

Additive Is Safe, Ineffective

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Dear Tom and Ray:
Is it safe to add a few capfuls of denatured alcohol to the crankcase of my two older vehicles to remove oil sludge before I change the oil? — Lorilee

RAY: Is it safe? Well, I don't think it's ever a good idea to dilute your oil. But you can put a couple of capfuls of almost anything in five quarts of oil without doing a whole lot of damage. I mean, you can add a couple of capfuls of cat urine to your crankcase and still drive the car for a long time. The question is, Why would you want to?

TOM: The same question should be asked of denatured alcohol. I don't see a good reason to do it.

RAY: First of all, while denatured alcohol is a solvent, we have no idea whether it does anything to remove engine sludge.

TOM: Second, we don't even know if you HAVE excessive engine sludge. Did your mechanic tell you that your oil is not draining down quickly enough from the top of the engine? Or do you just have S.A.D.: sludge anxiety disorder?

RAY: Unfortunately, even if you're sure your engine is sludged up, it's un-



CAR TALK
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likely that any oil additive is going to fix it.

TOM: We work on Volvos that develop sludge problems sometimes. What happens is that the crankcase ventilation system gets plugged up and doesn't allow oil fumes to be purged from the engine. So those fumes get trapped and solidify, forming sludge and gunking up the top of the engine.

RAY: At that point, the only way to remove the sludge is to remove the valve cover and actually scrape off the stuff.

TOM: If you're wanting to add the de-

natured alcohol simply as a preventative measure — if you're worried about getting sludge in the future — then the single best thing you can do is change the oil regularly instead, and make sure your crankcase ventilation system is working properly.

RAY: Save the denatured alcohol for cleaning your windows. And on those nights when you toss and turn, restlessly worrying that sludge is somehow building up inside your valve train, get up and change the oil, then go back to bed.

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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(Left to Right) Carol Meyer, Marty Wermers, Jill Wermers, Duke Ellingson, Peg Ellingson and Jean Prater of United Way Yankton stand with the Big Red bookshelf.

Big Red Bookshelf Hits Yankton

BY LAUREN HANSON
United Way Yankton

In November of last year, United Way & Volunteer Services of Greater Yankton partnered with the Yankton Area Literacy Council to create an initiative focusing on childhood literacy called THE BIG RED BOOKSHELF.

THE BIG RED BOOKSHELF program recirculates donated children's books back into the community where they are made available free for families to own. Books are collected in red boxes at community locations and through book drives organized by individuals, service groups, congregations and campus organizations. These books are sorted, cleaned and affixed with a label, then set out on bright red bookshelves at sites where families will have easy access to them. Children are encouraged to take a book home with them to keep and share!

The goals of THE BIG RED BOOKSHELF are to increase book ownership by families, encourage parent-child interactions with books, involve community members through book donations, and keep books circulating within the community.

You can find a bookshelf at the Yankton Medical Clinic - 804 Summit Street, the Modern Woodmen Office - 700 W 23rd Street and at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital, Pediatric Unit - 501 Summit Street.

A new bookshelf location was recently added last week, thanks to community volunteers Peg & Duke Ellingson, Jill & Marty Wermers and Carol & Bruce Meyers. Through their collaboration, communication, carpentry, painting skills and hard work, a bookshelf is now being utilized at THE BANQUET every Thursday and the first and third Tuesday of every month.

THE BANQUET, a volunteer run program which serves warm nutritious meals to families in need, is located within the United Church of Christ, 210 W. 5th Street. The new host of THE BIG RED BOOKSHELF will have the children's books available to families during their weekly meals and will be maintained and restocked by Literacy Council volunteer, Jean Prater.

Donations of gently used or new books appropriate for children from birth to 5th grade can be dropped off at the United Way & Volunteer Services of Greater Yankton, 610 W 23rd Street, Suite 11 and will be used to restock the bookshelves.

Are you a member of a service group or organization who would like to do a BOOK DRIVE, be a drop off location, or host THE BIG RED BOOKSHELF? Call the United Way & Volunteer Services' at 605-665-6766 or visit us at www.yanktonunit-edway.org to learn more how you can contribute to this community program.

Standards

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"Students will develop better critical thinking skills," wrote Sandy Arsenault, South Dakota Education Association president, in an email to the Press & Dakotan. "One major aspect of the standards is that they challenge students to not just know an answer, but to be able to communicate how they reached the answer."

To help illustrate how the Common Core could affect instruction, the Foundation for Excellence in Education on its website lists several comparisons between the previous and latest standards.

For example, after hearing the book "Charlotte's Web" read aloud, second grade students previously may have been expected to answer questions such as, "Who is telling the story?" or "How does Wilbur feel towards Charlotte at the end of the story?"

Students were expected to

state that the narrator is telling the story and to say that Wilbur loves Charlotte. They wouldn't have to understand why Wilbur displays that emotion.

Using the standards established under the Common Core, the same students could be asked, "How is Fern's point of view about Wilbur different from the narrator's?"

The new standards expect the students to understand and explain that the characters see the world differently. They will discuss not only what they learned about the characters from the narrator, but also what they learned from what the characters said to each other and how they acted.

"Developing these skills is vital for 21st-century students," Arsenault said.

In response to the claim stated by some that such standards have been attempted in the past, Arsenault said it is important to understand that the Common Core are just new standards, not a curriculum.

"From research, we know that if we want to improve student achievement across the board, we have to raise the

expectations," she said. "The Common Core State Standards are more rigorous than the state's previous standards in math and language arts. Students will now have opportunity to really build critical thinking skills that will allow them to be college and career ready."

In addition to many people believing the Common Core are a curriculum, another misconception is that they are being pushed down upon the states by the federal government, Arsenault said. The standards were actually developed because the National Governors Association and the Council of Chief State Education Officers wanted to work together to help all states raise student achievement, she said.

"Together they worked with teachers, business leaders and education groups to develop a set of rigorous standards that states could adopt if they so choose," she said. "This wasn't the federal government. It was state leaders and educators partnering to find a way to improve education for all students."

South Dakota schools have

already begun implementing the Common Core standards, but a new assessment based on those standards will take place in the 2014-15 school year. As a replacement to the current Dakota STEP test, the new test will incorporate more short answer questions and constructed response questions, as opposed to multiple choice questions.

"Many think this is a big change in education," Arsenault said. "For teachers, the Common Core State Standards are just new standards. Standards are nothing new. We work with them in every subject area. Teachers and local districts will continue to develop curriculum to meet those standards as we have always done. At the end of the day, we all want what is best for kids."

For more information on the Common Core standards, visit www.commoncore.sd.gov/.

You can follow Derek Bartos on Twitter at twitter.com/d_bartos/. Discuss this story at www.yankton.net/.

Wilson

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to do the procedures.

Fox said that, as soon as he receives the report from Van Gilder-Pierce, he will forward it to Dr. David Bean, who is completing the psychiatric evaluation. He will also notify Eng and the Yankton County State's Attorney Office that the report has been received.

It is anticipated the psychological testing report will

be done in the next couple weeks, Fox said.

Eng encouraged Fox to ask Bean to expedite completion of his report once the psychological testing results have been obtained.

Yankton authorities say Wilson assaulted his girlfriend in the 900 block of East 15th Street during the early morning hours of April 5. The woman fled from her residence to a neighbor's home.

Wilson is alleged to have followed her and fired a long rifle. However, the bullet went through a window in a door and did not hit the

neighbor or the girlfriend.

The neighbor was transported to the hospital for minor injuries from flying debris.

Wilson is being held in the Yankton County Jail on \$500,000 bond.

You can follow Nathan Johnson on Twitter at twitter.com/AnInlandVoyage. Discuss this story at www.yankton.net/.

Put Out Garbage Before 7 a.m.

The City of Yankton would like to remind residents to have their garbage placed by 7 a.m. on the day of their scheduled pickup. Two 33-gallon containers with lids and handles are allowed per household.

MENUS

Menus listed below are for the week of Jan. 27, 2014. Menus are subject to change without notice. All meals are served with milk.

Yankton Elementary Schools
Monday — Pizza Dippers
Tuesday — Chicken Nuggets
Wednesday — Mini Pancakes
Thursday — Taco In A Bag
Friday — N/A

Yankton Middle School
Monday — Tavern
Tuesday — Popcorn Chicken
Wednesday — Quesadilla
Thursday — Chicken Alfredo
Friday — N/A

YHS A Line Menu
Monday — Turkey Hoagie
Tuesday — Oven Fried Chicken
Wednesday — Grilled Cheese
Thursday — Chicken Nuggets
Friday — N/A

YHS B Line Menu
Monday — Buffalo Chicken Pizza
Tuesday — Goulash

Wednesday — Pancakes
Thursday — Caul. Cheese Soup
Friday — N/A

YHS C Line Menu
Monday — Chili Dog
Tuesday — Quesadilla
Wednesday — Pepperoni Pizza
Thursday — Beef Sliders
Friday — N/A

Sacred Heart Schools
Monday — Spaghetti
Tuesday — Sweet/Sour Chicken
Wednesday — Ham Sandwich
Thursday — Taco Burger
Friday — N/A

The Center/Yankton
Monday — Chicken Fried Steak
Tuesday — French Dip Sand.
Wednesday — Meatball
Thursday — Pork Roast
Friday — Autumn Chicken

SCHOLASTICS

NORTHWESTERN COLLEGE

ORANGE CITY, Iowa — Bennett Mabee* and Michael Mabee*, students at Northwestern College in Orange City, Iowa, have earned spots on the Academic Dean's List for the fall 2013 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, 395 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 247 Collegiate Scholars, 60 of them maintained a perfect 4.0 average and are recognized with a pound sign.

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

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

Northwestern College is a Christian college of more than 1,200 students in Orange City, Iowa. Rated the nation's sixth-best baccalaureate college by Washington Monthly and a top-10 Midwestern college by U.S. News & World Report magazine, Northwestern provides an education that combines academic rigor with a faith perspective.

MIDLAND UNIVERSITY

FREMONT, Neb. — Midland University has recognized the outstanding achievements of students with the announcement of the President's List and Dean's List for the 2013 Fall Semester. Overall, 69 students were named to the univer-

sity's President's List while 250 students earned a spot on the semester Dean's List.

To qualify for the President's List, students must complete coursework with a semester GPA of 4.0. In order to qualify for the Dean's List, students must complete all coursework with a GPA of 3.5 or higher.

Members of the elite groups stand out among a historic student body. With the institution doubling in size since 2009, this year's student population is the largest in the university's history. The group is also part of a particularly active community. In the last four years, the university has added 11 varsity sports, a multitude of programs within the performing arts, and numerous clubs and activities. Subsequently, this year's campus body has students participating in over 250 opportunities in the performing arts and more varsity sports than any other college in Nebraska.

Local students include:
• Vermillion — Sara Marker, President's List.

MOUNT MARTY COLLEGE

Listed below are Mount Marty College's December 2013 graduates. Listed are name, degree and hometown:

Kelly Freng, MS, Littleton, Colo.
Brusila Miller, BA, Hawarden, Iowa
Beth Mulder, MS, Grand Rapids, Mich.
Joshua Cleveland, BA, Bovey, Minn.
Mindy Ostrowski, MS, Brainerd, Minn.
Sam Sparen, BA, Grand Rapids, Minn.
Don Wipf, MS, Missoula, Mont.
Kelsey Kuylen, MS, Dickinson, N.D.
Jennifer Coffey, MS, Bloomfield, Neb.

Bethany Wortmann, BS, Crofton, Neb.

Shane Stevens, AA, Madison, Neb.

Carol Stewart, MS, Avon
Alexis Liknes, BA, Grenville
Lindsey West, BA, Hayti
Susan Taylor, MS, Highmore
Kristin VanBuskirk, MS, Hitchcock

Rachael Thomas, BA, Redfield
Mary Gengler, MS, Sioux Falls
Lucinda Nelson, MS, Sioux Falls

Barbara Schechter, MS, Sioux Falls

Jena Wenande, MS, Sioux Falls

Laura Schultes, MS, Spearfish

Angela Kronaizi, BA, Taber

Colleen Juntunen, BA, Vienna

Angela Donahoe, BA, Watertown

Karissa Erickson, BA, Watertown

Maria Escamilla, BA, Watertown

Kelly Oelrich, BA, Watertown

Theresa Tesch, BA, Watertown

Penni Tuttle, BA, Watertown

Darren Prisinger, BA, Wilmot

Dean Bera, AA, Yankton

Angel Canady, MS, Yankton

Whitney Clark, BA, Yankton

Guy Davis, AA, Yankton

Barbara DeWitt, MS, Yankton

Timothy Do, AA, Yankton

Brothy Fallon, AA, Yankton

Bruce Fuller, AA, Yankton

Rogelio Hernandez, AA, Yankton

Robert Johnston, AS, Yankton

Hyonjin Kang, BA, Yankton

Amelia Klimisch, MS, Yankton

Christopher McGinty, AA, Yankton

Crystal McHenry, BA, Yankton

Michele Rohde, MS, Yankton

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3rd Place Winner~ \$100 Jerry's Gift Card

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Burbach - White

Emily Burbach and Brennan White were united in marriage August 10, 2013, at St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Bow Valley, NE with Father Eric Olsen officiating. Parents of the couple are Chuck and Paula Burbach of Wynot, NE and Brian and Jackie White of McCool Junction, NE. Emily is the granddaughter of Lucille Burbach, Yankton, SD. Brennan is the grandson of Joe White, McCool Junction, NE and Sherry Clark, York, NE.

Attendants for the bride were Katie Burbach, Mandy Koch, Mikaela White, Katie Koch, Heather Hansen and Angie Burbach. Attendants for the groom were Brandon Osborn, Joe Melton, Chris Luethe, Chris Beier, Billy Mousel and Aaron Burbach. The flower girl and ring bearer were Vayda Lippert and Joseph Burbach.

The bride is employed by York General Hospital and the groom is employed by Pioneer Hi-Bred International, York, NE. Both are graduates of Briar Cliff University, Sioux City, IA. The bride is also a graduate of Southeast Community College, Lincoln, NE. The couple resides in McCool Junction, NE.

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