

TOP SAILORS



Yankton Press & Dakotan publisher Gary Wood, left, presents the "Pride of the Fleet" award to Andrew and Gretchen Wuestewald — aka, the Wrong Brothers — for posting the fastest time in Saturday's Lake Yankton Cardboard Boat Race. Hair and Beyond/Aloha was second in the "Pride of the Fleet" category. The Wuestewalds also won the Fastest Time event, completing the course in 1 minute, 34 seconds; they were the only team to come in under 2 minutes. Daddy's Girls was second in the time event. The Titanic Award for most dramatic sinking went to Wholesale Supply Co., with Neptune's Treasure awarded second place. To see or purchase images from this event, visit spotted.yankton.net.

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notice to the public in a pretty obvious way with signage out for them," Russell said.

The commission was supportive of the idea.

"There is some merit to this, and it totally makes sense," Commissioner Paul Lowrie said. "The biggest thing is having the information out there to people."

He said information should be disseminated in such a way that visitors to the community would be aware of what was taking place so they would not be taken by surprise. Russell responded that the signs would be placed at 20-foot intervals.

"I think it's a good deal, because I know some of the cars that have been stuck in the Riverboat Days Parade are from out of town," Commissioner Bill Ellingson said. "Most of the locals know enough not to park on Third Street the day before Riverboat Days. This would be a way for them to find out there's going to be an event. I think it's something we need to do."

Commissioner Nancy Wenand added that the ordinance should apply to the whole community and not just the downtown area so it could be used for any special event.

N.J. Sen. Lautenberg Says He Is Cancer Free

MAPLEWOOD, N.J. (AP) — Sen. Frank Lautenberg, who became the Senate's oldest member when Sen. Robert Byrd of West Virginia died Monday, has announced that he is cancer-free. Lautenberg made the announcement Saturday at the Garden State Equality Legends Dinner in Maplewood. The 86-year-old Democrat told the gay rights group that his doctor said to him Friday: "It's gone, Frank." Lautenberg was hospitalized Feb. 15 after falling at his New Jersey home. He was treated for a bleeding ulcer, and it was announced Feb. 19 that B-cell lymphoma was found in his stomach.

Lautenberg began chemotherapy treatment and returned to the Senate on March 2. He became the Senate's oldest member after the death of the 92-year-old Byrd on Monday morning.

The liberal Lautenberg became prominent as a founder of the payroll services company Automatic Data Processing long before he entered politics in 1982 with a successful run for the U.S. Senate.

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CAR TALK

This Car Purchase Meant To Be

BY TOM AND RAY MAGLIOZZI

Dear Tom and Ray:
 My grandmother once owned a 1963 Rambler. It was the only car she ever had — my grandfather bought it for her the year I was born (the car was brand new, and so was I). She had that car until she passed away in 1994. When we were at her house going through things and getting ready to sell the house, I went out to the garage to see the car. Much to my horror, it was GONE! My dad explained to me that she had sold the car when her health was starting to decline. Everybody loved that car — she took immaculate care of it all those years. It really broke my heart to know that it was gone. Fast-forward a few years, when I took a new job in the same area near where my grandmother had lived. I happened to be at a car show, and in the midst of all those '57 Chevys, old T-birds, Corvettes and Mustangs, which all start to look alike pretty quickly, I saw a very familiar-looking car a couple of rows over. Sure enough, it was my grandmother's '63 Rambler! I introduced myself to the owner, and we talked quite a while. A couple of years later, I noticed he had the car for sale. Unfortunately, I was in no position to be able to buy it or care for it.

Now it is for sale again! I'm trying to be as practical as I can, I don't want to make a rash decision, but I want that car — if for no other reason than to have it back in the family again, and for the satisfaction of saving it from some unknown fate. I jokingly told the guy, "My grandfather bought it for his wife, so I'll buy it for MY wife!" He let me drive the car — I never got so many thumbs-ups in my life! (Usually it's that other finger!) My wife is OK with this, but space is limited, and I know just enough about cars to know that I would rather pay someone else to do any major work on it. The car is in pristine condition, and I certainly would want to keep it that way. What do you think? What are the ins



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and outs of owning an antique car like this? It would be fun to take it to all the car shows. My sisters are trying to talk me into getting it. I'd like to think my grandparents are looking down from heaven, saying: "Buy it! Buy it!" Should I just go for it? — Dave

P.S.: All the original paperwork is with it, including a 1963 issue of Motor Trend magazine in which it was declared Motor Trend's car of the year.

TOM: Dave, you absolutely have to buy this car. This car was meant to be yours. And after seeking you out several times, only to be cruelly turned away by you, Grandma's Rambler is begging to be reunited with you once more. You can't deny it!

RAY: Is it practical? No. But we all know that love isn't always practical, Dave. Sure, it's going to cost you a few bucks. But this is a piece of your history. How can you put a price tag on that?

TOM: It would be best if you had somewhere to store it, especially during the cruel winter months. So once you buy the car, you'll probably want to start looking for a new house. Something with a three-car garage.

RAY: Right. And you'll want to do some of

the light maintenance yourself. That'll require a Sears 759-piece tool kit with a rolling steel cabinet. And don't forget the air compressor.

TOM: Of course, you'll need to install a hydraulic lift. That may require a little renovation of the garage to give you the required head room. But 15 feet ought to do it.

RAY: For the more complex repairs, you'll need a professional. And because of the age of the car and its delicate condition, you'll need a retired geezer who used to work at an AMC dealership. Of course, it's best to have that person living on the premises. So budget for a small guest house on the property, too.

TOM: And maybe a second guest house for his nurse. And don't forget to equip the mechanic's house with a wheelchair ramp, a Stannah Stairlift and a portable defibrillator.

RAY: But that's all small potatoes compared to the pleasure you'll derive from having your grandmother's car back in the family. Don't let it get away this time, Dave.

TOM: Right. I once owned a '65 AMC Ambassador that I loved. And I let it go. A few years later, I tried to get it back, but it was too late.

RAY: Right. My brother didn't care for his cars the same way your grandmother did, Dave. By the time he tried to reacquire it, it already had been shipped to South Korea as scrap metal, and had returned as 1,400 Zippo lighters.

Tom and Ray offer a strategy for everyone who's shopping for a car. Find yours 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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AMERICAN LIFE IN POETRY:

A Poem That Celebrates Life's Blessings

BY TED KOOSER

U.S. Poet Laureate

Alicia Suskin Ostriker is one of our country's finest poets. She lives in Princeton, N.J. I thought that today you might like to have us offer you a poem full of blessings.

The Blessing of the Old Woman, the Tulip, and the Dog

To be blessed
 said the old woman
 is to live and work
 so hard
 God's love
 washes right through you
 like milk through a cow

To be blessed
 said the dark red tulip
 is to knock their eyes out
 with the slug of lust
 implied by

your up-ended skirt
 To be blessed
 said the dog
 is to have a pinch
 of God
 inside you
 and all the other
 dogs can smell it

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Horse Show Set For Wausa

WAUSA, Neb. — The 35th annual Horse Show will be held in Wausa at Gladstone Park on Saturday, July 3, beginning at 5 p.m.

There will be 31 running events on the schedule with the northeast Nebraska rules being followed. Five years and younger will be competing for four place trophies. All other classes will be competing for a 75 percent jackpot. Event No. 28 (Jr. Poles [11-14]) will be competing for the Ann Kumm Memorial Trophy. For more information, call 402-586-2543 or 402-360-3881.

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