

American Life In Poetry

Wading In

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How's this poem for its ability to collapse all the years from childhood to middle age in a matter of fifteen short lines? George Bilgere is one of this column's favorite poets. He lives and teaches in Ohio.

THE WADING POOL

The toddlers in their tadpole bodies, with their squirt guns and snorkels, their beautiful mommies and inflatable whales, are still too young to understand that this is as good as it gets.

Soon they must leave the wading pool and stand all day at the concession stand with their hormones and snow cones, their soul patches and tribal tattoos, pretending not to notice how beautiful they are,

until they simply can't stand it and before you know it they're lined up on lawn chairs, dozing in the noonday sun with their stretch marks and beer bellies, their Wall Street Journals and SPF 50.

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Antique Auto Association Meeting Set

On June 10, 2015 at 6:00 p.m., the Yankton Antique Automobile Association will be holding their monthly meeting at C.J.'s in Nebraska. The YAAA's months activities are: June 5 @ 4:00 p.m., giving residents rides in our older cars at Good Samaritan Care Center, Wagner, S.D. and June 19, Czech Day's Parade. Meet at Lowell Christenson's lot before 1:00 p.m.

If any one would be interested in joining the club or have any questions, please contact Wilbur Goehring at 665-1717.

Lewis & Clark Area Events Slated

The following events are scheduled for the Lewis and Clark Recreation Area June 3-6

• June 3: 1-2 p.m. and 4-7 p.m. — Step Outside Event Featuring Archery and BB Guns located at Gavins Point All ages welcome

• June 5: 10 a.m.-noon — Fishing on the Missouri hosted by the National Parks Service. Bail and equipment will be furnished. Meet at the Bubble on the Missouri River near the east shore of Lake Yankton; 10 p.m. — A Haunting We Will Go Hike on the Gavins Point Nature Trail — with spooky, family-friendly surprises

• June 6: 9 a.m. — National Trails Day Birding Expedition. Lewis and Clark Welcome Center: June 6 is National Trails Day. In celebration, Lewis and Clark will be hosting a Birding Expedition at 9 a.m. Saturday, June 6, meeting at the Lewis and Clark Welcome Center, located just off Highway 52. The hike will begin with a beginner's introduction to birding. Participants will go over the basic gear needed including binoculars and field guide to be a successful birder and answer any questions guests may have. From there they will hit the trails and try their luck. The staff will be able to loan out binoculars and bird guides, but the supplies are very limited and attendees are asked to bring your own. (It doesn't need to be fancy) Bird guides are available on you phone for both Android and iOS recommending iBird (Pro or Lite) or Audubon Birds (Pro or Lite); 1-5 p.m. — Archery Classes. Call 605-668-2985 to register; NOTE — Yankton's Rockin' Ribfest at Memorial Park, 11 a.m.-11 p.m.

• June 7: 10:30 a.m. — Interdenominatioanal Church Service.

Brown Bag Event June 5 At Museum

The Dakota Territorial Museum will welcome Randy Teboe from the Ponca Tribe to the June 5 Brown Bag at the museum, which begins at noon.

Teboe, the Tribal Historical Preservation officer for the Ponca Nation, will be talking about the history of the tribe, which predates Yankton, and other interesting facts about their culture and heritage.

The museum's monthly Brown Bags are the first Friday of each month and are open to the public. There is no charge, but a free will donation is accepted.

In July, the Brown Bag will be held at The Gathering Place at Majestic Bluffs. Watch for more information.

BIRTHS

BROCK PINKELMAN

Tyler Pinkelman and Adisa Formo of Randolph, Nebraska announce the birth of their son, Brock Andrew Pinkelman, born May 15, 2015 at 5:55 a.m. He weighed 8 pounds, 1 ounce and was 20 inches long.

Grandparents are Brice and Lorie Pinkelman of St. Helena, Nebraska, and Bob and Pat Formo of Yankton.

Great-grandparents are Cyril and Colletta Wubben of Fordyce, Nebraska.

BIRTHDAYS

DARRELL EKEREN



Ekeren

Darrell Ekeren will be celebrating his 80th birthday on Sunday, June 7, with an open house from 2-5 p.m. at the VFW in Yankton. Friends and relatives are invited and there will be a card shower. Send cards to Darrell Ekeren at P.O. Box 66, Mission Hill, SD 57046.

Car Talk

A 'Brake'-Down Of The Many Types Of Brake Pads

BY RAY MAGLIOZZI
King Features Syndicate

Dear Car Talk:

I need to know, of the different kinds of brake material — ceramic, metallic and organic — which has the most gripping power? I want the pad that is the best at gripping, under normal driving conditions. I do not care about noise or brake dust.

— James

If all you're interested in is maximum stopping power, you probably want some performance street semi-metallic pads, James. And it's good that you don't care about noise or brake dust, because you'll get plenty of both. You'll also run through rotors pretty quickly. Here's a brief history of the brake pad: Invented in the 1890s by Sir Francis Brakepad, the first pads were made of copper. They didn't last very long, and buying all that copper took lots of money. So disc brakes didn't catch on until more than half a century later. By the time disc brakes came into wide use, pads were made largely out of asbestos. That was cheap, and soft enough to stop the car quietly. It also did a great job of dissipating heat — which is important so the brakes don't overheat and boil your brake fluid. Unfortunately, all brakes create dust as they get used, and



Ray
MAGLIOZZI

bestos materials, like synthetic fibers, glass and some unused Seattle Seahawks 2015 Super Bowl Champions T-shirts. Organic pads work pretty well, but they wear out quickly, and also make a mess of your wheels.

After that came semi-metallic brake pads. Those have flakes of bronze, iron and steel wool in them. They do particularly well at dissipating heat, and they last a long time. But they're noisy and dusty, and they're hard on the brake rotors.

So the current state of the art is ceramic. Pads made of ceramic compounds are quiet, they stop the car well, they're embedded with pieces of copper to help them dissipate heat, they last a long time, they're easy on the rotors and

the dust thrown off by asbestos pads turned out to cause lung disease. So we dropped those.

Next came so-called organic brake pads. Those are the ones sold at Whole Foods, next to the kale. Actually, organic brake pads are made these days with a variety of nonmetallic, nonas-

they produce a very-light-colored dust, which is much less noticeable. Interestingly, the reason they're quiet is because the noise they make is beyond the range of human hearing. I guess that explains why all the neighborhood dogs used to come running whenever my brother showed up. I had always assumed it was just so they could see what food he was storing in his beard. Anyway, ceramic pads are what we recommend to our customers. But if all you care about is stopping power, a semi-metallic performance street pad by StopTech or Hawk probably is what you want, James. Just make sure you upgrade your stereo at the same time to help cover up the brake noise.

Keep your car on the road and out of the repair shop by ordering Car Talk'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.

Got a question about cars? Write to Car Talk in care of this newspaper, or email by visiting the Car Talk website at www.cartalk.com.

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SCHOLASTICS

DAKOTA WESLEYAN

MITCHELL — It has been 129 years since Dakota Wesleyan University held its first Commencement ceremonies. DWU welcomed this year's class of 235 graduates to the Corn Palace stage May 3 for this year's graduation, coming a long way from its original eight.

Dr. John Cawley, a 2004 DWU graduate, gave the Commencement address. Cawley is the owner and partner at Associates in Family Medicine P.C. in Fort Collins, Colo., and spoke to students about the importance of taking advantage of opportunities and living life to the fullest.

The Rev. Eric Van Meter gave the baccalaureate speech on "The Art of Failure," and not being afraid to try.

This year, an Honorary Doctorate in Business Administration went to Ron Gates Sr., and Jerry Luckett, associate professor of business administration and economics, was awarded the prestigious Clarke Award for Teaching Excellence by Steve Clarke and his wife, Whitney, on behalf of the Clarke family.

These students from the Yankton area have received the following diplomas:

• Tiffany Fiechuk, Yankton, graduated Cum Laude from Dakota Wesleyan University May 3 with a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing. She also received Honors in Scholarship at the spring's Honors Banquet.

• Hannah Ford, Vermillion, graduated Summa Cum Laude and with honors from Dakota Wesleyan University May 3 with a Bachelor of Science degree biology. She also received Honors in Scholarship and the Alumni Medal for Scholarship in Biology at the spring's Honors Banquet. She is the daughter of Steven and Pamela Ford, Vermillion.

• Joseph Ford, Vermillion, graduated from Dakota Wesleyan University May 3 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in graphic design. He is the son

of Steven and Pamela Ford, Vermillion.

• Brook Woehl, Yankton, graduated from Dakota Wesleyan University May 3 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in wildlife management. He is the son of Toby and Kerry Woehl, Yankton.

The following is a list of area graduates from May 3 (# indicates anticipated summer graduation):

Master of Business Administration-Strategic Leadership degree
• Heather Bartscher, Wagner#; Steven Bloch, Lesterville.#

Bachelor of Arts degrees (names followed by *** indicates Summa Cum Laude, ** Magna Cum Laude; and * Cum Laude)
• Hurley — Stephen Lee,

elementary education; Terysha Roth, biology

• Marion — Kolleen Mathies, human services

• Platte — Ryan Antaya, criminal justice

• Tripp — Samantha (Sandau) Ziegler, English education***

• Tyndall — Jared Van Winkle, sport, exercise and wellness*

• Vermillion — Joseph Ford, graphic design

• Yankton — Brook Woehl, wildlife management

• Fordyce — Jonathon Kleinschmit, biology and theatre#

Bachelor of Science degrees (names followed by *** indicates Summa Cum Laude, ** Magna Cum Laude; and * Cum Laude) (# indicates anticipated sum-

mer graduation):

• Freeman — Sheila Rigo, nursing#

• Hurley — Celeste Beck, biology***

• Scotland — Spencer Bloch, accounting

• Tripp — Jill Nuebel, nursing*

• Vermillion — Hannah Ford, biology with honors***
• Yankton — Tiffany Fiechuk, nursing*

Associate of Science degree in nursing

All Associate of Science degrees will be conferred this summer upon completion:

• Armour — Brienne Leonard, LPN-RN; Jennifer Schelling

• Platte — Jessica Muller
• Scotland — Chelsea Raker

• Wagner — Brittany Sik

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