

Life In Poetry

First Grader Shows Talent Writing Poetry

BY TED KOOSER

U.S. Poey Laureate

It's wonderful when a very young person discovers the pleasures of poetry and gives it a try. Here's a poem by a first grader, Andrew Jones of Ferndale, Washington, who, if we're lucky, will go on to write poems the rest of his life.

THE SOFTEST WORD

The softest word is leaf
it zigzags
in the air and
falls on the yellow ground

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SCHOLASTICS

UNIVERSITY OF SIOUX FALLS

SIOUX FALLS — The University of Sioux Falls has released its Dean's List for fall semester 2012. To qualify for the Dean's List, a student must achieve a semester grade point average of 3.5 or greater on a 4.0 scale.

The following local students made the Fall 2012 USF Dean's List:

- Angela Dvorak (sophomore), Yankton, Biology Major
- Sara Watt (sophomore), Yankton, Social Work Major
- Benjamin Whitley (junior), Yankton, Business Administration Major

WAYNE STATE COLLEGE

WAYNE, Neb. — A collaboration between Wayne State College, Educational Service Unit #1 and nine northeast Nebraska school districts has resulted in classroom experience for more than 1,000 WSC education majors while helping to alleviate the substitute teacher shortage in the area.

Thirty-three students are participating in this project. Eight new students have been added to the program this semester and their names and hometowns appear below. The Northeast Nebraska Teacher Academy (NENTA), now in its 13th year, is the only program of its kind in the nation.

The new students participating this semester include Karley Jackson of Bow Valley.

GRACELAND UNIVERSITY

LAMONI, Iowa — The honor roll lists for Graceland University's 2012 Fall Term have been announced. Graceland University commends students who have devoted their efforts and talents to academics. Students with a perfect 4.0 grade point average are named to the President's list. Students with a GPA between 3.65 and 3.99 are named to the Honors list. Students with a GPA between 3.25 and 3.64 are named to the Dean's list.

Susan McManigal of Winnetoon, Neb., was named to Graceland University's Dean's List.

WARTBURG COLLEGE

WAVERLY, Iowa — More than 500 students qualified for the Fall Term Dean's List at Wartburg College.

The 534 students on the list represent 17 U.S. states and 13 foreign countries. They earned a 3.5 grade point average or better (on a 4.0 scale) in at least four course credits for the term. Three of the four course credits must be graded with a traditional letter grade. Students with incompletes are not eligible for the Dean's List.

Wartburg is a four-year, selective liberal arts college of the Lutheran Church (ELCA), internationally recognized for community engagement. The college enrolls 1,747 students from 29 U.S. states and 53 countries.

The complete listing and a copy of this release are available online at www.wartburg.edu/news

Area students on the 2012 Fall Term Dean's list include:

- Yankton: Katherine Tjeerdsma, senior, daughter of

Jan and Eileen Tjeerdsma.

For more information, contact Saul Shapiro, Wartburg College Office of Marketing and Communication, 319 352-8379 or saul.shapiro@wartburg.edu.

NORTHWESTERN COLLEGE

ORANGE CITY, Iowa — Bennett Mabee, Michael Mabee* and Samuel Santos*, students at Northwestern College in Orange City, Iowa, have earned spots on the Academic Dean's List for the fall 2012 semester.

The Dean's List is comprised of students who have achieved a semester grade point average of 3.50 or above while carrying a minimum of 12 graded hours. This semester, 412 students qualified for the Dean's List. Students who earned a GPA of 3.75 or higher are considered Collegiate Scholars, designated with an asterisk. Of the 245 Collegiate Scholars, 67 of them maintained a perfect 4.0 average and are recognized with a pound sign.

Bennett Mabee is a junior and a biology health professions major at Northwestern College. He is the son of Mark and Tamara Mabee of Yankton.

Michael Mabee* is a junior and a biology health professions major at Northwestern. He is the son of Mark and Tamara Mabee of Yankton.

Samuel Santos* is a junior and a biology health professions major at Northwestern. He is the son of Ricardo and Lori Santos of Yankton.

TRIPP-DELMONT

2nd Quarter Honor Roll GOLD (*4.0 GPA)

SENIORS — Kelli Batterman, Liz Bitterman*, Nicholas Brunette, Lanae Fuerst*, Rachel Mora

JUNIORS — Cara Finck* SOPHOMORES — Rebecca Brown, Dustin Fischer, Patricia Fischer, Hannah Just, Jessica Sandau, Payton Schafers*, Morgan Ziegler*

FRESHMEN — Laura Brown*, Kelsey Buchmann*, Tara Dropers*, Ashlea Fischer, Alicia Hanson*, Kayla Neugebauer*, Jeana Nuss, Lauren Soulek*, Maddison Stirling

EIGHTH GRADE — Whitney Fuerst*

SEVENTH GRADE — Lauren Reiner, Ripley Schafers, McKenzie VanPelt

SILVER

SENIORS — Brice Caery, Morgan Polreis SOPHOMORES — Austin Bitterman

FRESHMEN — Malorie Fischer, Julie Gilley

EIGHTH GRADE — Alexis Gregerson

SEVENTH GRADE — Cody Fischer, Jackie Nuss

BRONZE

SENIORS — Kayla Kotali, Jorgan Gregerson

JUNIORS — Rochelle Dicus SOPHOMORES — Austin Fischer, Michelle Nuss, Tanner Nuss, Aaron Torres, April Torres

FRESHMEN — Kennedy Schatz

BY TOM AND RAY MAGLIOZZI
 King Features Syndicate, Inc.

Dear Tom and Ray:

Although I like to do my own repairs whenever I can, I don't know enough about cars to make a reliable diagnosis. Is it ethical for me to use commercial shop mechanics to make the diagnosis and then use that information to do the repair myself? Am I hurting their livelihood by giving them the implied promise of a potential repair job to get a thorough diagnosis, while knowing full well that I will not give them the business? —**Ethically confused, Khai**

TOM: Well, I don't think it's ethically confusing, Khai. It's unethical. And not very nice.

RAY: Most shops fold the cost of diagnosis into their posted repair rates. So if you're paying \$75 an hour for repair work, that covers the time spent figuring out what's wrong with the car.

TOM: Which means that if you simply go in and ask for an estimate (which requires a diagnosis) with little or no intention of having the repair done by that shop, you are taking advantage of them and asking them to work for free. And in my experience, most people don't like to work for free. Especially when they're not told that they're working for free.

RAY: Some people, like my brother, don't like to work at all, under any circumstances.

TOM: You're hardly alone in doing this, Khai. We have people ask us to look at their car, then make some excuse about not having time or not having the money right now (which is sometimes true). Then they shop the job around to see if someone else will do it cheaper.

EIGHTH GRADE — Logan

Fechner, Alex Fischer, Noah Schafers

SEVENTH GRADE — Cole Neugebauer, Anthony Ranson, Jason Schnabel

Perfect Attendance

SENIORS — Liz Bitterman

SOPHOMORES — Austin Fischer, Tanner Nuss, April Torres

FRESHMEN — Kelsey Buchmann, Tara Droppers, Kayla Neugebauer, Jeana Nuss, Lauren Soulek

SEVENTH GRADE — Cody Fischer, Cole Neugebauer, Jackie Nuss, Mindy Oleson, Abby Schmidt, Jason Schnabel, McKenzie VanPelt

NORTHEAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE

NORFOLK, Neb. — Some 164 Northeast Community College students completed their course of studies and requirements for certificates, diplomas or degrees during the Fall 2012 Semester. They are now eligible to participate in graduation ceremonies on Saturday, May 11, 2013, on the campus in Norfolk.

Three of those students earned two certificates, degrees or diplomas or a combination of the three.

The students eligible to participate in commencement ceremonies, as of the end of the Fall 2012 Semester, are listed below by state and hometown. Key to abbreviations: A.A.S.-Associate of Applied Science; A.A.-Associate of Arts; A.S.-Associate of Science.

- Coleridge — Melinda Hoensing, AAS, Horticulture & Golf Course Mgt.; Joshua Lewis, AAS, Information Technology; Taylor Olsen, AAS, Administrative Assistant

- Creighton — Alexandra Asher, AS

- Hartington — Todd Bottolfson, AS; Zachary Kramer, AAS, Automotive Technology

- Ponca — Jacob Carlson, AAS, Electrical Construction & Control; Jacob Carlson, AAS, Electromechanical Technology; David Watchorn, AA

- Randolph — Brent Albers, AAS, Agriculture-Agribusiness; Timothy Schmit, AAS, Business

- Wausa — Kaitlyn Knox, AA
- Freeman — Julia Walz, Certificate, Administrative Assistant
- Wagner — Kristina Kokesch, AA

- Yankton — Kimberly Miller, AAS, Business

50th Anniversary Celebration



Mr. & Mrs. Carrol Jerke

Mr. and Mrs. Carrol "Bud" and Pearl Jerke, Yankton, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary January 26, 2013. Pearl Kriz and Carrol "Bud" Jerke were married January 26, 1963 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Yankton, SD.

An open house hosted by the family will be held on May 5, 2013, from 1:00-5:00 p.m. at Springwater Village RV Park Clubhouse.

The family requests a card shower for their anniversary. Cards may be sent to: 42982 SD Hwy 52, Yankton, SD 57078.

The couple has one child: Dave (Jackie) Jerke, Yankton. They have three grandchildren: Chris, Austin, and Trenton Jerke.



CAR TALK

Tom and Ray Magliozzi

RAY: We also have people who call the shop to ask for an estimate on a specific job (so specific that we know they're reading it off of someone else's estimate). And since they've asked us for a price, we have to call to get parts prices and figure out how much labor will be involved, which is time-consuming.

TOM: So this kind of thing is done, Khai. But that doesn't make it nice. The ethical thing to do is to be honest with the shop, and then pay them for their time.

RAY: If you know that something is wrong with your brakes but you don't know exactly what, let the shop know that you're hoping to do the repair yourself, but you'd like to pay them to do the diagnosis.

TOM: Then pay them their regular rate for

the time and expertise they put into figuring it out for you.

RAY: Similarly, if you're looking to check up on another shop's estimate, be honest. That's what we'd prefer. Say that you just got a diagnosis and an estimate from another shop, and you were hoping to find out if it seems like it's in the right ballpark.

TOM: That's a lot easier for us to answer than it is for us to go chasing parts prices for half an hour. And we'd do that for most people, figuring that if we're helpful, perhaps we'd get their business another time.

RAY: Some shops may tell you that they don't have time to help you. But that's probably because they, what? Don't have time to help you. So then you call another shop. But by giving each party in a transaction the opportunity to know what's really going on, you'll be on solid ethical ground.

Why do unmitigated cheapskates like Tom continue to buy nothing but old clunkers? Find out by ordering Tom and Ray's guide "How to Buy a Great Used Car: Secrets Only Your Mechanic Knows." Send \$4.75 (check or money order) to Used Car, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

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- Randolph — Sadie Linville, Trisha Petersen, Kelsey Wells

Following is a list of area students, and their respective hometowns, named to the President's Honor List for full-time students for the fall 2012 Semester at Northeast Community College. These students earned a 4.0 grade point for at least 12 hours.

PRESIDENT'S LIST Full-time

Fall 2012 Semester

- Bloomfield — Justin Jindra
- Coleridge — Melinda Hoensing

- Creighton — Alexandra Asher, Andy Doerr

- Crofton — Tasha Miller
- Hartington — Todd Kathol,

- Jason Kruse, Megan Lammers
- Randolph — Kevin Keifer,

- Michael Koehler, Lindsey Sievers, Katelyn Thelen

- Wausa — Dakota Cunningham

- Wynot — Devin Wieseler
- Gayville — Nicholas Huber

- Yankton — Haley Haro

PRESIDENT'S LIST Part-time

Fall 2012 Semester

- Coleridge — Joshua Lewis
- Creighton — Valerie Martin,

- Rebecca Stevens
- Fordyce — Katelyn Dickes,

- Elizabeth Steffen
- Hartington — Amber Emanuel, Jacob Wiedenfeld

- Laurel — Emma Engebretsen
- Niobrara — Marissa Stark

- Ponca — Roger Carnell
- St. Helena — Emily Paltz,

- Nicole Pinkelman
- Wynot — Amber Reifenrath

- Scotland — Janel Jonas
- Vermillion — Tracy Howe

- Yankton — Ethan Smith

GAYVILLE-VOLIN

Congratulations to the following Gayville-Volin Junior High and High School students for their outstanding academic achievement and attendance for the fall 2012 semester.

Students and their parents are invited to a Recognition Ceremony to honor all of the outstanding junior high and high school students who made the Fall Semester Academic Honor Roll and/or Perfect Attendance Roll.

The ceremony will be held on

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