

# Challengers Drop More Than 4,600 Pounds In 12 Weeks

The YankTON Challenge ended with over 4600+ pounds lost over the 12-week period. The winners were announced at a celebration ceremony on December 2 at The Landing. Participants from the 30 participating businesses attended the event and enjoyed hors d'oeuvres and beverages and shared their excitement and weight loss success. The top three individual weight loss winners were:  
1st Place: Carmen Moeller of Shur-Co  
2nd Place: Larry Wynia of Yankton High School  
3rd Place: Gerald Peterson of Kolberg-Pioneer, Inc.  
The top three business weight loss winners were:  
1st Place: Riverfront Broadcasting, L.L.C. - KYNT  
2nd Place: Yankton High School/Yankton School District 63-3

3rd Place: The Center  
The top three business prizes are \$1,000 in Chamber Dollars for 1st, \$750 Chamber Dollars for 2nd and \$500 Chamber Dollars for 3rd place. Individual prizes are certificate packages valued at \$1,100 for 1st, \$800 for 2nd and \$625 for 3rd place. Individual prize certificates are courtesy of: Avera Sacred Heart Therapy, Avera Wellness Center, Ben Jensen Dental, First Fitness, JCPenney, Royal Sport Shop, Summit Activities Center, Walmart and Xtreme Salon & Spa. Participants joined in the YankTON Challenge parade entry for the Holiday Parade of Lights by walking the route with balloons that represent the total collective pounds lost. Pictures and results can be seen on [www.yanktonsd.com/health](http://www.yanktonsd.com/health) and [www.yankton.net/challenge](http://www.yankton.net/challenge).

# Ohio Valley Refinery And Roadshow Coming To Town

If you have gold, silver, antiques or other rare collectibles lying around your house, the Ohio Valley Refinery & Roadshow wants to see them. The Ohio Valley Refinery & Roadshow is making a stop in Yankton next week in search of rare and unique collectibles. The company states that "Collectors have set aside \$300,000 to be distributed to residents for their items during the free five day event. According to Vice President of Media Relations, Matthew Enright, "The Ohio Valley Refinery & Roadshow makes offers based on what collectors are willing to pay. After one decides to sell an item, he or she is paid on the spot. Then, the Roadshow sends out the item to the collector." Over 1,000 people are expected to attend the event. A few recent finds for collectors have included a rare gold coin collection purchased for \$107,000, a Civil War pistol used during battle for \$40,000, and a letter written by George Washington to the doctor of his wife expressing his disdain toward the doctor's actions regarding the treatment of his wife. Also, at a recent show in Ohio a local resident brought in a letter from Abraham Lincoln that she thought was a fake for more than 15 years. She brought it into the show and walked out \$25,000

richer after finding out it was an authentic letter. "Collectors are very serious about their hobby and will pay a lot of money for the items they are looking for. Nearly all coins and paper currency, vintage jewelry, war memorabilia, musical instruments and toys made prior to 1965 are highly sought after by collectors." Enright also says, "What we've really seen a ton of is gold and silver. With both hitting all time highs and the current economy, people everywhere are cashing in broken chains, necklaces and rings and taking advantage of the market." The Ohio Valley Refinery & Roadshow is able to offer good prices as it has its own refinery. Refiners typically do not do business with the public; rather, they deal with precious metal accumulators like jewelry stores, pawn shops, dentist offices or industrial facilities that trade with some form of precious metal. All local area businesses that deal with precious metals are encouraged to call ahead and make an appointment with one of our representatives. There are no appointments needed for the general public to sell their items. The event is free and there is no limit to the number of items that can be brought in. For additional information, call 217-726-7590.

# Briar Cliff University Campus Visit Day Planned For Dec. 9

SIoux CITY, Iowa — High school juniors and seniors who want to know more about Briar Cliff University are invited to Campus Visit Day on Friday, Dec. 9. The day begins with registration at 9:45 a.m. in the Stark Student Center on the Briar Cliff campus at 3303 Rebecca Street in Sioux City and concludes at 2 p.m. During their visit, students, their families and friends will meet BCU student leaders and faculty. They will learn about academics, scholarships and financial aid opportunities, hear from a panel of Briar Cliff students about campus life, tour BCU's dynamic hilltop cam-

pus and enjoy a complimentary lunch. For more information, call the Office of Admissions at 279-5200 or email [admissions@briarcliff.edu](mailto:admissions@briarcliff.edu). Briar Cliff University is a Catholic institution with an enrollment of more than 1,150 students from 32 states and 11 countries. Students are educated in the Franciscan tradition of excellence in the liberal arts and career preparation in an environment of care, compassion and service. For more information, visit [briarcliff.edu](http://briarcliff.edu).

# Switching Oils Is No Big Deal

BY TOM AND RAY MAGLIOZZI  
[www.cartalk.com](http://www.cartalk.com)



## CAR TALK

Tom and Ray Magliozzi

**Dear Tom and Ray:**  
I have a 2009 Nissan Cube. I take the car to the dealer for oil changes. I always use synthetic, but at the last oil change, they put in regular oil by mistake. I drove the car for 3,000 miles and then asked them to put in synthetic oil. Now my husband says that I have "ruined" the engine by switching the oils back and forth. Is this true? He says that I immediately should have asked them to drain out the regular oil and replace it with synthetic before I drove the car away. What do you think? — **Mary**  
**TOM:** I think he's got his head up his oil drain, Mary.  
**RAY:** When synthetic oils first came out, we heard rumors that you shouldn't switch from regular oil to synthetic, or vice versa. But we never saw any proof that this was more than a rumor.  
**TOM:** And now several of the major oil companies sell synthetic blends, which are what? Mixtures of regular oil and synthetic! So they mix them right at the factory.  
**RAY:** So obviously, no harm is done by mixing them in your crankcase, or switching from one to another.  
**TOM:** So drive happily, Mary. It sounds like the only thing you ruined here is your husband's credibility.

**DOES GAS GAUGE READ CORRECTLY AFTER TANK WAS DENTED?**  
**Dear Tom and Ray:**  
I'm sending this anonymously because I don't want my friends to know what a bonehead I am. I went out to the driveway to replace the rear brake shoes on my daughter's '98 Honda Civic EX. I positioned my floor jack under the rear cross member, but did not jack it up. I then went into the garage to get my jack stands, and placed them beside the car. Without checking the jack, I started to jack up the car. Something didn't seem right, because the car hardly lifted for the amount I jacked. I looked under the car and saw that the floor jack had rolled forward a few inches and the saddle was pushing up on the fuel tank, which was now dented in! I quickly

jacked down the car, but the damage was done. I drove the car through the neighborhood and up onto the interstate to confirm that it still would run fine. It now has more than a thousand miles on it since I dented the fuel tank, and it runs with no problems. My question: Is the fuel gauge still accurate, or is it incorrect because of the dent in the tank? I have gotten my daughter to refill the tank whenever the gauge registers half a tank. It takes about six gallons to fill it up from there. My daughter wants to drive beyond half a tank on the gauge to see if the gauge is accurate down to empty. I don't think she should do this. What do you guys think? By the way, I did finally replace the brake shoes, but she doesn't let me work on her car any longer. — **Joey**  
**TOM:** Don't worry, Joey. Your secret is safe with us. I mean, how many Joeyes can there be with daughters who own green '98 Honda Civic EXs with bad gas gauges writing from Maple Street in Tallahassee, Fla.?  
**RAY:** With the last name Sawyer?  
**TOM:** We made that up, by the way, readers. Joey, I think your daughter has to try the experiment. And you need to be following her with a five-gallon gas container.  
**RAY:** This car was still using a metal tank in 1998. So you crumpled it. But you probably didn't deform it too badly; otherwise, it would be leaking now.  
**TOM:** These tanks can take a pretty good

# Officials Urge James River Valley Residents To Be Flood-Smart

PIERRE — Some stretches of the James River remain well above flood stage as winter nears, and state officials are urging residents in or near the flood plain to continue taking steps to protect themselves and their property. Officials with the state Departments of Environment and Natural Resources, Agriculture and Public Safety say the James River could remain above flood stage as the winter freeze arrives, setting the stage for more flooding next spring. Information from DENR shows that in the past three years, the James River has dropped below flood stage by fall. This year, the James River continues to run as much as three and one-half feet above flood stage. That curtails drainage of tributaries throughout the river basin, leaving standing water in sloughs and low spots entering the winter freeze. "Obviously, if the river is at or above flood stage going into winter, the likelihood of high water levels and flooding next spring is increased," said Public Safety Secretary Trevor Jones. "Residents of the river valley should be aware of the river flows and take steps to protect themselves and their property through the winter and into next spring."

Assessing future need for sandbags or other flood-protection measures and identifying where to obtain those materials would be an important preparatory step for those in or near the river valley. Other steps include checking on the sump pump if one is in use, considering a battery-operated backup pump or obtaining a portable electrical generator, keeping furniture and other valuable items safely out of flood areas and making sure valuable papers and records are stored in a waterproof area. Residents should also pay close attention to changing weather conditions and water levels and be especially aware of road conditions when traveling through flooded areas. Some roads may remain flooded or saturated and impassable for an extended period of time, and residents are encouraged to prepare for lack of normal access and travel routes in some areas. The James River has flooded several times in recent years and has been out of its banks for much of this year, much of the public infrastructure has been moved from the flood plain, and most residents have moved their property to higher ground. Agriculture Secretary Walt Bones says operators of farms and ranches in the area should be cautious about

moving any machinery or livestock back into the flood plain. "The best safety message is, if you are out of the flood plain, please don't put yourself back into a dangerous situation," Bones said. "High water conditions could be around for a long time. We know producers have suffered through a long stretch of flooding. It is really frustrating. We just encourage everyone to remain vigilant and make safe, smart choices." Higher than normal releases from the Jamestown and Pipestem dams in North Dakota have contributed to the high flows on the James River in 2011. While much of the fall was dry in South Dakota, parts of North Dakota had above-normal rainfall. That prevented the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers from reducing releases from the two dams until recently. Because it can take a month or more for water in the James River to move through South Dakota, it's uncertain whether the recently reduced flows will significantly lower the chances of flooding next spring.

# Ag Department Updating List Of Private Foresters

PIERRE — The South Dakota Department of Agriculture is updating the Register of Private Professional Foresters. The register is used to refer private landowners to qualified private resource professionals. SDDA refers private landowner requests for certain services including damage appraisals, hazard tree assessments, and other services to certified arborists. SDDA provides a copy of the register to every landowner interested in conducting a timber sale on their property. SDDA automatically refers timber sale assistance to private consulting foresters listed on the register before the department proceeds with any timber sale assistance. For more information, visit <http://sdda.sd.gov/Forestry/programs-services/sd-register-private-foresters.aspx>.

## NEWS AROUND THE CLOCK

[www.yankton.net](http://www.yankton.net)

Yankton Catholic Daughters of America Court Willard #967  
Invite You To Come To Their Annual  
**SOUP KITCHEN**  
**Sacred Heart Community Center,**  
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**Open House**  
**Sunday Dec. 4th**  
**2-4 pm • JoDean's**  
*Come & Celebrate*  
  
**Gwenn Rye's 90th Birthday**

Ashley Marie Miller and Thomas Dean Hofer were united in marriage July 2, 2011, at Pleasant View Bible Church in Aurora, NE. The candlelight ceremony was officiated by Pastor David Harder of Kearney, NE. Ashley is the daughter of Ray and Sheila Miller of Aurora and Thomas is the son of Kirby and Donna Hofer of Tabor. Maid of honor was Karrah Miller, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Rachel Miller, sister of the bride, and Katie Hofer, sister of the groom. Flower girls were Ellie and Rylie Nelson of Cody, WY, cousins of the bride. Ring bearer was Cooper Kremer of Aurora, cousin of the bride. Best man was Michael Hofer, brother of the groom. Groomsmen were James Hofer, brother of the groom, and Jon Harder of Kearney, friend of the groom. Ushers were Zach Miller, brother of the bride; Sheldon Hofer, friend of the groom; and Jared Adamson, friend of the groom. Scripture was read by the fathers of the couple. Special music was provided by Jonathan Curtis and Trina Thorell, friends of the bride. A dinner reception followed the ceremony in the fellowship hall at Pleasant View Bible Church. The couple is residing in Yankton. Thomas received his Associate degree in Building Trades Management from Iowa Western and is employed with Hofer Construction. Ashley received her Bachelor of Science degree in elementary education from Grace University in Omaha and is substitute teaching in the area.

**Calvary Kids Preschool**  
**Holiday Open House & Registration**  
**December 4, 2:00-4:00 p.m.**  
*Enjoy Holiday Treats!  
Visit the classroom!  
Meet the teacher!  
See Our New SmartBoard!  
Make a craft project!*  
Registration for the 2012-2013 classes for 3 yr. olds, 4 yr. olds, and Junior Kindergarten is now open. We feature ABeka curriculum and take many educational field trips throughout the year.  
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