

# American Life In Poetry Life Without Technology

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A poem whose subject needs no introduction! Melissa Balmain lives in New York State, and her most recent book is Walking in on People, from Able Muse Press.

#### NIGHTMARE

Your TV cable's on the fritz. Your Xbox is corroded. Your iPod sits in useless bits. Your Game Boy just imploded.

Your cell phone? Static's off the scale. Your land line? Disconnected. You've got no mail—E, junk or snail. Your hard drive is infected.

So here you idle, dumb and blue, with children, spouse and motherand wish you knew what people do to entertain each other.

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#### **SCHOLASTICS**

#### **UNIVERSITY OF SIOUX FALLS**

SIOUX FALLS — The University of Sioux Falls has released its Dean's List for spring semester 2015. 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.

The following local stu-dent made the Spring 2015 USF Dean's List:

• Terry Huber, Mission Hill, History and Secondary Education Major

• Tierney Ścoblic, Yankton, Criminal Justice Major

#### **THOMAS HIGH**

WACO, Texas - Baylor University students were named to the Dean's Academic Honor Roll for the 2015 spring semester. To be named to the Dean's List, a student must be an undergraduate with a minimum grade-point average of 3.7, while enrolled in a minimum of 12 semester hours.

Area students include:

• Dakota Dunes — Thomas Huy High, College of Arts and Sciences

#### **UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA**

Roll students. Some international students are listed under their adopted hometowns in the United States.

 Coleridge: Benjamin Chase Barelman, sophomore, Dean's List, College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, mechanized systems management.

• Fordyce: Katelyn Renee Dickes, junior, Dean's List, College of Education and Human Sciences, nutrition and health sciences, nutrition science option). • Randolph: Jaleen Marie

Albers, senior, Dean's List, College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, biochemistry.

• Randolph: Ashley Lynn Schmit, sophomore, Dean's List, College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, animal science.

• Randolph: Emily Jean Schnoor, sophomore, Dean's List, College of Arts and Sciences, pre-health.

• St. Helena: Nicole Marie Pinkelman, junior, Dean's List, College of Education and Human Sciences, nutrition and health sciences (nutrition and dietetics option).

• St. Helena: Emily Anne Paltz, sophomore, Dean's List, College of Arts and Sciences, meteorology-climatology. • Verdigre: Hannah Dianne Cook, freshman, Dean's List, College of Arts and Sciences, political science. • Yankton: Annelise Marie Curran, senior, Dean's List, College of Education and Human Sciences, child, youth and family studies. • Yankton: Katherine Lee Fiedler, senior, Dean's List, College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, veterinary science. • Yankton: Devin James Westerman, senior, Dean's List, College of Engineering, chemical engineering.

#### **Car Talk**

# **Key Fob Can Open Sunroof To Cool Down Car**

#### BY RAY MAGLIOZZI

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#### Dear Car Talk:

I have a 2008 Lincoln MKX. Sometimes, when I use my key fob to unlock my doors, the front windows and sunroof open, too. Would that be an electrical problem, or something else?

Kathy Nope. It's not an electrical problem. It's a failure-to-read-the-owner's-manual

problem. It's a feature. When you hold down the "unlock" button on your key fob, it opens the front windows and sunroof. It's supposed to do that.

It's designed for people who live in hot-weather climates. This is so that when you come back to your car in the parking lot, and it's 108 degrees out, you can release some hot air from the car before you

That allows the temperature inside the car to drop from 190 down to a more reasonable 145 by the time you sit

the leather seats to drop from "quick sear" to only "thirddegree burn.' So everything is

working as it should, Kathy. And if you

don't want to open the windows and the sunroof, just press quickly on the "unlock" button and let go.

Car Talk shares secrets on how you can save tens of thousands of dollars on your cars over the next 20 years in the pamphlet "Should I Buy, Lease, or Steal My Next Car?" Send \$4.75 (check or money order) to Used Car, P.O. Box 536475, Örlando, 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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# **GFWC Donations**

#### **Dakota Territorial Museum: Mead Donation**



SUBMITTED PHOTO General Federation of Woman's Club (GFWC) donated \$400 to YCHS- Mead Restoration Fund with proceeds from the Spring Fashion Show. Pictured is Joan Neubauer, GFWC, Vice President presenting to Crystal Nelson, Director and Curator of the Museum.

Yankton Community Library



General Federation of Woman's Club (GFWC) donated \$100 to the Yankton Library in memory of Marge Gross and Carol Pavlish who were members of GFWC. Pictured is Pauline Akland, GFWC, President presenting to Kathy Wibbels, Director of the Library. The donations will go to purchasing books in memory of these wonderful ladies.

## **Report: South Dakota Lags In Educational Attainment**

MADISON — A recent analysis of U.S. Census Bureau data confirms that educational attainment across South Dakota lags the region and the nation, with the state's pool of postsecondary degrees skewed toward lower-level credentials.

Researchers at the South Dakota Board of Regents examined data from the Census Bureau's 2013 American Community Survey to create a general portrait of educational attainment in the state. They found that, across all categories from associate to graduate degrees, South Dakota's educational attainment rates are among the lowest in the region and also fall below national averages.

of working-age South Dakotans held an associate's degree or higher. About onequarter of them had a four-year degree or higher and only 7.1 percent held a master's degree or higher. The national averages for these same degree categories were 37.7 percent (associate), 29.6 percent (bachelor) and 11.2 percent

and especially bolster the number of graduate degrees, to develop the highly skilled workforce, research innovation, and technology transfer needed for successful economic development."

Among South Dakotans with a college degree, more than 30 percent hold an associate degree, compared to the

have to get in.

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down. Ray

And it allows

LINCOLN, Neb. - The University of Nebraska-Lincoln has announced its Deans' List and Honor Roll for the spring semester of the 2014-15 academic year.

Qualification for the Deans' List varies among the eight undergraduate colleges and the Honor Roll for undeclared students. Listed below are the minimum requirements for each entity and the name of its respective dean or director. All qualifying grade-point averages are based on a four-point scale and a minimum of 12 or more graded semester hours. Students can be on the Deans' List for more than one college.

The following is a list of area Deans' List and Honor

### **YAA Presents** 'Meridian En **Blanc' July 18**

Yankton Area Arts will be hosting the second annual Meridian en Blanc dinner to be held Saturday, July 18, on the historic Meridian Bridge in Yankton.

Intending to celebrate the arts in a beautiful outdoor setting, this has become an annual fundraiser to support arts programming in the Yankton area. This year's picnic will feel like you are taking a stroll through the market in Paris, stopping at several vendors to get your complete meal.

Social hour will begin at 6 p.m. and the dinner at 7 p.m. Dancing to music by Bridge City Big Band from 8-10 p.m. will conclude the evening festivities.

Tickets are on sale at GAR Hall Monday-Friday from 1-5 p.m. No reservations and all sales are final.

For more information, contact Yankton Area Arts at 605-665-9754 or yaa@iw.net.

In 2013, just more than 37 percent

(master).

"These data should be concern-ing to all of us, since postsecondary education provides a pathway to higher paying and skilled positions," said Jack Warner, the regents' executive director and CEO. "While degree production has improved across the public university system, South Dakota still has significant ground to make up. It will be important to increase degree production,

national rate of 21.4 percent. Graduate degree holders, in contrast, account for a disproportionately small share of South Dakota's total degree holders: 19.1 percent, compared to 29.7 percent

for the nation," the report said. A link to the full Board of Regents' report can be found at https://www. sdbor.edu/theboard/agenda/2015/ June/21\_BOR0615.pdf.



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Kaltsulas, both of Yankton, SD, announce their engagement and upcoming marriage. Parents of the couple are Dave and Brenda Spencer of Yankton, SD, and Tom and Beth

Kaltsulas of Yankton, SD.

The bride-elect is a 2007 graduate of Yank-ton High School and a 2011 graduate of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln where she majored in Journalism/Advertising. She is cur-

rently employed as a Marketing Specialist at Shur-Co in Yankton. The groom-elect is a 2007 graduate of Yankton High School and a 2015

graduate of South Dakota State University where he majored in Mechanical Engineering. He is currently employed as a Mechanical Engineer at Applied Engineering in Yankton.

The couple is planning a July 24, 2015, wedding at St. Benedict's Catholic Church in Yankton, SD.

