Life In Poetry Poet Looks At Life **Through Backyard**

BY TED KOOSER U.S. Poet Laureate

I've recently published a children's book about a man who is so fussy about his yard that he loses his home, so I was immediately taken by this fine poem by Lynne Sharon Schwartz about a similar man. We all enjoy writing that confirms what we've privately observed about the world. Schwartz lives in New York City.

CEMENT BACKYARD

My father had our yard cemented over. He couldn't tell a flower from a weed. The neighbors let their backyards run to clover and some grew dappled gardens from a seed, but he preferred cement to rampant green. Lushness reeked of anarchy's profusion. Better to tamp the wildness down, unseen, than tolerate its careless brash intrusion. The grass interred, he felt well satisfied: his first house, and he took an owner's pride, surveying the uniform, cemented yard. Just so, he labored to cement his heart.

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Discover Hockey Day Slated For Yankton

The Yankton Area Ice Association invites girls and boys of all ages to attend Discover Hockey Day on Sunday, March 10. The free event will take place at the Yankton Kiwanis Ice Arena on Whiting drive from 4-6 p.m. after Open Skate, with registration starting at 3:30 p.m.

Discover Hockey Day is designed to allow new and emerging skaters to experience the equipment, skills and techniques of playing hockey. Protective equipment, pucks and sticks will be provided to participants. Participants are encouraged to bring friends and family members to experience hockey as well.

Hockey instructors will be on hand to help along with several current Yankton Miracle hockey players. Each contestant must submit an entry form signed by a parent or legal guardian. Forms will be available at the ice rink on the day of the event.

For more information on Discover Hockey Day, contact Darrell or Rhonda Schenkel at 665-3076.

Yankton Writer's Club To Meet March 11

The Yankton Area Writer's Club Meeting will meet at 7 p.m. Monday, March 11, at the Fry'n Pan Restaurant, 502 West 21st St., Yankton.

From published authors to hobbyists, from pro to amateur, the Yankton Area Writer's Club is comprised of people in Yankton and the surrounding area, who have a passion for writing and a desire to help aspiring writers by offering readings, critiques, conferences and monthly lessons.

The club is open to all ages and there are no dues. It meets the second Monday of every month (the third Monday if the second falls on a holiday).

For more information, contact Nancy Burk at 605-664-6582 or yankton.area.writers.club@gmail.com, or visit

Dumb Move May Not Be Harmful

BY TOM AND RAY MAGLIOZZI

Dear Tom and Ray:

Bonehead move on my part: While chang-ing the oil for the first time in my 2005 Toyota Sienna van, I could not locate what looked like a normal oil drain plug. So, I ended up draining out the transmission fluid and then overfilling the motor oil. I did not realize my mistake until I was about two miles down the road, wondering about the rough gear shifting. I immediately returned to my shop, added transmission fluid and drained/refilled all the motor oil. I managed to drive the car a total of four miles and up to 55 mph with no transmission fluid. There does not appear to be anything wrong with the transmission, as it now shifts smoothly. (1) What damage could I have done to the transmission? (2) What damage might I have done to the engine by over-filling the oil? Thanks. —**Tony**

eligible to join the Bonehead Support Group. Send your application to my brother. He's President for Life.

the transmission fluid. Normally, it'll just sit there and refuse to shift into any gear if the transmission is empty. **TOM**: My brother would prefer you not

ask him how he knows that!

RAY: So, I'm guessing you didn't drain out all of it. After all, it's pretty near impossible to completely empty the transmission just by opening the drain plug. A good amount of fluid inevitably remains behind in the torque

SCHOLASTICS

MEGHAN SCHUSTER

ORANGE CITY, Iowa-Meghan Schuster is among the 54 members of the Northwestern College Symphonic Band who will be touring Cuba as guests of the National Band of Cuba during spring break March 2-12.

Northwestern's group will be the first full symphonic band from the United States to perform in Cuba. The Northwestern students will spend a lot of time with members of the National Band, rehearsing together and presenting one or two joint concerts. The Symphonic Band will also perform at high school and college music conservatories and a church.

Schuster is a senior and is majoring in music at Northwestern. She plays the clarinet in the Symphonic Band. Schuster is the daughter of David and Erin Schuster of Yankton.

The Northwestern band will bring a significant amount of supplies — including mouthpieces, reeds, mutes, musical scores, and valve and slide oil — to the Cuban musicians, who can't easily access them because of U.S. economic sanctions. The band exceeded its fundraising goal, bringing in \$60,000, which is en-

UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA-LINCOLN

LINCOLN, Neb. - The University of Nebraska-Lincoln has announced the students named to the Deans' List/Honor Roll for the fall semester of the 2012-13 academic year. Students from this area who qualified included: • Coleridge — Seth Thomas

Schroeder, senior, biological sciences, College of Arts and Sciences.

• Fordyce — Douglas Clarence Jansen , senior, mechanical engineering, College of Engineering; Bryce Jacob Zavadil, junior, nutrition, exercise and health science, College of Education and Human Sciences.

• Randolph — Jaleen Marie Albers, junior, biochemistry, College of Arts and Sciences.

• Verdigre — Jenna Lee Rifer, freshman, veterinary science, College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources with a 4.0 grade-point average.

• Armour — Kaci Jo Biederst-edt, senior, Raikes School-marketing, College of Business Administration.

• Gayville — April Joy Sun, senior, music, College of Fine and Performing Arts . • Yankton — Annelise Marie

nology • April A. Jones, Sioux Falls — Health Information Services

• Kirsten Bernice Muhmel,

Yankton — Media Design Tech-

on the Dean's List for more than

SOUTHEAST TECHNICAL INSTITUTE

in Sioux Falls has announced its

Fall 2012 President's List. These

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very soon!). You could have problems in 10,000 miles, or the rest of the van could dis-integrate 100,000 miles from now, before you ever noticed a transmission issue.

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TOM: I'm less worried about the engine oil. Overfilling the crankcase can lead to 'foaming," where the crankshaft whips up the oil like a nice meringue. And compared to engine oil, foam is a poor lubricant. But it's better than no engine oil. And you drove a relatively short distance.

RAY: But the same is true for the engine. Theoretically, there could be internal damage that will emerge in 10,000 or 20,000 or 30,000 miles. But I'm encouraged that the oil light didn't come on (it didn't, did it, Tony?).

TOM: So your best option is to keep an eye on things, and hope you get away with it. But if you notice oil consumption, blue smoke coming out of the tailpipe or rough shifting, swing by Bonehead Toyota and pick up a brochure for the 2014s. Good luck, Tony!

Keep your car on the road and out of the repair shop by ordering 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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• Michael Kotrous of Niobrara, a sophomore College of Arts and Sciences student

• Luke Buffington of Gayville, a freshman College of Business student

• Ryan Ford of Yankton, a sophomore College of Arts and Sciences student

• Matthew Gubbels of Yank-ton, a sophomore College of Arts and Sciences student

• Amy Johnson of Yankton, a sophomore College of Business student

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.

UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

IOWA CITY, Iowa — Some 4,000 undergraduate students at the University of Iowa were named to the Dean's list for the 2012 fall semester. The guidelines for inclusion on the list are as follows:

Undergraduate students in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, the College of Engineering, and the Tippie College of Business who achieve a grade point average of 3.50 or higher on 12 semester hours or more of UI graded course work during a given semester or summer session and who have no semester hours of I (incomplete) or O (no grade reported) during the same semester are recognized by inclusion on the Dean's List for that semester.

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TOM: Congratulations, Tony. You are now

RAY: Gee, I'm surprised you even got the van to move at all if you really drained all of



CAR TALK

Tom and Ray Magliozzi

converter and the valve body. You obviously still had enough in there to move the car. TOM: The answer to your question is: It's

impossible to know exactly what damage you did. Obviously, you didn't do catastrophic damage, because the van appears to be running fine — at least from the point of view of a guy who doesn't know what an oil drain plug looks like. That's good news. What you don't know is what less-significant damage you did that will simply shorten the life of the transmission or engine.

RAY: In the case of the transmission, the fluid provides lubrication. Moving parts operating with minimal to no lubrication obviously will wear down faster, and their lives will be shorter. How much shorter? I couldn't even guess without taking apart the transmission (perhaps someone will be doing that

http://www.iw.net/~nnburk/

Open Houses Planned For St. Rose School

St. Rose School at Crofton will soon hold its annual open houses and registration days for Preschool and First Grade students. Parents interested in learning more about the St. Rose Preschool program and who do not presently have a child enrolled in the program are invited to attend a Preschool Registration and Open House at 7 p.m. Monday, March 11, at the St. Rose Preschool and Education Center.

Parents and potential Preschool students will learn more about the program, tour the Preschool facilities, enjoy refreshments and be able to ask questions and meet teachers and staff members at that time.

Parents and future St. Rose School first grade students are invited to attend the school's annual First Grade Registration and Open House the following week, at 7 p.m. Monday, March 18, at the St. Rose First Grade Classroom. Parents and students will meet their first grade teacher and other staff members, tour the school facilities, have refreshments and activities and have the opportunity to ask questions at that time. All incoming first grade students at St. Rose School receive \$100 off their first year's tuition, as a welcoming gift from the St. Rose School Boosters.

If you'd like more information on Preschool or First Grade Registration, contact Mr. Bosch at the St. Rose School office at 402-388-

Pancake Supper And Kids Carnival Planned

Ability Building Services of Yankton will hold its fourth annual Spring Flip Pancake Supper and Kids Carnival on Tuesday, March 12, at Calvary Baptist Church, 2407 Broadway, Yankton. The event runs from 5-7 p.m.

Besides the meal, there will be live entertainment by the Yankton Children's Choir and by Laurie Larson and Friends. There will be products available for sale, and there will be a raffle for a Kansas City Royals gift package. Also, there will be a kids carnival with prizes.

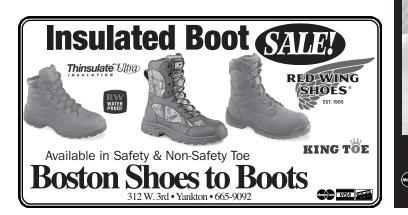
The proceeds from this event will benefit the ABS Activity Fund.

'Survivor' Contestant To Speak In Yankton

Former "Survivor" contestant Holly Hoffman will be returning as the featured speaker at the Press & Dakotan's "Celebrate Women' event in April.

Celebrate Women" will be held Thursday, April 18, at the Riverfront Event Center, with Hoffman's talk set for the Dakota Theatre.

Watch the Press & Dakotan for ads with more information and when tickets will be available.



abling it to deliver more supplies than originally planned.

The band is partnering with Ray's Midbell Music of Sioux City to contribute many items. Blair Dake, a technician at Ray's who graduated from Northwestern in 2003, will join the students on the trip and provide instrument repairs for Cuban musicians. The ensemble will also deliver more than a half dozen musical instruments that have been donated.

The Northwestern group will play a wide variety of music, all written by American composers. The repertoire will include Leonard Bernstein's "Overture to Candide" and Frank Ticheli's "Blue Shades" as well as arrangements of sacred pieces such as "Amazing Grace" and "Be Thou My Vision." The band will perform its concert program and share stories of the tour during its home concert on Friday, March 15, at 7:30 p.m. in Christ Chapel.

The Northwestern entourage will be traveling under cultural visas. The trip is being arranged by Harmony International, a mission touring organization that has coordinated several concert tours to Cuba.

Curran, junior, speech-language pathology and audiology, College of Arts and Sciences; Allison Marie Fejfar, junior, pre-architecture, College of Architecture with a 4.0 grade-point average; Katherine Lee Fiedler, junior, veterinary science, College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources; Robert Curtis Schmidt, sophomore, English, College of Arts and Sciences; Powers Arden Schurrer, junior, accounting, College of Business Administration with a 4.0 grade-point average; Logan James Smith, sophomore, agronomy, College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources with a 4.0 grade-point average; Chance Landa Sorenson, sophomore, biochemistry, College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources.

Oualification for the Deans' List varies among the eight undergraduate colleges and the Honor Roll for the Division of General Studies. Listed below are the minimum grade-point averages on a 4-point scale (4.0 equals A) for each entity and the name of its respective dean or director. All qualifying grade-point averages are based on a minimum of 12 or more graded semester hours. Students can be

Falls — Health Information Services

• Heide Michelle Blagg, Yankton — Early Childhood Specialist

• Rebecca Jane Wirth, Yankton — Diagnostic Medical Sonography/Abdominal/OB/GYN

• Jordan Scott Hansen, Yankton - Computer Network Security Technology

• Michelle Frances Briscoe, Lesterville — Business Adminstration

 Nicholas William Barkl, Yankton — Automotive Technology

CREIGHTON UNIVERSITY

OMAHA, Neb. — The following area students from your area were named to the fall Dean's List at Creighton University for the fall semester of the 2012-2013 academic year.

Undergraduate students in the Roy J. and Lucille A. Carver College of Medicine may qualify for the Dean's List with fewer than 12 semester hours of graded credit if deemed appropriate by the college.

Beginning fall 2011, College of Nursing students participating in clinical courses must have a total of 12 semester hours of earned credit, with 8 semester hours of graded credit with a grade point average of 3.50 or higher.

Area honorees included: • Dakota Dunes — Haley Holton, Liberal Arts & Sciences.



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