

Poetry

# Poet Analyzes Game Of Horseshoes

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One of the most distinctive sounds in small-town America is the chiming of horseshoe pitching. A friend always carries a pair in the trunk of his car. He'll stop at a park in some little town and start pitching, and soon, he says, others will hear that ringing and suddenly appear as if out of thin air. In this poem, X.J. Kennedy captures the fellowship of horseshoe pitchers.

**OLD MEN PITCHING HORSESHOES**

Back in a yard where ringers groove a ditch,  
These four in shirtsleeves congregate to pitch  
Dirt-burnished iron. With appraising eye,  
One sizes up a peg, hoists and lets fly—  
A clang resounds as though a smith had struck  
Fire from a forge. His first blow, out of luck,  
Rattles in circles. Hitching up his face,  
He swings, and weight once more inhabits space,  
Tumbles as gently as a new-laid egg.  
Extended iron arms surround their peg  
Like one come home to greet a long-lost brother.  
Shouts from one outpost. Mutters from the other.  
Now changing sides, each withered pitcher moves  
As his considered dignity behooves  
Down the worn path of earth where August flies  
And sheaves of air in warm distortions rise,  
To stand ground, fling, kick dust with all the force  
Of shoes still hammered to a living horse.

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# Farmers Union Announces Camp In Yankton County

The Yankton County Farmers Union day camp will be held Thursday, July 11, at the Summit Activities Center in Yankton/

For decades, cooperative businesses have had a dramatic impact on the South Dakota economy and the well-being of rural communities. That's why Farmers Union organizations from across the state host annual day camps for children to learn about cooperative business and the important role they play in South Dakota. This year's theme: "Farmers Union is our name, Cooperation is our game," shows the emphasis the family farm organization places on working together toward a common goal.

All children ages 6-13 are invited to attend the day camp to learn about cooperation and other topics like financial literacy, agriculture and leadership. This year's camp will include a number of fun and educational activities for young people. There is a registration fee. Registration will begin at 10 a.m. with camp from 10:30 a.m.-5 p.m. There will be swimming and campers are asked to bring suit, towel, \$6 or pool pass, and sturdy shoes for other activities. Campers are also asked to bring a sack lunch.

"Many of our rural communities in South Dakota rely on cooperative business

for fuel, food, electricity, telecommunications and other services," said Bonnie Geyer, state education director. "We hope young people will attend the camp to learn many important lessons and life skills that they can apply to their own lives. They'll learn about teamwork, agriculture, leadership and other skills while having fun in a safe and friendly environment."

Campers will participate in cooperative games and hands-on team building activities including a human board game to teach young people about Farmers Union, cooperatives and financial literacy where they will test their financial knowledge. The young people will also do a craft project where they will decorate their own wooden bank to promote saving money. All campers will receive a free T-shirt and snack. Campers will walk away with wonderful memories and a greater understanding of the importance of cooperation.

Registration forms can be found online at [www.sdfu.org/](http://www.sdfu.org/). You can also pick them up at your local Farmers Union Insurance office, or your local cooperative. For more information, contact Farmers Union State Education Director Bonnie Geyer at 605-352-6761 ext. 125 or email her at [bgeyer@sdfu.org/](mailto:bgeyer@sdfu.org/).

# How To Prevent Water Illnesses

PIERRE — South Dakotans who head to the beach and the pool this summer should take common sense precautions to prevent water-borne illnesses such as cryptosporidiosis, says a state health official.

"Water sports are great physical activities and we don't want to discourage them but we do want people to practice healthy swimming," said Bill Chalcraft, health protection administrator for the Department of Health.

In 2012, South Dakota reported 113 cases of the diarrheal illness caused by Cryptosporidium parasites. Through May of this year, 37 cases have been reported.

Chalcraft said beaches, pools, hot tubs and water parks can be contaminated by runoff, the presence of chlorine resistant germs, or poor maintenance. Contamination can also result when individuals with diarrhea use recreational waters. People at high risk for recreational water illnesses include the young, the elderly, pregnant women, and the immunosuppressed.

Chalcraft offered the following prevention tips for all swimmers:

- Shower with soap before swimming and wash your hands after using the toilet or changing diapers. Wash your children thor-

oughly with soap before swimming.

- Don't swim when you have diarrhea.
- Don't swallow pool water.
- Take young children on bathroom breaks and check diapers at least every hour.
- Change diapers in a bathroom or a diaper-changing area and not poolside.
- Use sunscreen with at least SPF 15 and UVA and UVB protection, reapplying after swimming.
- Change out of wet swimwear and shower thoroughly after swimming.

Parents should keep an eye on children at all times when near the water and avoid using water wings and other swimming aids in place of life jackets.

Learn more about healthy swimming at [www.cdc.gov/healthyswimming/](http://www.cdc.gov/healthyswimming/).

**80th Birthday Celebration**  
Faith, Family, friends and a wonderful Yankton community - we appreciate it all!  
**Don & Peggy Schiedel**

# Questions About Transmissions

BY TOM AND RAY MAGLIOZZI  
King Features Syndicate

**Dear Tom and Ray:**  
I'm considering getting a new Honda Accord four-cylinder. For 2013, Honda went to a CVT transmission, replacing the five-speed automatic. I wonder about (1) the longevity of this type of transmission; (2) the effect on fuel economy; and (3) the overall driving experience for someone (me) who has driven both manuals and automatics for 50 years. Your carefully considered opinion is appreciated. —Pete

**TOM:** Hm. Would you settle for one of our usual opinions, which are ill-considered and half-baked?

**RAY:** I think it's fine for you to get the CVT, Pete. We're living in a period of rapid gear inflation. For a long time, we had three-speed transmissions. Then came four-, five- and, pretty quickly, six-speed automatics. Then, in just the past couple of years, we started seeing seven- and eight-speeds, and now we hear about companies working on nine- and 10-speed gearboxes.

**TOM:** The reason to add gears is that, generally speaking, the more gears you have, the better your fuel economy. The more you can match the demands of your driving to the most efficient gear ratio for those demands, the less fuel you waste.

**RAY:** A CVT (continuously variable transmission) is a gearbox with infinitely variable ratios. Actually, no gears at all — just belts that move constantly up and down two cone-shaped pulley-things to adjust the gear ratios.

**TOM:** It's definitely a plus for fuel economy. That's why Honda has started using it.



**CAR TALK**

Tom and Ray Magliozzi

**RAY:** In terms of longevity, we don't really know. Some of the early CVTs had trouble with high-torque engines. But Nissan and other companies have been using them successfully for years now, and, so far, there don't seem to be any particular problems.

**TOM:** The driving experience is a little different. Under most normal, gentle driving conditions, you probably won't even notice it. Good transmissions are so smooth these days that you barely feel the shifts now anyway. But when you really need to accelerate, you will see a difference in the way the transmission and engine interact with each other.

**RAY:** If you stomp on the gas, like when you're on a highway on-ramp, you'll notice that the engine revs way up at first, to give you immediate power. And then, as the car picks up speed, the engine actually goes slower and slower as the transmission continues to adjust the gear ratios as the car needs less power.

**TOM:** It's a little odd at first, but so

was trying to work with my brother, and I got used to it.

**RAY:** It's certainly not a reason to avoid the car, Pete. And while there's no guarantee, Honda, overall, has a pretty good track record for durability and reliability.

**TOM:** I'd suggest that you go and test-drive one. You'll see what we're talking about. Make sure you include some sort of sudden, harder acceleration in your test drive so you can experience the primary difference we're talking about.

**RAY:** But remember, every new technology is a little weird at first. When the first automatic transmissions came out, it was weird not to shift the gears yourself. When the first anti-lock brakes came out, it was weird not to pump the pedal in a panic stop. And when the first iPhone came out, it was weird to be able to have such a cool phone and still not hear what the other person was saying.

What is the most cost-effective way to buy a car? Tom and Ray hash it all out in their 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.

Get more Click and Clack in their new book, "Ask Click and Clack: Answers from Car Talk." Got a question about cars? Write to Click and Clack in care of this newspaper, or email them by visiting the Car Talk website at [www.cartalk.com](http://www.cartalk.com).

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**SCHOLASTICS**

**SOUTHEAST TECHNICAL INSTITUTE**

Southeast Technical Institute in Sioux Falls has announced its Spring 2013 President's List. Students recognized for this honor have demonstrated outstanding academic performance in the classroom and laboratory settings.

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

The student(s) achieving this recognition at Southeast Technical Institute from the community are:

- Jason Charles Metz, Yankton — Sports Turf Management Technology
- Mindy Sue Doering, Yankton — Marketing
- Heide Michelle Blagg, Yankton — Early Childhood Specialist
- Jorgan Scott Hansen, Yankton — Computer Network Security Technology
- Nicholas William Barkl, Yankton — Automotive Technology
- Tammy LuAnn Verigoood, Yankton — Business Administration

**MITCHELL TECHNICAL INSTITUTE**

MITCHELL — The following area students recently participated in graduation exercise at Mitchell Technical Institute:

- Katherine, McDole\*, Alcester, Business Management (AAS)
- Dylan Christensen, Alcester, Electrical Construction & Maintenance (AAS)
- Adam, Hughes, Alcester, Wind Turbine Technology (AAS)
- Riley Lau, Armour, Agricultural Technology (AAS)
- Tony Weatherford, Armour, Culinary Academy (AAS)
- Derek Cihak\*, Avon, Agricultural Technology (AAS)
- Jon Vilhauer\*, Avon, Agricultural Technology (AAS)
- Vance, Voegeli, Beresford, Power Line Construction & Maintenance (Diploma)
- Jedediah Johnson, Beresford, Wind Turbine Technology (AAS)
- Evan Schoenfelder\*\*, Dimock, Agricultural Technology (AAS)
- Matthew Suhr, Dimock, Culinary Academy (AAS)
- George Eich, Freeman,

Agricultural Technology (AAS)

- Jeffrey Preheim\*\*, Freeman, Electrical Construction & Maintenance (AAS)
- Morgan Kaus, Freeman, Medical Assistant (AAS)
- Jeremy Albrecht, Freeman, Utilities Technologies (AAS)
- Brandon Lee\*\*, Gayville, Small Business Management (Diploma)
- Aaron, Engen, Irene, Agricultural Technology (AAS)
- Rachael Gunhammer, Lake Andes, Culinary Academy (AAS)
- Jared Hermanek, Lake Andes, Electrical Construction & Maintenance (AAS)
- Chasity O'Connor, Lake Andes, Medical Assistant (AAS)

- Rachel-Christine Archambeau, Lake Andes, Medical Laboratory Technology (AAS)
- Connor Florey\*, Lake Andes, Power Line Construction & Maintenance (Diploma)
- Damian Gravatt, Lake Andes, Wind Turbine Technology (Diploma)
- Richard Kludt, Lesterville, Automation Controls/SCADA (AAS)
- Richard Kludt, Lesterville, Electrical Construction & Maintenance (AAS)
- Ryan Auch, Lesterville, Wind Turbine Technology (Diploma)
- Jay Edelman, Menno, Agricultural Technology (Diploma)
- Hunter Andersen, Parker, Power Line Construction & Maintenance (Diploma)
- Paula Kummer\*\*, Parkston, Accounting (AAS)
- Brooke Walz, Parkston, Medical Assistant (AAS)
- Shauna DeGeest\*\*, Parkston, Medical Office Professional (AAS)
- Annette Juhnke, Parkston, Medical Office Professional (AAS)
- Thomas Scheetz, Parkston, Power Sports Technology (Diploma)
- Tahnee Schoenrock, Platte, Medical Laboratory Technology (AAS)
- Jennifer Kaemingk\*, Platte, Speech-Language Pathology Assistant (AAS)
- Drew Holter, Platte, Wind Turbine Technology (AAS)
- Charles Wry, Scotland, Computer Systems Technology (Diploma)

Timothy Mesman\*, Springfield, Agricultural Technology (Diploma)

- Ryan Heusinkveld\*, Springfield, Architectural Design & Building Construction (AAS)
- Mitchell Houska, Springfield, Power Sports Technology (AAS)
- Jesse Boden\*, Tabor, Automation Controls/SCADA (AAS)
- Jeff Honner, Tabor, Power Line Construction & Maintenance (Diploma)
- Cody Cuka, Tyndall, Agricultural Technology (Diploma)
- Jay Kriz\*\*, Tyndall, Electrical Construction & Maintenance (AAS)
- Lynn Gall, Tyndall, Medical Office Professional (AAS)
- Tyler Schurman, Tyndall, Power Line Construction & Maintenance (Diploma)
- Brenna Sibson\*, Vermillion, Architectural Design & Building Construction (AAS)
- Matthew Morse, Vermillion, Culinary Academy (Diploma)
- Gregory Styles, Vermillion, Utilities Technologies (AAS)
- Zachery Van Beek, Viborg, Utilities Technologies (AAS)
- Kyle Olson, Volin, Culinary Academy (AAS)
- Samuel Vollmer, Volin, Wind Turbine Technology (AAS)
- Jean Archambeau, Wagner, Accounting (AAS)
- Danielle Koupal, Wagner, Accounting (AAS)
- Paige Gunhammer\*, Wagner, Architectural Design & Building Construction (AAS)
- Molly Wright, Wagner, Medical Laboratory Technology (AAS)
- Kellie Chavis\*, Yankton, Administrative Office Specialist (AAS)
- Parker Foxhoven, Yankton, Electrical Construction & Maintenance (AAS)
- Kevin Schurman, Yankton, Heating & Cooling Technology (AAS)
- Andrew Adam\*\*, Yankton, Industrial Maintenance Technology (Diploma)
- Michael Darcy\*\*, Yankton, Industrial Maintenance Technology (Diploma)
- Joseph Hahn\*\*, Yankton, Industrial Maintenance Technology (Diploma)
- Tucker Foxhoven, Yankton, Power Line Construction & Maintenance (Diploma)

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- Dylan Haas\*, Yankton, Utilities Technologies (AAS)
- Brad King, Yankton, Wind Turbine Technology (AAS)
- Jason Luckinbill\*\*, Yankton, Wind Turbine Technology (AAS)
- Matt Sternhagen, Yankton, Wind Turbine Technology (AAS)
- Michael Wuebben, Hartington, Neb., Electrical Construction & Maintenance (AAS)
- Dustin Crosley, Niobrara, Neb., Power Sports Technology (AAS)
- Curtis Dather, Verdigre, Neb., Wind Turbine Technology (AAS)

**CONCORDIA COLLEGE**

MOORHEAD, Minn. — Dr. Mark Krejci, provost and dean of the college, has announced the names of students whose superior academic achievement during the second semester of the 2012-13 academic year placed them on the Dean's Honor List at Concordia College, Moorhead, Minn.

"These students have demonstrated, through their academic accomplishments, that they are preparing themselves to impact the affairs of the world," says Krejci.

To qualify for this designation, students must carry a minimum of 12 semester credits and have a grade point average of at least a 3.7 on a 4.0 scale.

- Area students include:
- Kelly Reed, Sophomore, Elk Point
  - Alexandra Benson, Junior, Hurley
  - Emily Bosch, Junior, Yankton
  - Taylor Tielke, Sophomore, Yankton

THANK YOU  
Thank you for all the cards and kind thoughts I received for my 80th birthday. It made my day very special.  
Gloria Henniksen



**Buller - Hirsch**

Megan Buller and Jacob Hirsch announce their engagement and upcoming marriage.

Parents of the couple are Troy and Stephanie Buller of Hendricks, MN and John and Cheryl Hirsch of Sioux Falls, SD.

The bride-elect is a 2012 graduate of Stewarts School and the groom-elect is a 2011 graduate of SDSU with a degree in Construction Management. He is currently employed at Kiewit Corporation.

The couple is planning an August 3, 2013 wedding in Sioux Falls, SD.



**DeVaney-Pechous**

Rebecca DeVaney and Lec Pechous, both of Sioux Falls, SD, announce their engagement and upcoming marriage.

Parents are Tom DeVaney and Beverly Dobbins of Sioux Falls, SD,

and Joe and Sue Pechous of Tabor, SD.

Lec is a 2003 Graduate of Bon Homme High School and a 2008 graduate of South Dakota State University, Brookings, SD. He is currently employed as a Test Lab Engineer at Adams Thermal Systems in Canton, SD.

Rebecca is a 2005 graduate of Washington High School, Sioux Falls, SD, and a 2009 graduate of South Dakota State University, Brookings, SD. She is employed as a Special Education/Early Childhood Development teacher in the Harrisburg, SD, school district.

The couple is planning an August 3, 2013, wedding in Sioux Falls, SD.