

American Life in Poetry

Walk A Mile In Their Shoes

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One of Grant Wood's earliest paintings is of a pair of old shoes, and it hangs in the art museum in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, where Wood grew up. Here's a different kind of still life, in words, from Jim Daniels, who lives in Pittsburgh. The shoes we put on our feet gradually become like the person wearing them.

WORK BOOTS: STILL LIFE

Next to the screen door work boots dry in the sun. Salt lines map the leather and laces droop like the arms of a new-hire waiting to punch out. The shoe hangs open like the sigh of someone too tired to speak a mouth that can almost breathe. A tear in the leather reveals a shiny steel toe a glimpse of the promise of safety the promise of steel and the years to come.

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Annual Menno Band Day Slated Sept. 26

MENNO — Area bands will return to Menno on Friday, Sept. 26, for the eighth annual Menno Band Day.

Twenty bands will be participating in this street marching competition, with the Northern State University Marching Band providing guest performances throughout the day.

Two middle school bands (Tea and Yankton) will be in their own division. All remaining bands are divided into classes based on school-wide enrollment, then split again on band enrollment. The six bands competing in the C-class are Estelline, Tripp-Delmont, Scotland, Parker, Howard and Marion. The five bands competing in the B-class are Platte-Geddes, Chester, Freeman, Woonsocket and Dell Rapids St. Mary's. Five remaining bands competing in the A-division are West Central, Dakota Valley, Tea, Tri-Valley and Dell Rapids.

The parade starts at 10 a.m. with the Menno Wolves marching band leading the way, followed by Tea middle school. C-class bands will then take the street, followed by B-class, then A-class. The Northern State University marching band will be the last performance of the parade. Bands will start their route at the corner of East Heil Street and South High Street, proceeding west until South 5th St. Bands will then march south on South 5th Street until Juniper Street and turn right, marching past bands that marched prior to them and ending the route.

A "Band Day Program" will be available for the cost of \$3 per booklet. Booklets will contain information on each marching

band (in order of their performance) as well as information on all sponsors contributing to this year's event.

Bands participating in competition will be judged by music faculty from Northern State University. Scores will be given in the areas of Marching Execution, Music Execution and General Effect. Additionally, four caption awards will be presented to the Outstanding Drum Line, Outstanding Color Guard and Outstanding Drum Majors. The Crowd-Pleaser Award is given out to the most entertaining performance of the day. Finally, the Sweepstakes Award given to the best scoring performance of the day.

Upon the conclusion of the parade, all band members and community are invited to the Menno High School football field for a field performance by Northern State University's marching band. Immediately following the NSU performance, trophies sponsored by Ray's Mid-Bell Music of Sioux City, IA will be presented to the 1st and 2nd place bands in each class. The overall caption awards, Crowd Pleaser and Sweepstakes will also be presented.

Finally, as a new addition this year, the Menno Band Day Community Scholarship(s) will be presented. This scholarship is funded through donations of local businesses. Seniors must submit a letter of application, a teacher recommendation and transcript as part of the process. Application packets are evaluated and will be awarded to an outstanding senior whose band is participating in this year's event.

College To Perform 'The Yellow Dress'

"The Yellow Dress" will be performed at Mount Marty College's Marian Auditorium in Yankton at 7 p.m. Oct. 2. The performance is part of the fourth annual Candlelight Vigil to honor victims and survivors of domestic violence.

The show is a dramatic one-woman play based on the stories of young women who were victims of dating violence.

This program is sponsored by the Yankton Sexual Assault Team (S.A.R.T.) and the Community Response team (C.R.T.).

Admission is free and open to the public.



Pokorney-Bartlett

Stacey Pokorney and Nick Bartlett, both of Sioux Falls, SD, announce their engagement and upcoming marriage. Parents of the couple are Ken Pokorney of Yankton, SD, Janice Stainbrook of Parkston, SD, and John and Marilyn Bartlett of Sioux Falls, SD. The couple is planning an October 4, 2014 wedding in Sioux Falls, SD.

Dishwashers Are For Dishes, Not Dangerous Chemicals

BY TOM AND RAY MAGLIOZZI
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Dear Tom and Ray:
My wife says using our dishwasher as a parts cleaner is hurting our dishwasher. I say it is not. But I have learned to run an empty load after a load of parts so that all the dishes in the next load washed do not taste like transmission fluid. It avoids the kids spitting out their milk like they have been poisoned. I also have learned the length of the wash cycle, so I can complete the process before my wife returns home. As a backup system, I have learned to set a timer so that I remember to remove the parts. I try to wipe all the transmission fluid, brake fluid, power-steering fluid or engine oil from the parts before washing them. The dishwasher really cleans those parts. Please settle this disagreement. — David

RAY: I see two problems with this, David. Well, maybe more if you include your impending divorce and your kids hating you.

TOM: Problem 1 is environmental: You're washing petroleum products off of automotive parts, and sending them down the drain.

RAY: That means they're either contaminating your city's rivers and streams, or that that stuff is going into your septic system and potentially leaching into your own groundwater. Neither one of those, if you think about it, is a good idea.

TOM: Problem 2 is that you're potentially poisoning your kids. The reason they spit out their milk like they've been poisoned is because you're



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Tom and Ray Magliozzi

poisoning them: They're ingesting small quantities of petroleum distillates. This is also, if you think about it, not a good idea.

RAY: The key words being "if you think about it."

TOM: If you really want to use a dishwasher to clean your car parts, then you need to set up a separate dishwasher in your garage with an appropriate way to capture the petroleum runoff.

RAY: My suggestion would be that you take the family dishwasher — the one you've already contaminated — and install that in the garage. Then buy your poor wife and kids a nice, clean, new one.

TOM: And then, for a few hundred bucks, you can get a grease trap, which will separate out the contaminants from the waste water. Then you'll have to make arrangements to have the grease trap emptied and the toxins disposed of legally and properly.

RAY: And that doesn't mean using

them to water the tomatoes, David.

TOM: If that sounds like too much trouble, a good alternative would be to make a deal with a local gas station or repair shop. Then when you need to clean parts, you pay them a few bucks to use their parts cleaner. They'll have a grease trap and a contract with a hazardous waste disposal service that comes once a week, or once a month, to collect the grease and grime and haul it away.

RAY: And probably dump it down their own kitchen sink!

TOM: Actually, no. Not unless they want to pay tens or hundreds of thousands of dollars in fines. The EPA takes that stuff very seriously.

RAY: But I'd say your dishwasher privileges are hereby suspended, David. Time to clean up your act and find another way to clean the parts.

What is the most cost-effective way to buy a car? Tom and Ray hash it all out in their pamphlet "Should I Buy, Lease, or Steal My Next Car?" Send \$4.75 (check or money order) to Next Car, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

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Avera Sacred Heart Foundation To Help Purchase Trauma Kits For Police Department

A contribution from the Avera Sacred Heart Foundation will help the Yankton Police Department keep its officers and the public safe in the immediate aftermath of a trauma incident.

The foundation recently donated approximately \$2,900 to the police department for the purchase of trauma kits that can be used for injuries in the field if emergency medical personnel are unavailable. Approximately 20 of the kits were bought and distributed to every police response vehicle and to members of the department's special response team.

"This has everything that we need to save a life — within reason — during those first 10 critical minutes until we can get emergency medical staff on scene," said Lt. Michael Burgeson. The kits include tools that can treat things such as an extremity hemorrhage, an airway compromise, a sucking chest wound and shock.

"This contribution to the Yankton Police Department fits in with our mission of providing for the health and well-being of the commu-



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Officer Rob Buechler is pictured with a trauma kit the Yankton Police Department was able to purchase with a donation from the Avera Sacred Heart Hospital Foundation. He conducts ongoing training with officers regarding how to use the items contained in the kits.

nity," said Jamie Shaefer, Vice President of Finance for Avera Sacred Heart Hospital. "When we learned of this opportunity to assist local law enforcement with the purchase of trauma kits, we knew it would be a valuable investment that could serve the community in an emergency and possibly save lives."

The trauma kits have been available to officers

since mid-summer.

"I think the kits are most important in situations where it is not only an officer but a citizen who is critically wounded, yet the situation is still too hostile for us to bring in unarmed EMS personnel," said Officer Rob Buechler, who conducts training sessions for the kits. "At least we have some training to buy the victims time until we can get them to

EMTs, who are professionally trained to care for their injuries."

Burgeson said ownership of the kits puts Yankton's police department ahead of a national trend. "Officers could die if we can't handle a trauma incident on scene," he stated. "We're exceeding state standards at this time."

Burgeson compared the advantages of having the trauma kits to those of life jackets that were obtained for response vehicles several years ago to deal with incidents on the river. In one instance since then, the jackets were used during the rescue of a drowning woman in the Missouri River.

"We hope to never use the trauma kits, but in reality they will get used," Burgeson said.

The Avera Sacred Heart Foundation is the non-profit, philanthropic arm of Avera Sacred Heart Hospital and its related facilities. The foundation accepts charitable gifts and uses them to assist with the community's health care needs.

To learn more, visit www.AveraSacredHeartFoundation.org.

McKenzie Named New Executive Director Of Food Pantry

VERMILLION — Jessica McKenzie has recently been named volunteer executive director of the Vermillion Food Pantry. McKenzie began her duties with the Vermillion Food Pantry in early August.

Jessica fills a role that was vacated earlier this year when Mary Berglin retired. Berglin served as volunteer executive director of the Vermillion Food Pantry for 25 years.

McKenzie has worked in non-profits and educational institutions for the past 10

years and even started her own non-profit when she was just 18 years old. Most recently, she worked for Make-A-Wish in prospect research and donor relations.

She and her husband, Forest, are originally from Appleton, Wisconsin. They were high school sweethearts and both attended Lawrence University. They have been married over

seven years and have two incredible little boys—Ethan (almost 4) and Levi (7 months).

Citizens of Vermillion and Clay County are invited to an

Open House on Saturday, Sept. 27, at Trinity Lutheran Church — Fellowship Hall, 816 E Clark Street, Vermillion.

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