

American Life In Poetry

A Poet's Prayer

BY TED KOOSER
U.S. POET LAUREATE

Stuart Kestenbaum is a Maine poet with a new book, "Only Now," from Deerbrook Editions. In it are a number of thoughtful poems posed as prayers, and here's an example:

PRAYER FOR JOY

What was it we wanted
to say anyhow, like today
when there were all the letters
in my alphabet soup and suddenly
the 'j' rises to the surface.
The 'j', a letter that might be
great for Scrabble, but not really
used for much else, unless
we need to jump for joy,
and then all of a sudden
it's there and ready to
help us soar and to open up
our hearts at the same time,
this simple line with a curved bottom,
an upside down cane that helps
us walk in a new way into this
forest of language, where all the letters
are beginning to speak,
finding each other in just
the right combination
to be understood.

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Giving To Others



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Kelli Stanage and Liz Lynch recently received a \$500 donation to the Contact Center's Food Pantry from Tri-State Old Iron Association. Tri-State Old Iron is an antique tractor and small engine club that meets the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at JoDean's Restaurant in Yankton. The purpose of our Association is to preserve the history and agricultural heritage of the farming community. Pictured from left to right are Rodger Harts, President of Tri-State Old Iron, Kelli Stanage and Liz Lynch (both from the Food Pantry), and Leon Becker, Treasurer of Tri-State Old Iron. According to Kelli and Liz this generous donation comes at a very important time of the year with the holidays quickly approaching.

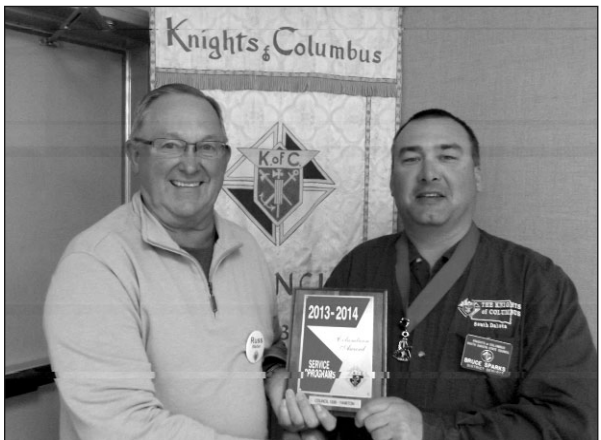
Patriotic Discussion



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The women from the Legion Auxiliary visited the third grade classrooms at Stewart Elementary School. After a brief discussion about Veterans and patriotism each third grader received their own dictionary for use in the classroom.

The Columbian Award



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Grand Knight, Russ Weller, of Marty Council Knights of Columbus, Yankton, is presented with the Supreme Council's Columbian Award from District Deputy Bruce Sparks. The Columbian award is given to councils that have: Annually conduct and report at least four (4) major involvement programs in each of the following sections of the Service Program: Church Activities, Community Activities, Council Activities, Family Activities, Pro-Life Activities and Youth Activities. Plus, completed the Newly elected officers report and Semi-annual audit of council funds and activities. This award is given out in September and Marty Councils has won it consistently the last three years.

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Car Talk

BY RAY MAGLIOZZI
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Dear Car Talk:
My husband and I have a real bone to pick with you after an answer you gave on the radio a couple of weeks ago. A woman called in saying a guy-friend of hers insisted that when slowing to a stop, she should shift down through each gear, from fifth to first, as she stops. She said that she never does that. Instead, she puts the car in neutral right away and lets it roll to a stop. You said they were both wrong! You said the guy-friend was wrong because the clutch would wear out faster, and it costs more to fix than the brakes. You said she was wrong, too, but you didn't say why! This is driving us nuts! Why is it wrong to put the car in neutral and coast when you see a stop up ahead? We're losing sleep over this. Thanks!

— Lee
Oh, so you're the one who's been calling my house in the middle of the night for the past six weeks!
You are right that we've never recommended shifting down through all of the gears when coming to a stop. That's excessive (though it is fun). While it does save some wear on the brakes, it



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uses up a lot of your clutch disc over time. And as Ricky Ricardo would say: Clutches are 'sensitive, Lucy!
On the other hand, if you just pop the transmission into neutral, you give up all the natural engine braking. And you lose the ability to accelerate suddenly in an emergency if you need to.
Granted, these are minor arguments, Lee. No one's going to haul you to the International Court of Justice at The Hague for coasting to a stop in neutral.
But this is how I do it: If I'm driving along at 40 mph in fourth gear and see a red light up ahead, I just let up on the gas and use the brake as needed, leaving the car in gear. That way, I get some help with slowing the car from the natural engine braking (which takes advantage of compression, and does no harm to the engine). And if someone swerved at me or was suddenly heading at me

from the other direction and I needed to get out of the way quickly, I'd be able to accelerate without having to first fumble for the shifter. Then, when I get down to 10 or 15 mph, I push in the clutch and put the car in neutral and brake to a stop.
Now, you may ask: Is that scenario — where you suddenly need to accelerate again — a likely one? No. Has it ever happened to me? No. So you're not committing a crime against car-manity by coasting in neutral. But if I were teaching a new driver, that's the way I would do it — to maximize control over the car. Hope you can get back to sleep now, Lee.

Keep your car on the road and out of the repair shop by ordering Click and Clack's pamphlet "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.

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.

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Yankton PEO Chapter Donates To 4-H'ers

The Chapter K PEO Sisterhood, a philanthropic educational organization, donated \$200 to four Yankton County 4-H members.
The donation will help the 4-H members — Laurel Friedenbach, Cami Friedenbach, Stephanie Hauger and Leah Waid — pay for a trip to the Western National Roundup in January.
These four 4-H members make up the South Dakota State 4-H Consumer Decision Making judging team that will compete against other Consumer Decision Making judging teams from across the country at the Western National Roundup in Denver.
"The trip to the 4-H Western National Roundup will be an exceptional learning experience for these girls," said Stephanie Siebrandt, 4-H youth development program assistant in Yankton County. "They worked hard to prepare for the state competition and are working hard now to prepare for nationals."



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Chapter K PEO Sisterhood President Betty Cox presented four Yankton County 4-H members with a check to help defer costs for their trip to the Western National Roundup in January. Pictured are (back) Betty Cox, 4-H'ers Leah Waid and Laurel Friedenbach, and 4-H Youth Development Program Assistant Stephanie Siebrandt; (front) 4-H'ers Cami Friedenbach and Stephanie Hauger.

The Yankton team won first place at the South Dakota Consumer Decision Making contest, which awarded the team the opportunity to compete at the national level.
The PEO donation was

made in memory of Audra Stoner McMillian, who was initiated into Chapter K and later demitted to Chapter B of Woodstock, Georgia.
McMillian, a Yankton County 4-H member for many years, was on one of

South Dakota's first place teams heading to Denver in 1987. Other members of her team were Renee Adam, Lisa Schramm and Cheryl Cap.
"It was her participation and dedication in 4-H that propelled her to success in her professional life," said, Dawn Stoner, PEO member and mother of McMillian.
The Chapter K PEO Sisterhood encourages these young women to continue to pursue excellence in their future endeavors, Chapter President Betty Cox said.
"It was therefore the pleasure of Chapter K, PEO of Yankton, to help defer some of the expenses for this trip for these outstanding women," she added.

The PEO Sisterhood is a philanthropic organization that supports women's education through its six projects; Educational loan fund, Cottey College, Continuing Education program, Scholar awards, Star scholarship and International Peace scholarship.

Paying It Forward



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Eagle Eye Ride/Mary Carda Simek Memorial Fund recently donated \$250 to Koats 4 Kidz/Dakotland Auto Glass; \$150 to the Carol Arens Benefit Fund; and \$100 to HSC patients for personal items. Please contact us if you have a need or know someone we can help. Email eagleeyeridemarycardsimek@hotmail.com/. Thank you for helping us pay it forward.

Library Announces New Story Times For Special December Events

Regular fall story times have ended at the Yankton Community Library, but make plans to join us in December for some very special story times.
During preschool story times, there will be Christmas stories, songs, rhymes, and a craft. These are on Monday, Dec. 8, at 6:30 p.m.; and Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 10-11, at 10:15 a.m. At the end of story time, Santa will join us to visit with the children. Bring your camera.
Santa will also be here for Toddler Time on Tuesday, Dec. 9, at 10:15 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. to see the toddlers after their Christmas stories and songs.
Registration is now open for the Winter/Spring story

time sessions, which begin the week of Jan. 5. Register by e-mailing youth services librarian Joyce Moore at jmoore@cityofyankton.org or by visiting the library.

BIRTHDAYS

RODGER JOHNSON

Rodger Johnson of Yankton will celebrate his 85th birthday Dec. 2. The family requests a card shower. Greetings may be sent to 1000 W. 12th St., Yankton, S.D., 57078.



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50th Anniversary Celebration

Mr. & Mrs. Harlin Neuharth

Harlin Neuharth and Joan Jerke were married November 29, 1964 at Emanuel Lutheran Church in Kaylor, SD.

The Neuharth's have four children: Allen & Eva Neuharth, Glen & Kari Neuharth, James & Diane Neuharth, Darla & John Harris.

They have 4 grandchildren, Ashley, Nathan, Sarah & Kylie.

Harlin & Joan will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with an Open House on Sunday November 30, 2014 at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Freeman, SD from 2 - 4 p.m.
The event is hosted by their children. Let your presence be your gift.



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