

American Life In Poetry

A Wondrous Sight

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I love to have people come up to me and say, "You'll never believe what I saw this morning," and then go on to tell me. It's their delight that I like so much. Here's a poem in that vein by Kevin Cole, from the literary journal Third Wednesday. Cole lives in South Dakota.

DEER FORDING THE MISSOURI IN EARLY AFTERNOON

Perhaps to those familiar with their ways
The sight would not have been so startling:
A deer fording the Missouri in the early afternoon.
Perhaps they would not have worried as much
As I about the fragility of it all:
Her agonizingly slow pace, the tender ears
And beatific face just above the water.
At one point she hit upon a shoal
And appeared to walk upon a mantle,
The light glancing off her thin legs and black hooves.
I thought she might pause for a while to rest,
To gain some bearings, but instead she bound
Back in, mindful I suppose
Of the vulnerability of open water.
When she finally reached the island
And leapt into dark stands
Of cottonwoods and Russian olives,
I swear I almost fell down in prayer.
And now I long to bear witness of such things,
To tell someone in need the story
Of a deer fording the Missouri in the early afternoon.

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4-H Members Encouraged To Apply For The National 4-H Conference Trip

BROOKINGS — South Dakota 4-H members, ages 16 to 18, are encouraged to apply for the opportunity to attend the National 4-H Conference April 9-14, 2016, in Chevy Chase, Maryland.

"The National 4-H Conference is a premier professional and leadership development event for 4-H members across the U.S. and its territories," said Audrey Rider, SDSU Extension State 4-H Events Field Specialist.

The conference is administered by the National 4-H Headquarters of the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) within the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). Held annually since 1927, except for several years during World War II, the camp's mission is to assist in the development of the next generation's leaders.

Delegates attend training workshops, become acquainted with government and have the opportunity to meet with state leaders.

"This experience has been a tradition for 4-H members since 1927. In 1958, the event name, formerly known as the "National 4-H Club Camp,"

was changed to National 4-H Conference," Rider said.

Prior to 1959, delegates slept in tents on the grounds of the National Mall in front of the Department of Agriculture (USDA) in Washington, D.C.

In 1959, the meeting moved from the National Mall to the newly founded National 4-H Center in Chevy Chase, MD (right outside of Washington, D.C.).

Applications are due by Jan. 15, 2016, to the State 4-H Office. Youth must be 16-18 years old by the date of the event to apply. Applicants should submit their applications to their local SDSU Extension 4-H Youth Program Advisor.

Upon approval, the SDSU Extension 4-H Youth Program Advisor will submit the signed application, via email or USPS mail, to the State 4-H Office by Jan. 15.

A designated committee of 4-H Youth Development professionals and/or previous trip participants will review applications and notify delegates on/before Feb. 15.

For more information and the application materials, visit <http://igrow.org/4h/>.

2016 Western South Dakota Hydrology Conference April 7

RAPID CITY — The 2016 Western South Dakota Hydrology Conference will be held April 7, 2016, at the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center in Rapid City, and will include technical sessions, a keynote speaker (Dr. James Stone, South Dakota School of Mines and Technology), and a combined poster session and evening social with free refreshments in the evening.

The theme for the 2016 conference is "Water, Food, and Energy — Connections, Challenges, and Solutions." The 2016 conference will also include no-cost field seminars (or trips) on Friday, April 8.

This email serves as an abstract call (speakers and posters) and vendor call for the 2016 conference. The 2016 conference is organized by the National Weather Service, RESPEC, South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources, South Dakota School of Mines and Technology, U.S. Geological Survey, and the West Dakota Water Development District. We have had wonderful speakers and attendance at previous conferences (around 300 people), and hope that the 2016 conference will be no different.

Registration information will be available in mid-February 2016, at the conference website <http://sd.water.usgs.gov/WSDconf/>. Professional development hours (or continuing education credits) will be available to interested participants for sessions attended on April 7 and for field seminars attended on April 8.

Potential speakers and poster presenters:

Abstracts for the 2016 Western South Dakota Hydrology Conference for oral and poster presentations will be accepted through Jan. 19, 2016. Abstracts concerning any earth science topic are welcomed, as are student presentations and posters. Abstracts concerning the theme "Water, Food, and Energy — Connections, Challenges and Solutions" are especially welcomed. In addition, organizers hope to have special sessions that focus on international work and data visualization.

The 2016 conference will include a poster session for both professionals and students. The poster session will include a student poster contest with prizes awarded for 1st (\$300), 2nd (\$200) and 3rd (\$100) places.

Oral presentation slots are limited. Abstracts received after the Jan. 19 deadline will only be considered for oral presentation if slots are available. If all oral presentation slots are filled, your abstract will only be accepted for the poster session.

All speakers and poster presenters will be required to pay conference registration fees unless they have student status. All speakers and poster presenters will be notified of abstract acceptance by Feb. 1, 2016. For more information and instructions for abstract submittal for both oral and poster presentations, go to <http://sd.water.usgs.gov/WSDconf/callforabstracts.pdf>. When submitting an abstract to the 2016 conference, indicate whether oral presentation or poster is preferred.

Car Talk

Can Ray Help Her Car Get Its Groove Back?

BY RAY MAGLIOZZI
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Dear Car Talk:
I have a 1991 Honda Civic Wagon with almost 180,000 miles. It runs fine, except that it has an intermittent hesitation problem that is happening more frequently. It happens only at low speeds or after stopping at a light. Sometimes I will notice some sputtering while I am stopped, and then when I step on the gas to go, the accelerator will not respond unless I push it halfway down, and then it takes a few seconds to respond before it jumps to life. It sometimes is accompanied by a low groaning sound when I press down hard on the accelerator. I've asked my mechanic, but he said it is hard to diagnose unless it is doing it all the time. Do you have any ideas?

—Lynnette
Well, the sound could be the groans of your embarrassed kids, Lynnette. I assume your check engine light has not come on. Otherwise, your mechanic would have checked for a fault code, and you wouldn't be suffering the indignity of writing to us today.

But you might want to make sure the check engine light still works. When



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you turn your key to the "run" position, just before you start the car, all of your dashboard warning lights should light up, to confirm that they're functioning. If you don't see the little orange engine icon, start by getting a new bulb for that baby.

The hesitation could be caused by a lot of things, Lynnette, but I'd start with the most likely and least expensive. Start by asking your mechanic to change your fuel filter — especially if it hasn't been changed since, say, the Bush administration. A dirty fuel filter could easily cause stumbling and hesitation when you start off.

A weak fuel pump or really dirty injectors also could make that happen. So your mechanic can test your fuel-pump pressure to see if it's up to spec.

And if he suspects that the injectors are dirty, he can try adding a can of fuel-system cleaner, like Chevron Techron, to a tank of gas. If you notice some improvement after he does that,

try another can!

You also could have a misfire. If one of your four cylinders is not firing regularly, that could cause this type of behavior, too. The first steps you'd take to correct a misfire would be to check the distributor cap for cracks and replace any ancient secondary ignition components, like the cap, the rotor and the spark plugs and wires.

There are other possibilities, like a bad throttle-position switch, a failing transmission or abduction by aliens. But ask your mechanic to start with the simple things, and see if your Honda can get its groove back, Lynnette. Good luck.

If it ain't broke, you won't have to fix it! Order Click and Clack's pamphlet "Ten Ways You May Be Ruining Your Car Without Even Knowing It!" Send \$4.75 (check or money order) to Car Talk/Ruin, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803.

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DARE Graduation



Officer Rothenberger addresses Lincoln's fifth grade DARE graduates and their parents during the 5th grade DARE graduation Friday, December 18. Many parents came to show their support for their son/daughter and the DARE program by attending the ceremony.

DENR Announces New Interactive Observation Wells Map

PIERRE — The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) has added a new interactive observation wells map to the department's interactive database maps online at <http://denr.sd.gov/datagis.aspx>.

"To manage and protect the state's ground waters, DENR's Water Rights Program routinely collects data from 1,556 dedicated monitoring wells, which is crucial to making fact-based recommendations and decisions regarding water use from our aquifers," said DENR Secretary Steve Pirner. "Most of those wells were constructed by DENR's Geological Survey Program, but now DENR is making all of that ground water information available to everyone over the Internet. The Bureau of

Information and Telecommunications developed an interactive Geographic Information System (GIS) map that is so sophisticated it can be searched for a particular well or location and then instantaneously produce a graph that illustrates how ground water levels in that well vary over time."

The observation wells map is an updated version of a map previously available on the DENR website. The new map features searchable data from a statewide network of 1,556 observation wells with measurements for some wells going back more than 50 years. Historical measurements are available by locating a measured well on an interactive map or by searching using other attributes such as aquifer,

reading dates or location. Measurements can be downloaded or a hydrograph can be displayed with the measurements plotted on a line graph for viewing online or printing.

Besides water levels, a host of other information for each well is included as well, such as the driller's log, details of well construction, geologic subsurface formations encountered during the drilling, and results of periodic sampling and laboratory testing of the quality of the ground water.

The interactive observation wells map is in addition to the department's interactive maps for oil and gas, construction aggregate, spills, closed and active regulated storage tanks, recyclable materials, water

right dry draw location notices; permitted solid waste facilities and lake levels that have been available online. The maps show data from 1,900 files for oil and gas holes and geologic logs from 96,595 other holes; more than 4,600 active and closed construction aggregate mines across the state; more than 13,250 spill sites; about 5,000 closed and active regulated storage tanks; more than 150 locations that take recyclable materials; 97,620 filings for water right dry draw location notices; and 200 permitted solid waste facilities; and 167 lake levels.

The interactive maps can be accessed from the department's homepage at <http://denr.sd.gov> under "One-Stop Shops" and "Data & Mapping."

Congratulations

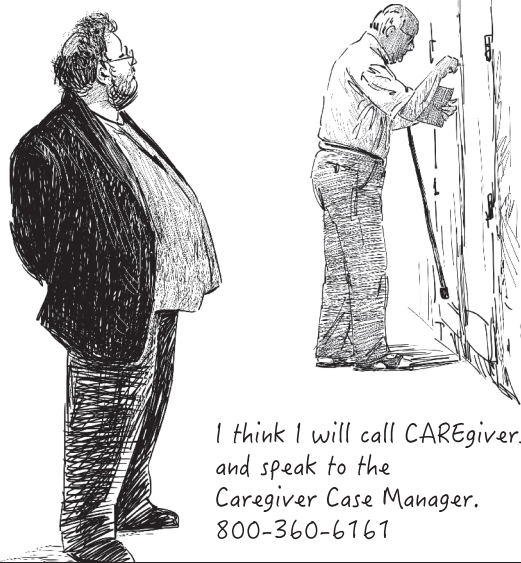


Tokyo Japanese Cuisine Ribbon Cutting

The Yankton Area Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors hosted a Ribbon cutting for Tokyo Japanese Cuisine, 2007 Broadway, celebrating their new business opening and Chamber membership. They serve local people more internationalized foods such as; maki rolls, special rolls, tempura, hibachi and teriyaki with a wide selection of Japanese beer and wines. Tokyo Japanese Cuisine provides comfortable seating for 96 and a large party room accommodates 30-40 guests. Japanese food is based upon the principle of health and longevity; dine at Tokyo for a healthy journey each day! Tokyo Japanese Cuisine is open Sunday - Thursday 11:00 am - 10 pm and Friday and Saturday 11:00 am - 10:30 pm. Contact them at: 605-260-3388.

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