

Dad's On The Right Track With Engine

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CAR TALK

Tom and Ray Magliozzi

Dear Tom and Ray:
I drive a 1995 Buick Regal two-door custom coupe. In the past week or so, I have noticed that while I am accelerating around 55 to 65 mph, my "Old Man" starts sputtering, sort of like a cough. He has an especially difficult time keeping up speed while going up an incline. The feeling is like a "chug-chug-chug!" along with a jolty-type lurch. My dad thinks it may be the spark plugs. Any thoughts? He has only 82,000 miles, and had only 17,000 in 2002 when I bought him. I'd like to drive him until I am forced to leave him on the side of the road. (I'm very attached to this car.) Thanks!

- Amanda
RAY: I think your dad may be right. It sounds like a classic engine misfire. The spark plugs are the first place I'd look.

TOM: When you're asking the engine to do the greatest amount of work - like climbing a hill at high speed - you'd be most likely to notice a bad spark plug. That's when you're asking the spark plug to ignite the greatest amount of gasoline.

RAY: And if a spark plug is weak, the extra gasoline and turbulence in that cylinder actually can douse the spark and cause you to run on five cylinders instead of six. That's what makes the car feel like it's chugging. It is!

TOM: If it's been many miles since you've changed the spark plugs (like 82,000?), start there - assuming they're not fused to the cylinder heads at this point.

RAY: If it's not a bad plug, it could be a bad spark-plug wire or even a bad coil. You might even consider getting - wait for it - a tuneup! Because there may be other things (filters, belts, etc.) that are overdue for attention.

TOM: But give your dad a pat on the back, Amanda. He's steering you in the right direction.

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2011 SDHSAA Spring Academic Achievement Awards Announced

With the completion of the 2010-11 spring athletic and fine arts activities, the South Dakota High School Activities Association (SDHSAA) recognizes the various high school athletic teams and fine arts groups in the schools throughout the state that have achieved the "Academic Achievement Team Award" for the spring season.

The recently completed school year marks the 13th annual award recognition by Activities Association of athletic teams and fine arts groups for their academic excellence. The "Academic Achievement Team Award" program is sponsored by the SDHSAA to encourage the members of athletic and fine arts teams in every school to excel in the classroom as well as to provide recognition for the academic success of the teams.

Numerous independent studies conducted by the U.S. Department of Education as well as major Universities continue to demonstrate that students who are involved in interscholastic athletic and fine arts activities tend to have higher grades in school, have better school attendance, have fewer discipline problems, and are less prone to using drugs or having other problems with breaking the law than non-participating students. These recent studies are a clear demonstration that high school students learn lessons and lifetime skills not only inside the classroom but also through their participation in school athletic and fine arts activities programs outside the classroom. In addition, many studies indicate that students who are involved in multiple activities tend to have better academic success than students that are involved in only one activity.

All varsity athletic teams and fine arts groups participating in SDHSAA sponsored activities are eligible for the "Academic Team" recognition program. The "Academic Achievement Team Award" provides every athletic and fine arts participant with the opportunity to prove that they can be successful both in athletics or fine arts activities competition as well as academically in class. Any varsity athletic team or fine arts group achieving a combined grade point average of 3.0 or higher is eligible to receive the "SDHSAA Academic Team Award" Recognition.

The following area schools and teams have been designated as "SDHSAA Academic Achievement Team Award" recipients for the 2010-11 spring season:

ANDES CENTRAL: Boys' Golf Team; Girls' Golf Team; Girls' Track Team; Boys' Track Team

Avon: Boys' Track Team; Girls' Track Team

MENNO: Boys' Track Team; Girls' Track Team; Yearbook; Student Council; Large Group Band; Large Group Chorus

PARKER: Boys' Track Team; Girls' Track Team; Student Council; Newspaper Staff; Large Group Chorus; Large Group Band; Girls' Golf Team; Yearbook

PARKSTON: Girls' Golf Team; Girls' Golf Team; Boys' Track Team; Girls' Track Team; Large Group Chorus; Large Group Band; Student Council

SCOTLAND: Boys' Golf Team; Girls' Golf Team; Student Council; Girls' Track Team; Large Group Chorus; Large Group Band

VERMILLION: Girls' Golf Team; Boys' Tennis Team; Girls' Track Team

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A Memorial To WWII Airmen

For more than sixty years, the entryway to Christ Episcopal Church in Yankton has featured the Kurtz West Memorial Doors - solid oak doors dedicated to honor the memory of Thomas Kurtz Inch West.

West, who served in the United States Army Air Corps during World War II, was shot down by German forces and died with five of his crewmen while flying over Czechoslovakia on Dec. 17, 1944. He is buried next to a large monument in Troubky, a small village in the Olomouc region of the Czech Republic. Upon erection of the monument, Troubky clergymen and townspeople expressed hope that it would serve as a permanent reminder of the sacrifice of the American servicemen who came to their aid.

West grew up in Gayville and Volin. A decorated soldier who served mostly in Italy during the war, he was awarded two Air Medals and a Purple Heart and rose to the rank of 1st Lieutenant. West is among some 30 individuals associated with Yankton College who lost their lives during World War II.

In spring 1947, in West's memory, Christ Episcopal Church officially dedicated the doors, which were gifts from West's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin West.

Each door features a large, distinct Christian cross. Above the double doors is an arched transom, with a smaller oak cross resting in front of it. The other decorations on the doors are four carved symbols representing the four evangelists: a Man (St. Matthew), a Lion (St. Mark), an Ox (St. Luke), and an Eagle (St. John). The Man signifies Matthew's teachings and the human side of the ministry. The Lion represents Mark because of his emphasis of Christ's kingly character, as well as Mark's beginning of the Gospel with a voice like that of a lion roaring in the wilderness. The Ox represents Luke's priestly, sacrificial tone of his gospel. And the Eagle is meant to symbolize John because of his rise to great spiritual heights in presenting the divinity of Christ.



Under Age 19 Eligible For Health Insurance Regardless Of Condition

PIERRE — The South Dakota Division of Insurance announces anyone under age 19 is eligible for health insurance regardless of their health condition during an open enrollment period beginning July 1 and ending Aug. 14.

"Insurance companies offering individual health insurance are required to offer this new option for South Dakota's children," said Merle Scheiber, Director of the Division of Insurance. "This is a great opportunity for those who have been prevented from getting insurance because of health problems."

In addition, people with individual health insurance plans with an exclusionary rider will be offered a policy without a rider or exclusion during this open enrollment period.

Scheiber urges people who have questions about the program or need assistance with enrolling to contact a licensed insurance agent or the Division of Insurance at 605-773-3563. For a list of companies who may offer coverage during open enrollment, visit http://dlr.sd.gov/reg/insurance/consumer/major_medical.htm.



Hofer-Johnson
Kim & John Slomp and Keith Hofer, all of Yankton, SD, announce the engagement of their daughter, Kari Hofer, to Jamin Johnson, son of Jody Kunkel of Pierre, SD.

SCHOLASTICS

UNIVERSITY OKLAHOMA NORMAN NAMES SPRING GRADUATES

NORMAN, Okla. — Students from 44 states are among candidates for degrees this spring on the University of Oklahoma Norman campus.

Tiffany Ann Leader, Bachelor of Arts in Journalism, Yankton

LOCAL STUDENTS NAMED TO DEAN'S LIST AT CREIGHTON

OMAHA, Neb. — The following students from your area were named to the Spring Dean's List at Creighton University for the 2010-2011 academic year.

- John Fitzsimmons, Jefferson, Arts and Sciences, Freshman;
- Lesleigh Ailts, Yankton, Pharmacy and Health Professions, third year;
- Marty Althoff, Yankton, Business Administration, senior;
- Veronica Place, Yankton, Arts and Sciences, senior;
- Ali Gieselman, Bloomfield, Neb., Arts and Sciences, freshman;
- Wyatt Robinson, Randolph, Neb., Pharmacy and Health Professions, third year.

Full-time students who earn a 3.5 grade-point average or better on a 4.0 scale are eligible for the Dean's Honor Roll.

LOCAL STUDENTS AWARDED DORDT COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

SIOUX CENTER, Iowa — Dordt College has awarded scholarships to the following local students who have been accepted to Dordt:

- Lillie Koerner of Freeman, with Instrumental Music, Presidential, Women's Cross Country, and Women's Track scholarships;
- Brittney Huber of Gayville, with a Van Klaveren Achievement Grant scholarship.

UNIVERSITY OF SIOUX FALLS DEAN'S LIST RELEASED

SIOUX FALLS — Jodi Blackinton and Kayla Tronvold of Yankton were named to the Dean's List at the University of Sioux Falls for the 2011 spring semester. To qualify for the Dean's List, a student must achieve a semester grade point average of 3.5 or greater on a 4.0 scale.

SOUTH DAKOTA STUDENTS NAMED TO NDSU DEAN'S LIST

FARGO, N.D. — Area South Dakota students were among the

2,902 North Dakota State University students to be placed on the spring 2011 dean's list.

A student must earn a 3.50 grade point average or higher and be enrolled in at least 12 class credits to qualify.

Area student named to the dean's list is:

Whitney B. Feimer, Meckling, Environmental Design

MANAS NAMED BANK 360 SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

In a continuing effort to retain our best and brightest students, Bank 360 and the South Dakota Bankers Foundation have agreed to match funds to provide scholarships to graduating high school seniors in their local communities.

The recipients must attend a post-secondary South Dakota institution of higher learning. This year's recipient of the \$1,000 scholarship is Emily Manas who will be attending the University of South Dakota.

It is with great pleasure that we at Bank 360 present Emily Manas with the \$1,000 scholarship.



Brittany Graham and Nicholas Burbach are pleased to announce their engagement and upcoming marriage.

Parents of the couple are Gary and Cindy Graham of Hartington, NE, and Dean and Lisa Burbach of Hartington, NE and David Kneifl of Newcastle, NE.

Brittany graduated from Coleridge High School in 2008. She will graduate from Wayne State College with degrees in Business Management and Human Resource Management in December 2011. She is currently employed with Security National Bank in Laurel, NE for 3 years as a customer service representative.

Nicholas graduated from Coleridge High School in 2009. After graduation, he joined the United States Navy and is serving active duty. He serves as a construction mechanic and is stationed out of Gulfport, MS in a deployed unit.

The couple is planning an October 22, 2011 wedding.



Graham-Burbach



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60th Wedding Anniversary

Wayne and Helen Brooks will be celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary. Their children are requesting a card shower in their honor. Greetings may be sent to 802 Church Street, Lake Andes, SD 57356.

Wayne Brooks and Helen O'Connor were married June 18, 1951 at St. Mark's Church in Lake Andes, SD.

They have 4 children: Keith & Gloria Brooks, Vermillion, SD; Douglas & Robin Brooks, Yankton, SD; Janice & Donald Hotchkiss, Freeman, SD; and Dennis & Tammy Brooks, Canyon, TX.

Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Brooks

Celebrating 50 Years!

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil and Donna Schmidt of Saint Helena, Nebraska, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday, June 26th with an open house from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Saint Boniface Parish Center, Menominee, Nebraska.

The event will be hosted by their children. Friends and relatives are invited to attend.

Donna Hoebelheinrich and Virgil Schmidt were married at Immaculate Conception Church in Saint Helena, Nebraska, on December 27th, 1960.

The couple has three children: Brenda (deceased), Randy (married to Sherry), and Tammy. Four grandchildren: Matthew, Lakyn, Taylor and Cole. Two great-grandchildren: Abigail and Connor.

Greetings may be sent to: 55929 895th Road, Saint Helena, NE 68774