

LIFE IN POETRY

A Taste Of Rural Life

BY TED KOOSER

U.S. Poet Laureate, 2004-2006

South Dakota poet Leo Dangel has written some of the best and truest poems about rural life that I'm aware of. Here's a fine one about a chance discovery

BEHIND THE PLOW

I look in the turned sod
for an iron bolt that fell
from the plow frame
and find instead an arrowhead
with delicate, chipped edges,
still sharp, not much larger
than a woman's long fingernail.
Pleased, I put the arrowhead
into my overalls pocket,
knowing that the man who shot
the arrow and lost his work
must have looked for it
much longer than I will
look for that bolt.

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USD Hosts Memorial Service To Honor Donors To Body Donor Program

VERMILLION — The University of South Dakota School of Health Sciences and the Sanford School of Medicine of the University of South Dakota will honor 2010 donors to the Body Donor Program and their families during a special memorial service at 3:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 16, at the atrium of the Andrew E. Lee Memorial Medical and Science Building.

This is the seventh year of the memorial service that honors family members by recognizing the contribution of their loved ones who gave a special gift to the study of medicine. Students from the medical, physician assistant, occupational therapy and physical therapy programs along with faculty and staff will share testimonials and their appreciation to family members in attendance.

"The memorial service is a unique opportunity for donors' families to know that their loved one was treated with care and re-

spect," said event coordinator Carleen McNeely. "And that their loved one's gift was not just a value to students and faculty in our program but to the study of medicine."

The Sanford School of Medicine and the School of Health Sciences relies on the voluntary donation of bodies for medical and other professional health programs. Body donations are crucial in teaching gross anatomy as the foundation for physicians, physician assistants, nurses, dentists, dental hygienists, occupational and physical therapists, and paramedics. Donors have served as the "first patient" for thousands of USD students.

"This program has both an emotional and educational impact on our students and faculty," said Jane Gavin, director of medical anatomical laboratories. "I think the memorial service means as much to them as it does to the family members we are honoring."

Heartland HS To Host Tails & Trails Event In Vermillion

VERMILLION — Heartland Humane Society invites the community to Tails & Trails, a fun family fall event held at Cotton Park in Vermillion at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 17, with registration at 9:30 a.m.

Tails & Trails will feature a fun dog walk and, new this year, the Puppy Poker Walk. Walk with or without your dog — for free — or purchase a Puppy Poker Walk signature card for \$5 to compete for great prize packages. The top three hands — or paws — win.

Heartland Humane Society's adoptable dogs will also be on hand to meet and walk with and there will be fun doggie games, like bobbing for treats. Donations to the shelter will be accepted as well, with all proceeds going toward the care of our shelter pets. "Tails and Trails has never

been more fun," said Jack Steiner, president of the Board of Directors at Heartland Humane Society. "It's a great way to get some exercise and feel good, win great prizes and have fun with your pet — or ours!"

For more information, call the Heartland Humane Society at 605-664-4244 or email hhs@midconet-network.com.

Tails & Trails sponsors include Five Star Communications (KVHT), McLauri Engineering, Union County Electric, Sanford Vermillion, Vermillion Pump & Pack, Bob's Sinclair, and Vermillion Chiropractic, Henderson's Ultimate Car Wash, American Family Insurance, Anytime Fitness, Body in Balance Massage, Scentsy-Kelly Dalgliesh, Vermillion Vet Clinic and Vermillion HyVee.

Battery Options For A Prius

BY TOM AND RAY MAGLIOZZI
www.cartalk.com

Dear Tom and Ray:
I just got word that my 2005 Prius, with 110,000 miles, needs a new hybrid battery. I got the car new, and it's been well-maintained, but the battery has not given us the 150,000 or 180,000 miles that we had hoped we could get out of it. Our dealer is willing to replace the battery pack with a new one for \$3,500 (another dealer would charge \$3,995). I'm not sure if a "used" battery makes sense for a Prius, and I'm not sure if we could find a non-dealer with the experience necessary to do the replacement. Does it make sense to move forward and put a new battery pack in the car? We just finished paying for the car, so essentially, we'll be buying a known entity for \$3,500, but it's a bitter pill! Your suggestions? — Daphne

TOM: Doesn't that frost your shorts? The warranty for the battery pack is 100,000 miles, and yours keels over at 110,000.

RAY: Well, the first thing you should know is that certain states have adopted what are called California Emissions Rules. That's a set of air-pollution regulations that are stronger than what the EPA is willing to impose nationally. If you bought and registered your car in one of those states, you're in luck. Because in those states, the Prius battery warranty is automatically extended to 10 years or 150,000 miles.

TOM: So if you bought and registered your car in California, New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Pennsylvania or Maine, march back into your dealership, toss



CAR TALK

Tom and Ray Magliozzi

'em the keys and tell them to call you when it's done.

RAY: And then send your state representatives a big bouquet of roses, and pocket the other \$3,450.

TOM: If you're not a resident of one of those states, you still can ask Toyota for some help. From what we can tell, lots of Prius batteries HAVE been lasting 150,000 or 180,000 miles, or even more. So, since you got less than what you feel you should have, it's worth asking Toyota if it'd be willing to help you out and pay some of the cost of the new battery pack.

RAY: They might tell you to get lost, but we are at a rare moment in time when Toyota has had some well-publicized quality problems, and it might be more eager than usual to keep its existing customers happy. In other words, you have Toyota by the short hairs at

the moment, so go ahead and give a tug.
TOM: If it won't offer you any assistance with the price, then you've got two choices. One is to buy a used battery pack from a Prius that's been in an accident. That's a lot cheaper, and it may work out fine for you. After all, your car is used — why not get a battery pack that's used?

RAY: But the trick is finding someone knowledgeable enough to find and test a used battery pack for you and then install it safely and correctly. If you want to pursue that option, go to the Mechanics Files on our website (www.cartalk.com/mechanics), enter your ZIP code and search for a highly recommended shop that specializes in Toyotas. Ask them if they've done this before, and how it's worked out. And if there were any survivors.

TOM: Because the Prius batteries have been so good, there are not a lot of places that do this. So your best option, in the end, may be a new battery pack. And \$3,500 is about the right price. But call around, because the price of these battery packs has been dropping.

RAY: And, like you said, since the car is paid off and in good shape, you easily could get another 100,000 miles out of it for that \$3,500 investment.

TOM: You also can pick up an extra \$200 for recycling your old Prius battery. Your dealer can tell you how to claim that money from Toyota. Good luck, Daphne.

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SOCIAL SECURITY

Want To Retire In 2012? Apply Now

BY JENNIFER H.
Social Security Claims Representative

Plan to start receiving your Social Security retirement benefits in January of 2012? We recommend you apply this October if you'd like your benefits to begin in January.

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YOUR QUESTIONS, SOCIAL SECURITY'S ANSWERS

Question:
Is it true that if you have low income you can get help paying your Medicare premiums?

Answer:
Yes. If your income and resources are limited, your State may be able to help with your Medicare Part B premium, deductibles, and coinsurance amounts. State rules vary on the

income and resources that apply. Contact your State or local medical assistance, social services, or welfare office, or call the Medicare hotline, 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227), and ask about the Medicare Savings Programs. If you have limited income and resources, you also may be able to get help paying for prescription drug coverage under Medicare Part D. Call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY users should call 1-800-325-0778) or visit any Social Security office.

Also, see our publication, Medicare (Publication 10043), at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10043.html. For even more information, visit our website at www.socialsecurity.gov.

Question:
I received a notice from Social Security recently. It said my

name and Social Security number do not match Social Security's records. What should I do?

Answer:
It's critical that your name and Social Security number, as shown on your Social Security card, match your employer's payroll records and your W-2 form. If they don't, here is what you need to do:

- Give your employer the correct information exactly as shown on your Social Security card or your corrected card; or

- Contact your local Social Security office (www.socialsecurity.gov/locator) or call 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778) if your Social Security card does not show your correct name or Social Security number.

For more information, visit our website at www.socialsecurity.gov.

Center Offers Dinner Train Tour

The Center, 900 Whiting Drive in Yankton, is offering a tour package to ride the Fremont Dinner Train on Sunday, Sept. 18.

The package includes a three-hour train ride along the Elkhorn River. A three-course meal will be served. Recommended attire is

from casual to semi-dressy. Stops include a local gift shop and the Kewpie Doll Museum.

For more information, contact Tammy Matuska at (605) 665-4685 or ysc@midconet-network.com, or visit yanktonseniorcenter.org.

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40th Wedding Anniversary

Mr. & Mrs. Van Osdel

Jim and Kathy Van Osdel will observe their 40th wedding anniversary Sept. 17 with a reception and dance at the Yankton Elks Lodge from 7:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. Music will be provided by the BumbleBees.

The couple requests no gifts. They were married Sept. 18, 1971, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Yankton, SD.

They have two children and four grandchildren.

Holiday Card Contest

A Drawing Contest For Children 12 & Under

It's Simple!

Draw A Holiday Scene On 8.5"x11" White Paper and Submit It To The Yankton Daily Press & Dakotan

- Top drawings selected will be printed on Christmas cards. The cards will be sold with proceeds going to our Newspapers In Education Program
- The winners will be featured with their picture and first name in the Press & Dakotan and will receive a full package of the Christmas cards.
- Child's first name and age will be printed on the back of the Christmas Card.

Mail or bring to:
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Holiday Card Contest
319 Walnut, Yankton, SD 57078
Any questions contact Noelle at 665-7811 ext. 112

Please write child's first name, age, phone number and school on back of drawing.

Entry deadline September 30, 2011.
Press & Dakotan staff will judge drawings.

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