

Life In Poetry

Poet Writes About Surviving A Tornado

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 U.S. Poet Laureate

Laura Dimmit is from Joplin, Missouri, and her family survived the fierce tornado of May, 2011. The entire area was strewn with debris, and here's a poem about just one little piece that fell from the sky.

SCHOOL PHOTO, FOUND AFTER THE JOPLIN TORNADO "JOEY, 4TH GRADE, 1992"

He's been on the fridge since it happened, sneaking glances from underneath the cat magnet at our dinners, coffee habits, arguments. We posted him on the database of items found, hoping that someone would recognize his messy hair, Batman t-shirt, blue eyes, but no one answered the post or claimed him. Somewhere a childhood photo album is not quite complete, or a grandmother's mantelpiece; an uncle's wallet. One afternoon I got restless, flipped through my old yearbooks, trying to find him, looking to see how he might have aged: did he lose the chubby cheeks? dye his hair? how long did he have to wear braces? But he's too young to have passed me in the halls, the picture just a stranger, a small reminder of the whirling aftermath when Joplin was clutching at scraps: everything displaced, even this poor kid who doesn't even know he's lost.

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Memorial Day Service Set For Vangen Lutheran

MISSION HILL — Vangen Lutheran Church in Mission Hill will be holding their 67th annual Memorial Day service at the (historic) "Old" Vangen Church and Cemetery, one mile east of town on 308th St. at 10 a.m. Monday, May 27.

The public is invited to attend the service, which will be preceded by a cemetery commemoration presented by the Gayville American Legion at 9:40 a.m.

Officiating will be Vangen's Pastor and Navy retiree/Vietnam Veteran, the Reverend Lance Lindgren. He will also give the Memorial Day message during the service.

A luncheon will follow the service at the (new) Vangen Church, 300 West 3rd Street in Mission Hill.

Tornado

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"I was close enough to hear it," he said. "It was just a low roar, and you could see the debris, like pieces of shingles and insulation and stuff like that, rotating around it."

Even though his subdivision is a mile from the tornado's path, it was still covered with debris. He found a picture of a small girl on Santa Claus' lap in his yard.

Volunteers and first responders raced to search the debris for survivors.

At Plaza Towers Elementary School, the storm tore off the roof, knocked down walls and turned the playground into a mass of twisted plastic and metal.

Children from the school were among the dead, but several students were pulled alive from the rubble. Rescue workers passed the survivors down a human chain to the triage center in the parking lot.

James Rushing, who lives across the street from the school, heard reports of the approaching twister and ran to the school, where his 5-year-old foster son, Aiden, attends classes. Rushing believed he would be safer there.

"About two minutes after I got there, the school started coming apart," he said.

The students were sent into the restroom.

As dusk began to fall, heavy equipment was rolled up to the school, and emergency workers wearing yellow crawled among the ruins, searching for survivors.

Because the ground was muddy, bulldozers and front-end loaders were getting stuck. Crews used jackhammers and sledgehammers

to tear away concrete, and chunks were being thrown to the side as the workers dug.

Douglas Sherman drove two blocks from his home to help.

"Just having those kids trapped in that school, that really turns the table on a lot of things," he said.

A map provided by the National Weather Service showed that the storm began west of Newcastle and crossed the Canadian River into Oklahoma City's rural far southwest side about 3 p.m. When it reached Moore, the twister cut a path through the center of town before lifting back into the sky at Lake Stanley Draper.

Oklahoma City Police Capt. Dexter Nelson said downed power lines and open gas lines posed a risk in the aftermath of the system.

Monday's powerful tornado loosely followed the path of a killer twister that slammed the region in May 1999.

The weather service estimated that Monday's tornado was at least a half-mile wide. The 1999 storm had winds clocked at 300 mph.

Kelsey Angle, a weather service meteorologist in Kansas City, Mo., said it's unusual for two such powerful tornadoes to track roughly the same path.

It was the fourth tornado to hit Moore since 1998. A twister also struck in 2003.

Monday's devastation in Oklahoma came almost exactly two years after an enormous twister ripped through the city of Joplin, Mo., killing 158 people and injuring hundreds more.

That May 22, 2011, tornado was the deadliest in the United States since modern tornado record keeping began in 1950, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Before Joplin, the deadliest modern tornado was June 1953 in Flint, Mich., when 116 people died.

Alignment Will Inform You Of Damage

BY TOM AND RAY MAGLIOZZI
 King Features Syndicate

Dear Tom and Ray:
 My wife Olivia's first car (in the early '70s) was a purple-sparkle dune buggy built on a VW Bug frame — one of the least safe but coolest cars ever. As we have grown older, she has pined for her dune buggy, so last year I bought her a safer facsimile: a bright-red Honda Fit. She LOVES it, and so do I. Here's the catch: About three months after we got the car, a 20-something boy fiddling with the CD player in his very large minivan rear-ended her at a stoplight, pushing her "red dune buggy" into a much larger Jeep 4x4. Our car was pretty smashed up in the front and rear. She was able to drive it home (even though the air bag had deployed), and we had all the front- and rear-end damage repaired (at a cost to the insurance company of nearly \$8,000). My question is: Do you guys think this car should be OK after this injury? The repairs were largely cosmetic (bumpers, headlight, hood, rear hatchback), besides replacing the restraint system. The car looks and drives fine. Please tell me Olivia's beloved "red dune buggy" should be fine, so I don't have to talk to any more insurance agents. —Donald

RAY: It should be fine, Donald. It obviously took a serious hit if the air bag deployed. But I trust that the insurance



CAR TALK

Tom and Ray Magliozzi

company did its due diligence and concluded that it wouldn't be wasting \$8,000 if this thing were fixed.

TOM: The primary concern I would have had is whether the frame got bent. But I assume the insurance company checked that and found it to be OK.

RAY: If you want to confirm this for yourself, take the car to a place that does wheel alignments, and ask for a four-wheel alignment.

TOM: If the frame is bent, they will not be able to align all four wheels. So if they tell you your alignment's fine, that tells you your frame is fine, too.

SCHOLASTICS

SOUTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY

BROOKINGS — The following area students have been named to the dean's list for academic excellence during the Spring 2013 semester at South Dakota State University.

To earn dean's list distinctions in SDSU's eight colleges, students must have completed a minimum of 12 credits and must have earned at least a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale. Students with an asterisk received a perfect 4.0 grade point average:

NEBRASKA
 Kauth, Morgan Joseph, Bloomfield, Neb.
 Peitz, Matthew John, Crofton, Neb.
 Poppe, Travis Alan*, Crofton, Neb.
 Schiferl, Megan Marie, Fordyce, Neb.
 Kleinschmit, Melissa Mae, Saint Helena, Neb.

SOUTH DAKOTA

Carlson, Austin Clay*, Alcester
 Carlson, Cody Layne, Alcester
 Brown, Julia Rae, Alcester
 Schempp, Mallory Kay, Alcester
 Heiman, Rick Scott*, Alcester
 Lau, Chad Philip, Armour
 Holbeck, Michelle Ann*, Armour
 Blume, Danielle Rae, Armour
 Preheim, Michael Donald, Armour
 Hento, Kelsey Jo, Avon
 Johnson, Robin R*, Avon
 Cihak, Sean P*, Avon
 Jensen, Taylor Matthew, Beresford
 Mochel, Jonathan Taylor, Beresford
 Carlson, Christy Lynne, Beresford
 Mohr, Christopher Michael, Beresford
 Myrmoe, Kevin Gregory, Beresford
 Carnes, Crystal Joy*, Beresford
 Zweifel, Lisa Ann*, Beresford
 Hanson, Stephanie Karen, Beresford
 Hoffer, Krista Lynn, Centerville
 Auch, Matthew Isaac, Centerville
 Klock, Allyson Emma, Chancellor
 Olson, Mark Daniel, Chancellor
 Wipf, Destiny Marie, Chancellor

Jacobson, Paul William, Dakota Dunes
 Neff, Matthew Todd*, Dakota Dunes
 Fletcher, Tyler Jordan*, Dakota Dunes
 Hill, Mavrick Joseph, Dante
 Krcil, Andrew Joseph*, Dante
 Dennison, Casson Alexander, Elk Point
 Donnelly, Ryan Gene, Elk Point
 Irwin, Cole DC*, Elk Point
 Meadows, Mariah Noel, Elk Point
 Shanks, Molly Jo, Elk Point
 Chicoine, Corey Roland*, Elk Point
 Donnelly, Troy Johnathon, Elk Point
 Chicoine, Amanda Lynn*, Elk Point
 Hoffman, Carl Kay, Elk Point
 Larsen, Myles Todd*, Elk Point
 Schuh, Elizabeth Rose*, Elk Point
 Baker, Micah Kyle, Elk Point
 Wurtz, Michael John, Elk Point
 Lawler, Allison Marie*, Elk Point
 Tow, Sarah Anne, Elk Point
 Donnelly, Jenna Nicole*, Elk Point
 Klinkhammer, Mackenzie Marie*, Elk Point
 Gering, September Rose, Freeman
 Waltner, Taylor Leigh, Freeman
 Langle, Trisha Marie, Freeman
 Rinehart, Brooke Ann, Freeman
 Sohler, Kayla Lynn*, Freeman
 Hofer, Patrick Michael*, Freeman
 Uecker, Leah Shae, Freeman
 Woehl, Samantha Jo*, Freeman
 Gullikson, Bailey Shea, Gayville
 Severson, Stephanie Lynn*, Gayville
 Dyk, Anthony Evan, Geddes
 Meyerink, Denielle Jo, Geddes
 Millar, Lauren Elizabeth*, Geddes
 Porter, Jenetta Leigh, Geddes
 Ihnen, Savanna Kay, Hurley
 Sherard, Allison Anne, Hurley
 Benson, Maria Theresa*, Hurley
 Chicoine, Wyatt Anthony, Jefferson
 Frankl, Johnathan Mark, Jefferson
 Bossman, Stephanie Alaska, Marion
 Wolbrink, Laura Ann, Marion
 Adrian, Hannah Marie, Marion
 Mutchelknaus, Slade Lon, Marion
 Wilson, Erin Marie*, Marion
 Andersen, Kaycee Leigh, Marion

Burge, Brian James, Marion
 Raville, Cacey Nicole, Marion
 Stepanek, Kaleb Earl, Menno
 Neuharth, Michelle Marie*, Menno
 Flynn, Eric A*, North Sioux City
 Roth, Mariah Lee, Olivet
 Hanson, Andrew Arthur, Parker
 Perleberg, Gregory Curtis*, Parker
 Schaefer, Katelyn Louise, Parker
 Gusso, Courtney Lynn, Parker
 Joffer, Jennifer Elizabeth Lee, Parker
 Werning, Kara Lynn, Parkston
 Nol, Amy Christine*, Parkston
 Alley, Troy Cyril*, Parkston
 Zirpel, Callie Christine, Parkston
 Heisinger, Cassie Lynn*, Parkston
 Fernholz, Erin Elizabeth*, Platte
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 Sprick, Cassi Jo*, Platte
 Wynia, Rochelle Renae, Platte
 Naasz, Rebecca Ashley, Platte
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 Schmitz, Sydney Marie, Scotland
 Simons, Jessica Rae*, Springfield
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 Ruppelt, Michael Scott, Springfield
 Jelsma, Robbie Dean*, Springfield
 Vellek, Daniel Francis, Springfield
 Ramsdell, Taylor Helen, Springfield
 Ray, Amanda Rose, Tabor
 Bentzen, Sara Ann*, Tabor
 Kokes, Janelle Kay*, Tabor
 Ulmer, Scott Robert, Tabor
 Leischner, Luke William, Tripp
 Stoeber, Hannah Lea, Tripp
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 Stoeber, Dylan Mark*, Tyndall
 Sutura, Nathan David, Tyndall
 Hicks, Elizabeth Anne, Utica
 Wagner, Alex Andrew*, Utica
 Christensen, Angela Jean*, Vermillion
 James, Levi Wayne, Vermillion
 Hawley, Rebecca Lynn*, Vermillion
 Callahan, Kevin Patrick, Vermillion
 Novak, Alexandra Reed, Vermillion
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 Bailey, Trevor Ray, Yankton
 Garrity, Samuel Robert*, Yankton
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 Kool, Tyrel James, Yankton
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 Folkers, Brandon Lynn*, Yankton
 Gramkow, Brendan John, Yankton
 Kuchta, Ross Eugene, Yankton
 Wampol, Calvin William*, Yankton
 Westerman, Nicole Alexis, Yankton
 Yousef, Raed Anthony, Yankton
 Andrus, Ciara Lynn, Yankton
 Bodenstedt, Lindsay Creswick*, Yankton
 Knodel, Courtney Lynn, Yankton
 Kolda, Sarah Jean, Yankton
 Wuestewald, Andrew Joseph, Yankton
 Eilers, Traci Marie, Yankton

MARK VIG

SIOUX FALLS — The University of Sioux Falls recognized Mark Vig (senior), business administration and sports management double major, from Yankton, as the Outstanding Sports Management Student at its annual Spirit of Excellence Awards Celebration. USF is a private, Christian liberal arts university offering 37 undergraduate programs, 9 pre-professional programs and 7 graduate programs.

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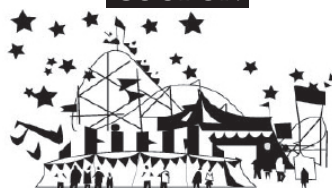
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The following deadlines will apply:

Out On The Town — Wednesday, May 22
 Tuesday, May 28 newspaper — 5 p.m., Wednesday, May 22
 Wednesday, May 29 newspaper — 5 p.m., Thursday, May 23
 Thursday, May 30 newspaper — 5 p.m., Friday, May 24

There will be no newspaper on Monday, May 27, 2013.

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