

## Vengeance: Memories Of A Father's Perfect Punt

BY TOBIN BARNES

My old man hated flies...for one thing.

Uh huh, you say. Okay, but doesn't everyone hate flies, even the kinda pretty ones that are metallic blue and metallic green? Like, what good are they other than processing dead stuff?

Yeah, but not like my old man hated flies. At the motel, he hated them viscerally, like fly-doom was after him personally. Like they could buzz into his pocket and fly away with his money if they wanted to.

And he thought that's they did...metaphorically speaking. Back then, people drank their pop out of bottles. Wooden pop cases that fit onto wire stands were left beside pop machines so people could leave their empty bottles in them. And that was our setup at the motel, too.

Most people left their empties behind because they were worth only two cents apiece for trade in. Yeah, two cents. Big deal. Had to be a miser to hoard pop bottles for the prospect of someday cashing them in for maybe a buck or two.

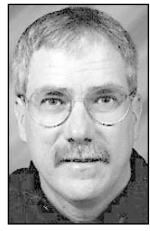
Heck, that'd be thinking like my old man. That's right. He loved pop bottles, but I'm telling you right now he hated them, too, almost as much as flies. After all, he had to sit there and worry about losing those pop bottles.

Maybe kids loved pop bottles as much as he did. Ten bottles were twenty cents for a kid back then, and twenty cents could buy a couple gobs of penny candy or even the big stuff like five cent Snickers or Milky Way bars. That made pop bottles worth stealing for some kids.

And so we had a problem with pop bottle theft at the motel. That's right, we were suffering shrinkage in our projected pop bottle inventories. Drove my old man nuts to lose this kind of cash flow to delinquents.

So another one of my jobs as a seven-year-old at the motel was to keep an eye out for pop bottle looters.

Well, it so happened that one day I looked out the window



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while the old man and I were watching Jeopardy and sure enough, I saw crime in progress. So I dropped the dime to my old man who was sitting on the couch, and skewed justice was instantly set in motion.

He blew off that couch and through the door like someone had finally touched off the big one. That poor kid — a guy now, I assume — is probably still in therapy trying to get over seeing a 250-plus-pound former pro football fullback come roaring after him like someone had just hiked the ball.

Despite the shock of seeing a pin-striped, bibbed-overhauled ball of fury eating up ground in his direction, the kid made a pretty good effort at escape, bottles clanking around in the baskets of his bicycle.

He was just about to hop on the bike seat when my old man planted a perfect punt right in the seat of the kid's pants. The kid instantly turned into a screaming mess, but, vengeance taken, my old man let him ride away with the bottles.

Thereafter, my old man suffered and hobbled a good week from the impact of the kid's butt on his already inflamed ingrown toenail.

Enough said, I guess, except a grown man would probably find himself in jail if he pulled something like that today...bottle thief or not.

So you can see my old man loved his pop bottles, but he also hated them for reasons other than worrying about losing them. It had to do with those pesky flies.

I'll tell you more about that next time. (Sorry, I guess it's going to be a while before I get to my perfect kid-job from which all this subsequently grows. It's a therapeutic process, after all.)

**Tobin Barnes, a high school English teacher, gets his skewed viewpoints of life from staring too much at Crow Peak, which looms above his home a few miles outside Spearfish.**

## MMC Honors Three At Alumni Days

Mount Marty College welcomed alumni back to campus the weekend of July 17-18 for the school's annual Alumni Days gathering. Saturday's events included breakfast, campus tours, lunch, tea hosted by former faculty and staff, and an evening social and banquet. The weekend culminated with Mass and brunch on Sunday. Honored classes at the banquet were Mount Marty High School Classes of 1950 and 1960, Sacred Heart School of Nursing Classes of 1950 and 1960, and Mount Marty College Classes of 1960, 1970, 1985, and 1990. During the festivities, alumni Marilyn Pates, Norm Kunselman, and Sister Aidan Bourke were also honored.

Marilyn Pates received the award for Distinguished Professional Achievement for demonstrating leadership, competence, dedication, integrity, and a commitment to continued education in her chosen profession.

Pates graduate from Sacred Heart Hospital School of Nursing in 1957. She has been employed as a nurse and instructor in the operating room at Sacred Heart and a clinical nurse at Yankton



Pates

Pates is an only daughter and has given much of her time over the years to her family during the illnesses of her brother, parents and grandparents. She is known in her neighborhood in Yankton as a person who will generously help others. She is a graduate of Mount Marty who is recognized for her sense of values, kindness, compassion, hospitality, and faith in God, bringing Christ to others who are in need.

Norm Kunselman received the award for Distinguished Service to the Mount Marty Community for exhibiting notable leadership abilities in service to the Mount Marty Community.

Kunselman, of Minneapolis, Minn., is a 1976 graduate of Mount Marty College. Shortly after graduation, he began to



Kunselman

serve on the Alumni Council. He was named Mount Marty Alumni Director and Director of College Relations in 1981, and a year later worked solely as Director of College Relations. He also taught speech, theatre and mass communications at the College, directed plays and musicals, and managed the campus theatre and radio station. Since moving to Minneapolis, Kunselman has volunteered to be the Twin Cities Representative in the Alumni Council, representing the class of 1976, and coordinating alumni events.

For keeping the Mount Marty College community in his heart and his actions, Kunselman has received the Distinguished Service to the Mount Marty Community award.

Sister Aidan Bourke received the award for Distinguished Service to Mount Marty College for her loyalty to the mission of the institution, continued interest and support, and reflection of honor upon the school with



Aidan

her Christian lifestyle. Sister Aidan was born and raised in York, Neb., and attended Mount Marty College after high school. After her freshman year, she entered Sacred Heart Monastery, continuing her studies during the summers and earning a degree in Social Science in 1962. She also earned her Masters in Psychology at Duquesne University, in preparation for her work at the College.

Her ministry has included teaching at the elementary and college levels; serving many years at Mount Marty as Director of Admissions, Registrar, and Alumni Director; coordinating volunteers at Madonna Rehab Hospital in Lincoln, Neb.; serving on numerous boards and committees; and serving as the Prioress of Sacred Heart Monastery from 1981-1989.

She currently volunteers in the Mount Marty Alumni Office, where she enjoys working with the staff and having contact with alums, and she generously helps with various ministries in the monastery.

## What To Do When Washer Fluid Goes Astray

BY TOM AND RAY MAGLIOZZI

My aunt called me the other day and said she had trouble trying to find the place where you put more windshield-washer fluid. She told me the only cover she found was one that said "Coolant." You guessed it — she put the windshield-washer fluid in the coolant reservoir. She then told me that she used a bottle of Windex instead of the diluted blue stuff you buy for car windshields. What should I do to help her, and what possible damage did she do? — Adam

**TOM:** Well, the first thing you can do to help her is open her hood and show her where the windshield-washer reservoir is. Then take a big magic marker and label it for her.

**RAY:** The next thing I'd do is take the car to a mechanic and have the coolant flushed out and replaced. But I don't think she did



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any damage.

**TOM:** Me neither. If I had to guess, I'd say the dominant ingredients in Windex are

water and ammonia. There might even be a little ethylene glycol (aka coolant) in there!

**RAY:** There's a small amount of soap in Windex. But my guess is that any suds would be suppressed by the high pressure inside the cooling system. I mean, she might find her engine compartment overflowing with soap suds tomorrow morning, but I doubt it. It's not like she put Dawn Dishwashing Liquid in there.

**TOM:** Flushing the cooling system certainly will remove all doubt about any future damage that might result. And she can feel good knowing she has the cleanest cooling system in the neighborhood.

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### SCHOLASTICS

#### Joel Pearson Earns Doctorate At O.H.S.U.

Joel R. Pearson graduated from the Oregon Health and Science University (Portland, OR) in June. Dr. Pearson has begun his Residency in Family Practice with the University of Utah School of Medicine in Salt Lake City. Joel is a 1999 graduate of Chamberlain High School (Chamberlain, SD) and 2005 graduate of New York University. He is the son of The Reverend James and Gloria Pearson of Yankton.

#### South Dakota Superintendents Hold Meetings

At the recent annual conference (July 20, 2010) of the SDSSA, the group selected Dean Christensen of the Deuel School District as its Superintendent of the Year. Christensen has been the Superintendent of Schools in Deuel since 2004. He was also Superintendent of Schools in Emery from 1987-2004.

Selected for the Distinguished Service Award was Bill O'Dea of Belle Fourche. O'Dea retired from the Belle Fourche School District in June of 2009 after serving 24 years as the Elementary Principal (1985-1995) and Superintendent of Schools (1995-2009).

Also during the conference, the following officers were selected: President Mark Greguson (Chester); President Elect Roger DeGroot (Brookings); Past President Mark Froke (Vermillion); Treasurer Lynn Vlasman (Tripp-Delmont); Secretary Robert Arend (Garretson); and Regional Representatives: Terry Eckstaine (Tri Valley); Susan Smit (Wagner); Margo Heibert (Todd County); Loren Scheer (Douglas); Keith McVay (Snee); Brian Heupel (Clark); and John Bjorkman (Oldham-Ramona).

#### Laurie Rempp Awarded Juris Doctor Degree

NEW YORK — Laurie Rempp, of Yankton, was awarded a Juris Doctor (J.D.) degree by New York Law School at its 118th annual commencement ceremonies at Lincoln Center's Avery Fisher Hall on May 14. Following graduation, Rempp will join Smitow Kanfer Holtzer & Millus, LLP - Legal Assistant.

Rempp is one of 560 members of the class of 2010 at New York Law School, one of the oldest independent law schools in the United States. Hon. Jonathan Lippman, Chief Judge of the State of New York and Chief Judge of the Court of the Appeals, delivered the commencement address and received an honorary doctor of laws degree.

Founded in 1891, New York Law School is an independent law school located in lower Manhattan near the city's centers of law, government, and finance. New York Law School's renowned faculty of prolific scholars has built the School's strength in such areas as constitutional law, civil and human rights, labor and employment law, media and information law, urban legal studies, international and comparative law, and a number of interdisciplinary fields. The School is noted for its nine academic centers: Center on Business Law & Policy, Center on Financial Services Law, Center for International Law, Center for New York City Law, Center for Professional Values and Practice, Center for Real Estate Studies, Diane Abbey Law Center for Children and Families, Institute for Information Law & Policy, and Justice Action Center. New York Law School has more than 13,000 graduates and enrolls some 1,500 students in its full-and part-time J.D. program and its four advanced degree programs in financial services law, real estate, tax, and mental disability law studies. [www.nyls.edu](http://www.nyls.edu)

#### Schurman Awarded Scholarship At S.D.S.U.

Brett Schurman of Yankton was awarded the Van Buskirk Family Scholarship in Mechanical Engineering in Support of the Jackrabbit Guarantee 2006 Challenge for the 2010-2011 academic year at South Dakota State University.

Schurman is a sophomore majoring in mechanical engineering at SDSU, where he is active in American Society of Mechanical Engineers, intramural basketball, intramural football and intramural softball. He is the son of Dan and Kathy Schurman and is a 2008 graduate of the Yankton High School.

Myron Van Buskirk is founder and owner of the Van Buskirk Companies, a real estate development firm started in 1971, in Sioux Falls. He earned his bachelor's degree from SDSU in mechanical engineering in 1963. After college graduation, he joined McDonnell Aircraft in St. Louis, Mo. From 1965 to 1971, he worked for John Deere Dubuque Works in Dubuque, Iowa. The Hitchcock native is a past president of the South Dakota Home Builders Association and the Sioux Falls Home Builders Association. He and his wife Joan have four grown children: Michael and Steven, Sioux Falls; Karen, Portland, Ore.; and Chad of Sioux Falls.

#### Schulte And Bosch Rank In Top 20 At Nationals

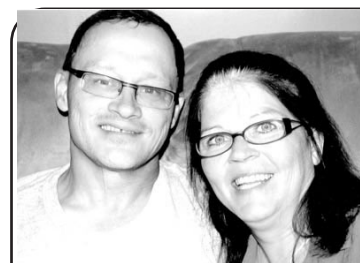
Yankton High School graduates Mallory Schulte and Emily Bosch ranked top twenty in the nation in policy debate at the National Forensic League National Debate Tournament held in Kansas City, MO June 13-18th, 2010.

Yankton senior Sophie Holtzmann also attended the national tournament in Lincoln Douglas debate.

#### Cunningham Graduates From Marietta College

MARIETTA, Ohio — Jillian Cunningham of Vermillion recently graduated from Marietta College's Physician Assistant Studies Program. In all, 25 students were part of the seventh graduating class that completed the 27-month program.

Cunningham is a graduate of University of South Dakota.



Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Dvorak

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Dvorak of Yankton, SD, will celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary on August 2, 2010.

Their family requests a card

shower. Cards may be sent to: 2918 Lakeview Dr., Yankton, SD 57078.

Diane Edwards and Daniel Dvorak were married August 2, 1980 in Lake Andes, SD.

They have six children: Kimberley (Tony) Pate of Eagle River, AK; Sarah Dvorak of Denver, CO; Christopher (Abby) Dvorak of Lennox, SD; Brendan, Angela, and Evan Dvorak, all of Yankton. The couple has four grandchildren.

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### YCC To Hold Season Auditions

On Monday, August 16 from 5:30-7p.m. the United Church of Christ in Yankton will be the location of the season auditions for the Yankton Children's Choir.

The choir features singers from grades 3 through 8, with unchanged voices, performing a wide variety of 2 and 3 part music. Rehearsals are held each Monday night and on the last Saturday morning of each month.

Performance venues are varied and will include 3 local concerts as well as appearances which have in the past included SkyForce and Mount Marty

College basketball games and holiday programs at the State Capitol in Pierre as well as others.

The choir is dedicated not only to improving a child's musical ability but also to fostering personal and social skills which help set a good basis for a successful life. Past choir members readily acknowledge that their lives have been enhanced by their Children's Choir experiences.

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