

# Tips For Keeping Children Safe



## CAR TALK

Tom and Ray Magliozzi

### 'Oil Hinges: Replace Belts'

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**Dear Tom and Ray:**  
I have a high-pitched noise coming from the engine of my 2000 Chevy Blazer with 150,000-plus miles. My husband told me it was a belt, and he "oiled it." I'd never heard of that. I thought you tightened or replaced belts. Can you oil them? Also, I haven't told him yet, but the noise is still there today. - Claire

**TOM:** No, you're not supposed to oil belts. When belts get old and dry and cracked, they start to slip. The high-pitched whine you're hearing is your belt slipping.

**RAY:** Putting oil on the belt may temporarily soften it up a bit and stop the slipping - or it could grease it up and make it worse!

**TOM:** But in either case, the effect is temporary. As you've already discovered, the heat and friction will remove the oil in short order - in your case, in a day.

**RAY:** There are products, called belt dressings, that are specifically designed to try to milk a little more life out of a dry and worn-out belt. But we don't recommend them. If you have an old, worn-out belt, the best thing to do is replace it.

**TOM:** So tell your husband we said, "Oil hinges; replace belts." Good luck, Claire.

## Weekly Bike Rides Continue Monday

Monday night bike rides will continue starting at 6:30 p.m. at the Summit Activities Center in Yankton through Aug. 8.

These weekly bike rides are open to all ages. Helmets are required.

For more information, contact Tammy Matuska at 605-660-9483 or yscc@midconetwork.com, or visit yanktonseniorcenter.org.

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Being a parent can sometimes feel like your heart is walking around in someone else's body. And while your instinct is to protect your children from any and all harm, it is also important to give them an appropriate amount of freedom to prepare them for the real world.

"Parents will always have a lot to worry about," says Tony Pham, vice president at Life360, a company that uses technology to keep families connected everyday and during emergencies. "But having a plan can really help families be prepared for any type of safety situation."

As the new school year quickly approaches, parents should consider the following tips when talking to their children about safety:

### EMPHASIZE SOLUTIONS OVER DANGER

Constantly warning your children, whether they're 8 or 18, about all the dangers of the world, can do more harm than good by increasing anxiety and feelings of powerlessness. Instead, focus on presenting solutions to known threats.

For example, tell children that they have every right to yell, scream and kick if a stranger grabs them. More importantly, since the majority of abductions in the



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Kids can use cell phones to check in regularly with parents.

United States are by people children know, teach kids to check-in with you if their instincts tell them something is wrong. For younger kids, this may mean telling you before doing something adventurous, while for older children this may mean sending a text message before heading off with a family friend.

### GET MOBILE HELP

Advances in mobile technology are making it easier than ever to keep children safe. For example, Life360 has created a mobile app that allows family members to request a "Check In" from another family member, along with a GPS location update. This simple technology proved use-

ful during the tornadoes in the Midwest earlier this year, when thousands of families were able to contact their loved ones to share location and status updates even though phone calls weren't going through.

But before it gets to that, make sure your family has a disaster plan in place. Kids and teens should know where to go in your home to stay safe during an earthquake, tornado or whatever disasters may hit your area. You should also agree on a meeting place away from your home (a neighbor or relative's house or even a specific street corner) where you will reconnect if separated in an emergency.

### VIRTUAL SAFETY

Children need to know that strangers exist on the Internet, too. Parents should warn them about connecting with strangers or "friends" of friends on social networking sites. Children should also not disclose any personal information such as a home address, social security number or bank account without first checking with an adult.

For more information on how to keep your children safe in today's busy world, visit [www.life360.com](http://www.life360.com).

Updating your safety plan as part of your back-to-school activities will keep your kids safe all year long.

## SCHOLASTICS

### SOUTHEAST TECHNICAL INSTITUTE PRESIDENT'S LIST

Southeast Technical Institute in Sioux Falls, South Dakota has announced the Spring 2011 Semester President's List. These students have demonstrated outstanding academic performance in the classroom and in their laboratory setting.

In order to become eligible for the President's List the student must be a full-time student and have achieved a minimum grade point average of 3.5 for the semester. The students should be commended for their efforts and performance.

The students achieving this recognition at Southeast Technical Institute from this area are:

Stanley Hoefs, Yankton, Yankton Senior High School, STI Program, Biomedical Equipment Technology

Timothy Shelburg, Sioux Falls, Yankton Senior High School, STI Program, CAD Engineering Technology

Jessica Termansen, Yankton, Yankton Senior High School, STI Program, Cardiac Ultrasound Technology

Dustin Stefani, Yankton, Yankton Senior High School, STI Program, Construction Management Technician

Rebecca Wirth, Yankton, Yankton Senior High School, STI Program, Diagnostic Medical Sonography/Abdominal/OB/GYN

Amanda Fields, Yankton, Yankton Senior High School, STI Program, Early Childhood Specialist

Emily Blaaid, Sioux Falls, Yankton Senior High School, STI Program, Electroneuro Diagnostic Technology

Jeremy Berendsen, Sioux Falls, Corona Del Sol High School, STI Program, Electronics Technology

Melissa Heick, Sioux Falls, Gayville-Volin High School, STI Program, Health Information Services

Amy Hisek, Sioux Falls, Yankton Senior High School, STI Program, Health Information Services

Rebecca Haas, Yankton, Yankton Senior High School, STI Program, Horticulture Technology

Jenna Fejfar, Yankton, Yankton Senior High School, STI Program, Invasive Cardiovascular Technology

Max Winstead, Yankton, Yankton Senior High School, STI Program, System Administrator

Donna Conkling, Sioux Falls, Yankton Senior High School, STI Program, Vascular Ultrasound Technology

### HUGH O'BRIAN YOUTH LEADERSHIP HELD

Theresa Barnes and Drew Konopasek (Yankton HS) recently attended the South Dakota Hugh O'Brian Youth (HOBY) Leader-

ship Seminar. They joined 125 other young leaders representing as many high schools from throughout South Dakota June 9-12 in Madison.

HOBY Leadership Seminars bring together a select group of high school sophomores to interact with groups of distinguished leaders in business, government, education and the professions to discuss present and future issues. The goal is to provide the youths a stimulating forum for learning about critical issues while broadening their understanding of their leadership potential and quest for self-development. HOBY leaders are also challenged to return to their communities to perform at least 100 hours of community service within 12 months following the Seminar.

HOBY South Dakota ambassadors conducted a one-day Community Service project with Alex's Lemonade Stand to raise money for childhood cancer. The service project was conducted on Saturday, June 11th from 12:30 to 2:30pm. The Ambassadors were challenged to meet a goal they had set themselves and step outside of their comfort zone to spread the word about Alex's story. The ambassadors were able to raise over \$1400 from a two hour span. This is HOBY South Dakota's fifth year working with Alex's Lemonade Stand.

Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership was established in 1958 by the popular actor Hugh O'Brian following a visit to Africa where he was inspired by a meeting with Dr. Albert Schweitzer.

"One of the things Schweitzer said to me was that the most important thing in education was to teach young people to think for themselves," O'Brian said. "From that inspiration, and with the support of others who believe in youth and the American dream, I started HOBY to seek out, recognize, and develop outstanding leadership potential among our nation's youth."

Further information about HOBY activities and sponsorship opportunities is available by visiting [www.hobysd.org](http://www.hobysd.org) or contacting the HOBY South Dakota Corporate Board President, Wade McIntyre at [president@hobysd.org](mailto:president@hobysd.org).

### LOCAL STUDENT NAMED TO CSB DEAN'S LIST

ST. JOSEPH, Minn. - McKinsey Weydert, daughter of Nick Weydert of Yankton, has earned the distinction of being named to the dean's list for the 2011 spring semester at the College of Saint Benedict. Weydert is a senior psychology major at CSB.

To be included on the dean's list, students must have a semester grade-point average of at

least 3.80 and have completed 12 credits for which honor points (A, B, C, etc.) are awarded. Students included on the dean's list cannot have any "unsatisfactory" or "incomplete" grades for that semester.

### FARVER PARTICIPATES IN SUMMER OF SCIENTIFIC INQUIRY

DES MOINES, Iowa - Jason Farver of Yankton, is one of nine Drake University students pursuing an individual research project as part of the University's Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship Program.

Yankton is a senior biochemistry, cell and molecular biology major at Drake, a private, independent university in Des Moines, Iowa.

The program is funded by grants provided and organized by the Drake Undergraduate Science Collaborative Institute (DUSCI).

"From molecular chemistry to the visual perception of the pike, the students' project topics span the gamut," said Maria Valdivinos, director of DUSCI. "The students are doing phenomenal and complex work, and it's been amazing to see the diversity of talents they possess."

The students applied in April for the opportunity to participate in the summer fellowship, where they have worked one-on-one with faculty mentors to conduct research full-time.

## Office Technology Specialist Degree To Be Offered In Yankton

YANKTON - Mitchell Technical Institute will add another program to be delivered in Yankton beginning next fall.

Office Technology Specialist will be offered for a one-year diploma in Yankton beginning in August 2011. The program will provide skills training for students to enter careers with skills in office administration and support, software applications and basic accounting. This program is being offered in partnership with the Southeast Job Link in

Yankton to meet a growing need for workers with this background.

The program will be offered for a one-year diploma. Students who wish to pursue an Associate of Applied Science degree may do so by completing a second year of education on the MTI campus in Mitchell.

This will be a new educational/training opportunity for students in southeast South Dakota and compliments MTI's on-going efforts in the Yankton community. MTI

currently offers a variety of energy and communications related programs in Yankton and is introducing a new Industrial Maintenance Technician program beginning in August 2011.

All classes will be taught in Yankton at the Regional Technical Education Center (RTEC). Financial aid is available.

For information about enrolling in the program, contact the MTI Admissions office at (605) 995-3025 or Southeast Job Link at (605) 668-3480.



Mr. & Mrs. McNeeley

## Celebrating 40 Years

Don and Mary (Zapleta) McNeeley of Tabor were married July 23, 1971, in Springfield, SD.

Cards can be sent to 31074 427th Ave., Tabor, SD, 57063.

## VERMILLION PUBLIC LIBRARY

# One World, Many Stories To Conclude

The Summer Reading Program at the Vermillion Public Library is in its final week and it's a busy one! Storyteller Indiana Bones will entertain everyone on Monday, July 25th at 1:30. Tuesday's movie is The Rescuers Down Under, also at 1:30. Craft Day has been moved to Wednesday and the projects include a boomerang and a kangaroo necklace. On Thursday, the 28th the Zooman will present two shows at 12:30 and 1:30.

The program concludes on Friday, July 29th with the World's Fair. It's an open house from 1:30 to 3:30. Visitors may visit booths to learn about other countries including Germany, China, Korea,

Australia, and more. Vermillion residents with multicultural backgrounds are hosting the booths.

Prize drawings for Beginning and Intermediate readers with completed passports, young adult readers, and adults will be held at 3:30 following the World's Fair. The winner of the iPad raffle will be held then too. Winners need not be present.

Friday, the 29th is the final day to turn in logs for Book Bucks and

prize tokens. The 1000 Minute Club family swimming party is Friday also from 5:00 to 6:00 pm at Prentis Park Pool. Qualified readers should pick up tickets at the library.

The World Market Incentive Store will open Monday, August 1st at 10:00 am and be open during regular library hours through Friday, August 12th. All Book Bucks must be redeemed for prizes during this time.

## Celebrating 50 Years



Mr. & Mrs. Dan Wentworth

Dan & Rita (Nelson) Wentworth were married July 6, 1961, in Yankton.

They celebrated with family in Whitefish, Montana. Attending were sons: Ross (Laura) Wentworth from Portland, Oregon, and their children: Lindsey, Erica, and Nicole; and Scott Wentworth from Omaha, NE.

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