

City Leaders Show Off Super Sides



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Yankton's city leaders, Parks & Recreation Director Todd Larson, (Green Hornet), City Manager Amy Nelson (Wonder Woman), School Board member Sarah Carda (Supergirl), City Commissioner Brooke Blaaid (Batwoman) and Mayor Dave Carda (Superman), are trying to raise awareness for the Court Appointed Special Advocates program in Yankton County. The National CASA Association's slogan is, "Every child needs a hero, but an abused child needs a Superhero." Also joining in the fun dressed as their favorite superheroes were Kaleb and Autumn Lohff, Kellen Blaaid, and Anna Carda.

Southeast CASA is hosting its first-annual Superhero Fun Run for CASA on the morning of Saturday, June 21st. Proceeds will benefit the abused and neglected children who are involved in the foster care and family court systems by providing them with a trained CASA volunteer who will advocate for their best interests.

"Everyone can become a superhero for the day by wearing their favorite superhero costume to the fun run! Our goal is to raise funds so that we can continue our work as heroes for some of our community's littlest victims," says Southeast CASA Program Director, Sherri Rodgers-Conti. Families, teams and individuals are encouraged to participate in this event, which will put the "fun" in fundraising!

Pre-registration is available online at www.eventbrite.com, and www.southeastcasa.org, or by stopping at the Southeast CASA office at 410 Walnut St. Registration may also be done on the morning of the event at the Meridian Bridge Plaza in

downtown Yankton from 9:00-10:00 a.m. The 2-mile fun run/walk starts at 10:00 a.m. with the route going over the Meridian Bridge and back, and through Riverside Park, ending with a pancake feed at the VFW. Local "Superheroes" from the Police, Fire, Sheriff and EMS Departments, and from the Army National Guard will each provide an activity station along the route for the kids. Participants are encouraged, but not required, to wear their favorite Superhero outfit during the fun run. Awards for best costumes will be presented at the pancake feed.

CASA trains community volunteers to be advocates for abused and neglected children who are in the local foster care system. In 2013, volunteers with the Southeast CASA program provided advocacy services for 29 children.

For more information, contact Sherri Rodgers-Conti at the Southeast CASA office, (605) 760-4825, or email contactus@southeast-casa.org.

Using Half The Gears Saves Transmission — But At What Cost?

BY TOM AND RAY MAGLIOZZI
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Dear Tom and Ray:
A friend in high school back in the early '70s would occasionally borrow his dad's Ford Pinto to cruise us around in. On odd-numbered days, he could use only first and third gears, and on even-numbered days, he could use only second and fourth. His dad was adamant that this would double the life of the transmission by using only half of it at any given time. My immediate question is: Do you guys think this is a sound method for increasing the life of a transmission, or was the boy's father a bit too obsessive? And second, would anybody want to own a '73 lime-green Pinto for that long anyway? Thanks, and love your column! — David

RAY: Your friend's father was absolutely right. By using each gear only half as much, he was extending the life of the synchronizers on those gears and delaying a transmission rebuild.

TOM: But he was halving the lives of his clutches! Well, maybe not halving, but he was shortening the lives of his clutches considerably. So this was a bad trade-off.

RAY: When you start out in second gear, you have to use more gas and release the clutch pedal more slowly to get the car moving without stalling it.



CAR TALK

Tom and Ray Magliozzi

TOM: And all that time when you're revving the engine and slowly releasing the clutch pedal, you're essentially sanding down your clutch disc. The clutch uses friction to connect the engine to the wheels. When you wear off the friction surface and make it smooth, the clutch is done for. Kaput.

RAY: Plus, whenever he was driving in too high a gear (every time he shifted to fourth when he should have been in third), he was lugging his engine. That builds up carbon, causes the engine to run hot and generally shortens the engine's life.

TOM: And he's doing all this presumably to extend the life of the transmission,

even though transmissions are designed to last the life of the car (and often do).

RAY: Clutches, on the other hand, almost always wear out during the useful life of the car (generally between 75,000 to 100,000 miles, depending on how they're used). So he was preventing a repair he might never need while shortening the life of the engine, and adding an extra clutch job or two to his bill.

TOM: Maybe he added more than one or two! It depends how long he suffered with this lime-green Pinto. He sounds like the kind of guy who likes to keep his cars a long time. So maybe he's still driving it now? On its fourth engine and 41st clutch!

Wait! Don't buy another car without the mechanic's checklist that's included in Tom and Ray's pamphlet "How to Buy a Great Used Car: Secrets Only Your Mechanic Knows." It will help you get a good used car and avoid the clunkers. Send \$4.75 (check or money order) to Used 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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BBB Alert: Timeshare Sales Warning

OMAHA, Neb. — The BBB Serving The Kansas Plains, Nebraska, South Dakota & SW Iowa is warning timeshare owners to beware of a company called Alpha Services, Inc. which has been the subject of a many serious complaints from consumers across the U.S.

Complainants report that Alpha Services contacted them with a promise to sell their timeshares, located in Mexico, and then informed them they would be required to pay a \$3,600 transfer fee before the closing could be completed. Consumers who paid these fees were then contacted several more times by Alpha Services and told that additional fees would be needed, including a Mexican Government Tax Fee in the amount of \$16,000 to finalize their deals.

BBB representatives verified with various property management firms that Alpha Services is not located at the U.S. addresses listed on their website.

Consumers also report that

after engaging with Alpha Services, they are being connected to individuals who claim to be representatives of Trust Company of America to complete their transactions. These representatives state they are located in Topeka, Kan. and handle the escrow services for Alpha Services. BBB has determined that Trust Company of America is not located at the Topeka address it provides to its victims and that scammers are likely using the name of the legitimate business (Trust Company of America of Centennial, Colorado) in an effort to lend authenticity to their scheme.

BBB CEO Jim Hegarty warns, "Individuals who want to sell or rent their timeshares should be wary of resale services that pressure customers to pay thousands of dollars up front, claiming that buyers are at hand. Too often, these are elaborate scams and once money is sent it is virtually impossible to recover."

BBB offers the following advice to individuals who are looking for help in selling their

timeshare:

Check out the business — You can check out any business at www.bbb.org. BBB Business Reviews include basic information, complaint overviews, and BBB rating from A+ to F along with the reasons for earned ratings.

Confirm location and licensing — Phony sellers will use fake addresses or P.O. boxes in order to mislead timeshare owners, and it's often easy to confirm where the company is located and in what states it does business. Ask if the company's salespeople are even licensed to sell real estate in the area in which you own a timeshare, then verify this with the state licensing board.

Get the facts on the figures — Find out if the business charges a commission. Do they handle the entire closing and provide escrow services? Do they charge an up-front listing or advertising fee? If so, what does it cover and is it refundable?

Be wary of upfront fees — Many complainants to BBB

were burned by companies charging an advance "appraisal" fee for services or were told that they just had to pay closing costs and the timeshare would be taken off their hands. Upfront fees are occasionally legitimate, but consider opting for a company that offers to sell for a fee only after the timeshare is sold.

Don't fall for the hard sell or an offer that sounds too good to be true — Don't agree to anything over the phone but instead ask the salesperson to send you written materials; take the time to think it over and don't be pressured. Unscrupulous timeshare resellers may claim they can sell it immediately, but that's often not the case.

View a BBB video on "Tips on Selling Your Timeshare" at <http://www.bbb.org/us/article/tips-for-selling-your-timeshare-17827>.

For more consumer tips or to check out a business or file a complaint with BBB, start at www.bbb.org.

USD

School of Law Announces Joy Cunningham Scholarship Endowment For American Indians

VERMILLION — The University of South Dakota School of Law has established the Joy Cunningham Scholarship Endowment that will be awarded annually to a current or incoming law student who "demonstrates financial need and enrollment in a federally-recognized Indian Tribe." Supported by a generous pledge of \$25,000, the endowment's donor has also provided an initial contribution of \$5,000 to be awarded for the 2014-2015 academic year.

"We initially found USD through its web presence, particularly in the area of American Indian art," said Delight Cash, daughter of the late Joy Cunningham. "This led us to the law school and productive conversations with the USD Foundation, who we found to be receptive, eager and easy to work with as compared to other universities we had contacted."

The Joy Cunningham Foundation, created in the memory of its namesake, had researched and interviewed other universities before deciding on the law program at USD. The creation of this scholarship endowment reflects Cunningham's appreciation, respect and concern for the advancement of Indian peoples developed through her family's personal experiences.

"The scholarship reflects

my mother's understanding of the needs of the Indian communities based upon her deeply held sense of a collective obligation to address past injustices and to empower native communities to meaningful address their present and future needs," added Cash, who describes her mother as a true "global citizen" — one who traveled the world over to see how people truly lived.

The USD Law School, which has long maintained a strong program in American Indian Law, was pleased by the generosity of the Cunningham Foundation. Interim associate dean and diversity and inclusion officer John Glover noted that, according to an American Bar Association report in 2013, there were less than 2,500 native

attorneys in the United States. This number is disproportionately small compared to other ethnic or cultural communities in the U.S.

"It's critical that Indians not only be provided the opportunity and means to become part of the legal profession, it's further imperative that greater time and attention is given to the myriad of Indian law matters impacting native and non-native citizens and communities in our state," said Tom Geu, dean of the USD School of Law.

The scholarship will be awarded for the first time this summer. Interested applicants can contact the USD School of Law at law@usd.edu or call (605) 677-5417.

Honoring Their Service and Sacrifice



Our respect and gratitude will forever be with our fallen military heroes and their families. Their service and sacrifice are beyond measure, and we will never forget their dedication to our country and our freedom. To all the brave men and women who serve in uniform today, we thank you for your commitment to preserving freedom at home and around the world. You are an inspiration to all of us, and you make us proud to be Americans. We salute you and your families, and pray for your safe return home.

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MENUS

Menus listed below are for the week of May 26, 2014. Menus are subject to change without notice. All meals are served with milk.

The Center/Yankton

Monday — N/A
Tuesday — Cheeseburger Pie
Wednesday — Chick. Cacciatore
Thursday — Pork Cutlets
Friday — Turkey & Dressing

Tabor Senior Citizens Center

Monday — N/A
Tuesday — Pork Cutlets
Wednesday — Swiss Steak
Thursday — Hot Beef
Friday — N/A