

American Life In Poetry

# The Champion Pig

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U.S. Poet Laureate

Some of us will be eating ham on Easter, and I thought I'd offer you a poem about a champion pig, by Jill Breckenridge, a Minnesotan who has written a series of poems based on that state's fair. Her most recent book of poems is *Sometimes*, Nodin Press, 2015.

### PRETTY RICKY

He's 1200 pounds of pink pork covered by black bristles stiff enough to needle and sew with, Pretty Ricky, all six feet of him spread out, asleep, no fancy dancer, neither twirler nor prancer, just eats and sleeps, the biggest boar at the Fair, oblivious to gawkers, smirkers, cholesterol, or weight watchers, fat off the hoof, fat lying flat, good only for breeding and eating, he won't even stand to show off all the pork cuts displayed on the poster behind him: ham, it says, from the butt, oldest meat of civilized man; kabobs from the shoulder, roasted on swords by early Asian nomads; spareribs, sausage, and bacon from the belly. Pretty Ricky urges me to swear off pork, but it's lunchtime and my stomach wanders off to a foot-long or a brat with kraut. I think twice, three times, waffle back and forth between meat and a veggie wrap, as, in front of me, many meals stretch out, dozing.

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## Scholar To Present At Theology Institute April 25

The April 25 Theology Institute at Sacred Heart Monastery continues a three-year focus on topics related to the 50th anniversary of the Catholic Church's Second Vatican Council.

Even as the council unfolded, it was clear that its impact reached beyond Catholics to all Christian churches.

That far-reaching impact will also be evident in Dr. Massimo Faggioli's presentation, "The Liturgical Reform and the Church of Vatican II." According to Faggioli, viewing Vatican II's document on liturgical reform as merely rearranging external elements of Catholic worship misses a much larger point. He proposes that the 1963 Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy set the agenda for the council's subsequent reflection on the nature of the church, thus influencing both subsequent documents and attempts at reform to the present.

Dr. Faggioli will clarify how Vatican II used the principles of a return to earliest Christian sources and an emphasis on reconciliation and unity. The return to sources sought not to simply repeat the ancient past, but to release its energy in new ways. One of those ways involved seeking dialogue and reconciliation among all Christians. These operating principles shaped the document on Catholic worship, but also led to Vatican II's re-imagining the church as "the people of God," a community embracing all who are baptized into Christian faith.

A native of Italy, Dr. Faggioli spent 12 years at the



Faggioli

John XXIII Foundation in Bologna, Europe's leading school for training church historians. His research led him into numerous archives in several European countries, as well as the Vatican, including archives limited to a small number of scholars. "For scholars, the archives are treasures," states Faggioli. "If you want the whole picture, you must go there." The historian of modern Catholicism and Vatican II earned his PhD at the University of Turin in 2002. Post-doctoral research fellowships at Laval University in Quebec and Boston College's Jesuit Institute brought him to North America. Since 2009, he has served at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minnesota, where he is an associate professor of theology.

"The monastery is very fortunate to have Dr. Faggioli as a speaker," noted Sr. Marielle Frigge. "Our earlier presenter, retired Bishop Remi Do Roo, who participated in Vatican II, told us 'If you ever want someone to speak on the council's views on liturgy and church, Massimo Faggioli is your best source.'"

Sacred Heart Monastery will host "The Liturgical Reform and the Church of Vatican II" from 9:00 a.m. to noon on Saturday, April 25. There is no charge, but pre-registration is requested for planning purposes. Call 605-668-600 or e-mail Sister Marielle Frigge at [mfrigge@mtmc.edu](mailto:mfrigge@mtmc.edu) by April 22.

## Boy Scout Troop No. 133 To Hold Monthly Recycling Collection

Yankton Boy Scout Troop No. 133 will hold its monthly scrap newspaper and aluminum can collection Saturday, April 4.

Papers and cans will be picked up at the trailer courts and apartment complexes in Yankton. Also, paper and cans will be picked up at Riverside Acres.

Have newspapers and cans secured in sacks or small cardboard boxes and ready to be picked up by 9 a.m. Saturday.

Paper and cans may also be taken to the Riverview Park Reformed Church parking lot, 1700 Burleigh, between 9:30-11:30 a.m. Saturday.

For more information on the newspaper and aluminum can collection, call

665-0685. The Boy Scouts cannot handle tin or plastic. These need to be placed with the recycling the city picks up or taken directly to the landfill for recycling.

# The Cause Must Be Found For Cars Disappearing Brakes

BY RAY MAGLIOZZI  
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### Dear Car Talk:

I'm 72, and I have a 2007 Ford Focus. At unpredictable intervals, my brake pedal goes all the way to the floor. This happens in wet weather every few months. It happened again last night. I had driven for about five or six minutes, and the pedal went all the way to the floor. My car just kept rolling right along. I have learned to pump the pedal, and it corrects itself and works fine after that... until it happens again, a few months later. The dealer says it is not happening. But it IS happening, and I'm afraid it will cause my death eventually. Do you have any idea what could be done to prevent this? — Catherine

No, but you might want to tie a king-size air mattress to your front bumper until you figure it out, Catherine.

Actually, I think your dealer is acting unconscionably by telling you it's not happening — and by sending you back on the roads without attempting to fix



Ray MAGLIOZZI

Based on the symptoms, that's the most likely culprit. A bad master cylinder can fail intermittently, and then regain pressure.

A stuck brake or parking brake also can cause this condition by causing your brake fluid to boil and your brakes to fail. But that's unlikely to happen after only five or six minutes of driving, so I'd lean toward the master cylinder. They have to try something. They

Send copies of those repair orders, where he wrote that, to the executor of your will, so at least your heirs can own the dealership if this does cause your death.

But we'd rather make sure it doesn't. So tell your dealer to start by replacing your brake master cylinder.

can't just let you drive around with disappearing brakes. So have the dealer put in a master cylinder, and hope that solves the problem. And if not, have them make their next best guess, whatever it is, and try another brake system component. You have to get to the bottom of this, Catherine, before you end up in the package compartment of a stopped UPS truck. Good luck!

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## USD Basketball Teams Coach Students In Reading A Million Minutes At Home

VERMILLION — Vermillion's Jolley Elementary developed a school-wide model to motivate students to read. With the support of the University of South Dakota men's and women's basketball teams, students at Jolley Elementary read one million minutes outside of the classroom during this school year. The staff at Jolley called this goal "One Team, One Dream."

"The State of South Dakota challenged each student to read 20 minutes and we created a motivational model in partnership with the USD basketball players and coaches to motivate students to read more," explains Sue Galvin, principal.

The students at Jolley reached their goal of reading one million minutes on Thursday, March 12. On Tuesday, March 31, the students will travel to the Dakota Dome for a team pep rally, celebration video and recess time with the USD basketball teams. The basketball players will lead the pep rally celebration and sign autographs.

Over the entire school year, the USD athletes visited classrooms weekly to encourage student reading and collect reading time sheets. The USD athletes and Miss Read-a, the One Team, One Dream mascot, led pep rallies to recognize milestones the students met in reaching the overall goal. Students have also received complimentary tickets to Coyotes games. Galvin shares, "The partnership is really critical; and the fun part is the USD athletic department has come on full board. USD sends athletes to Jolley every Thursday to coach kids to read. The students know the athletes are a huge part of their reading team."

"When we walked out of that first classroom I couldn't tell who was more excited, my team or the sec-



SUBMITTED PHOTOS University of South Dakota basketball players coached and motivated Jolley Elementary School students to read. The players challenged each student to read 20 minutes. USD athletes visited classrooms weekly for encouragement. With motivational help from the athletes, the students read a million minutes outside the classroom during this school year.

ond graders," said Amy Williams, coach of the USD Women's Basketball team. "They players are excited to see all these young people in our community who kind of look up to our girls. It's a special feeling to be in that position and have that experience."

The culture at Jolley Elementary has been enhanced as students, teachers, athletes and parents have all engaged in One Team, One Dream. By measuring success based on the number of minutes a student has read, students of any reading ability can be leaders and role models for their fellow classmates. Each student is encouraged to read and their contribution to the overall goal is celebrated. Coach Williams shares, "As a mother of a Jolley student,



to see how (my daughter) Kennadi is reading every night and wanting to write down her minutes and watching the clock so she can log her minutes is rewarding. To be able to watch it from the side of the players and as a parent is a pretty good experience."

With the pressure of performance out of the way, students are continuing to develop their love of reading. Galvin explains that the

length of time spent reading is great, but what makes the experience better is seeing the student getting a true grasp of what they read. The Jolley staff, parents, and USD athletes ask students if they learned something new or additional words from what they read. Galvin said, "We are instilling how reading books connects to their real life. The students love talking about what they read each week."

## Healthy Yankton Accepting Applications For Garden Beds

Healthy Yankton is now accepting applications for two raised garden beds for the 2015 growing season.

The raised beds are 6 feet by 2 1/2 feet and have a working height of 30 inches. The purpose of the raised beds is to provide an opportunity to garden for those not able to utilize the traditional garden beds because of a physical limitation.

Anyone interested in utilizing a raised bed for the

2015 season must complete an application. If more applications are received than available beds, Healthy Yankton will review all applications and a lottery system will be used for the final selection. There is no fee to apply for a raised bed, the fee is collected after the raised beds are assigned.

For more information on the garden, call Angie O'Connor at 668-8590 or email [healthyankton@gmail.com](mailto:healthyankton@gmail.com).

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