

Lions Club Donation



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Christy Hauer (left), Executive Director of The Center, with Lyle Malone (right) from the Lions Club who generously donated \$1,000 to The Center as a result of their Fall Golf Tournament they also donated \$1,000 to the Wounded Warriors.

Gov. Urges Safety

PIERRE — Gov. Dennis Daugaard is urging South Dakotans to be safety-conscious as they travel this Thanksgiving Day holiday weekend.  
“Thanksgiving is a wonderful holiday, a chance for us to reflect on the many blessings in our lives,” said Gov. Daugaard. “Let’s all take responsibility for traveling safely and make this a holiday we’ll remember, not one we’ll always regret.”  
Thanksgiving weekend is the start of a long holiday season. That means more activities and sometimes more stress, along with heavier than normal traffic.  
“Always wear a seatbelt,

obey the posted speed limits and avoid distractions as you drive,” Gov. Daugaard said. “And, please, have a sober driver behind the wheel every trip. Don’t drink and drive. There’s simply no excuse for an alcohol-related highway crash.”  
South Dakota recorded 225 highway crashes during the Thanksgiving Day reporting period in 2012. No one died in those crashes, but 48 people were injured. Fifteen of the crashes were alcohol related. The national Thanksgiving Day holiday fatality reporting period this year runs from 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 27 through 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 1.

Is Honda Un-‘Fit’ To Park in Garage?

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Dear Tom and Ray:  
I have a 2007 Honda Fit. A couple of years ago, I got a recall notice that said there was a defect in a part in the door and that the Fit might catch fire because of it. A fix was in the works, but Honda suggested that Fit owners not park their vehicles inside the garage until after the part was replaced. Interestingly, the fires were caused by water getting into the door when it rains ... outdoors ... where Honda wanted us to park our Fits. Ignoring the fact that the fires are caused by rain, I parked my Fit outside until I got the warranty work done to fix the problem. Last week, I got another letter from Honda stating (ahem) that the first fix didn’t work quite as planned, and that a new fix will be rolled out soon. In the meantime, they suggested that 2007 Fit owners not park their vehicles in the garage, since they might catch fire. They said to park them outside, where, presumably, the rain can get in and cause them to ... catch fire. My question is, even after this second fix for the same issue, should I ever park this vehicle inside my garage again, ever? What if the second fix doesn’t work either? Just sign me ... Nervous

TOM: Yeah, that is a conundrum, isn’t it? Honda did, in fact, recall some 140,000 2007 and 2008 Fits because water, or a spilled Starbucks Venti Frappuccino, could get inside the door when the window is open, work its way down and corrode the master window switch.

RAY: Window motors require a lot of electricity in order to lift that heavy piece of glass ... and do it in less time than, say, it takes my brother to get to



CAR TALK  
Tom and Ray Magliozzi

work in the morning (which usually doesn’t happen ‘til around noon). And since that master switch controls all of the car’s window motors, there’s a ton of juice coming into it. So if the switch corrodes and shorts out, it could potentially lead to an unplanned and unwanted marshmallow roast.

TOM: When Honda first recalled the cars for this problem, they fixed it by putting some plastic material around the master switch, which they then sealed up with tape. What they discovered later was that the tape wasn’t doing the job and could still let water in, leading to corrosion and the above-mentioned marshmallows.

RAY: So now they’ve decided to just replace the switch itself with an upgraded and redesigned switch — presumably the one they started using after 2008, about which we know of no complaints.

TOM: Of course, they didn’t have 140,000 of these new switches on the shelf, so what they want to do is inspect your Fit and look for signs of corrosion on your switch. If they see any, they’ll replace the switch right away. But if there’s no sign of corrosion,

they’ll ask you to wait until they can make more switches, which probably will be a matter of months.

RAY: So until you get the new switch, your Fit is still technically vulnerable to this corrosion and fire syndrome. So if they ask you to wait, I would continue parking the car outside.

TOM: Yeah, I definitely would not park it in your garage, Nervous, unless three other conditions exist: (1) The garage is detached from your house, (2) you have replacement cost insurance coverage on it, and (3) you’ve been wanting to redo the garage anyway.

RAY: Actually, Honda says that rain or other liquids can get inside the door only when the window is open. So your car should not get any worse if it’s parked outside with the windows rolled up.

TOM: But if the switch has begun to corrode, obviously you don’t want to risk parking it in a structure that’s attached to where people sleep.

RAY: And I wouldn’t leave any priceless Renaissance paintings in the car until you get it fixed, either. Good luck, Nervous.

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SCHOLASTICS

TRIPP-DELMONT

First Quarter/2013-2014  
First Quarter Attendance  
Senior — Giga Kakalashvili  
Juniors — Hannah Just, Michelle Nuss, Tanner Nuss, Payton Schaifers  
Sophomore — Kelsey Buchmann, Kayla Neugebauer, Micah Schoenfelder  
Freshmen — Alexis Gregerson  
8th Grade — Cole Neugebauer, McKenzie VanPelt  
7th Grade — Preston Buchmann, Mattilynn Reiner

HONOR ROLL

• Gold  
(\*—4.0 GPA)  
Seniors — Cara Finck, Giga Kakalashvili, Zbynek Surovec  
Juniors — Rebecca Brown, Nyssa Fechner, Dustin Fischer, Patricia Fischer\*, Hannah Just\*, Jessica Sandau, Payton Schaifers\*, April Torres, Morgan Ziegler\*  
Sophomores — Laura Brown\*, Kelsey Buchmann\*, Tara Droppers\*, Ali Hanson, Kayla Neugebauer, Jeana Nuss, Lauren Soulek, Maddison Stirling

Freshman — Whitney Fuerst\*  
8th Grade — Jackie Nuss, Ripley Schafers\*, Jason Schnabel, McKenzie VanPelt, Trey Whitmore  
7th Grade — Preston Buchmann, Cade Gemar, Mattilynn Reiner, Taylor VanPelt  
• Silver  
Juniors — Michelle Nuss, Aaron Torres  
Sophomores — Malorie Fischer, Julie Gilley  
Freshmen — Alexis Gregerson, Logan Horkey, Noah Schafers  
8th Grade — Cody Fischer,

Cole Neugebauer, Addy Scott, Brianna Stoebner  
• Bronze  
Seniors — Rochelle Dicus, Kiana Segura  
Juniors — Tanner Nuss, Josh Battles, Austin Bitterman, Austin Fischer  
Sophomores — Samantha Faas, Kennedy Schatz  
Freshmen — Nic Brown, Logan Fechner, Laura Huether, Victoria Scott  
8th Grade — Abby Schmidt  
7th Grade — Emily Fischer, Natalie Ketchum, Kayla Mora, Arnold Myers, Andrew Wilson

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to help guide us through the process. I don’t know if you can place a dollar value on that. However, this approach is really a springboard for us.  
“This isn’t a solely governmental perspective,” she continued. “It’s a more community perspective. I think there is a value in that. I have no doubt we could come up with 10 projects that are important. But I don’t think we can discuss them in a way that the Meioranda Group can help us talk about a 30-year work plan.”

Several commissioners expressed doubts about the wisdom of spending \$11,000 for a strategic planning process, especially when it isn’t in the 2014 budget.

“We only have so many dollars to spread around,” said Commissioner David Knoff, who acted as mayor Monday in the absence of Nancy Wenande. “At the end of the day, what do we have that equates to the citizens having better services, better facilities?”

Commissioner Charlie Gross argued that the city’s comprehensive plan covers the long-term goals of the city.

“It’s the broad brush with which we paint,” he said. “I call it the comprehensive plan. If you want to change it and call it a strategic plan, OK. I will just say, you (Amy Nelson) have my confidence

to facilitate a strategic planning session with this group.” Nelson responded that strategic and comprehensive plans are different documents.

She said she brought the proposal forward because it was promoted by a Brookings official. Mayor Tim Reed states in promotional materials for the Meioranda Group that, “Patrick Ibarra brought a new level of strategic thinking to our strategic planning process. He stretched our minds, helped bridge the gap between council members and city staff, and made sure we ended up with a set of goals that could be realistically accomplished.”

Commissioner Brooke Blaaid, who works professionally with strategic planning, said she had noticed Reed’s enthusiasm while speaking with him recently.

“I’ve seen us jump around (since I joined the commission in May), and I’m not really sure where our priorities are,” she added. “Maybe that gives me a different perspective, because I really think we do need a strategic plan. There are a lot of things we want to do in this community, but we can’t do them at once. I think that these facilitators will help us nail down the things that are achievable and the things that are achievable but not right now. I think the benefits outweigh the costs.”

City managers and city

commissioners change. Commissioner Craig Sommer said. “The main benefit of the strategic planning is, no matter who is elected or accepts the new jobs, there is a standard level of strategic planning in place that does not change, even as people change,” he stated.

Commissioner David Carda made a motion to accept the proposal from the Meioranda Group. However, it lost in a 5-3 vote. Blaaid, Carda and Sommer were the three supporters.

In other business Monday, the commission unanimously agreed to request that the South Dakota Department of Transportation (SDDOT) build 12-foot lanes when it reconstructs Highway 50 from Marne Creek to Archery Lane in 2016. The SDDOT has proposed building three 11-foot interior lanes and two 12-foot exterior lanes.

The city will be responsible for the costs associated with acquiring additional right-of-way and constructing three additional feet of width. Nelson said it is unclear at this point how much that will cost.

Also Monday, the commission:

- heard a presentation from Convention and Visitors Bureau director Lisa Scheve. She said that tourism numbers are down slightly in Yankton this year for undetermined reasons. It’s a trend

seen elsewhere in the state, too, Scheve said. As a result, Yankton’s bed, board and booze tax revenue for the year is down slightly compared to 2012;

- listened to a presentation from Lynn Peterson of CoTrust Bank about why farm credit system institutions and federally chartered credit unions should have to comply with the full application of the federal corporate income tax code and South Dakota’s bank franchise tax. Ken Keegan, executive vice president of Farm Credit Services of America, and David Wright, CEO of Services Center Federal Credit Union in Yankton, rebutted the arguments. The commission declined to take action on a resolution asking Congress to enact legislation to repeal all existing laws that protect federal Farm Credit System Institutions and federally chartered credit unions from the full application of the federal corporate income tax code; that preempt the rights of the individual states to fully apply a tax on the net income of financial institutions, like South Dakota’s bank franchise tax; and that preempt the full application of state and local sales taxes on products and services purchased during the normal course of business.

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Reduce Holiday Fire Risk

PIERRE — Thanksgiving Day marks the start of a month-long holiday season, and Fire Marshal Paul Merriman urges South Dakotans to celebrate the season but be aware of the added potential for fires.

The holiday season means more cooking, Christmas trees in homes, holiday lighting and decorative candles, Merriman said. Each of those things is a potential fire risk.

“We all love the trees and lights and the scent and sight of glowing candles,” he said. “Those are wonderful parts of the season. But they can be fire hazards if not handled properly. We don’t want anyone’s Thanksgiving or Christmas ruined by a home fire.”

The holiday season usually means more cooking, Merriman said. The National Fire Prevention Association says 40 percent of home fires start in the kitchen. The association made cooking fires the theme of its annual Fire Prevention Week earlier this fall. It’s something to remember throughout the holiday season, Merriman said.

“People get busier during the holidays, and we can become rushed, tired or distracted,” he said. “No matter how busy we get, it’s important not to leave the kitchen while cooking.”

The potential for a cooking fire can be reduced by:

- Turning off burners if you leave the kitchen.
- Wearing clothing with

tight-fitting sleeves when you cook.

- Keeping potholders, oven mitts, wooden utensils, paper and plastic bags, towels, and anything else that can burn, away from your stovetop.
- And cleaning up food and grease from burners and stovetops.

Safety tips to reduce the risk of other holiday-related home fires include:

- If you have a natural tree in your home, check the amount of water in the stand each day. A fresh tree can take in up to a quart of water a day.
- Place the tree away from heat sources such as fireplaces and heaters, and don’t place it in an exit path.
- Never use candles on or near a tree. Make sure the lights you use are UL listed and not frayed or damaged.
- Don’t use outdoor lights indoors or indoor lights outdoors.
- Don’t overload electrical circuits. Use approved circuit strips and turn off all Christmas lights before leaving the home or retiring for the evening.
- Put lit candles in glass safety globes and keep lit candles away from drafty windows and doorways.
- Avoid the temptation to burn cardboard boxes or holiday wrapping paper in a fireplace. Those materials burn at very high temperatures and not all fireplaces are suited to burn those materials.

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7:00pm  
Avera Sacred Heart  
Professional Office  
Pavilion

The evening will include special readings, Christmas singing, a candle lighting ceremony and decorating of the SHARE memory tree.

You may bring a special ornament with the date and child’s name on it to hang in memory of your child, or you may use one of the ornaments that will be available that evening.

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.

The SHARE memory tree will remain in the Avera Sacred Heart Pavilion throughout the Christmas season in remembrance of the gift of our children.

Refreshments and a time for sharing with others will follow the candlelight ceremony.

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