

Allergies, Eyes Seminar Slated For Vermillion

VERMILLION — An “Allergies and Your Eyes Information Seminar” will be held at the Prairie Eye Clinic, 11 Shriner St., Vermillion, on Tuesday, April 24, running from 12:15-1 p.m.

This seminar will provide information on allergies and their effects on your eyes. A light lunch and refreshments will be provided.

For more information, contact Brittany at 605-624-2020 or brittanyd@prairieeyeclinic.com, or visit www.prairieeyeclinic.com .

Crofton Schools To Present ‘Annie’

CROFTON, Neb. — Crofton Schools will present “Annie the Musical” at the Crofton Elementary School Gym April 28-29 and May 5-6.

Saturday performances are at 7 p.m., and Sunday performances are at 2 p.m.

The show includes participants from grades 5-12.

For more information, contact Mitch Hofer at 402-388-2440 or mhofer@esu1.org .

Activities Set For NFAA Center In May

The following classes are scheduled for the NFAA Easton Yankton Archery Complex

- Pottery and Clay Sculpture Class

The projects in this course are designed to fulfill all the requirements for the Pottery and Sculpture Boy Scout Merit Badge. Eagle Scout and Master Potter Dan Bartos will instruct the classes at the NFAA Easton Yankton Archery Complex on Mondays from 6:30-8 p.m. May 3-May 24. All supplies will be furnished and included in the class fee. Pre-registration is required and class size is limited; call 605-260-9282.

- Multi Media Art Class

The projects in this course are designed to fulfill all the requirements for the Fine Arts Boy Scout Merit Badge. Eagle Scout and Art Teacher Dan Bartos will instruct the classes at the NFAA Easton Yankton Archery Complex on Monday’s from 6:30-7:30 p.m. May 7-June 11. All supplies will be furnished and included in the class fee. Pre-registration is required and class size is limited; call 605-260-9282.

- Raku Pottery Class for Adults

American Style Raku is a fun, fast and exciting process to experience. Learn hand building techniques and experience using the pottery wheels. Classes will be taught by Master Potter Dan Bartos on Tuesdays from 7-8:30 p.m. May 1-22 at the NFAA Easton Yankton Archery Complex. Class fee includes the cost of all supplies.

Belly-Dancing Classes Offered In Yankton

A new and mesmerizing class comes to Yankton: Belly Dance a great way to get fit. There will be a free introductory class at 6:45 p.m. Tuesday, May 1, at the NFAA Easton Yankton Archery Complex.

Christie Giles, an instructor and performer of Middle Eastern Belly Dance with 14 years experience, will be teaching the classes at the NFAA Complex located at 800 Archery Lane in Yankton South Dakota.

Belly Dance is for anyone, there are no age, weight, height or background requirements, just a chance to unleash your inner dancer or diva. Egyptian style dance is very unique and allows one to be an artist, to express what is in your heart and soul. This class will teach you the traditional style of the ethnic dance form that has been around for hundreds of years and has a deep and rich history, which you will learn about as well. First learn basic moves then go on to learn full choreographies.

Belly dance promotes women’s self-esteem, focusing on the beauty in all women. It is a fun way to burn around 340 calories an hour while improving flexibility, strength and toning.

Time To Replace That Converter

BY TOM AND RAY MAGLIOZZI
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Dear Tom and Ray:

I love your show. I recently got a 2001 Audi A8L that now has 130,000 miles on it. The only other owner was my dad, and he took extremely great care of the car. Recently, the check-engine light has been coming on, saying that my catalytic converter’s efficiency is too low. My mechanic tested it and said the level is just barely above what I need for the car to pass its emissions inspection. He said to wait as long as I can to replace it, but that some people choose to get rid of their cars at this point because the repair is \$5,200, and the blue-book value of the car is only \$6,000. So, what should I do? Keep the car and pay \$5,200 to replace the converters when the time comes, or sell it now, while it is still passing its emissions tests? — Patrick

TOM: You have to relocate to somewhere with no emissions testing, Patrick. Have you considered the Democratic Republic of Congo?

RAY: A lot of people don’t realize that when you buy a high-end car, it’s not only the purchase price that’s high — the parts and service are “premium priced,” too.

TOM: But the price you got sounds a little high even for Audi. This car uses two catalytic converters. According to our sources, the converters themselves cost about \$1,900 if you buy them from Audi. Then you proba-



CAR TALK
Tom and Ray Magliozzi

bly should replace all four oxygen sensors, at about \$200 a pop. And then add labor. Still, I don’t see how they can charge you more than about \$3,500 for this job. So I think the estimate you got is high.

RAY: Not that \$3,500 is cheap! But if someone offered you this car, right now, with new catalytic converters, for \$3,500, you’d probably buy it, right? After all, what’s your alternative? You could sell it for \$6,000 and get what? A 2004 Dodge Caravan?

TOM: Or, if the buyer finds out why your check-engine light is on, you’ll sell it for \$2,500 and get a ‘94 Caravan!

RAY: You also can research aftermarket converters, Patrick. There are people who ac-

tually rebuild converters and ship them to you. You can find these guys online. Of course, you don’t know what kind of quality you’re getting when you go that route.

TOM: We’ve had some rebuilt converters that worked well, and others that didn’t do enough “conversion” to keep the check-engine light off (which means you can’t get an inspection sticker). So you can save some money that way, but you’re taking your chances.

RAY: Since this is still a nice car, and it’s been well cared for, and you seem to enjoy driving it, I’d say bite the bullet and replace the converters. But shop around first and see if you can get a better price.

Stop the madness! You can stop driving like a knucklehead, and you’ll help your car in the process. Learn how your driving habits can harm your car in Tom and Ray’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.

Get more Click and Clack in their new book, “Ask Click and Clack: Answers from Car Talk.” Got a question about cars? Write to Click and Clack in care of this newspaper, or email them by visiting the Car Talk website at www.cartalk.com.

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Online M.B.A. Students Shine In National ETS Exam

VERMILLION — Students graduating with their M.B.A. from the University of South Dakota are ready for the challenges of a dynamic business environment, according to results from a national test administered by the Educational Testing Service (ETS) of Princeton, N.J.

Fifty-two students enrolled in USD’s online M.B.A. program scored in the top 3 percent (97th percentile) nationally with an average overall score of 265 points in the ETS’ Major Field Test. The Major Field Test, first administered by ETS in 2002, was developed by leading educators nationally to assess the skills of graduating M.B.A. students. In addition to factual knowledge, the test evaluates students’ abilities to analyze and solve problems, understand relationships and interpret material.

In addition to scoring in the top 3 percent overall, USD students were just as impressive

in tests that assessed core concepts in business disciplines scoring in the top 3 percent in Marketing, Management, and Strategic Integration; top 4 percent in tests that assessed Managerial Accounting; and top 7 percent in Finance. The Major Field Test, explained Angeline Lavin, Ph.D., C.F.A., director of USD’s M.B.A. and M.P.A. programs, provides the Beacom School of Business with an assessment of how well faculty are teaching basic skills across the specialty areas of business that prepare M.B.A. students for careers in business and commerce. The test consists of 124 multiple-choice questions, half of which are based on short case-study scenarios, and several skill sets are measured, including buyer behavior (Marketing), human resource management (Management), investments (Finance), and financial reporting and analysis (Accounting). USD students have taken the ETS Major

Field Test for Master of Business Administration since the fall of 2007. More than 130 colleges and universities in the United States administer this exam to their graduate business students.

“The Major Field Test is an indicator of how Beacom M.B.A. graduates compare to students who graduate from other business schools across the country,” Lavin stated. “We are extremely proud of all of our students who achieved such an outstanding performance this spring.”

For more information about the M.B.A. program at the Beacom School of Business, visit www.usd.edu/business/master-of-business-administration/index.cfm or contact Lavin at (605) 677-5232 or e-mail Angeline.Lavin@usd.edu.

SCHOLASTICS

ALEXANDRA WILLCOCKSON

Alexandra Willcockson has accepted a position in the doctorate program of the University of Texas Southwestern. She will work in the Integrative Biology program of the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences in Dallas.

She graduated in 2011 from Washington University in St. Louis with major in Biology and a minor in Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies. During that time she studied in the laboratory of Kelle Molle M.D. exploring glucose transport proteins.

She is a 2008 graduate of Yankton High School.

ASHLEY KNOFF

BROOKINGS — Ashley Knoff of Yankton was awarded the Roland and Deloris Mangels Jensen Scholarship in Education and Human Sciences for the 2012-2013 academic year at South Dakota State University.

Knoff is a senior majoring in Spanish education at SDSU, where she is active in the Chi Omega, Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS), South Dakota National Education Association and is an Admissions Ambassador. She is the daughter of David and Jozette Knoff of Yankton and is a graduate of the Yankton High School.

The Roland and Deloris Mangels Jensen Scholarship in Family and Consumer Sciences was established by the Jensens to honor the memory of their parents, Chris and Cicely Jensen of Lake Norden and George and Alvera Mangels of Clear Lake.

Deloris Mangels Jensen grew up in Clear Lake, where her parents were hardware and implement dealers. She received her bachelor’s degree in home economics education in 1954, and her master’s degree in home economics and related subjects in

1958 from SDSU. She has taught home economics and related subjects at adult, college and high school levels in South Dakota and Minnesota. She is currently a full-time homemaker and volunteer, where her work has centered around school, church and community.

Mrs. Jensen received various honors and recognition from different organizations, but the most widely known is the KARE 11 Award from a Twin Cities television station, where she was selected one of 11 “good neighbors.” She was named an SDSU Distinguished Alumnae for Service to Community in 2000.

Roland Jensen passed away on Feb. 15, 2006.

CASSIE MODEREGGER

BROOKINGS — Cassie Moderegger of Yankton was awarded the Richard A. and Marcella Olson Scholarship for the 2012-2013 academic year at South Dakota State University.

Moderegger is a junior majoring in early childhood education at SDSU, where she is active in the United Faith Campus Ministry. She is the daughter of Derek and Julie Moderegger of Yankton and is a 2010 graduate of the Yankton High School.

Richard A. Olson was born in 1914 in Flandreau. He graduated from the College of Pharmacy at SDSU in 1937. He managed drug stores in Cleveland, Ohio; Volga; Watertown and Sioux Falls, before purchasing the Rexall Drug Store in Canby, Minn., where he lived for 30 years. He served in the Army Air Corps during World War II. Richard was very active in many organizations. He passed away in 1977.

Marcella C. Olson was born in 1910 at Ft. Pierre. She was educated in public schools in Murdo, attended SDSU and the Univer-

sity of St. Louis. She taught home economics at Balaton, Minn. The Olsons were married in 1939. She was employed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture as a Supervisor for farm loans in Redwood and Lyon counties in Minnesota. In 1942, she transferred to the U.S. Department of War, Air Force Division and was a lecturer in the Air Force Technical School for Radio Operators. She was very active in many organizations. She passed away in 1997.

UNIV. OF NEBRASKA-LINCOLN

LINCOLN, Neb. — University of Nebraska-Lincoln undergraduate students will be honored in conjunction with UNL’s All-University Honors Convocation April 22 at the Lied Center for Performing Arts, including 26 seniors who will be recognized as Chancellor’s Scholars, the university’s highest undergraduate academic honor.

Students are recognized at Honors Convocation for their cumulative academic achievements (as opposed to Dean’s List, which is for one semester). Honorees include:

— Chancellor’s Scholars, stu-

dents who graduated in December or who will receive their degrees in May or August and have maintained 4.0 grade-point averages on all collegiate work at UNL and elsewhere;

— Superior Scholars, seniors graduating in the 2011-12 academic year who have been recognized at Honors Convocation each year of their enrollment;

— High Scholars, students other than Chancellor’s Scholars and Superior Scholars who are in the top 10 percent of their class.

Students from this area who will be honored include:

- Bloomfield: Nicholas Charles Mertens, senior, High Scholar, College of Engineering.
- Bloomfield: Mollie Marie Mlady Wilken, sophomore, High Scholar, College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources.
- Bloomfield: Morgan M. Wilken, senior, High Scholar, College of Arts and Sciences.
- Randolph: Jaleen Marie Albers, freshman, High Scholar with a 4.0 cumulative grade-point average, College of Arts and Sciences.
- Randolph: Adam Robert Tunink, sophomore, High Scholar, College of Public Affairs

and Community Service (UNO).

- Armour: Kaci Jo Biederstedt, sophomore, High Scholar, College of Business Administration.
- Yankton: Allison Marie Fejfar, sophomore, High Scholar with a 4.0 cumulative grade-point average, College of Architecture.
- Yankton: Katherine Lee Fiedler, freshman, High Scholar with a 4.0 cumulative grade-point average, College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources.
- Yankton: Powers Arden Schurrer, freshman, High Scholar, College of Business Administration.

NORTHEAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE

NORFOLK, Neb. — One team from Northeast Community College in Norfolk recently finished in second place at the Nebraska Phi Beta Lambda (PBL) Leadership Conference in Kearney and automatically qualified for national competition.

The team of Travis Arens, Hartington, and Brittini Lambrecht, Osmond, finished second in the Economic Analysis and Decision Making contest and will advance to the 2012 National

Leadership Conference in San Antonio, Texas, June 24-27.

The team of Arens and Lambrecht also finished third in Financial Services and fourth in Business Decision Making. The team of James McAllister, Battle Creek, Jarvis Green-Smoot, Norfolk, and Christian Maldonado, Lyons, finished third in Business Decision Making. The team of Amanda Lorenz, Osmond, Lambrecht and McAllister finished fourth in Management Analysis and Decision Making. The same team finished third in Marketing Analysis and Decision Making.

Other individual results in the Management Concepts contest were: Arens, fourth place in Microeconomics and seventh in Accounting Principles; Maldonado, fourth place in Hospitality Management and Lorenz, fifth place in Public Speaking, sixth in Impromptu Speaking and sixth in Word Processing.

Phi Beta Lambda is the collegiate division of Future Business Leaders of America. Business Instructor Angela Shaffer is the advisor of the PBL chapter at Northeast Community College.

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