

Mercy Meals



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The Wausa Evangelical Covenant Church junior high youth group and sponsors recently packed 6300 meals for children in need of our care. To learn more about how you can help, please visit www.mercymealsyankton.org or like us on Facebook.

American Life In Poetry

The First Of A New Life

BY TED KOOSER,
U.S. POET LAUREATE

A couple I know adopted three very small children from a distant country, and the children had never been constrained in any way. The airliner's seatbelts were so fearful for them that they screamed all the way back to the States. But since then their lives have been wonderfully happy. And here's a similar story, this too with a good ending, by Patrick Hicks of South Dakota.

THE STRANGERS

After we picked you up at the Omaha airport,
we clamped you into a new car seat
and listened to you yowl
beneath the streetlights of Nebraska.
Our hotel suite was plump with toys,
ready, we hoped, to soothe you into America.
But for a solid hour you watched the door,
shrieking, Umma, the Korean word for mother.
Once or twice you glanced back at us
and, in this netherworld where a door home
had slammed shut forever, your terrified eyes
paced between the past and the future.
Umma, you screamed, Umma!
But your foster mother back in Seoul never appeared.
Your new mother and I lay on the bed,
cooing your birth name,
until, at last, you collapsed into our arms.
In time, even terror must yield to sleep.

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Welding Requires A Number Of Precautions

KING FEATURES SYNDICATE, INC.
BY RAY MAGLIOZZI

Dear Car Talk:
I have an older pickup with an all-metal cab frame. There are numerous holes drilled in the dash and frame from old CB and gun rack mounts. I was told that the best way to fill these is using a MIG welder. What precautions need to be taken to protect the vehicle's electrical system when I weld the cab frame? Thanks.

— Ray
I'm less worried about your electrical system than I am about your retinas, Ray. MIG welding is dangerously bright, and without proper eye protection, you could blind yourself.

After that, fixing the holes in the dashboard would drop down on your priority list because (A) you'd no longer be able to see them, so they wouldn't bother you as much, and (B) you would have great difficulty securing a driver's license.

But a MIG welder is what you want for this job. "MIG" stands for "metal inert gas." It uses a thin wire and bathes it in an inert gas to push all of the oxygen out of the way. That keeps the surrounding metal from oxidizing, and allows you to seamlessly and smoothly weld metal together.

Which electronic components you



Ray
MAGLIOZZI

Then all you have to worry about is the heat you generate. So you'll want to get under the dashboard and move away any wires that are in the vicinity of the weld. You also might take a picture of the wiring under there so that when you do melt the wires, you'll have an easier time rewiring everything.

I also would use some sort of insulating material — like a piece of sheet metal — between the welding site and anything you might set fire to. Another good precaution is to do a little bit of welding, then take a look under the dashboard and make sure nothing's glowing.

To be on the safe side, I would have a fire extinguisher nearby. And I'd wear a good pair of sneakers in case you need to run for your life.

need to protect depends on how old your truck is. If it's old enough to have a metal dashboard — from the 1950s or '60s — then there aren't really any electrons to protect. In fact, I'm pretty sure in that case your truck would have predated the discovery of the electron itself.

If your truck is newer than that — say, 1980s vintage — then you will have some electronic equipment. In that case, you'll need to unplug and/or remove anything with a printed circuit board before you send all that electricity through the vehicle.

All of that stuff is plug-and-play, so you should be able to just disconnect it and then reconnect it when you're done. That stuff would include the electronic ignition components, the computer, if you have one, the radio, and maybe even the instrument cluster if it's got a circuit board.

But other than that, get the right eye protection, and try not to set your car, your house or your hair on fire, and you should be fine, Ray. Best of luck.

To buy or not to buy — options, that is. Are options worth what you pay for them, or are you better off just going with the basics? Order Click and Clack's pamphlet "Should I Buy, Lease, or Steal My Next Car?" to find out. Send \$4.75 (check or money order) to Next Car, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, 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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Mount Marty College's Director Of Financial Assistance Recognized for Service

Mount Marty College's Director of Financial Assistance, Ken Kocer, was recently recognized by the South Dakota Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (SDASFAA) with the Outstanding Service Award for 2015.

The award was established by the SDASFAA Executive Council in 1994 to recognize a member for service to the association over a considerable time through professional contributions and leadership. It is awarded to one member annually who is nominated from the membership-at-large. The final selection was made by the SDASFAA Executive Council.

Kocer, of Tabor, SD, is currently the President of SDASFAA and has been active with SDASFAA for 23 years. He has served Mount



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Pictured is Mount Marty College's Director of Financial Assistance, Ken Kocer, left being recognized by the South Dakota Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (SDASFAA) with the Outstanding Service Award for 2015.

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for 23 years.
For more information on

the SDASFAA please visit
www.sdasfaa.org.

Top Students From Class Of 2015 Honored

PIERRE — Students from the top of the Class of 2015 were honored during the 25th Annual Academic Excellence Banquet in Pierre April 25.

In conjunction with the office of Gov. Dennis Daugaard, the Associated School Boards of South Dakota invited more than 200 students, who were identified as the top one percent of their senior class, from the state's public, private and tribal schools to celebrate their academic accomplishments.

"It's remarkable to be in the top one percent of your class," Gov. Daugaard said. "You worked hard to develop your talents. You achieved highly."

Gov. Daugaard acknowledged the parents and administrators who joined each student and shared in the celebration and asked that, like the individuals who helped guide them to this

day, they make South Dakota their home.

"Think about South Dakota," Gov. Daugaard said. "Your job prospects are very good in South Dakota."

"We need leaders like you in our state."

ASBSD President Denise Lutkemeier echoed Gov. Daugaard's sentiment.

"Today, we celebrate excellence, and these students represent it," Lutkemeier said. "South Dakota needs your leadership to continue the advancement of our great state."

"We need your dedication, your hard work and your excellence."

The event is sponsored by the South Dakota Community Foundation and Citibank. The Wilmot High School Band provided the musical entertainment.

The list of area honorees includes:

• Marcus Ireland, Alces-

ter-Hudson High School
• Payton Johanneson, Andes Central High School
• Brenden VanDerWerff, Armour High School
• Devin Tolsma, Avon High School
• Berk Ehrmantraut, Beresford High School
• Lucas Crownover, Bon Homme High School
• Adrienn Peterson, Centerville High School
• Meghan L. Schenk, Elk Point-Jefferson High School
• Melissa Eberts, Freeman High School
• Brandon Van Osdel, Gayville-Volin High School
• Calla Harper, Irene-Wakonda High School
• Kaitlyn Engbrecht, Marion High School
• Shylah Brown Bear, Marty Indian High School
• Parker Schultz, Menno High School
• Allison Sanner, Parker

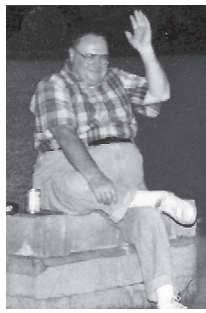
High School
• Sadie Schoenfelder, Parkston High School
• Brady Peterson, Platte-Geddes High School
• Sawyer Schmitz, Scotland High School
• Payton Schafers, Tripp-Delmont High School
• Jenna Girard, Vermillion High School
• Layne Meyers, Viborg-Hurley High School
• Hannah Fleming, Wagner High School
• Madison Dangler, Yankton High School
• Zachariah Lattea, Yankton High School
• Lucas Rockne, Yankton High School

'Vortex' to Perform In Yankton June 10

The United States Air Force Heartland of America Band "Vortex" will perform at the YHS/Summit Activities Center theatre in Yankton on Wednesday, June 10. The concert is being sponsored by the Press & Dakotan

Tickets will be available soon. Keep watching the Press & Dakotan for more details.

~Thank You~



The family of **Wally Boyles** wishes to extend a very sincere thank you to all the friends and relatives who provided food, memorial gifts and caring. A special "Thank You" also to the members of the EMT crew, our police department, the Patriot Guard Riders and the V.F.W. Ernest Bowyer Post #791 Honor Guard. The ladies of the V.F.W. Auxiliary graciously organized and served lunch to our guests and family also. This community can be so proud of the services offered everyday to folks who need them. God bless you all!



Eskens - Underwood

Heather Eskens and Bill Underwood, both of Yankton, SD, announce their engagement and upcoming marriage.

Parents of the couple are Ron and Tammie Eskens and Dennis and Deb Underwood.

The bride-elect is currently employed as a Charge Nurse at Golden Living Center and the groom-elect is currently employed as a manager at Midcontinent Communications.

The couple is planning a May 30, 2015 wedding in Yankton, SD.

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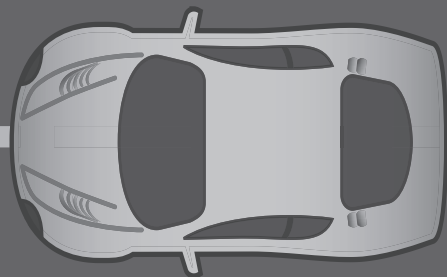
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