

Life In Poetry

S.D. Poet Looks At Life At IHOP

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One of my favorite poems is by Ruth Stone, about eating at a McDonald's, and I have myself written a poem about a lunch at Arby's. To these fast-food poems I now propose we add this fine one about IHOP, by Christine Stewart-Núñez, who teaches at South Dakota State University.

BREAKFAST FOR SUPPER

At IHOP, after the skinny brunette with a band-aid covering her hickey comes to whisk away burnt toast, Mom mentions Theresa, face brightening. She had a dream about her—80s flip hair, smooth complexion. I've been living in Tulsa for eighteen years, Theresa said. I understand. Even as I watched men lower her casket, I fantasized the witness protection program had resettled her.

How funny we look, mother and daughter laughing over scrambled eggs, tears dripping onto bacon, hands hugging coffee mugs. For a moment Mom felt Theresa there. Such faith. Freshen your cup? the waitress asks me, poised to pour. Cloudy in the cold coffee, my reflection. I offer the mug.

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Springfield Man Dies in One-Vehicle Crash

From P&D Staff Reports

MARTIN — A Springfield man and a Martin woman died, and two others received life-threatening injuries, in a one-vehicle crash Monday on U.S. Highway 18 about two miles west of Martin.

The fatal crash was reported in a news release by the state Department of Public Safety.

Marvin Poorbear, 44, of Springfield was driving a 2011 Chevrolet Silverado east and traveled too far to the right of the roadway, according to the news release. He lost control of the vehicle, which rolled.

Poorbear was wearing a seatbelt and remained in the vehicle. Three passengers were not wearing seatbelts. They were thrown from the vehicle.

Poorbear was dead at the scene, as was passenger Melisa Cummings, 23, of Martin. Passengers Wayne Firethunder, 35, of Allen and Harold Gene Sittingbear, 38, of Kyle received life-threatening injuries and were taken to a Sioux Falls hospital.

Alcohol is believed to be a factor in the crash, according to the news release.

No further information is immediately available.

The South Dakota Highway Patrol is investigating. The Bennett County Sheriff's Office and Martin Police Department assisted.

Rummage Sale Set For Vermillion Aug. 23-24

VERMILLION — The Main Street Center in Vermillion will host a rummage sale Aug. 23-24 at 320 W. Main St. Hours are 1:30-5:30 p.m. Aug. 23. and 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Aug. 24.

For more information, contact Barb Baisden at 605-624-8072 or 320center@vyn.midco.net.

Vangen Lutheran Church Social Is Saturday

MISSION HILL — Vangen Lutheran Church of Mission Hill will be holding its annual ice cream social on Saturday, Aug. 25, running from 5-7:30 p.m.

The menu will include taverns, hot dogs, chips, pies, ice cream, root beer and beverages.

A free will donation with supporting funds is to be provided by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans to be used for parsonage windows.

Vermillion Airport To Host Pancake Breakfast

VERMILLION — A Pancake Fly-In Breakfast at the Vermillion Airport, Sunday, Aug. 26, running from 8 a.m.-noon.

The menu includes pancakes, sausages and beverage for a suggested donation.

This event is sponsored by the Vermillion Lions and the Main Street Center.

Myths About Manual Transmission

BY TOM AND RAY MAGLIOZZI
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Dear Tom and Ray:

When I first learned to drive, a million years ago, my father (who knew nothing about cars) advised me to always drive a manual transmission because they handle better, are easier to repair, are cheaper, get better mileage, etc. Being an obedient daughter, I have owned and driven only manual-transmission cars all these years. Also, I needed the boost I got from the cool factor of a woman driving a stick shift (men are so transparent). But now I'm older and am tired of all that shifting. I'm getting ready to trade in my 2003 Subaru Forester for a new one, and I want an automatic – but will I be losing out on all the good things, like control and economy? Or does that no longer really apply, with today's car engineering? I don't want to do anything that might make me any less cool than I already am. Can I make the switch? My father isn't around any longer to advise me, but I know he would trust the opinions of his favorite car guys. -Nina

TOM: Get the automatic, Nina. You have our blessing.

RAY: The things your father cites, while true in his day, are either no longer true or are not compelling arguments anymore. Let's take them one at a time.

TOM: Myth 1: Manual transmissions get better mileage. While this certainly was true for a long time, today's automatic transmissions pretty much match the mileage you can get with manual transmissions.

RAY: Older automatics had a lot of "slippage," or inefficiency, built into them. But much of that is gone since there are now computer controls, lock-up torque converters and things like dual clutches. Some automatics now have six, seven, eight or even infinitely variable speeds, giving them an advantage in mileage



CAR TALK

Tom and Ray Magliozzi

over their manual counterparts.

TOM: Myth 2: A manual transmission gives you more control over your car. This usually refers to being able to employ engine braking by downshifting or delaying an upshift. But you know what? You can do those things with an automatic transmission, too. And many computer-controlled automatics now have a "manual mode" that allows you to shift up and down through the gears manually anyway. So, if you want to, you can still drive to Duluth in second gear and get seven miles per gallon.

RAY: Plus, with the widespread adoption of computerized safety enhancements such as stability control, traction control and anti-lock brakes, new cars are very well-controlled these days, no matter what kind of transmission you're using.

TOM: Myth 3: Manual transmissions are cheaper and easier to repair. Well, that one's true. On cars that offer you a manual transmission option, it's often \$1,000 less than the automatic. And should your automatic need a

rebuild, it's expensive, because itlike doing one of those 14,000-piece jigsaw puzzles without the box-top picture.

RAY: However, many automatic transmissions last for the life of the vehicle, whereas a manual transmission will require at least one, if not more, \$1,000 clutch replacements during a car's life. So the costs really are about the same.

TOM: Myth 4: Manual transmissions are more fun. That's probably the strongest argument for getting a manual transmission. And if you feel that way, you should get one and enjoy it.

RAY: But for some people, they're not more fun – people who live in cities, for instance, and have to creep along in traffic every day. Or people who'd rather have their right hand free to change the radio station or administer a dope slap to a recalcitrant preteen in a passenger seat.

TOM: But it's really a matter of personal preference now. There are no good economic or mechanical reasons to choose a manual over an automatic anymore, Nina. So be as shiftless as you like. Dad would approve.

Which is cheaper, buying or leasing? Should you keep a car forever or dump it after three years, before trouble starts? Find out in Tom and Ray's pamphlet "Should I Buy, Lease, or Steal My Next Car?" Send \$4.75 (check or money order) to Next Car, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

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Taste The Fun At S.D. State Fair Cook-Offs

HURON — Fairgoers can "taste the fun" at one of the many cook-offs during the South Dakota State Fair.

The State Fair BBQ Beef Cook-Off presented by 1st Financial Bank USA and the South Dakota Beef Industry Council will be held on Beef Day, Friday, Aug. 31 at 4 p.m. CDT when fairgoers can participate in the people's choice judging by tasting brisket from each contestant for free. The formal judging begins at the same time.

The champion in the BBQ Beef Cook-Off will receive \$500; second- and third-place winners will get \$250 and \$125, respectively. All place winners will receive trophies.

Winners of the people's choice competitions will get cash prizes and trophies, too.

The Jack's Campers Chili Challenge will add to the cook-off excitement on Friday, Aug. 31, by sharing space with the State Fair BBQ Beef Cook-Off.

Contestants will arrive in the morning to start brewing their chili. Fairgoers will have an opportunity to participate in the people's choice judging at 1 p.m.; formal judging of the chili will also be at 1 p.m.

The winner of the Chili Challenge

will receive \$250 in cash; second- and third-place finishers receive \$150 and \$75, respectively. Each winner will also receive a trophy.

Applications for the Jack's Campers Chili Challenge and the BBQ Beef Cook-Off are available online at www.sdstatefair.com or at the South Dakota State Fair office. People interested in competing in the cook-offs are encouraged to return entry forms before Friday, Aug. 24.

The South Dakota CattleWomen's State Fair Beef Cook-Off will be held on Saturday, Sept. 1, in the Women's Building Kitchen. The theme this year is "Destination: Dinner." Many people have fond memories of their favorite meals on vacation or at trend-setting restaurants. This year's theme challenges cooks to replicate recipes that represent specific places. Think Bourbon Street Steak, Lone Star Salad, Beef Burgundy, Korean-Style Ribs. Beef's versatility makes it a natural for various ethnic creations.

In order to compete in this cook-off, people had to submit entry forms and recipes by Aug. 1. Finalists competing at the State Fair were chosen from that pool of entries. The finalists are assigned time slots be-

tween 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. to cook their recipes at the Women's Building Kitchen. Awards will be handed out at the conclusion of the Celebrity Beef Basket Challenge at 4 p.m.

First place in the adult category receives \$500 and second place receives \$250. First place in the youth category receives \$250, while second place receives \$100. Many honorable mention awards are also handed out.

The cook-off is funded by the South Dakota Beef Industry Council through South Dakota Beef Producers Check-off dollars.

This year's theme for the State Fair is "Taste the Fun," so food contests are fitting. People who have recipes dating prior to 1950 are being sought to enter the Greater Midwest Foodways Alliance Heirloom Recipe Contest. The contest is dedicated to celebrating, exploring and preserving unique food traditions and their cultural contexts in the Midwest.

The Heirloom Recipe contest will be held on Sunday, Sept. 2, in the Women's Building Auditorium. There is no fee to participate in the contest. While pre-registration is not necessary, it helps with preparation and coordination of the event. Deadline for pre-registration is Friday, Aug. 24.

If contestants register before Friday, Aug. 24, one State Fair gate admission valid for the competition day will be sent out. Contestants registering after Friday, Aug. 24, must pay the gate admission to get onto the grounds and compete.

FeedStuffs FoodLink is sponsoring the cash prizes for the event. First place will receive \$150, with second place receiving \$100 and third place, \$50.

More information on the Greater Midwest Foodways Alliance Heirloom Recipe Contest can be found in the 2012 Static Exhibit Premium Book or by calling 605-353-7340.

Also on Sunday, Sept. 2, the South Dakota Pork Producers Pulled-Pork Cook-Off will take place. For more information on the cook-off, call the Pork Producers Office at 605-332-1600.

The 2012 South Dakota State Fair will run from Thursday, Aug. 30, through Monday, Sept. 3. Channel Seeds Preview night will be Wednesday, Aug. 29. The theme for the 2012 State Fair is "Taste the Fun!" For more information on State Fair events, contact the Fair office at 800-529-0900, visit www.sdstatefair.com or find it on Facebook and Twitter.

Gayville Underage Party Bust Leads To 8 Arrests

BY NATHAN JOHNSON

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A Yankton County Sheriff's Office investigation into an underage party in rural Gayville Friday night led to eight arrests that included both juveniles and adults.

According to Sheriff Jim Vlahakis, his office had been receiving information about underage parties being held at a residence in rural Gayville.

Deputies went to the suspected residence at 45106 308th Street around 11:30 p.m. Friday and found a party in progress.

The following arrests were made as a result:

- Jennifer Giedd, 42, Gayville, was arrested Saturday for maintaining a place where beverage laws are violated, furnishing alcohol to a minor (under 18) and furnishing alcohol to a person aged

18-20.

- Colton Roland, 18, Yankton, was arrested Saturday for possession of drug paraphernalia and two counts of possession of marijuana.

- An 18-year-old male was cited for minor in consumption but was not arrested.

- A 15-year-old Gayville male was arrested Saturday for possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of marijuana, and the purchase, possession or consumption of alcohol by a minor.

- A 17-year-old Irene male was arrested Saturday for possession of marijuana, and the purchase, possession or consumption of alcohol by a minor.

- A 17-year-old Gayville male was arrested Saturday for possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of tobacco, and the pur-

chase, possession of consumption of alcohol by a minor.


- A 17-year-old Yankton male was arrested Saturday for the possession of drug paraphernalia; the purchase, possession or consumption of alcohol by a minor; and two counts of possession of marijuana.

- A 14-year-old Gayville male was arrested Saturday for two counts of possession of mari-

juana; the purchase, possession or consumption of alcohol by a minor; and possession of drug paraphernalia.

- A 16-year-old Yankton male was arrested Sunday for possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

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their children Janelle Bludorn and Frank Leibfarth.

Janelle is a graduate of Waverly High School in 2004 and a graduate of the University of South Dakota in 2008, the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine in 2010. She is currently an Emergency Medicine Physician Assistant at Cottage Health System in Santa Barbara, CA.

Frank graduated from Yankton High School in 2003 and the University of South Dakota in 2008. He is currently a Chemistry Ph.D. candidate at the University of California Santa Barbara in Santa Barbara, California.

The couple are planning their wedding September 1st, 2012 in Watertown, SD.

Bludorn - Leibfarth

Sharon Thyen of Watertown, SD and Peter and Michele Leibfarth of Yankton, SD would like to announce the engagement of

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Mr. & Mrs. Clifford Herrboldt

Clifford and LaVanna Herrboldt will be celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary August 24, 2012. The couple was married August 24, 1952 in Scotland, SD. Congratulations may be sent to them at PO Box 155, Menno, SD 57045.



Wiepen - Koch

Mick and Tami Wiepen of St. Helena, NE and Paul Koch and Lori Koch of Hartington, NE would like to announce the engagement of their children Katie Ann Wiepen and Nathan Paul Koch.

Katie is a graduate from Wynot Public School in 2006 and a graduate of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in 2010 with a Bachelor's Degree in Horticulture. She is currently working as a Landscape Designer at Neu Pond & Landscaping in Yankton, SD.

Nathan is a graduate from Hartington Public School in 2005 and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in 2009 with a Bachelors Degree in Finance. He currently is farming in Northeast Nebraska and is employed by Koch Family Farms.

The couple are planning a September 8th, 2012 wedding.