American Life in Poetry

Pay Attention To The World Around You

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U.S. Poet Laureate

Here's a fine poem by Heather Allen, a Connecticut poet who pays close attention to what's right under her feet. It may seem ordinary, but it isn't.

GRASSES

So still at heart, They respond like water To the slightest breeze, Rippling as one body, And, as one mind, Bend continually To listen: The perfect confidants, They keep to themselves, A web of trails and nests, Burrows and hidden entrances -Do not reveal Those camouflaged in stillness From the circling hawks, Or crouched and breathless At the passing of the fox.

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County Essay Winners



FCSAmerica's Financial Officer Dennis Burbach (middle) presents county essay winners Kate Katterhagen (left) and Parker Bailey (right) with iPad minis.

Area Youth Write Winning Essays About Giving Back

Kate Katterhagen, 15, of Yankton and Parker Bailey, 14, of Gayville wrote winning essays about how they give back to agriculture.

their volunteer work or help on the farm contributes to agriculture. Two winners in each county receive iPad minis. which Dennis Burbach, Financial Officer reBY TOM AND RAY MAGLIOZZI King Features Syndicate, Inc.

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Dear Tom and Ray:

We have a 2005 Toyota Sienna with 52,500 miles on it (I don't get out much, I know). I drive like an old lady, and it's been a pretty low-maintenance vehicle until recently. During its last checkup, we were told that it needs a new front differential seal, new rack-and-pinion assembly, new timing belt/water pump, new transmission pan gasket and new rear shocks, all to the tune of \$4,800. We still have two kids living at home, and a third who frequently accompanies us on vacation trips. My husband drives a Prius, and we both like it. It has always been our intention to replace the Sienna with the larger Prius V "when the time comes." Now we are trying to decide if the time has come. We talked to a local dealership about a car on the lot, one of the station-wagon-style Prius V's. They offered us \$7,000 on our car as is, in trade for the Prius V. Of course, we have no payments right now on the Sienna, and pretty low insurance rates. All of that would change with a new car. Then again, we'd have a new, presumably very reliable car that gets great gas mileage. What to do, what to do? Thanks! — Donna

RAY: If ever a second opinion were called for, this would be the situation, Donna.

TOM: That's why she wrote to us, you dope!

RAY: I mean an informed second opinion.

TOM: There are two things you want to find out, Donna. No. 1 is: How much of this work is actually necessary? I'm not saying it's not needed, but with only 52,000 miles on the car, and you



CAR TALK

Tom and Ray Magliozzi

driving like an old lady, it would surprise me if the rack and pinion were gone.

RAY: The timing belt and water pump should be done, just based on their age. And it's possible you need the other stuff, too, but a second opinion would tell you for sure.

TOM: The second question is whether you're being overcharged for whatever work you do need. Off the top of my head, being generous, I'd say the differential seals should cost you about \$400, even if you do both of them.

RAY: The timing belt and water pump - again, being generous should be no more than \$1,000. The rack and pinion, if you need it, is another \$1,000 or so. The transmission pan gasket is \$150. And let's say the rear shocks are \$400. That's \$3,000, not \$4,800

TOM: That's if you actually need all that stuff. So take it to another mechanic and ask him to go over the whole vehicle from top to bottom, and see how his diagnosis and price match up with the dealer's.

RAY: If you don't have another me-

chanic you trust, go to mechanicsfiles.com, and search using your ZIP code. That's a database of great mechanics who have been personally recommended by our readers and listeners over the years. No one gets to "buy" a good review on that site.

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TOM: And if you really want the Prius V (which we can tell you're dying to get your hands on, Donna!), you can still go ahead and get it. But you might be better off doing the necessary work on the Sienna, for maybe half the amount these guys quoted you, and then selling the van yourself for \$11,000 or \$12,000.

RAY: But whatever your plans are for the Sienna, we'd recommend a second opinion before either trading it in or dropping five G's on a 10-year-old car.

Auto repairs can be costly! Save money by ordering Tom and Ray's pam-phlet "Ten Ways You May Be Ruining Your Car Without Even Knowing It!" Send \$4.75 (check or money order) to Ruin, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

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P.E.O. STAR Scholarship Submissions Deadline Slated Sept. 26

The P.E.O. STAR Scholarship provides a \$2,500 award to high school senior women who wish to pursue post-secondary education. The P.E.O. Sisterhood, an international philanthropic educational organization that celebrates the advancement of women, supports the STAR Scholarship.

STUDENT ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR 2015-2016 RECIPIENTS:

• Successful candidates will exhibit excellence in academics, leadership, extracurricular activities, community service and potential for fuyear (senior year) of secondary education at time of application deadline

• Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale • Citizen or legal permanent resident of the United States or Canada.

• Plans to attend an accredited post-secondary educational institution in the United States or Canada fulltime or part-time in the fall of the academic year after graduation.

• Recommended by a P.E.O. chapter.

APPLICATION PACKET MUST INCLUDE:

Resume or profile cluding name, date of birth, address, phone and email.

5; Yankton, SD 57078. Contact information: 605 665-7977 or

Maggied34@vyn.midco.net. Submission deadline is Sept. 26.

Four candidates can be submitted for the P.E.O STAR Scholarships from the Yankton P.E.O Chapters. Interviews will be conducted to select the four candidates.

Three Yankton High School seniors have been awarded \$2,500 STAR Scholarships since 2011.

Farm Credit Services of America (FCSAmeria) and KK93 Radio in Yankton invited 4-H and FFA members in the six counties of Cedar, Clay, Dickson, Knox, Pierce and Yankton to detail how

spectively at FCSAmerica's Yankton office, presented during the Yankton County Achievement Days on August 1, 2014.

Guidelines For 2014-15 School Meal Program Set

PIERRE — With school back in session in many South Dakota communities, the Department of Education wants families to know about the National School Lunch. School Breakfast and Special Milk Programs.

These federally funded programs help to ensure that students from families whose income meets certain guidelines (see chart below) are eligible for free or reduced price meals, which are served at participating schools. Students also may be eligible for

free milk if the school participates in a Special Milk Program. Families may apply for free or reduced price meals or free milk for their children for school year 2014-15 according to guidelines effec-tive July 1, 2014. Depending upon a family's circumstances, there are varying ways to gain access to the programs.

To learn more about the programs, families should contact the administrative office of their local school district.

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• List of extracurricular

• List of community and

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and years of involvement.

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For additional informa-

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Centerville Community Arts Council Plans 'Art InThe Garden' Celebration

CENTERVILLE — The Centerville Community Arts Council, Inc. is making plans for "Art in the Garden: A Celebration of the Arts in Centerville," which will be held on Sunday, Aug. 24, from 4-8 p.m. in downtown Centerville.

In case of rain, the celebration will be held in the Centerville School Gold Gym.

Organizers are planning on showcasing the many artistic talents in the Centerville area such as painting, photography, music, crafts,

quilting, sculpture by setting up tables, easels and stages for two blocks on Broadway. Activities are being planned for children too. Volunteers are needed to

share their talents. If you are interested in

having a space to display or sell items, or if you are will-

ing to demonstrate your art, contact Mary Ferwerda (563-2765), Deb Diercks (563-2780) or Vonni Knutson (563-2390).

There is no fee for this event. You are asked to provide your own table and chair.





Lundgren Promoted to Plant Manager at Baldwin Filters in Yankton, SD



Baldwin Filters, headquartered in Kearney, NE, recently announced the promotion of George Lundgren to Plant Manager at its facility in Yankton, SD. In his new role, Lundgren will be responsible for all activities at the Yankton manufacturing site.

Lundgren joined Baldwin Filters 33 years ago and has worked as an assembler, line supervisor, production supervisor, project manager and production manager. He also earned a 6 Sigma Black Belt certification from Caterpillar during his tenure with Baldwin Filters.

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