

AMERICAN LIFE IN POETRY:

Poetry Offers Snapshot Of A Cherished Friend

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Wisconsin writer Freya Manfred is not only a fine poet but the daughter of the late Frederick Manfred, a distinguished novelist of the American west. Here is a lovely snapshot of her father, whom I cherished among my good friends.

GREEN PEAR TREE IN SEPTEMBER

On a hill overlooking the Rock River
my father's pear tree shimmers,
in perfect peace,
covered with hundreds of ripe pears
with pert tops, plump bottoms,
and long curved leaves.
Until the green-haloed tree
rose up and sang hello,
I had forgotten. . .
He planted it twelve years ago,
when he was seventy-three,
so that in September
he could stroll down
with the sound of the crickets
rising and falling around him,
and stand, naked to the waist,
slightly bent, sucking juice
from a ripe pear.

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USD Honored Nationally For Its Extraordinary Community Service

VERMILLION — For the third straight year, The University of South Dakota has been named to the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll by the Corporation for National and Community Service.

USD's selection to the honor roll is recognition from the highest levels of the federal government for the University's commitment to service and civic engagement both on campus and in the United States. USD is one of 742 colleges and universities nationwide recognized for extraordinary community service — and one of four South Dakota institutions to be named to the honor roll. The honor is a reflection of the hard work and dedication from students, faculty and staff members who make service a priority.

This past year, more than 1,000 students from The U participated in service-learning activities through academic classes, including the Interdisciplinary Education and Action (IdEA) Program, the First-Year Experience and individual courses, and through programs such as the Alternative Week of Off-campus Learning (AWOL) alternative break program. Additionally, close to 1,500 USD students volunteered for community service activities through campus organizations such as Students Enhancing Resources for Vermillion Enrichment (SERVE). All together, USD students contributed more than 48,000 hours to community service projects in 2009. "Our faculty, staff and students have done and continue to do great things to benefit the community," explained Jacqueline Lonning, Coordinator of Academic Engagement at USD. "With everyone's help in promoting community engagement and working to better capture the work being completed, our numbers continue to grow each year."

Launched in 2006, the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll recognizes colleges and universities nationwide that support innovative and effective community service and service-learning programs. The Honor Roll is a program of the Corporation for National and

BIRTHS

JOHN WILLIAM NETH, JR.

John and Lindsay Neth of Tea announce the birth of their son John "Will" William Neth, Jr. born February 11, 2010 at 9:38 a.m. He weighed 6 pounds 14 ounces and was 19 1/4 inches long.

Grandparents are Bill and Diane Pape of Freeman and Wally and Diane Neth of Menno. Great-Grandmother is Alyene Crosley of Parkston.

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Reader Needs Help With A Stinky Situation

BY TOM AND RAY MAGLIOZZI

Dear Tom and Ray:

A passenger in my son's Toyota Tacoma truck did not get his head all the way out of the window prior to vomiting. The exterior and the interior of the truck have been detailed, but the smell lingers. When the window is rolled up, it comes up with a smear — leading us to believe vomit got inside the door frame. How can this be cleaned? Remove the door panel? Pour water into the door frame via the window opening? What do you suggest? — Janice

RAY: A flame-thrower.

TOM: Why do people write to us with stuff like this? Do we not comport ourselves with sufficient dignity when answering questions about exhaust odors?

RAY: Apparently not. I agree with your assessment, Janice. It sounds like the unpleasant substance is now inside the hollow of the door.

TOM: We'll give you the easy solution first. On the outside of the door, where the window meets the door frame, there's a rubber flap that's designed to keep water from pouring down into the door.

RAY: But water can go down there without causing any harm. So, with the window up and the door open, take a spatula that



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you're never going to use again to flip pancakes, and pull back that flap. If there's anything on the flap, wipe it off, and then pour a little soap and a bunch of water down there. You can even let your garden hose run in there for a while. There are tiny drain holes at the bottom of the door, and the water eventually will run out.

TOM: And if you're very lucky, the bulk of the "un-beverage" will be on the outside of the window, or down at the bottom of the door, and the soap and water will wash it away, or at least dilute it.

RAY: Unlikely.

TOM: Yeah. Since the flap is there, the rejected lunch material probably went down the inside of the window. And you can't pour water down the inside of the window, because you could ruin the inside door panel.

RAY: So you'll have to pull that door panel off — it's held on by a bunch of clips. Once you remove it, you'll see the whole window mechanism. And probably some puke. From there, you can clean off whatever needs to be cleaned, and spray the whole area with disinfectant.

TOM: And then try to put the door panel back on before YOU puke in there.

RAY: If all of this sounds too disgusting for you to handle, you can always take the truck to a body shop, and they can remove the door panel and clean the door cavity for you. They have respirators they use when they paint cars, which would come in very handy.

TOM: Or just go to a junkyard and buy a new door. That's what I'd do! Good luck, Janice.

Got a question about cars? Write to Click and Clack in care of this newspaper, or e-mail them by visiting the Car Talk Web site at www.cartalk.com.

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Local Students To Serve Mission During Spring Break

Orange City, Iowa - Two local students are among the approximately 200 students from Northwestern College (NWC), Orange City, Iowa, who will travel across the U.S. and around the world for the college's annual Spring Service Projects (SSP) March 6-15. Leah Mabee, sophomore, biology health professions, will be participating in short-term mission work in Opelousas, La. and Meghan Schuster, freshman, music, will be participating in short-term mission work in Jonesboro, Ark.

Northwestern College mission teams will travel to two international sites this year. Students will serve in two youth hostels in Amsterdam in the Netherlands, as well as in the impoverished area

of Bluefields, Nicaragua.

There is one new SSP site in the United States. The college is partnering with Cary Christian Center in Cary, Miss., where students will tutor children, lead Bible studies, help families with emergencies, and assist with a dental clinic.

Additional U.S. service opportunities include an after-school program and community improvement projects in Jonesboro, Ark.; home repair and after-school programs in Anville, Ky.; hurricane relief work in New Orleans; construction, backyard Bible clubs and community cleanup in Opelousas, La.; and work projects and a wilderness experience with local youth on the Grand Portage Indian

Reservation in Minnesota.

Still other students will spend the week teaching English to Somali immigrants in Minneapolis; organizing a free health clinic and learning about urban ministry and racial reconciliation in Jackson, Miss.; teaching school in Mendenhall, Miss.; cleaning and remodeling inner-city churches in New York City; helping at a homeless shelter in Spartanburg, S.C.; and serving with a prison ministry in Lindale, Tex.

SSP members raise their own travel funds through their individual families, friends and churches and also through fundraisers on campus and in the community.

Northwestern's short-term mission programs bear the

Standards of Excellence in Short-Term Missions (SOE) seal, ensuring that participating organizations get NWC mission teams that are of high quality. SOE standards include adequate pre-trip training and resources, as well as consistent post-trip follow-up and accountability.

"Spring Service Projects give students an opportunity to see God at work in the world and to serve and share their faith with others," says the Rev. Tommy Moon, Northwestern's director of missions. "Experiences like these are an important part of spiritual formation. It's our hope that, through them students gain a clearer understanding of what it means to be a follower of Jesus."

Casino Night Planned To Support Yankton's Relay For Life Efforts

The "For Those We Love" Relay for Life team will be hosting a Casino Night from 7-10 p.m., with an auction at 10:15 p.m., on Saturday, March 27, at the VFW, 209 Cedar, Yankton.

Net proceeds from "For Those We Love Casino Night" benefit the American Cancer Society via are participation in the ACS Relay for Life.

Advance tickets are available at Rexall Drug (downtown Yankton) or available at the door. By purchasing a ticket you will receive \$2,000 in Relay for Life Bucks. Use this money to gamble and at 10:15 p.m. there will be an auction where you can purchase auction items with your relay for life bucks.

You must be 21 to participate. Casino Games include Texas Holdem, Black Jack, Bingo and Chug-A-lug.

Heartland Humane Society Announces 2010 Event Schedule

Heartland Humane Society announces their major events schedule for 2010. There are three major fundraising events for the organization this year: Mutt March, Cotton Park in Vermillion, March 27; Animal Fair, Riverside Park in Yankton, May 15; Fur Ball, Vermillion, October 9.

For more information as it becomes available, Heartland Humane Society will post updates on their website at www.heartlandhumane.org. Just click on the Important Events link.

"Our three major events will constitute the largest fundraisers that we do this year," said Tasha Anderson, Executive Director at Heartland Humane Society. "We may also have smaller events throughout the year, but since these are our largest, we want the give the community ample time to mark their calendars and plan to attend. There will be fun for all!"

If you have questions about or would like additional information on any of Heartland Humane Society's events, contact Tasha Anderson at 605-664-4244.



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