

Teacher

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and parents to assist with projects.

In recognition of his accomplishments, Kuhlman was selected this week as the Monsanto Fund National Rural Teacher of the Year.

"It's an honor," Kuhlman said. "It's a great opportunity to spread the word about rural communities and rural schools. That's what's really got me excited about it."

The educator said rural communities have always been part of his life, including his childhood in Ohio and his early teaching career before he and his wife moved to Avon.

"They're really great," he said. "I grew up in a small town, and my wife is from a small town. I'm not sure what it is about them, but they're just in our blood."

Kuhlman added that urban schools and larger districts have received more attention lately, and he wants to make sure that rural schools aren't forgotten.

"In South Dakota, we're always going to have small schools, and every kid in the state deserves to have a quality education," he said.

Kuhlman said to do his part in offering that quality education, he has always

done his best to challenge his students to reach their potential — something that isn't always easy.

"What works for one student might not work for another, so the challenge as a teacher is to try to find tasks and learning opportunities on their individual level," he said. "You have to learn a lot about the kids to do that, and I think that's one of the advantages of a smaller school."

Awarded by the Monsanto Fund each year, the national Rural Teacher of the Year Award honors outstanding rural teachers and the school districts they serve. As part of the award, Kuhlman will receive \$2,000, with Avon High School also receiving \$1,000.

Kuhlman will receive the award at the 105th National Rural Education Convention and Research Seminar on Oct. 19 in Branson, Mo.

"It's really a shared award, and I'm just the lucky one that gets to go accept it," Kuhlman said. "It's really a joint effort from the community, the school, the staff, the students and my wife. I couldn't have done it without all of them. They inspire me to want to do more."

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

Schools To Let Out Early For Parade

All Yankton Public School students, including preschool-12th grade will be dismissed at 2 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 27, for the Yankton High School Pioneer Days Homecoming Parade.

All school buses will be running early and rural students will not be escorted to the parade by their teacher. Buses will leave at 1:50 p.m. from the elementary schools and approximately 2:15 p.m. from the YMS exchange. Parents of elementary students may pick up their bus students at school at 2 p.m. if they are not riding the bus that day and have notified the school in advance.

Parents of Preschool and Jr-K students at Webster should pick them up at school at 1:45 p.m. Parents of in-town students should pick them up at school at 2 p.m. All elementary students should return the parade notice to their teacher, so plans are known for the early dismissal.

The parade will begin at 2:30 p.m. at Riverside Drive and Pearl Street, proceed North to 3rd Street, West on 3rd Street to Cedar Street, South on Cedar Street, and east on Riverside Drive ending at Douglas Street.

If inclement weather occurs, the parade will be cancelled and school will be in session.

American Legion To Hold Convention Sept. 29

MENNO — The annual District 8 Fall Convention of the South Dakota American Legion will be held Sunday, Sept. 29, in Menno for Legionnaires from Yankton, Douglas, Clay, Charles Mix, Bon Homme and Turner counties.

The Legion business session will begin at 3 p.m. in the Menno American Legion Post Home. There will be a social at 2 p.m. and following the business meeting coffee and cookies will be served.

State Commander Rick MacDonald of Hermosa will conduct the meeting and will outline his "Together We Can" program for the 2013-2014 American Legion year. State Commander MacDonald will be assisted by State Adjutant Dennis Brenden of Watertown and State Membership Chairman Terry Hanson of Arlington.

The District 8 Auxiliary will hold its meeting at 3 p.m. at the Center (across from the American Legion Post Home.)

MENUS

Menus listed below are for the week of Sept. 23, 2013. Menus are subject to change without notice. All meals are served with milk.

Yankton Elementary Schools

Monday — Popcorn Chicken
Tuesday — Hotdog
Wednesday — Roast Turkey
Thursday — Taco In A Bag
Friday — French Bread Pizza

Yankton Middle School

Monday — Popcorn Chicken
Tuesday — Cheeseburger
Wednesday — Chicken Fajita
Thursday — Chili w/ Crackers
Friday — H.C. Box Lunch

YHS A Line Menu

Monday — Chicken Strips
Tuesday — Shrimp Poppers
Wednesday — Chicken Noodle
Thursday — Tangerine Chicken
Friday — H.C. Box Lunch

YHS B Line Menu

Monday — Pizza Pocket
Tuesday — Chicken Alfredo
Wednesday — Taco Bites
Thursday — Broccoli Soup
Friday — H.C. Box Lunch

YHS C Line Menu

Monday — Footlong
Tuesday — Chicken Littles
Wednesday — Club Sandwich
Thursday — Soft Shell Taco
Friday — H.C. Box Lunch

Sacred Heart Schools

Monday — Pepperoni Pasta
Tuesday — Sub Sandwich
Wednesday — Chicken Leg
Thursday — Chili/Cheese
Friday — Cheeseburger

The Center/Yankton

Monday — Tater Tot Casserole
Tuesday — Turkey/Dressing
Wednesday — Pork Cutlets
Thursday — Swiss Steak
Friday — Cheeseburger Pie

Tabor Senior Citizens Center

Monday — N/A
Tuesday — Pamesan Chicken
Wednesday — Cook's Choice
Thursday — Applesauce Ribs
Friday — N/A

Are My Ball Joints Really Worn Out?

BY TOM AND RAY MAGLIOZZI

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Dear Tom and Ray:

I have a 2003 Ford Explorer Sport Trac with only 22,000 miles on it. I took it to my local quickie-lube place for an oil change. They offered to do a free alignment check. My boat-payment antennae went up immediately. They said the lower ball joints were worn and needed to be replaced. It drives like the boat it has always been, and I've noticed no unusual tire wear. How likely is it that the ball joints are worn? Is there any significant risk to not getting them replaced? Would I notice any indications that they're failing? — John

TOM: Very, yes, and no.

RAY: On a 10-year-old car, I think it's very likely that your ball joints are worn out, John. Even though you have low mileage, the grease inside the joints tends to dry up, and that causes the joints to fail.

TOM: If you don't trust these guys, the easiest way to confirm this is to take the car to another mechanic and ask for a second opinion. If you don't have a mechanic you trust (which everyone should), try searching at www.mechanicsfiles.com. That's a nationwide database of good mechanics



CAR TALK

Tom and Ray Magliozzi

who have been personally recommended by other readers and listeners of ours.

RAY: It's unlikely that you'd be able to determine, by driving the car, whether your ball joints are bad. You won't feel anything until it's almost too late. Just before the ball joints break, you may feel a shimmy in the wheel and have time to say, "Hm, what's that?"

TOM: But your mechanic can tell by testing them. He'll put the car up on the lift and grab each tire at 9 and 3 o'clock, and try to push and pull it. He'll do the same thing at 12 and 6 o'clock. If the ball joint is good, there should be absolutely no back-and-forth movement in the wheel whatsoever. If it

moves at all, the ball joints are shot and you need new ones.

RAY: And what if you just wait, John? Is there a significant risk? Well, how does this sound: You're driving at 70 mph, and all of a sudden you feel a strange little shaking. As you furrow your brow to wonder what's causing the vibration, your wheel falls off.

TOM: Then, as your life is flashing before your eyes, you can quietly apologize to the guy who tried to tell you that you needed ball joints. So get the second opinion if you don't trust this guy, but don't just ignore the warning.

Why do unmitigated cheapskates like Tom continue to buy nothing but old clunkers? Find out by ordering Tom and Ray's guide "How to Buy a Great Used Car: Secrets Only Your Mechanic Knows." Send \$4.75 (check or money order) to Used Car, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

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Grandparents Day



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Here's the story of Grandparents Day. Back in 1970, Marian McQuade, a West Virginia housewife, came up with the idea of a day set aside to encourage families to visit their elderly relatives. In 1978, a resolution declaring National Grandparents Day as the first Sunday after Labor Day was signed into law by President Jimmy Carter. First Graders at Lincoln Elementary, in Mrs. Hacecky and Mrs. Likness' classes welcomed important people in their lives to visit school, share some of their experiences and see all the changes in classrooms. We want to thank these special people who influence our student's lives and who helped us celebrate Grandparents Day.

Fundraiser To Be Held At Pizza Ranch Sept. 30

A People First fundraiser event will be held at Yankton's Pizza Ranch, 1501 Broadway, on Monday, Sept. 30, running from 5-8 p.m.

A portion of all dine-in and carry-out sales will be donated to the People First Group of

Yankton. The People First Group provides education and advocacy for people with developmental disabilities.

For more information, call (605) 665-2176 or email cwintringer@abilitybuildingervices.org/.

FFA Very Active In 2013 State Fair

HURON — Members of the South Dakota FFA participated in a wide range of educational activities during the 2013 South Dakota State Fair held Aug. 29-Sept. 2 in Huron. The results include:

- Chapter Sweepstakes (*Plaque and \$50 award for highest total score in all classes, including Chapter Exhibits, Ag Exhibits, Livestock and AgriScience): 1st — Arlington; 2nd — Sioux Valley

- Chapter Exhibits (sponsored by Valley Queen Cheese): 1st place — Arlington; 2nd place — DeSmet
- Top Ag Exhibits Chapter (sponsored by Valley Queen Cheese): 1st place — Arlington

- Top Agriscience Exhibit (sponsored by Jakober Limousin, Aberdeen): 1st place — Kiera Leddy, Milbank
- BEEF SHOW: Champion Market Steer — Brent Nelson, Arlington; Reserve Champion Market Steer — Bayley Kroupa, Kimball; Champion Market Heifer — Brittany Olson, Parker; Reserve Champion Market Heifer — Kyler Johnson, Baltic; Market Beef Showmanship — Grand: Kadon Leddy, Milbank; Reserve: Kyler Johnson, Baltic; 3rd:

Clay Osterday, Bowdle; Champion Breeding Heifer — Cagney Effling, Highmore; Reserve Champion Breeding Heifer — Shannon Duxbury, Wessington Springs; Breeding Beef Showmanship — Grand: Karlie Becking, Florence; Reserve: Jenna Dockter, Wilmot; 3rd: Halley Becking, Florence

- SWINE SHOW: Champion Market Gilt — Alex Van Asselt, Tri-Valley; Reserve Champion Market Gilt — Kaleb Eich, Chester; Market Gilt Showmanship-Grand: John Eilertson, Rutland; Reserve: Ylee Klinkhammer, McCook; 3rd: Kaleb Eich, Chester; Champion Market Barrow — Adam Krause, Deuel; Reserve Market Barrow — Taylor Will, Tri-Valley; Market Barrow Showmanship — Grand: Adam Krause, Deuel; Reserve: Miles Maas, Rutland
- SHEEP SHOW: Champion Breeding Ewe — Kyle Gutormson, Brookings; Reserve Champion Breeding Ewe — Hanna Peterson, Howard; Champion Ram — Kyle Gutormson, Brookings; Reserve Champion Ram—Jaclynn Knutson, Viborg; Breeding Ewe Showmanship — Grand: Dakota Flint, Viborg; Reserve: Hannah Pe-

tersen, Howard; Champion Market Lamb — Taylin Albrecht, DeSmet; Reserve Champion Market Lamb — Courtney Johnson, Huron; Market Lamb Showmanship — Grand: Jake Krohmer, Wessington Springs; Reserve: Taylin Albrecht, DeSmet

- RABBIT SHOW: Grand Champion Rabbit — Drew Sweeter, Lennox-Sundstrom; Reserve Champion Rabbit — Emily Hargreaves, Tri-Valley; Rabbit Showmanship — Grand: Alyssa Becker, Lennox-Sundstrom; Reserve: Melissa Nelson, McCook
- DAIRY SHOW: Supreme Champion Female — Logan Triebwasser, Sioux Valley; Champion Holstein Female — Logan Triebwasser, Sioux Valley; Sr Champion Holstein — Logan Triebwasser, Sioux Valley; Sr Reserve Champion Holstein — Logan Triebwasser, Sioux Valley; Jr Champion Holstein Heifer —

Ashley Rennich, Sioux Valley; Jr Reserve Champion Holstein Heifer — Ashley Rennich, Sioux Valley; Champion All Other Breed Female — Stephanie Ponto, Deuel; Sr Champion All Other Breed — Stephanie Ponto, Deuel; Sr Reserve Champion All Other Breed — Brittany Knutson, Deuel; Jr Champion All Other Breed Heifer — Audrey Souza, Milbank; Jr Reserve Champion All Other Breed Heifer — Brittany Knutson, Deuel

- Dairy Showmanship: 1st Place — Mike Triebwasser, Sioux Valley; 2nd Place — Brett Knutson, Deuel; 3rd Place — Laura Hojer, Lake Preston
- ROUND ROBIN SHOW-MANSHIP: 1st Place — Dakota Flint, Viborg; 2nd Place — Adam Krause, Deuel; 3rd Place — Jake Krohmer, Wessington Springs

50th Anniversary Celebration

Mr. & Mrs. Gary Schaefer

Gary and Michelle Schaefer of Yankton, SD will celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary with a trip to Europe.

Michelle Burmeister and Gary Schaefer were married on September 24, 1983, at Bishop Marty Chapel, Yankton, SD.

Mr. & Mrs. Larry Schenk

Mr. and Mrs. Larry and Dorothy Schenk of Irene, SD, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on September 28, 2013.

They have three children: Daron Schenk and family, Danny Schenk and family and Lonnie Schenk and family, all of Irene, SD.

The couple has eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Their family requests a card shower. Greetings may be sent to 224 S. Dakota Ave., Irene, SD 57037.

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