

The Soundtrack Of A Mother's Life

BY TED KOOSER
U.S. Poet Laureate

Faith Shearin's poetry is conversational while moving gracefully and almost effortlessly toward conclusions that really have some punch to them. This one is a good example of that. Shearin lives in Maryland.

MUSIC AT MY MOTHER'S FUNERAL

During the weeks when we all believed my mother was likely to die she began to plan her funeral and she wanted us, her children, to consider the music we would play there. We remembered the soundtrack of my mother's life: the years when she swept the floors to the tunes of an eight track cassette called Feelings, the Christmas when she bought a Bing Crosby album about a Bright Hawaiian Christmas Day. She got Stravinsky's Rite of Spring stuck in the tape deck of her car and for months each errand was accompanied by some kind of dramatic movement. After my brother was born, there was a period during which she wore a muumuu and devoted herself to King Sunny Ade and his African beats. She ironed and wept to Evita, painted to Italian opera. Then, older and heavier, she refused to fasten her seatbelt and there was the music of an automated bell going off every few minutes, which annoyed the rest of us but did not seem to matter to my mother who ignored its relentless disapproval, its insistence that someone was unsafe.

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Tim Schorn Promoted To First Sergeant

Tim Schorn has been promoted to the rank of First Sergeant of the 147th Army Band of the South Dakota Army National Guard. He is also Associate Professor of Political Science and Director of International Studies at the University of South Dakota in Vermillion.

1SG Schorn has previously served with the 8th Infantry Division Band in Bad Kreuznach, Germany and the 389th Army Band at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey. He is a graduate of the United States Army Element School of Music, Naval Amphibious Base, Norfolk, Virginia as well as the 8th Infantry Division and 203rd Training Regiment NCO Academies.

The 147th Army Band is made up of 39 citizen-soldier-musicians from South Dakota, Nebraska, Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin and is based in Mitchell. It served along the U.S.-Mexico border in 1915, in France in World War I and in the Pacific during World War II. The 147th has also served on missions in Guatemala, Panama, and Nicaragua over the last 20 years, and responded to floods in South Dakota. Along with a concert and ceremonial band, the 147th features numerous small ensembles and performs annually for thousands of South Dakotans in schools and at concerts and official events.

Schorn is a native of Stuart, Nebraska and a graduate of Stuart High School, Mount Marty College and the University of Notre Dame. He is married to Ilmira Dulyanova and they have a son, Kamil. They reside in Vermillion.



Tim Schorn

Yankton Community Library Offers After-School Programs

The Yankton Community Library, 515 Walnut Street, is offering a variety of after school programs for students in kindergarten through fifth grade, beginning on Thursday, Sept. 4. Programs run from 3:45-4:45 p.m. and rotate weekly.

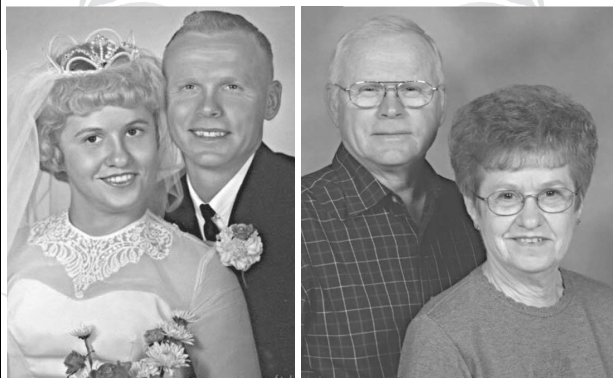
The first Thursday of each month, Books and Authors for kindergarten through second grade students includes read alouds, games, activities and crafts relating to particular books, series, authors or themes. The theme for the Sept. 4 program is "The Art of Picture Books." Young stu-

dents will explore books with collage illustrations. The craft project is making their own collages from different kinds of paper, fabric and other objects.

LEGO Club on Sept. 11 is for all elementary students. The library will provide LEGOs and the space for children to build. LEGO creations will be displayed until they are taken apart for the next session of LEGO Club in October.

For more information on these or any other programs, contact the library at 668-5276.

50th Anniversary Celebration



Mr. & Mrs. Darold Paulsen

Darold and Dee Paulsen will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary September 5, 2014.

Darold and Dee (Meyer) Paulsen were married September 5, 1964, at St. Boniface Church in Menominee, NE.

The couple have three children and four grandchildren: Lisa Baker and husband Kevin, son Tyler and daughter Jenna; Lori Field, son Dylan and daughter Rachel, all of Norfolk, NE; and Maret Paulsen of San Diego, CA.

The family of the couple request a card shower. Cards may be sent to: 1314 E 4th St., Crofton, NE 68730.

There's No Economic Advantage To Driving A Manual Transmission

BY TOM AND RAY MAGLIOZZI
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Dear Tom and Ray:

Years ago, it was understood that manual-transmission cars had better fuel economy than the same cars with automatics. But for the past several years, as manual transmissions become increasingly scarce, the dealers (and EPA) claim that the mileage is the same due to improved automatics. I don't believe this. What's your opinion, and do you think they just quit testing the manual cars, and slap on the same rating? I'm looking to buy a new car, maybe manual. — Barbara

TOM: It's true, Barbara. You're right to be a bit skeptical of the EPA's mileage numbers. The EPA doesn't actually test any cars; the manufacturers do the testing and then report their numbers to the EPA.

RAY: We know of at least one case of admitted fudging, by Hyundai. And another case in which Ford admitted to some "calculation errors," and had to revise downward the mileage numbers for a bunch of its hybrids.

TOM: So the EPA numbers are really just estimates. In our real-world testing, the mileage numbers we get often are lower — particularly in city and mixed driving. For some reason, the highway numbers often come pretty close.

RAY: But, in general, we do believe that modern automatic transmissions do as well as or better than manual transmissions, as far as mileage.

TOM: There are two reasons for that. One is the number of gears. It's not uncommon now for automatic transmissions to have between six and nine forward speeds. And with the international "gears race" in full swing, I'm sure 10- and 11-speed automatics are just over the horizon.



CAR TALK

Tom and Ray Magliozzi

RAY: There also are continuously variable automatic transmissions (CVTs). They use pulleys to constantly adjust the gear ratio, giving them, theoretically, an infinite number of gears.

TOM: The more gear ratios you have available, the easier it is to find the most efficient one at any given moment. And that improves the car's overall mileage.

RAY: The second factor is the lock-up torque converter. The reason manual transmissions used to get better mileage is because there's no "slop" in them. You put the car in the gear, take your foot off the clutch, and the car is "locked" in that gear until you remove it.

TOM: That's why a car with a manual transmission will stall if you come to a stop without taking it out of gear.

RAY: Automatics use a viscous, fluid coupling, which allows the transmission to "slip" when you're stopped at a light, to prevent the engine from stalling.

TOM: But that same fluid coupling that allows the transmission to slip at low speeds was harming mileage at higher speeds.

RAY: The lock-up torque converter

solved that problem by, essentially, allowing an automatic transmission to "lock" into gear (automatically) at higher speeds, like a manual transmission would — and then unlock when you slow down and need a traditional automatic transmission again.

TOM: So automatics do get comparable, if not higher, mileage these days. And there's really no longer a cost advantage to driving a stick shift, unless the purchase price of an optional automatic transmission is exorbitant.

RAY: And when you factor in the inevitable clutch replacement you'll need during the life of a car with a stick shift, the automatic often makes much more economic sense.

TOM: So the only good argument for buying a manual transmission these days is "Because it's fun."

RAY: If you define "fun" as juggling your coffee, the steering wheel, your breakfast burrito and the gear shift (which I do).

Bumps and potholes do more than merely annoy drivers. Find out what, and how you can ease the pain, by ordering 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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South Dakota State Fair Salutes The Veterans

HURON — To show appreciation for their service, the South Dakota State Fair will give all veterans and active military personnel free gate admission on Thursday, Aug. 28.

A Salute to Veterans program will be held at 10:30 a.m. CDT on Thursday, Aug. 28, on the North-Western Energy Freedom Stage. Representative Spencer Hawley COL (Ret) will be the keynote speaker. South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary Larry Zimmerman and Gov. Dennis Daugaard will also address those in attendance.

Representative Spencer Hawley COL (Ret) was born in Armour. Hawley graduated from Brookings High School and South Dakota State University (SDSU) as a political science and economics major. He is the owner of Hawley Insurance Services in Brookings.

Hawley is a retired colonel from the military after serving 30 years with the South Dakota Army National Guard. He received his commission from the Military Science Department of SDSU in 1975 and was promoted to Colonel on July 10, 2000.

Hawley's military awards include the Legion of Merit & Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters.

He has been active in several local and state organizations. He was appointed to the SD Game, Fish and Parks (GFP) Commission in 2003 and was re-appointed in April 2006. He served as the Chairman for the GFP Commission for two years until his term ended in March 2010. In 2010, he was elected to the SD House of Representatives and has served two terms. He is currently on the House Appropriations committee.

He and his wife, Barbara Ann, have four children and four grandchildren. The 2014 South Dakota State Fair will also be home to the Fallen Heroes Banner Exhibit. The banners were created in honor of South Dakota military personnel who lost their lives in Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The Fallen Hero Banner Exhibit will be located in the Midway Corner during the South Dakota State Fair Aug. 28-Sept. 1. Exhibit hours are 9 a.m.-8 p.m. CDT daily. The exhibit will close at 7 p.m. CDT on Monday, Sept. 1.

For more information on State Fair events, contact the Fair office at 800-529-0900, visit www.sdstatefair.com or find them Facebook and Twitter.

Rotary's Got Your Back



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Yankton Rotarians Jill Hunhoff (left) and Yankton Rotary Club President Amy Nelson (right) recently presented a donation to First Dakota National Bank in Yankton.

Yankton Rotary Donates Back-To-School Supplies

Yankton Rotary welcomes kids back to school with our "Rotary's Got Your Back" program. This year Yankton Rotary Club donated school supplies collected with the help of Wal-Mart and dona-

tions from the community.

First Dakota National Bank will be distributing school supplies to local schools to assist teachers to prepare students going back to school.

GIANT PUBLIC EVENT INDOOR TENT SALE

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Location: Every Schweser's Store
Time: Now to Monday, Sept. 1 only!

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Ace Phone Shop Ribbon Cutting

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