cheerleading workshops, a babysitting clinic, humanities speaker, magician, star lab, Lego contests, movies, and much, much more. Our kickoff party on June 6 is up in the air, but let me assure you that everyone will have a wonderful time!

Readers Anonymous will discuss "The Book Thief" on May 10. This club, which is always open to new members, meets the second Tuesday of each month, at 1 p.m.

Between the Lines will discuss "The Whistling Season" by Ivan Doig during their May 17 meeting. This club meets at 5:30 p.m. and also welcomes new members.

We collected 183 cans of pork and beans for our April Food for Fines. May's item is Mother's Helper, Hamburger Helper, from May 7-15. All donations go to the Contact Center.

We are in our second month of offering South Dakota Titles To Go.... OverDrive downloadable books, to our patrons. Please note that you must go to the Yankton Community Library web site to access the OverDrive catalog. It cannot be accessed from our online catalog. Once you are on the site, there are great tutorials for you to walk through as you set up your home download station and connect your portable device to

it. If you have questions, be sure to call the library or stop in and we will be happy to walk you through the process.

Many families are thinking about summer vacations. An excellent source of information is the library. We have the following 2011 Fodor's U.S. guides on our shelves: New York City, Washington, D.C., Alaska, and Hawaii. Birnbaum's 2011 Official Guide to Walt Disney World is also available. If you are planning a beach vacation, check out the Fodor's 2011 Bermuda, Bahamas or Caribbean. If a European trip is more to your liking, check out Fodor's 2011 England and Germany. We get new travel guides on a regular basis. They are a great way to introduce yourself to your destination, find those "can't miss" attractions, as well as those little known "out-of-the-way" places that will give you a deeper appreciation for the culture.

Friends of the Library will hold their book sale on Saturday, May 7, from 10-12:30 p.m. Please note the new closing time. Friends continue to accept gently used books.

The library will be closed on Sunday and Monday, May 29-30 for Memorial Day. Please note that our summer schedule begins on Tuesday, May 31. Summer hours are Monday and Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Wednesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; closed on Sunday.

Did you know that in 2010, 4,498 new items were added to the library shelves!

You can contact the library at 605-668-5275 or e-mail me at kjacobs@sdln.net. View us online at <http://www.yanktonsd.org/yankton/library/index.php> or visit us on Facebook by searching Yankton Community Library.

SCHOLASTICS

Yankton Reading Council Young Author & Illustrator Awards

The Yankton Reading Council held the 2011 Young Author & Illustrator award ceremony at Sacred Heart Elementary School on Tuesday, April 26.

The Young Author contest involves each grade level. Students are given a specific prompt to write their story. The prompts and length vary depending on the grade level and are age appropriate. Yankton has fantastic children and it is one way to showcase their talents of writing.

YOUNG AUTHOR WINNERS

Kindergarten: Frannie Kouri (SH), Cole Pedersen (SH), John Rye (SH)
First Grade: Caeden Ekroth (SH), Kloe Ballert (W), Naseb Warsame (W)

Second Grade: Tony McGlone (SH), Kylie Bochman (BE), Emily Rafferty (SH), Bianca Pena-Navarro (BE)

Third Grade: Breanna Hagen (BE), Hailey Koenig (LI), Payton Wolfgram (SH), Sean Bentley (BE)

Fourth Grade: Halie Adam (LI), Morgan Warnock (BE), Nathan Zimmerman (BE), Dakota Barnes (LI)

Fifth Grade: Tanner Fitzgerald (SH), Kate Budig (SH), Emily Oswald (SH), Brandon Shuey (SH), Emily Buttolph (SH)

Sixth Grade: Brianna Geigle (SH), Adrienne Kusek (SH), Andrew Smith (SH)

Eighth Grade: Charlotte Ekeren (SH), Alexandra Foxhoven (SH), Paul Fanta (SH)

The Young Illustrator contest showcases artistic talents. Students can choose any book and either redraw the illustration, changing a bit to make it their

own, or they can draw a new illustration for the story.

YOUNG ILLUSTRATOR WINNERS

Kindergarten: Adyn Brenden (SH), Olivia Girard (SH), Ella Hosmer (SH)

First Grade: Hannah Jussel (SH), Lizzy Schwartz (SH), Reid Brown (W), Jordan Davis (BE)

Second Grade: Brooke Andersen (BE), Hannah Nelson (SH), Nycole Husman (BE)

Third Grade: Lexi Rust (BE), Autumn Ament (LI), Wyatt Hauger (LI), Chaleb Jensen (ST)

Fourth Grade: Bridget Nolz (BE), Sophia Vyborny (SH), Kasey Erickson (ST), Alexis Brandt (BE)

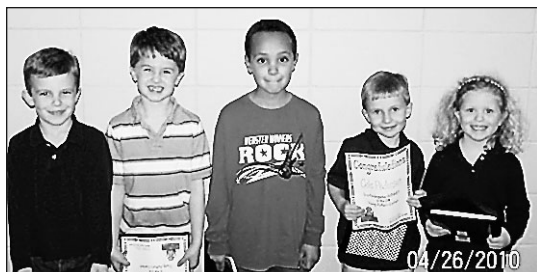
Fifth Grade: Riley Zimmerman (BE), Baily Peterka (BE), Wyatt Duncan (BE), Kaila Clarkson (ST)

KEY

(BE) - Beadle School; (SH) - Sacred Heart School; (ST) - Stewart School; (LI) - Lincoln School; (W) - Webster School
See Winners Photos Below

The Yankton Reading Council is made up of those who are interested in supporting literacy in the community. A majority of the members are teachers, retired teachers, librarians, paraprofessionals, etc. The Yankton Reading Council strives to support literacy in the community through a variety of ways during the year. This year, they have donated books to families who have received Habitat for Humanity homes; volunteer in the sack pack program and include a book in the sack; make books available to local businesses waiting rooms; coordinate the poetry at the mall which is running the month of April (8-29) showcasing all the schools K-8 (depending on teacher participation), etc. The Yankton Reading Council looks for any and all ways to promote literacy in all areas of the community.

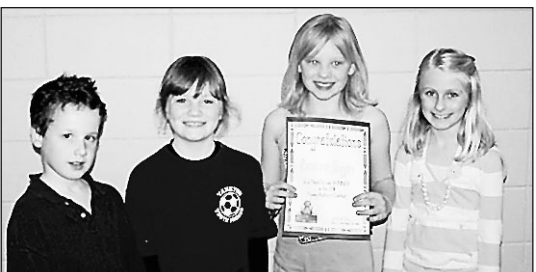
YOUNG AUTHOR WINNERS KINDERGARDEN & 1ST GRADE



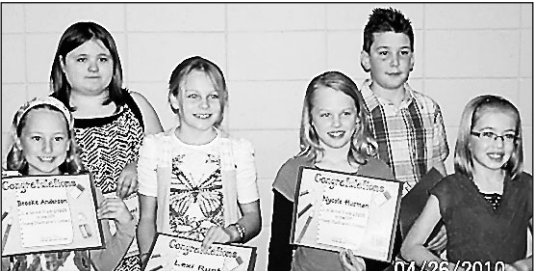
YOUNG ILLUSTRATOR WINNERS KINDERGARDEN & 1ST GRADE



YOUNG AUTHOR WINNERS SECOND & THIRD GRADE



YOUNG ILLUSTRATOR WINNERS SECOND & THIRD GRADE



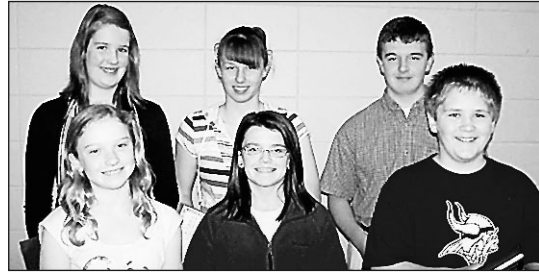
YOUNG AUTHOR WINNERS FOURTH & FIFTH GRADE



YOUNG ILLUSTRATOR WINNERS FOURTH & FIFTH GRADE



YOUNG AUTHOR WINNERS SIXTH & SEVENTH GRADE



YOUNG AUTHOR WINNERS EIGHTH GRADE

No Photo Available

YOU'RE NEWS!
The Press & Dakotan

BRADY TREE FARM & Landscape
665-4726
660-8285
4 Miles East of Yankton
Container Trees

- 2ft. Colorado Blue Spruce...\$9
- 2ft. Black Hills Spruce.....\$9
- 6ft. Quaking Aspen.....\$14

Trees Installed With Spade

- 8ft. Colorado Blue Spruce...\$179
- 20ft. Seedless Ash.....\$325

FREE ESTIMATES
On Tree Service Work

www.yankton.net

IT'S GRILLIN' TIME
• Ducan • Holland • Weber
GRILLS
In Stock For
The Season!
Larry's APPLIANCE
920 Broadway • 665-9461

THE REGION'S MOST COMPREHENSIVE ORTHOPEDIC CARE

Our Commitment Is
To Keep You Active.

Specialists will be at Orthopedic Institute in Yankton on these dates.

Yankton	Dr. Mitchell Johnson	May 10, 24
	Dr. Suga	May 6
	Dr. Watson	May 17
	Dr. Dan Johnson	Every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday

SPECIALISTS IN:

General Orthopedics	Joint Replacement
Spine Surgery	Arthroscopic Surgery
Sports Medicine	Foot & Ankle
Hand & Upper Extremity	Pediatric Orthopedics
	Microsurgery

Morgen Square, 1101 Broadway, Suite 106
665-0077 or Toll-Free 888 331-5890
www.orthopedicinstitutesf.com
No physician referral is needed unless required by your insurance.

ORTHOPEDIC INSTITUTE
The One To Trust

Announcing... **Yankton Citywide Rummage**

MAY 12TH-15TH

Ask About Our On-line Rummage Map!

Stop By The Press & Dakotan To Place Your Ad OR Place It On-line At www.yankton.net/ **\$27.00 prepaid** (20¢ per word over 30 words)

Includes:

- Your ad (30 words, 1 address per ad) placed in the special Citywide Rummage Sale section published along with the P&D Locator Map on Wednesday, Aug. 11 & Friday, Aug. 13th
- Your ad will also appear on-line at www.yankton.net
- Garage Sale Kit: 2 Yard Signs with Stake, Stickers & Balloons

DEADLINE: Friday, May 6th

sponsored by the: **Yankton Daily Press & Dakotan**