

Poetry

Poet Compares Humans To Objects

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Here's an observant and thoughtful poem by Lisel Mueller about the way we've assigned human characteristics to the inanimate things about us. Mueller lives in Illinois and is one of our most distinguished poets.

THINGS

What happened is, we grew lonely living among the things, so we gave the clock a face, the chair a back, the table four stout legs which will never suffer fatigue. We fitted our shoes with tongues as smooth as our own and hung tongues inside bells so we could listen to their emotional language, and because we loved graceful profiles the pitcher received a lip, the bottle a long, slender neck. Even what was beyond us was recast in our image; we gave the country a heart, the storm an eye, the cave a mouth so we could pass into safety.

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Students Participate In USD Healthcare Careers Camp

VERMILLION — The University of South Dakota Sanford School of Medicine hosted 40 high school students at the seventh annual Healthcare Careers Summer Camp, June 16-21.

Soon-to-be sophomore, junior and senior high school students from South Dakota, Iowa, Nebraska and Minnesota had an opportunity to learn about health care professions and meet with more than 20 professionals representing a wide range of specialty areas. In addition to daily sessions that introduced students to the gross anatomy lab, administering EKGs and CPR certification, camp participants were able to speak directly with presenters and ask career-minded questions about the health care industry. Tours of the Sanford Medical Centers in Vermillion and Sioux Falls, Southeast Technical Institute and the Parry Center for Clinical Skills and Simulation were also made available to campers.

Students participating in this year's camp were Kiley Reecy of Dell Rapids; Stella Sanderson of Piedmont; Nicole Clemen, Jena Dreyer, Alexander Georgiev, Victor Georgiev, Carter Kerber, Breann Roosenboom and Samuel Happeny of Sioux Falls; Hanna Leschisin of Eden; Drake Burnison and Colin Claeys of Huron; Meghan Hofer of Dolton; Jayce Huska, Ethan James and Abby Weiss of Vermillion; Brooke Kuehl of Elkton; Malia Weinandt of Dakota Dunes; Harmoni Bahr, Hannah Steinley, Beth Schlosser and Samantha

Letcher of Rapid City; Megan Stulken, Sydney Lee, Abby Lingle of Pierre; Brooke Bialas of Deadwood; Irma Micijevic of Brookings; Kallison Kasto of Eagle Butte; Holly Voges of Worthing; Heather Hauer of Mission Hill; Jaclyn Arens of Yankton; Mackenzie Buechler of McLaughlin; Joseph Folchert and Nicole Mutchler of Sioux City, Iowa; Shelby Van Den Berg of Sioux Center, Iowa; Sawyer Stevens of Marshall, Minn.; Brooke Rasmussen of Bingham Lake, Minn.; Taylor Mead of Blair, Neb.; Molly Atkeson of O'Neill, Neb.; and Morgan Bathke of Dixon, Neb.

Sponsorship of the seventh annual Healthcare Careers Summer Camp was provided by Sanford Vermillion Medical Center, the Dakota Hospital Foundation, Sanford School of Medicine, USD School of Health Sciences, Sanford Health, Delta Dental of South Dakota Philanthropic and the 7th District Medical Society.

The eighth annual Healthcare Careers Summer Camp is tentatively scheduled for June 15-20, 2014. Registration is open to students entering grades 10-12 in the fall of 2014. Students are selected to participate based on their academic record, previous volunteer experience and a personal statement provided by the student. More information about the camp is available at www.usd.edu/medical-school/health-careers-camp.cfm or by calling (605) 677-7288.

Mowing Right Of Way Begins July 10

PIERRE — The South Dakota Department of Transportation reminds landowners that mowing of the right of way may not begin east of the Missouri River before July 10.

Mowing of the right of way in Gregory, Lyman and Tripp counties could begin on June 15.

If a person who is not the abutting landowner wishes to mow the interstate highway right of way, he must apply for a permit and include a waiver signed by the abutting landowner.

Contact information for the region engineer is available on the DOT website at <http://sddot.com/contact/>

The Permit to Occupy the Right of Way application is located on the DOT website at <http://sddot.com/resources/forms/>

The department may mow medians and areas within the rights of way prior to July 10 to control noxious weeds and provide increased safety to the traveling public.



Doerr-Winckler
Deb and Brad Doerr of Yankton, SD are pleased to announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their

son, Nathaniel to Samantha Winckler, daughter of Mary Olson of Tyndall, SD and Tim and Jen Wechsler of Yankton, SD.

The bride-elect graduated with a degree in Early Childhood Education from Rasmussen College and is currently employed at the Children's Care Hospital and School in Sioux Falls, SD.

The groom-elect is a graduate from the Southeast Technical Institute with a degree in Auto Mechanics. He is currently employed at Right Way Automotive in Sioux Falls, SD.

The couple is planning an August 10, 2013 wedding in Valley Springs, SD with a reception to follow in Sioux Falls, SD.

Emissions Checks Before Tests

BY TOM AND RAY MAGLIOZZI
King Features Syndicate

Dear Tom and Ray:
We live in Buffalo, N.Y., and our son will be living and attending graduate school in Glendale, Ariz. He owns a 2000 Ford Contour. We are having it transported out there. From what I have learned, his car will have to pass an emissions test once he is out there. With the car being so old, we are concerned that it might not pass. Is there anything we can do before we go through the expense of transporting his car to Arizona to determine if we will have to put money into it to meet Arizona's emissions standards? —Richard

TOM: Absolutely.
RAY: Does this involve taping a Benjamin Franklin to the underside of the registration?

TOM: No, this is legit. For cars that are model year 1996 and later, the emissions inspection is done by computer. You can have the same test done locally before you ship the car.

RAY: All 1996 and later cars have a system called OBD II. That stands for On Board Diagnostics ... uh, Two! This is the second generation of OBD. OBD is a system of monitors that continuously check things that relate to a car's emissions — things like the catalytic converter, whether the engine is misfiring and whether the fuel-tank vapor-recovery system is keeping gas fumes from leaking out into the air.

TOM: If anything that affects the car's emissions is not working correctly, that monitor will tell the com-



CAR TALK

Tom and Ray Magliozzi

puter, and the computer will command the Check Engine light (also known as the MIL — Malfunction Indicator Light) to light up on your dashboard.

RAY: So if the Check Engine light is off and the car's monitors all report that they are "ready," then your car will pass that part of the emissions test.

TOM: You can have that stuff checked at any repair shop that has a scan tool, which almost every shop has these days. They simply plug their scan tool into your car's OBD port, and it gives them a readout. If the readout says "monitors ready" and the Check Engine light is off, you're good to go in New York or Arizona.

RAY: Actually, they allow you to pass even if you have one monitor that is not "ready." For instance, one thing that's monitored is the fuel-tank pressure. The tank is supposed to be able to hold pressure rather than release gasoline fumes to the environment. But if

you just refueled the car, that monitor may show "not ready." So the one monitor exception is designed to give you a pass on reasonable faults.

TOM: The second part of Arizona's emissions test just checks your gas cap, to make sure it holds pressure. Your local garage can check that, too.

RAY: Keep in mind, though, that one thing that leads to emissions-test failures is a dead battery. If your battery dies, or it is disconnected while the car is being shipped, all of the information in the OBD II system will be wiped out. That means you'll need to drive the car 25 or 30 miles, with enough restarts, for the OBD system to collect enough data to be able to report again.

TOM: But other than that, if it passes the OBD II in New York, it should pass in Arizona, too.

Stop the madness! You can stop driving like a knucklehead, and you'll help your car in the process. Learn how your driving habits can harm your car in Tom and Ray's pamphlet "Ten Ways You May Be Ruining Your Car Without Even Knowing It!" Send \$4.75 (check or money order) to Ruin, 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.

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S.D. 4-H Shooting Teams Receive Awards

BROOKINGS — The South Dakota 4-H Shooting Sports Team members placed in several categories during the National 4-H Invitational held in Grand Island, Neb. South Dakota's seven teams competed with more than 550 4-H members representing 35 states in a variety of shooting disciplines.

Each team participated in three different competitions emphasizing different skills. Those placing include the following:

- Air Pistol individual — Elliott Ohlrogge of Woonsocket received fourth place in Bullseye and fifth place in Timed/Rapid Fire. The Air Pistol team placed second in Bullseye and fifth

in Timed/Rapid Fire. Team members include: Darby Archibach, Marion; Jonathan Linke and Elliott Ohlrogge, Woonsocket; and Jacob Foiles, Brookings; the team was coached by Art Kneen, Artesian.

- The Air Rifle Team placed fifth in Standing. Team members include Shawn Branine, Harrold; Michael Geidel, Mitchell; Kaia Kleinlein, Brookings; and Shayla Olson, Britton coached by John Geidel, Mitchell.

- 22 Pistol individual — Krysta Dvorak of Lake Andes placed third in Bullseye, and tenth place overall. The 22 Pistol Team placed fourth in Bullseye. Team members in-

clude; Collin Borgman, White Lake; Krista Dvorak; David Knoll, Platte; and Regina Knutson, White coached by Angie Kinsley of Murdo.

- 22 Rifle individual — Megan Stulken of Pierre placed second in 3-Position and received tenth place overall. The 22 Rifle team placed fourth in 3-Position. Team members include: Samuel Ryckman and Megan Stulken; Marshal Smith, Whitewood; and Kyle Manke, Murdo; the team was coached by Tom Smith of Whitewood.

Other events and participants include:

- Compound Archery team: Josh Christopher, Alexandria; Wyatt Hesse,

Okaton; Luke Mairose, Kimball; and Michael Plagemeyer, Sturgis coached by Keith Hesse, Okaton.

- Muzzleloading competition: Monica Knutson, White and Dylan McCarthy, Burke coached by Dalie Foiles, Brookings.

- Shotgun: Nathan Braun and Conor Rude, Brookings; Curt Jons, Bonesteel; and Weston Moysis, Gayville coached by Diana Jons, Bonesteel. These shooters added their own chapter to South Dakota 4-H Shooting Sports history. Anyone interested in learning more can visit the team's Facebook page, "South Dakota 4-H Shooting Sports National Team."

4-H Speaking Contest Awards Up To \$1,000

BROOKINGS — 4-H members from more than 40 South Dakota counties are invited to participate in a public speaking contest held Aug. 7 during the Sioux Empire Fair.

All 4-Hers who participate will receive five gate passes, five lunch tickets and \$20 to spend at the fair. The Contest provides 4-H members the opportunity to use their critical thinking, writing and speaking skills to tell an audience how CHARACTER COUNTS! fits into a 4-H project area, current event or a personal experience.

All contestants will present their speeches in morning rounds. There are two divisions, Juniors (ages 8-13) and Seniors (ages 14-19). Within these two divisions, the top two senior speakers and the top junior speaker at each judging station will advance to the championship round.

Prizes for the contest include: in the senior division, the first place winner receives a \$1,000 certificate of

deposit and the second place winner receives a \$500 certificate of deposit. In the junior division, the first place winner will receive a \$500 certificate of deposit and the second place winner will receive a \$250 certificate of deposit.

A Novice Junior and Novice Senior Division will be offered for contestants new to the 4-H CHARACTER COUNTS! Public Speaking Contest. \$100 cash will be awarded to the top speaker in both the Novice Junior and Novice Senior Divisions based on the points earned in the morning competition. Novice competitors will not advance to the championship round.

For more information on the SD 4-H CHARACTER COUNTS! Public Speaking Contest go to <http://igrow.org/events/4-h-character-counts-public-speaking-contest-sioux-empire-fair/>.

4-Hers may register on line at <https://sd.4honline.com/>.

The link for the Registration Help Sheet <http://igrow.org/up/resources/01-4008-2013.pdf>

The contest is hosted by South Dakota 4-H CHARACTER COUNTS!, Sioux Empire CHARACTER COUNTS!, Sioux Falls Chamber of Commerce with generous sponsorship from First PREMIER Bank/PREMIER Bankcard.

Registration for the contest will close July 19.

The 4-H CHARACTER COUNTS! Public Speaking Contest held during the Sioux Empire Fair is open to 4-H members in the following South Dakota counties: Aurora, Beadle, Bon Homme,

Brookings, Brown, Brule, Campbell, Charles Mix, Clark, Clay, Codington, Davison, Day, Deuel, Douglas, Edmunds, Faulk, Grant, Hamlin, Hand, Hanson, Hughes, Stanley, Sully, Hutchinson, Hyde, Jerauld, Buffalo, Kingsbury, Lake, Lincoln, Marshall, McCook, McPherson, Miner, Minnehaha, Moody, Potter, Roberts, Sanborn, Spink, Turner, Union, Walworth, and Yankton counties.

If you have any questions, contact: Phil Olson, SD 4-H CHARACTER COUNTS! Regional Coordinator, at (605) 212-6175 or philip.olson@sdsdstate.edu.

Meridian Bridge Available For Rent

The City of Yankton has announced that either level of the Historic Double-Deck Meridian Bridge can now be rented by the general public. If you have a special event and need a special location, consider the Meridian Bridge.

For more information on renting a level of the bridge, call the Park and Recreation Department at 668-5231.

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Bratton - Hoffner

Anna Jo Bratton and Joshua Hoffner announce their engagement and upcoming marriage.

Parents of the couple are Sandy and Jake Hoffner of Yankton, South Dakota, Marry Jo Bratton of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, and Michael Bratton of Norfolk, Virginia.

The bride received a degree in Journalism from the University of Nebraska in 1999. She currently works as the Assistant West Editor in the Associated Press's Phoenix-based regional news office in Phoenix, Arizona.

The groom received a degree in Journalism from South Dakota State University in 1998. He currently serves as the Southwest News Editor for the Associated Press overseeing Arizona, New Mexico, Utah, and Nevada. Both the bride and the groom reside in Phoenix, Arizona.

The couple is planning a September 28, 2013 wedding at Boojum Tree Hidden Garden in Phoenix, Arizona. A reception and dance also will be held on October 26, 2013 at Hillcrest Country Club in Yankton.