

American Life In Poetry

# A Mothers Love For Her Husband

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Here's a fine poem about two generations of husbands, by Pauletta Hansel of Ohio.

HUSBANDS

My mother likes a man who works. She likes my husband's muddy knees, grass stains on the cuffs. She loved my father, though when weekends came he'd sleep till nine and would not lift his eyes up from the page to move the feet she'd vacuum under. On Saturdays my husband digs the holes for her new roses, softening the clay with peat and compost. He changes bulbs she can no longer reach and understands the inside of her toaster. My father's feet would carry him from chair to bookshelf, back again till Monday came. My mother likes to tell my husband sit down in this chair and put your feet up.

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## Outlaw Trail Scenic Byway To Meet

The April meeting of the Outlaw Trail Scenic Byway will be on Sunday, April 19, at the Naper Café in Naper.

Directors will hold a Regular Business Meeting at 11 a.m., followed by the Annual Membership Meeting at noon. Members will break for midday meal at 1 p.m.

Twyla Witt, a Nebraska Tourism Development and Byways consultant, will be the guest speaker. Witt will have her computer available to assist attendees put their businesses, events and historical sites on the internet at www.visitnebraska.com/.

Members and the public are invited to a 2 p.m. program of "Songs & Tales Along the Trails," which will feature Teresa Kay Orr, singer and songwriter and Marci Broyhill, Prairie Poet and Story teller. A freewill donation will be directed to support the White Horse Ranch Museum, the Outlaw Trail Scenic Byway and entertainment. Adjournment is set for 3:30 p.m.

## Car Talk

# Cellular Technology Is Created A New Epidemic At Stoplights

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Dear Car Talk:  
I seem to be missing something lately that I can't figure out! There appears to be an epidemic of drivers who, when stopped at stoplights, insist on leaving one, two and sometimes even three car lengths between themselves and the car in front of them! It is not just old folks like myself, either. Is there some benefit to their cars that people believe in, that I have never heard of? I don't know of any!

— Jim  
Since you're an old guy, I'll fill you in on what these people are doing, Jim: They're texting.

Most people under 60 years of age these days, given a fraction of a second of free time, will reach for their phones. And if they discover that no one has tried to reach them, they'll try to reach someone else. If that fails, they'll start checking Facebook. Or Tinder.

It's like in the old days, when you used to walk out to your mailbox during the day to see if the postman had come



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ing a probing question like "Where r u?" ("I'm two blocks from the last place I texted you"), they don't notice that the car ahead of them moves up a few car lengths.

Interestingly, I recently drove a Subaru Outback that lets you know when the car in front of you starts moving. It's part of Subaru's Eye-Sight system, which actually is designed for crash detection, but they've cleverly added a "Hey, knucklehead ... it's time to go!" warning. When you're stopped in traffic, and it detects that the car in

yet. But it's like doing that 500 times a day.

So when they find themselves with 20 or 30 seconds (i.e., an eternity) at a red light, people can't resist the urge to engage with other humans on their smartphones. And while they're engrossed in answer-

front of you has moved more than a few feet, it beeps to wake you up from your Candy Crush trance and remind you to get moving.

It's a sensible use of a new technology. I mean, how many times have you been waiting for a left-turn arrow to turn green, only to have the person in front of you be lost in an iPhone trance? Then you honk, and they take off just in time to make it through the light themselves, leaving you to wait through another light cycle.

Which is OK, actually, because then you have 30 more seconds to check your phone.

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*Got a question about cars? Write to Car Talk in care of this newspaper, or email by visiting the Car Talk website at www.cartalk.com.*

## Student From Vermillion Announced Miss Wesleyan Candidate At Dakota Wesleyan University

MITCHELL—Eleven Dakota Wesleyan University students have been selected as candidates for the Scotchman and Miss Wesleyan awards, the highest honor given to students in their senior year at the institution.

The titles of Scotchman and Miss Wesleyan are given to honor a senior male and female student based on campus leadership and service, community leadership and service, academics and character. The honor of Miss Wesleyan began in 1929 and the honor of Scotchman in 1938. The title for the Scotchman was borrowed



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from the university's song, "The Scotchman."

To qualify for candidacy, students must have a minimum GPA

of 3.25 and be ranked at senior status. Those eligible submit a resume of activities and awards and a Student Senate-appointed panel chooses the top male and female candidates. The top candidates are interviewed

by a committee of students, staff and faculty who choose the Scotchman and Miss Wesleyan. The winners will be announced at the annual Honors Banquet on Friday, April 24, in the Sherman Center on campus.

Hannah Ford of Vermillion was announced as one of the candidates.

Hannah is a biology major on the pre-med track. She is the senior class president, Student Ministry Council's worship team co-chairman, lab assistant for organic chemistry, member of CHAOS (science club), co-leader for a women's Bible

study and a dance instructor for Vermillion Area Dance Organization. She has also presented at the South Dakota BRIN poster event, is assisting with a DWU project to help women in Uganda make and sell their own soap, volunteers for LoveFeast, the annual food drive and has been on a mission trip to Mexico through DWU. She is the daughter of Steve and Pam Ford, Vermillion. Following graduation, she will join Floating Doctors for several months in Panama and plans to apply to medical school for the following year.

# Internal Revenue Service Offers Last-Minute Tax Filing Tips

WASHINGTON — With the April 15 deadline fast approaching, the Internal Revenue Service today offered taxpayers still working on their 2014 taxes a number of tips designed to help them avoid common errors that could delay their refunds or cause other tax problems in the future.

First and foremost, the IRS encouraged taxpayers to file electronically. Doing so, whether through e-file or IRS Free File, vastly reduces tax return errors, as the tax software does the calculations, flags common errors and prompts taxpayers for missing information. And best of all, there is a free option for everyone. Whether filing electronically or on paper, be sure to make a copy of the return. In addition, the IRS offers these last-minute tips:

CHECK OUT TAX BENEFITS

Before filing, the IRS encourages taxpayers to take a moment to see if they qualify for these and other often-overlooked credits and deductions:

- Benefits for low-and moderate-income workers and families, especially the Earned Income Tax Credit. The special EITC Assistant can help taxpayers see if they're eligible.
- Savers credit, claimed on Form 8880, for low-and moderate-income workers who contributed to a retirement plan, such as an IRA or 401(k).
- American Opportunity Tax Credit, claimed on Form 8863, and other education tax benefits for parents and college students. Because limits and special rules apply to each of these benefits, the agency's Interactive Tax Assistant, available on IRS.

gov, can be a very useful tool.

HEALTH CARE TAX REPORTING

While most taxpayers will simply need to check a box on their tax return to indicate they had health coverage for all of 2014, there are also new lines on Forms 1040, 1040A and 1040EZ related to the health care law. Visit IRS.gov/aca for details on how the Affordable Care Act affects the 2014 return. This includes:

- Reporting health insurance coverage.
- Claiming an exemption from the coverage requirement.
- Making an individual shared responsibility payment.
- Claiming the premium tax credit.
- Reconciling advance payments of the premium tax credit.

The Interactive Tax Assistant tool can also help.

MAKE THE RIGHT IRA CONTRIBUTION

Eligible taxpayers have until April 15 to contribute to either a Roth or traditional individual retirement arrangement (IRA) for 2014. A six percent excise tax applies if a taxpayer contributes more than the law allows. Publication 590-A Describes the limits in detail and includes examples.

GIFTS TO CHARITY

A new law gives taxpayers the option of claiming on their 2014 return cash contributions made by April 15 to charities aiding the families of two slain New York police officers. Details are on IRS.gov.

If claiming a charitable contribution deduction, use the IRS Select Check tool to see if a charity is eligible to

receive tax-deductible donations. For donations of \$250 or more, taxpayers must obtain a written acknowledgment from the charity before filing a return.

IRS Publication 526 has further details on making gifts to charity, including records to keep. In addition, special reporting requirements generally apply to vehicle donations, and taxpayers wishing to claim these donations must attach any required documents to their return.

REFUNDS

Most taxpayers claiming refunds now choose to receive them by direct deposit. A taxpayer can choose to deposit a refund in a single account at a bank or other financial institution or allocate it among as many as two or three accounts. See Form 8888 for details.

To avoid a refund delay or misrouting to a wrong account, make sure the financial institution routing and account numbers entered on the return are accurate. After filing, whether or not direct deposit was chosen, track the status of a refund with the Where's My Refund? tool on IRS.gov or IRS2Go.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR PAPER FILERS

Math errors and other mistakes are common on paper returns, especially those prepared or filed in haste at the last minute. These tips may help those choosing this option:

- Fill in all requested Taxpayer Identification Numbers, usually Social Security Numbers, such as those for any dependents claimed. Check only one filing status and the appropriate exemp-

tion boxes.

- When using the tax tables, be sure to use the correct row and column for the filing status claimed and taxable income amount shown.

- Sign and date the return. If filing a joint return, both spouses must sign.

- Attach all required forms and schedules, such as Schedule A for people who itemize their deductions. In addition, attach to the front of the return all Forms W-2 and other forms reflecting withholding.
- Mail the return to the right address. Check Where to File on IRS.gov or the last page of the tax instructions. If mailing on Wednesday, April 15, be sure to do so early enough to meet the scheduled pick-up time and ensure a postmark before the midnight deadline.

NEED MORE TIME TO FILE?

Avoid a late-filing penalty by requesting a tax-filing extension. There are several ways to do so, including through the Free File link on IRS.gov, or by designating a payment as an extension payment and making it via one of the IRS e-payment methods, including the newest, IRS Direct Pay. Alternatively, taxpayers can file Form 4868. While an extension grants additional

time to file, tax payments are still due April 15.

OWE TAX?

If so, use IRS Direct Pay or any of several other e-payment options. They are secure and easy and you receive immediate confirmation of your payment. Or, send a check or money order payable to the "United States Treasury," along with a Form

1040-V payment voucher. Taxpayers who can't pay by April 15 often qualify to set up a monthly payment agreement with the IRS using the Online Payment Agreement option on IRS.gov.

For further help and resources, check out the IRS Services Guide.

## 69th Anniversary Celebration



**Mr. & Mrs. Kuestermeyer**  
Congratulations, Mom and Dad on your 69th wedding anniversary!

Still going strong!

~All our love, your kids and grandkids~

If you would like to send LeRoy and DeLaine a card for their anniversary, their address is:  
**1313 W. 13th Street, Apt. F, Yankton, SD 57078**



**Mr. & Mrs. Reynold Hoebelheinrich**

Mr. and Mrs. Reynold Hoebelheinrich of Fordyce, Neb., will celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary on April 25, 2015.

Reynold Hoebelheinrich and Elizabeth Boecker were married April 25, 1950, at Crofton, Neb.

The couple has eight children: Elaine (Randy), Karla (Jim), Warren, John (Beth), Robert (Bobbi), Lisa (Tom), Joan (Brian), Marvin (Doreen), and their late son, Roland. They also have 19 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Their family requests a card shower. Greetings may be sent to: 55890 897 Road, Fordyce, NE 68736.

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