

A Solution To A Slippery Problem

BY TOM AND RAY MAGLIOZZI

Dear Tom and Ray:
I have a 1998 Chrysler Town and Country Minivan with the six-cylinder engine. Whenever I drive through a puddle, the belt slips off. All of the original undercarriage guards are still present and in factory condition. I have replaced the water pump, idler pulley and tensioner, to no avail. This occurs so often that I must carry a specially modified wrench underneath my driver's seat so I can stop and put the belt back on. I have become so proficient at this that I can put the belt back on in less than four minutes. The slightest amount of water will cause the belt to slip off. During the winter melt and spring rain, I must navigate the roads as if I am driving through a field of land mines and avoid all pools of water, regardless of size. I have asked numerous mechanics, both shadetree and dealership, but have stumped them all. Can you explain the cause and provide a solution so that I may hang the wrench back up in my garage? - **William**



CAR TALK

Tom and Ray Magliozzi

plane, the one that's out of line will try to tug the belt either forward or backward out of that plane, and with the help of something slippery - like some water - it often can succeed in pulling off the belt.

TOM: And in fact, Chrysler issued a Technical Service Bulletin for this problem. For \$300, Chrysler will replace the mounting bracket of the idler pulley to better align it with the other pulleys.

RAY: Unfortunately, we've been told that often this doesn't solve the problem.

TOM: So about five years ago, Gates came up with a set of replacement parts you can have installed that WILL solve the problem.

RAY: The Gates kit contains a special double-sided, grooved belt and matching grooved tensioner and idler pulleys. So the belt matches the pulleys, and sort of locks into place. That makes it much harder for the belt to come off.

TOM: The kit costs just over \$100, and your mechanic can get it from his Gates supplier and install it for you (we're told Goodyear has a similar kit). Then you can hang that wrench back up until the next thing breaks. Good luck, William.

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SCHOLASTICS Dakota Wesleyan Awards 207 Diplomas

MITCHELL — During the 2011 Dakota Wesleyan Commencement ceremony Saturday, more than 200 students were called upon to put their talents and education toward the service of others.

Robert G. Duffett, president of Dakota Wesleyan University, conferred degrees on 207 graduates during commencement April 30 at the Corn Palace. Master of Arts degrees were presented to 14 students; Bachelor of Arts degrees went to 127 students in a variety of disciplines; and another 66 students received Associate of Arts degrees.

The following is a list of area degree recipients:

Master of Arts degrees:
Yankton - Richard Erickson III, M.A., Secondary Education Certification

Bachelor of Arts degrees (names followed by *** indicates Summa Cum Laude, ** Magna Cum Laude; and * Cum Laude):

Freeman - Jacqueline Weier, Elementary Education**
Lesterville - Steven Bloch, Business Administration with emphasis in Finance

Parkston - William Murtha, double major - B.A. in Psychology and Criminal Justice, and an A.A. in Nursing

Springfield - McKenzie Dvoracek, Athletic Training**
Creighton, Neb. - Jayna Morrill, B.A., History Education

Associate of Arts degrees in Nursing (names followed by * indicates graduating with honors):
Centerville - Jill Heidebrecht
Lake Andes - Brandi Gravatt;
Johna Kern

Parker - Michelle Buyck
Parkston - Caitlin Bailey; Heidi Leischner

Platte - Jamie VanderPol
Tabor - Megan Kloucek
Viborg - Brandi Peterson

USF Accepting DCP Scholarship Applications

The University of Sioux Falls is currently accepting applications for enrollment into its Degree Completion Program (DCP). The next session begins June 7, and anyone accepted into the program will receive a one-time, sign-up scholarship of \$500.

DCP was created specifically for adults who want to complete their degrees while still working, raising a family or pursuing other interests. DCP allows students to earn a degree in management, accounting or entrepreneurial studies in convenient class schedules one evening per week in the classroom, online and hybrid (mix of online and on-campus instruction) in less than two years.

For more information about DCP or to enroll in the program, contact the DCP office at 605-331-6735, dcp.web@usioxfalls.edu or www.usioxfalls.edu/dcp.

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LIFE IN POETRY Who Do You Think You Are?

BY TED KOOSER
U.S. Poet Laureate, 2004-2006

Here's a poem in which eight-year-old Ava Schicke, who lives in Omaha, Neb., tells us just who she is and what she thinks.

I AM

I am a daughter and a sister.
I wonder when I will die.
I hear the warm weather coming.
I see stars in the day.
I want to learn my whole ballet dance.
I am a daughter and a sister.

I pretend to be a teacher at home.
I feel like I am a teacher.
I touch hands that are growing.
I worry that I will never change.
I cry when something or someone dies.
I am a daughter and a sister.

I understand that teachers work hard for students.
I say that I don't like bullies.
I dream about me not moving while trying really hard to run.
I try to become a good friend.
I hope that there is no more dying or killing.
I am a daughter and a sister.

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Big, Boom Bang Kick-Off In Progress

The Yankton Area Chamber of Commerce announces the kickoff fundraising drive for the 150th Big, Boom, Bang Fourth of July Celebration.

The annual Yankton Fourth of July celebration takes place in Riverside Park. The fireworks display is funded by the community through donations. The celebration is always held on the July 4. (In the event of inclement weather, it will be held on July 5.)

"Pete Hittle and My Jazz Friends" will be performing patriotic music starting at 7:45 p.m. up until the fireworks beginning.

BIRTHDAYS

CHUBBY ORTON

GAYVILLE — Chubby Orton of Gayville celebrated his 80th birthday May 4, 2011. The event will be celebrated by his family.



Orton

A card shower will be held in his honor.

Greetings may be sent to Jim Orton, P.O. Box 27, Gayville, SD 57031.

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A prayer in it's simplest definition, is merely a wish turned heavenward.
-Phillips Brooks
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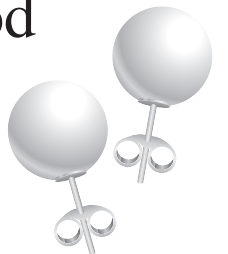
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May 9th - May 14th

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