

Life In Poetry

# Poet Writes About Childhood Innocence

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It's a difficult task to accurately imagine one's self back into childhood. Maybe we can get the physical details right, but it's very hard to recapture the innocence and wonder. Maureen Ash, who lives in Wisconsin, gets it right in this poem.

CHURCH BASEMENT

The church knelt heavy above us as we attended Sunday School, circled by age group and hunkered on little wood folding chairs where we gave our nickels, said our verses, heard the stories, sang the solid, swinging songs. It could have been God above in the pews, His restless love sifting with dust from the joists. We little seeds swelled in the stone cellar, bursting to grow toward the light. Maybe it was that I liked how, upstairs, outside, an avid sun stormed down, burning the sharp-edged shadows back to their buildings, or how the winter air knifed after the dreamy basement. Maybe the day we learned whatever would have kept me believing I was just watching light poke from the high, small window and tilt to the floor where I could make it a gold strap on my shoe, wrap my ankle, embrace any part of me.

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## Mental Wellness Summit Set

This year marks the 15th year for the Area Mental Wellness Conference held June 5-6 in Yankton.

Register before May 20 to attend the gathering at Mount Marty College to hear from national, regional and local experts in their various fields. Integration of Care with Laura Galbreath, from SAMHS-HRSA Center in Washington, D.C., bullying by Gary Namie, and safe dating by Michael Domitrz head the list of timely topics addressed at the conference.

A special event, "Can I Kiss You?" by Michael Domitrz (check him out on the web) is Wednesday, June 5, at 5 p.m. at Mount Marty College Cyber Cafe and is open to the public. Teachers, sons, daughters, parents, coaches, youth directors, singles, grandparents — all are invited to join this "unique journey he shares exploring what most of us have been taught is the "Right Way" to date

verses the approach everyone needs to make dating more fun and safer at the same time." No need to make reservations. And, of course, he will be sharing more information during the Thursday sessions at the conference.

The mentioned speakers and their information are a very important part of the conference; however, there is much, much more: Books Are Fun will be set up, sponsors will have tables of available information/material, networking is a constant occurrence, the high school mental health career class will display posters, delicious food will be devoured, Continued Education Units will be earned as well as college credit — both graduate and undergraduate, silent auction items will be available for the shoppers, plus awards will be given.

More information available at [www.yamwi.org/](http://www.yamwi.org/).

## SCHOLASTICS

CARL COLLISON

BATON ROUGE, La. — The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi is pleased to announce that Carl Collison of Yankton was recently initiated into Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective collegiate honor society for all academic disciplines. Collison is pursuing a degree in Music at University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

Collison is among approximately 32,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors, having at least 72 semester hours, are eligible for membership. Graduate students in the top 10 percent of the number of candidates for graduate degrees may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff, and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction.

EMILY BURBACH

The Registration and Records Office at Southeast Community College has released the names of students who earned spots on the Dean's List for the 2013 Winter Quarter which ended March 19. In order to be recognized on SCC's Dean's List, a student must complete at least six credit

hours for the quarter with a minimum cumulative grade-point average of 3.5 or better.

Included on the list was Emily Burbach, McCool Junction, Neb., daughter of Chuck and Paula Burbach of Wynot; program of study, Physical Therapist Assistant; 4.0 GPA.

Nearly 400 students received degrees, diplomas or certificates during commencement exercises held May 1 at Southeast Community College following the 2013 Winter Quarter, which ended March 19. Graduation ceremonies were held at the Lincoln and Milford campuses. In all, 384 students earned awards.

Included on the graduation list was: Emily Burbach, McCool Junction, Neb., daughter of Chuck and Paula Burbach of Wynot; degree in Physical Therapist Assistant; graduated with Distinction.

## Thank You!

We wish to thank everyone who sent us cards and gifts for our 60th wedding anniversary. We loved reading all those cards.

Jerry and Doris Haas

# Oil Barrel Needs To Be Disposed

BY TOM AND RAY MAGLIOZZI  
King Features Syndicate

**Dear Tom and Ray:**  
Back in the '80s, when there wasn't anywhere he knew of to take used oil for recycling, my dad started pouring it into a 55-gallon drum in the garage. Not just oil, but anything sort of like it: transmission fluid, brake fluid, you name it. That drum filled up long ago, and it's still there! Other than leaving it in place for eternity, what's the best thing to do with it? —Dottie

**TOM:** Wow. Your dad left you a 55-gallon drum of waste oil. I'm going to tell my ex-wife never to complain again about that lousy, chipped tea set her mother left her.

**RAY:** Do you live anywhere near that big nuclear waste facility in the Rocky Mountains, Dottie?

**TOM:** Actually, it shouldn't be very hard to dispose of. But it's not easy, either.

**RAY:** Most states have strict regulations about how you can transport and dispose of waste oil. And they'll only license certain companies, that meet the qualifications, to handle waste oil properly.

**TOM:** "Properly" means, first, not spilling it, because a single gallon of spilled oil can contaminate a lot of ground water. And second, safely delivering it to someplace where it can be recycled — most often burned as heating fuel in a waste-oil furnace.

**RAY:** So, first you're going to have to check with your state's department of environmental affairs and find out what the rules are.

**TOM:** Based on what you learn, you'll probably have to call a licensed waste-removal company to handle this.

**RAY:** If what's in the drum is just waste oil



## CAR TALK

Tom and Ray Magliozzi

(like motor oil and transmission fluid), they'll come and pump it out of your drum and cart it away for, most likely, between \$100 and \$200. Not too bad, right?

**TOM:** But here's the bad news: If there's brake fluid in there — you say there is — it's no longer considered just "waste oil." It's considered a "federal hazardous waste," and, by federal law, it has to be handled much more carefully.

**RAY:** If the waste oil is mixed with brake fluid, the stuff can no longer be burned as heating fuel. There are chlorines in brake fluid that are poisonous to humans when burned, and a small amount of brake fluid can contaminate an entire barrel of otherwise reusable oil.

**TOM:** For that reason, it has to be handled differently — usually shipped somewhere for safe processing — and that increases the cost to you.

**RAY:** And here's the other bad news: You can't just lie about it and say there's no brake

fluid in there. Licensed carriers will test a sample on the spot, to figure out if they have to treat it as waste oil or hazardous waste. If it's hazardous waste, you're probably looking at more like \$300-\$500 to have it taken away.

**TOM:** But you really should get it done, Dottie. And the sooner, the better. Because if that barrel ever rusts out and starts to leak, then you've got your own little EPA superfund site, and the costs of cleanup only go up from there — sometimes exponentially.

**RAY:** Start by going to the website of whatever department in your state deals with environmental protection. Or call. If you're prohibited from transporting it yourself, they should be able to give you a list of companies that are licensed to cart away waste oil and hazardous waste.

**TOM:** Call a few of them and shop around for a good price. Let them know over the phone that there may be brake fluid in the oil so you can get an accurate price quote.

**RAY:** Then bite the bullet and get rid of the stuff. And don't forget to say, "Thanks, Dad" as you write the check.

If it ain't broke, you won't have to fix it! Order 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.

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## YHS Graduate Awarded Prestigious Scholarship

Black Hills State University is pleased to announce that Emily Gass, 2010 Yankton High School graduate, has been awarded the Matthias & Elena Lipartiti Scholarship for the Fall 2013 semester.

The scholarship is awarded to a senior or graduate student planning a career in education.

Matthias Lipartiti was a 1934 graduate of BHSU who began his career teaching in South Dakota before joining the U.S. Air Force where he served for 26 years. He earned his Master's Degree from the University of Southern California and taught for 17 years at Menifee, Ca. and upon his retirement was elected the President of the California Retired Teachers Association.

Sharing her husband's passion for education, Elena Lipartiti was one of the first Instructional Aides in the Riverside Unified



Gass

Their estate established the Matthias & Elena Lipartiti Scholarship in 2007 to support students pursuing careers in education or professions related to youth assistance.

While at BHSU Emily Gass has demonstrated outstanding academic excellence receiving the Buzz Bonus Scholarship and SD Opportunity Scholarship for all three years while also being named to the Dean's List for the past five semesters. In her soph-

omore year she received the Walter Higbee Scholarship for high secondary education achievement. As a junior at BHSU she was inducted into Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest, most selective and most prestigious all-discipline honor society.

Membership in Phi Kappa Phi is by invitation only and limited to the top 7.5% of BHSU second term juniors. She also was selected to join Kappa Delta Pi, an invitation-only honor society for those intending to continue academically and professionally in the field of education. The society recognizes high academic achievement and specifically supports and enhances the professional growth and teaching practices of its member educators. In 2011-2012 she helped found REACH and get it recognized as an official BHSU student

organization and serves as the current president/facilitator. REACH works to enhance and strengthen the relationship between the BHSU students and the community of Spearfish. Emily served as a Resident Assistant in Humbert Hall and Yellow Jacket Delegate providing tours for new and prospective students during the 2012-2013 academic year. In the Fall 2013 semester, Emily will be a senior and scheduled to complete her student teaching experience in the Rapid City school system with an anticipated graduation in December 2013.

BHSU was established in 1883 and originally was a teacher preparatory school. It currently has the largest teacher education program in the state; offering both bachelor and master degrees in education.

## AAA Survey:

# Older Motorists Practicing Safe Driving Techniques

SIoux FALLS — Nine in 10 older drivers buckle up when they get behind the wheel and more than a third have taken driver improvement courses, according to data surveying more than 7,000 seniors. Survey findings, collected by AAA, the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) and AARP, also reveal that twice the number of women attend driver safety courses despite the fact that older men drive more often than older women by 12 percent. AAA is promoting the data to help debunk the perception that older drivers are a menace on the road.

"The silver tsunami is often unfairly dubbed as risky and dangerous. The data tell us that they practice safe driving behaviors and that more than a third of older drivers have actively

sought out and participated in programs to improve their skills," says Marilyn Buskohl, spokeswoman for AAA South Dakota.

The findings were collected from drivers who participated in CarFit, <<http://seniordriving.aaa.com/CarFit>> a free program offered by AAA, AOTA and AARP. Typically offered at community events, CarFit employs a 12-point checklist used by trained technicians who assess the fit of a driver's car by checking for optimum and safe settings such as distance from and sight line above the steering wheel and proper mirrors settings. Driving skills are not evaluated.

According to CarFit participant data, the top four "fit" challenges for older drivers include improper distance from steering

wheel (59 percent), inadequate views from side mirrors (32 percent), improper seat height (28 percent) and improper head restraint height (21 percent). The good news is that after a participating in a CarFit program, 97 percent of older drivers' issues were resolved.

Since CarFit was launched nationally, more than 31,000 older drivers have gone through the program. "While the primary goal is to teach drivers how to attain a safe and comfortable fit, the

program also increases awareness that adaptations and modifications are available when medical conditions or changes make finding the best fit difficult," says occupational therapist Elin Schold David of AOTA. "CarFit benefits the whole community by helping the senior driver be a safer driver."

The website [www.SeniorDriving.AAA.com](http://www.SeniorDriving.AAA.com) provides convenient, online access to a wide array of interactive material and tools, free to the public.



## Wolf-Dietrich

Jordan Dietrich and Rachel Wolf along, with their families, are

delighted to announce their engagement and upcoming marriage this June in Chicago, IL.

Jordan is the son of Roger and Donna Dietrich of Yankton, SD and Rachel is the daughter of Jerry and Jan Wolf of Northbrook, IL.

Jordan is a graduate of the University of Minnesota and Rachel is a graduate of Washington University. They are both employed by Accenture Consulting in Minneapolis.

## 30th Anniversary Celebration



Mr. & Mrs. Lavern Metz

Mr. and Mrs. Lavern and Lori Metz, Yankton, celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary May 7, 2013.

Lori Tracy and Lavern Metz were married May 7, 1983.

They have three children: Justin Metz (Richie DePaolis) of Fargo, ND; Staci (Andrew) Miller of Sioux Falls, SD; and Jason Metz of Yankton, SD.



Wish Judy Evans a Happy 70th Birthday on Saturday, May 11th, 2013 by sending birthday cards to: 2903 Douglas Ave Yankton, SD 57078

## Congratulations



## The TeMari Designs, L.L.C Continuing Growth Ribbon Cutting

The Yankton Chamber of Commerce Ambassador committee hosted a continuing growth ribbon cutting for TeMari Designs, L.L.C. at their new location 206 W. 3rd St. Terri Cash, owner is featuring fine one-of-a-kind jewelry, imported gifts, Platinum, 18 K gold, 14 K gold, sterling silver set with only natural gemstones. TeMari Designs also does Custom Designs, Insurance Appraisals, Jewelry & Watch repair and will buy scrap gold, platinum and sterling silver. See TeMari at [www.temaridesigns.com](http://www.temaridesigns.com) or you can call (605)260-0447. They are open Mon 10-4 p.m. Tues-Fri. 10-5:30 p.m. Sat.10-4 p.m.

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