

## Dealing With The Loss Of A Family Member

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 U.S. Poet Laureate

I once wrote a not-so-very-good poem called "Picking Up After the Dead," about the putting-in-order we feel compelled to do when a family member has passed on. In this poem Sherod Santos, who lives in Chicago, writes what I wished I could have written.

### OUT OF THE WORLD THERE PASSED A SOUL

The day of my mother's funeral I spend clearing out her overgrown flower beds, down on my knees in the leaf rot, nut shells, tiny grains of sandlot sand spilling from the runoff gullies. The hot work was to see not feel what had to be done, not to go on asking, not to wonder anymore. Full from scraps I'd found at the back of the refrigerator, her mongrel dog lay curled on a stone and watched me work. It was Sunday. The telephone rang, then stopped, then rang again. By the end of the day, I'd done what I could. I swept the walk, put away the tools, switched on the indoor safety lamps, and then (it hardly matters what I think I felt) I closed the gate on a house where no one lived anymore.

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## Santa, Mrs. Claus Return To Yankton

Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus will once again be available at 1000 W. 11th St. in Yankton this holiday season. The Clauses will be on hand Dec. 6-8, Dec. 13-15 and Dec. 20-22, between the hours of 6:30-8:30 p.m. each night. Each child will receive a goodie bag.

## Winter Bird-Watching Offered At LCRA

Lewis and Clark Recreation Area is offering a chance to experience winter bird watching. A "self-guided hike" leads park users to many different species of wintering birds.

Brochures and a registration book are located outside the Welcome Center park office door. Bird/suet feeders have also been placed in areas of the park along the birding trail to attract the wintering birds.

"Walkers may follow the marked trail in different directions through grassy areas, along established park roads, or on the existing bike trail," said Shane Bertsch, District Park Supervisor.

Bertsch also reminds park visitors that a park entrance license is required year-round for all vehicles entering the park and may be purchased at the self-pay station at the entrance booth if the park office is closed.

For more information, contact Lewis & Clark Recreation Area at (605) 668-2985.

## Holiday Fun Day Set For Dec. 8

The Services Center Federal Credit Union of Yankton is sponsoring a Holiday Fun Day at the Summit Activities Center on Sunday, Dec. 8, running from 1-6 p.m.

This is a great way for you to start your Christmas shopping while the kids are having fun! Or stay & spend a fun filled day with the family.

The pool, slide and gym use is free. There will also be snacks provided throughout the day.

Children ages 8 and younger must be supervised by someone 14 years old or older.

Parents can pick up tickets to this event at Services Center Federal Credit Union through Dec. 7. Hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays and 9 a.m.-noon Saturday.

### MENUS

Menus listed below are for the week of Dec. 2, 2013. Menus are subject to change without notice. All meals are served with milk.

#### Yankton Elementary Schools

Monday — N/A  
 Tuesday — Shrimp Poppers  
 Wednesday — Chik. Noodle Soup  
 Thursday — Hamburger  
 Friday — Italian Dunker

#### Yankton Middle School

Monday — N/A  
 Tuesday — Burrito  
 Wednesday — Hot Ham/Cheese  
 Thursday — Hamburger  
 Friday — Sweet/Sour Meatballs

#### YHS A Line Menu

Monday — N/A  
 Tuesday — Beef Sticks  
 Wednesday — Philly  
 Thursday — Lasagna  
 Friday — Chicken Noodle Soup

#### YHS B Line Menu

Monday — N/A  
 Tuesday — Tuna Casserole  
 Wednesday — Baked Potato  
 Thursday — Vegetable Beef Soup  
 Friday — Flatbread Sand.

#### YHS C Line Menu

Monday — N/A  
 Tuesday — Chicken Burger  
 Wednesday — Fr. Bread Pizza  
 Thursday — Hot Ham & Cheese  
 Friday — Walking Taco

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# Cars From Same Maker Equals Same Parts

BY TOM AND RAY MAGLIOZZI  
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Dear Tom and Ray:

The other day, I stopped my Toyota Sienna behind a Toyota Corolla at a traffic light. As I held my foot on the brake, I began to wonder if the Corolla brake pedal was the same as mine, and thought it would make economic sense for Toyota if it were. I know the same engines sometimes appear in different models, but overall, what percentage of parts is shared between cars from the same manufacturer, and what are the most commonly shared parts? Is that front brake caliper on my Lexus the same one that slows down a Camry? Is the brake-fluid reservoir found under the hood of my Acura the same one that is tucked away at the back of the engine compartment of a Honda Accord? I can't imagine that every part is unique to every car model. — John

**TOM:** I don't happen to know if your brake pedal is the same as the Corolla's. There's not as much room in the Corolla's foot well as in the Sienna, so maybe not. But I know the brake pedals for the Camry and the Sienna are the same part. And that same pedal fits the Avalon, Solara and maybe other Toyotas.

**RAY:** So, in general, you're absolutely right. There are lots of shared parts for exactly the reason you state: Because it makes good economic sense.

**TOM:** Obviously, if Ford designs and engineers one directional switch and orders 10 bazillion of them, each one is going to be cheaper (in manufacturing and spread-out engineering costs) than if Ford created and ordered 20,000 of type A, 30,000 of type B and 80,000 of type C.

**RAY:** It makes repair easier, too, because the dealer has fewer parts to



### CAR TALK

Tom and Ray Magliozzi

keep in stock, and will be more likely to have the part you need when you need it.

**TOM:** Finally, it reduces manufacturing costs. When cars are built from the same "platform" (that's the industry term for common chassis architecture, engines and transmissions), several seemingly different models can be built on the same assembly line, or in the same factory.

**RAY:** Production can then be more easily shifted from slow-selling dogs to the hot models people want. And new body styles can be brought to showrooms faster, because the basic elements of the car are already designed and ready to go.

**TOM:** So this is the name of the game in car manufacturing today: reducing the number of vehicle platforms used, and increasing the number of shared parts.

**RAY:** Take Volkswagen, for instance. It recently started using a small car platform it calls "MQB" (that stands for "modular" and then two German words we can't pronounce). That platform is the basis of the Golf and Audi A3, and will eventually be used for the Jetta and Passat, and many others. In fact, VW says more than 40 models (including

models VW sells via its other brands) will be based on this one platform.

**TOM:** So, shared platforms account for the biggest, most expensive shared parts. But part sharing certainly goes farther than that. Switchgear often is shared among different models. So the directional and cruise-control switches, the electric window switches, door locks, light switches, foot pedals and seat-belt latches all are the same. Things you don't see, like ventilation systems, air bags and electrical infrastructure often are shared, too.

**RAY:** So, what's different? Well, the stuff customers can easily see and feel. The body styles. The appearance of the interior. The level of luxury you experience, like seating surfaces and the amount of leather versus plastic. The amount of sound insulation stuffed between you and the outside world.

**TOM:** The suspension characteristics can be tweaked to make one model feel more sporty — the way I like it — and another model feel more like a four-wheeled living room, which is my brother's preference.

**RAY:** Actually, I prefer my living room without wheels.

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.

Get more Click and Clack in their new book, "Ask Click and Clack: Answers from Car Talk." Got a question about cars? Write to Click and Clack in care of this newspaper, or email them by visiting the Car Talk website at www.cartalk.com.

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## Vespers

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rary chant-inspired music, carols and contemporary classics that help shape the story of Mary.

"It will be centered around Mary and the mythology and the symbolism of her as the rose," Tice said. "Everything has to do with prayers to her and texts that talk about her being the rose of the season."

The production will feature the MMC mixed choir, chamber choir and its acappella group, Smooth Benediction, he said.

"This year the music also

called for a small chamber orchestra, so we're bringing in players from the Sioux Falls and Sioux City orchestras," Tice said. "They're all professionals from the South Dakota, Nebraska and Iowa area."

While past MMC Vespers typically have been held on the first Sunday of Advent, this year's performances are being held on the second Sunday.

"We're doing this the first full weekend in December, and it's also the day Mary is celebrated in the Advent season," Tice said.

Due to limited seating and the event's popularity, tickets are no longer available, the choral director said. This makes the newly added television broadcast even more

valuable, he said.

"It's an opportunity to share the concert with others who can't get to campus or who weren't fortunate enough to get a ticket," Tice said.

Another advantage of the publicity from the broadcast is that the school can use it as a recruiting tool, he said.

"This is an opportunity for Mount Marty College to be seen," Tice said. "Potential students can see us on TV and say, 'Wow, I want to sing in that space. I want to be in that choir. I want to experience that when I go to college.'"

The MMC Vespers television broadcast can be seen at 7 p.m. on Dec. 24 on South Dakota Public Television. The radio broadcast can be heard at 5 p.m. on Dec. 24 on KYNT

1450AM or online at www.kynt1450.com.

"This concert is all about our students and showcasing them and their talents," Tice said. "We're excited about putting them in this beautiful space to sing great music that will get people into the holiday season and looking at it differently with Mary and her symbolism. Hopefully people will have a different perspective this year on what the season means and what it means to them."

You can follow Derek Bartos on Twitter at twitter.com/d\_bartos/. Discuss this story at www.yankton.net/.

## CDWC Holiday Open House Is Dec. 8-24

SOUTH YANKTON, Neb. — The Corps of Discovery Welcome Center in South Yankton, Neb., will be hosting its annual holiday open house from Dec. 8-24 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. daily. There are free coffee and treats. Many souvenirs will be available for holiday purchase.

## Lowe

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Lowe announced his plans to run for South Dakota governor on Saturday, and told The Associated Press on Monday that he will have a formal campaign kick-off sometime in January.

Lowe said he wants more openness in South Dakota government and better pay for school teachers.

"If your tactics aren't

working, then change your tactics," he told KEVN-TV. "Folks haven't changed their tactics, so it's time for a new team and I'm part of that new team."

Lowe is the first Democrat to announce a run for governor. Incumbent Republican Gov. Dennis Daugaard is expected to seek another term. His spokesman, Tony Venhuizen, told the *Argus Leader* that Daugaard had no comment on Lowe's candidacy.

"He is focused on running the state and getting ready for the legislative session," Venhuizen said.

Former state Rep. Lora Hubbel, 55, of Sioux Falls, is challenging Daugaard in the Republican primary. Former University of South Dakota law professor and health care administrator Mike Myers, 77, is running as an independent.

## Christmas Deadlines

The Yankton Daily Press & Dakotan will be closing at noon on Tuesday, December 24.



The following deadlines will apply:  
 Thursday, December 26 newspaper - Friday, December 20, 5 p.m.  
 Friday, December 27 newspaper - Monday, December 23, 5 p.m.  
 Saturday, December 28 newspaper - Tuesday, December 24, noon  
 Monday, December 30 newspaper - Tuesday, December 24, noon  
**There will be no newspaper on Wednesday, December 25, 2013**

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Ornaments placed on the tree in previous years have been saved and will be available to use again this year.

Please bring unbreakable ornaments so that they will be preserved for many years to hang on our memory tree.

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