

American Life In Poetry

# Birds Of A Feather

BY TED KOOSER  
U.S. Poet Laureate

Several years ago, I co-edited an anthology of poems about birds, and I wish I'd had the opportunity to include this one, a delight. J. Allyn Rosser lives in Ohio. Her most recent book is *Mimi's Trapeze* (University of Pittsburgh Press, 2014).

### PELICANS IN DECEMBER

One can't help admiring  
their rickety grace

and old-world feathers  
like seasoned boardwalk planks.

They pass in silent pairs,  
as if a long time ago

they had wearied of calling out.  
The wind tips them, their

ungainly, light-brown weight,  
into a prehistoric wobble,

wings'-end fingers stretching  
from fingerless gloves,

necks slightly tucked and stiff,  
peering forward and down,

like old couples arm in arm  
on icy sidewalks, careful,

careful, mildly surprised  
by how difficult it has become

to stay dignified and keep moving  
even after the yelping gulls have gone;

even after the scattered sand,  
and the quietly lodged complaints.

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### SCHOLARSHIPS

#### NFIB ONLINE 2016 SCHOLARSHIP

DENVER —The National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB) Young Entrepreneur Foundation announced today that its scholarship application for the 2016 NFIB Young Entrepreneur Awards is now available.

High school seniors who run their own business and plan to attend a two- or four-year university, college, or vocational institute during the fall of 2016 are eligible to apply.

"These ambitious young business owners continue to impress us with their innovation, spirit and work ethic each year," said Director of the Young Entrepreneur Foundation Molly Young. "It is so important that we support tomorrow's business leaders and encourage them to fulfill their entrepreneurial dreams."

The NFIB Young Entrepreneur Foundation offers scholarships that recognize high school seniors who have demonstrated entrepreneurial spirit and initiative through having established and run their own businesses. The scholarship program's goal is to raise awareness among the nation's youth of the critical role that private enterprise and entrepreneurship play in the American economy.

As an added bonus this year, VISA Inc. has agreed to double the awards. Ninety-five of the scholarship winners will now receive a \$2,000 award and five students will be chosen as Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award finalists. The finalists will qualify for NFIB's two top scholarship awards and attend a ceremony in Washington, D.C., where the

winners will be named. The Young Entrepreneur of the Year recipient will receive \$25,000, the Dan Danner Leadership Award winner will receive \$15,000 and the remaining three finalists will each receive \$10,000.

"The increase in the amount of money we will be providing to young entrepreneurs across the country shows NFIB's and VISA's commitment to supporting youth entrepreneurship and the future of small business," said Young.

What do students need to know?

- Students are able to apply through Dec. 18, 2015.
- The independent selection committee will review all applications and select semifinalists. Semifinalists will be notified by mid-January.
- Semifinalists must be interviewed by an NFIB member, who will be assigned to each semi-finalist.
- The Award recipients are selected by an independent scholarship organization. Scholarships are merit-based, not based on financial need.

Since 2003, the NFIB Young Entrepreneur Foundation has awarded more than 2,700 scholarships totaling \$2.7 million. Last year the Foundation awarded 100 deserving student entrepreneurs \$145,000.

"Any high school senior who runs their own business and plans to further their education is encouraged to apply for this scholarship," Young continued. "We could not be more excited to open this year's application and see what wonderful things the class of 2016 has to offer. We wish all of the applicants the best of luck!"

More information is available at [www.NFIB.com/YEF](http://www.NFIB.com/YEF).

### State Minimum Wage To Increase Jan. 1

PIERRE — The state minimum wage will increase from \$8.50/hour to \$8.55/hour effective Jan. 1, 2016.

The minimum wage is annually adjusted by any increase in the cost of living, as measured in the Consumer Price Index published by the U.S. Department of Labor. This year's increase was 0.2 percent and is rounded up to the nearest five cents.

The hourly minimum wage for tipped employees will be \$4.28/hour effective Jan. 1, 2016, half the minimum wage for non-tipped employees. Wages and tips combined must equal at least the minimum wage.

These increases will apply to all South Dakota employers, with some limited exceptions. For more information, visit <http://dlr.sd.gov/wagehrs/minimum-wage.aspx>.

### Car Talk

# Finding The Right Car For Winter Conditions

BY RAY MAGLIOZZI  
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**Dear Car Talk:**  
Is there a rule of thumb about what sort of vehicle is most stable on icy roads — maybe all-wheel drive versus two-wheel drive, or wide wheelbase versus narrow wheelbase? Last winter I slid sideways off a highway, across the shoulder, through the ditch and up against a fence. Ever since then, I've been scared that my 2013 Hyundai Elantra GT (a little hatchback) is not the right car for winter conditions. The rear end of this car also jumps around a lot on bad pavement.

—Martin  
Well, nothing's great on ice, Martin. Except maybe sled dogs. But Hyundai discontinued those in 2013.

I don't think wheelbase width makes much of a difference. All-wheel drive certainly is better than two-wheel drive. And heavier cars tend to do better in snow and ice than light cars. So your Hyundai GT would not be the first car I'd think of when someone wants a winter vehicle. Although, to be fair, it's no worse than lots of other small, lightweight, front-wheel-drive cars.

If you do decide to keep it, I have



Ray  
MAGLIOZZI

two suggestions: One is to get four of the best snow tires you can find — something like Dunlop SP Winter Sports, Pirelli Winter SottoZero Serie IIs or Bridgestone Blizzaks. If you go to [tirerack.com](http://tirerack.com), it has a tire decision tool that will help you choose tires. And you can read reviews of individual tires, to further narrow your decision.

Tires designed for snow and ice not only have tread patterns that help with snow traction, but the actual rubber compound they're made of helps them stay softer and stickier in cold temperatures.

You wouldn't want to drive around on them all year, because they're not as good on wet or dry roads as all-season tires. But for winter traction, four good winter tires will make a difference.

My second suggestion would be to slow down. In snow and ice, every change of direction of the car is magnified because you have less traction. So, while you can make a sharp turn at 20

mph on a dry road and the car won't slide, that same turn at 10 mph, or even 5 mph, on snow might land you in a ditch.

So on slippery roads, you want to do everything very gently. Brake gently. Steer gently. Stop gently. That's a lot easier if you're going slowly, because you can anticipate turns and stops, instead of reacting quickly — which can result in a loss of control.

Actually, there is one vehicle I just thought of that's great on ice: a Zamboni. Unfortunately, it only comes as a convertible, so you'd really have to bundle up next winter, Martin. But think about it.

In the pamphlet "Should I Buy, Lease, or Steal My Next Car?" Click and Clack break down the strategies for buying a car, so you can make the most of your money. Send \$4.75 (check or money order) to Car Talk/Next Car, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803.

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](http://www.cartalk.com).

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# SBA Accepting 2016 National Small Business Week Awards Nominations

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Small Business Administration is now accepting nominations for its 2016 National Small Business Week Awards, including the annual Small Business Person of the Year. Since 1963, National Small Business Week has recognized the outstanding achievements of America's small businesses for their contributions to their local communities, and to our nation's economy.

The dedicated website <http://awards.sba.gov> provides criteria and guidelines for submitting a nomination. For 2016, the nomination criteria have been streamlined and simplified. In years past there were multiple forms, letters and documents required; now the nominees are only required to submit one form and questionnaire.

SBA Awards given in celebration of National Small Business Week, May 2-6, 2016, include the following:

- Small Business Person of the Year — One from each of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and Guam.
- Exporter of the Year
- Phoenix Awards for Disaster Recovery
- Phoenix Award for Small Business Disaster Recovery
- Phoenix Award for Outstanding Contributions to Disaster Recovery, Public Official
- Phoenix Award for Outstanding Contributions to Disaster Recovery, Volunteer
- Federal Procurement Awards
- Small Business Prime Contractor of the Year
- Small Business Subcontractor of the Year
- Dwight D. Eisenhower Awards for Excellence (for large prime contractors who use small businesses as suppliers

- and contractors)
- 8(a) Graduate of the Year
- Jody C. Raskind Lender of the Year
- Small Business Investment Company of the Year
- Awards to SBA Resource Partners
- Small Business Development Center (SBDC) Excellence and Innovation Center Award
- Women's Business Center of Excellence Award
- Veterans Business Outreach Center of the Year

All nominations must be submitted no later than 3 p.m. EST, Monday, Jan. 11, 2016. In addition to the website, nominations can also be sent directly to an SBA District Office — for contact information and other District Office information visit online at <http://www.sba.gov/districtoffices>.

# Two \$10,000 Scholarships Available To USD School Of Education Students

VERMILLION — The University of South Dakota School of Education has announced its new premier scholarship that will grant \$10,000 each to a junior and senior who plan to teach in South Dakota.

The Jeanne Spilde Gonzebach Scholarship will be

awarded annually starting with the 2016-2017 school year to two outstanding students who have a passion for teaching, have financial need and hold majors in elementary, secondary or special education.

The deadline to apply online is Jan. 29 and recipients

will be announced in March. Go to [https://usdsoe.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_blNyaaJP0DKef4x](https://usdsoe.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_blNyaaJP0DKef4x).

## "Still pedaling on to new adventures!" Happy 80th Birthday, Carol



December 15, 2015

Love, Your family

Send greetings to:  
Carol Groseth  
18624 N. Twilight Way  
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The Robert "Bob" Johansen family would like to thank everyone for all the kind thoughts and prayers, cards, flowers, food and memorials that were given to the family. So many of you we cannot thank enough for the sympathy you have shown all of us. Bob will be greatly missed by us.

Dorothy Johansen  
Neal & Linda & family  
David & Jane & family  
Timothy & girls  
Ralph & Anita Johansen  
Marlin & Tena & family  
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The family of Margaret Lyons would like to offer our most sincere thanks to the Community for the kind help, thoughtfulness and sympathy we have been given during our time of bereavement. The many acts of kindness and helping hands for our family are greatly appreciated. The lovely stories and precious memories shared were of tremendous comfort and made us smile. While we miss Margaret greatly, the generous donations given in her memory to a total of 10 local charitable organizations will ensure that her love of Yankton and the Fine Arts continue. We are especially heartened that the forthcoming Margaret M. Lyons Fine Arts Scholarship will benefit emerging young artists in Yankton. Special thanks to St. Benedict Catholic Church and the Funeral Committee, the combined choirs of St. Benedict and Sacred Heart Catholic Churches and Fr. Ken Lufi for officiating the inspirational and uplifting services. Special commendation to Kevin Opsahl and the entire Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home staff for expertly guiding us through the process. Heartfelt gratitude to her fellow Delta Kappa Gamma and P.E.O. Sisters for serving as Honorary Pallbearers. Special recognition to Bailey's Irish Creme and Jameson's Irish Whiskey for adding to an exemplary Irish Wake and the many, many friends, family and neighbors who gathered to celebrate the gift of Margaret "Dorothy" Lyons.

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Sean and Jolene Lyons • Dave Lyons • Derek and Dr. Sarah Lyons