

SDHDA Receives Grants To Aid Homeowners

PIERRE — On June 20, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development announced that South Dakota will be receiving \$2,051,563 to assist homeowners through the Emergency Homeowner's Loan Program (EHLPL). EHLPL funds are part of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2010.

South Dakota Housing Development Authority (SDHDA) was one of 53 grantees from NeighborWorks® America to receive funding. EHLPL funds will help homeowners who are at least 90 days late on their mortgage payments, and unemployed or working fewer hours because of the economy or a medical condition.

If qualified for assistance under EHLPL and selected, homeowners will be able to access an interest free loan to help pay arrearages and a portion of their monthly mortgage payments up to 24 months or \$50,000, whichever comes first. Funds are limited and not all eligible applicants may receive funding.

Eligible homeowners have until Friday, July 22, to complete the pre-applicant screening worksheet. After the July 22 application date, a lottery process will be used to determine which applicants will receive funding. The worksheets are available by calling or visiting one of the following participating counseling agencies:

- Consumer Credit Counseling Service-Lutheran Social Services; 705 E. 41st Street, Suite 101, Sioux Falls; Phone: 800-568-2401.
- Inter-Lakes Community Action Partnership; 111 N. Van Eps, Madison; Phone: 800-896-4103.

Mrs. S.D. Int. Applicants Sought

Applications are now being accepted for the title of Mrs. South Dakota International 2012, an official preliminary to the Mrs. International Pageant which will be held at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts Theater in Chicago. The dates are July 19-23, 2012.

The Mrs. South Dakota International 2012 Pageant will be held at 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 2, 2011, at the Orpheum Theatre in Sioux Falls.

The woman selected as Mrs. South Dakota International will become an ambassador from South Dakota and will receive an official title and sash. Competitions will include:

- Private one-on-one interview, with each contestant selecting a platform, which she will speak about through her reign (50 percent);

- Fitness Wear (in lieu of swimsuit competition) (25 percent);

- Event Gown: Husbands escorting their wives on stage (25 percent);

Married women between the ages of 21-56 living in South Dakota that are interested should call Jessie Brower, South Dakota state director, at (605) 360-1117 or email mrssouthdakota@gmail.com.

BIRTHDAYS

BARBARA WEPKING

AVON — Barbara Wepking of Avon, South Dakota and formerly of Springfield will celebrate her 85th birthday with cake and coffee from 2-5 p.m. Saturday, July 16, at Avon's Meadow View Manor, 508 Birch Street.

The event will be hosted by her family. She requests no gifts. Greetings may be sent to 409 Elm Street #5, Avon, SD 57315.



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JAMES HORNSTRA

SPRINGFIELD — The Family of James "Jim" Hornstra are requesting a Card Shower in celebration of his 60th Birthday on July 8.

Greetings may be sent to 40827 312th St. Springfield, SD 57062.

WILLIAM HOCH

TYNDALL — William Hoch will be celebrating his 90th birthday party with an open house on Thursday, July 7, at the Fr. Cronin Center in Tyndall from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. His family invites everyone for a free lunch and birthday cake.

BIRTHS

SAMUEL ROSKELAND

ERIC and Angela Roskeland of Battle Creek are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Samuel McElhn, born Friday, June 17, 2011, at 5:48 p.m. He weighed 7 pounds, 13



Roskeland

ounces. Samuel joins older siblings Madeleine, 14, Caleb, 12, Emma, 10, Lydia, 9, Hannah, 6, and Nathaniel, 11 months.

Grandparents are Ron and Barb Nielsen of Creighton, Neb., and Patricia Roskeland of Yankton. Great-grandmother is Dorothy Neuberger of Canistota.

ELIJAH CRANDALL

David and Meaghan (Brasel) Crandall of Gayville announce the birth of their son, Elijah William.

Elijah was born on June 26, 2011, at Sanford USD Medical Center in Sioux Falls. He weighed 8 pounds, 4 ounces at birth.

Elijah joins siblings Mia, 5, and Oliver, 2.

Grandparents are: Virgil and Pamela Brasel of Yankton; and Terry and Catherine Crandall of Yankton.

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Bad Smell? Blame Bad Battery

BY TOM AND RAY MAGLIOZZI
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Dear Tom and Ray:

My wife's car is an '08 Toyota Sienna all-wheel-drive van with almost 70,000 miles on it. In the past few months, the whole garage has been stinking like rotten eggs. At first I thought it was catalytic converter smell, but the odor was coming from under the hood, not out the tailpipe. I traced down the smell to the battery and noticed that the positive terminal had aqua-colored gunk on it, but the negative terminal was clean. So I took it to the shop and had the battery terminals cleaned. Two days ago, the van failed to start. I opened the hood and noticed that the deposits on the battery terminal were back and that the clamp on the positive terminal actually had corroded through and was loose on the post. The sulfur smell is still around, but not nearly as pungent as it had been. I removed the battery from the car and cleaned off the deposits. I thoroughly washed the outside of the battery and dried it. I replaced the positive battery clamp with a Toyota OEM clamp (\$26 and a family-size jar of Vaseline). I brushed both battery poles and the negative terminal clamp with a steel-wire brush and reinstalled the battery. For good measure, I dosed both battery terminals with WD-40. I don't ever recall having a car battery produce so much odor that it stunk up a two-car garage. What would cause these symptoms to occur? The battery is Toyota OEM and is labeled an



CAR TALK

Tom and Ray Magliozzi

"84-month" battery. Should I insist that Toyota replace it? — Paul

RAY: Yes. You need a new battery. Yours is junk.

TOM: Your battery is out-gassing. It's emitting hydrogen sulfide (H₂S), a gas best known by the question it usually prompts about who's been eating bean burritos.

RAY: ... unless my brother is nearby, in which case the question is unnecessary.

TOM: That hydrogen sulfide is what's corroding your battery terminals and leaving that white (or, in your case, aqua), chalky residue.

RAY: You've cleaned and replaced everything, but you keep putting the bad battery

back in there. So unless you change it out, I have no doubt the out-gassing and corrosion will continue.

TOM: Then — and this is very important — after your dealer replaces the battery, he has to check your whole charging system. The problem could be in the battery itself, or it could be that the battery is getting overcharged.

RAY: That's what we do to our customers. But in your case, it means that your alternator or voltage regulator may be faulty. So the battery is continually getting charged, even after it's already fully charged. That's making the battery fluid boil over and causing the battery to out-gas.

TOM: So Toyota owes you a battery, or at least the pro-rated portion of that 84-month battery you didn't get to use. And depending on how your charging system checks out, it may owe you an alternator, too, Paul. The jar of Vaseline's on you, though.

What's the best way to warm up your engine in the morning? Find out by ordering 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.

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LIFE IN POETRY

Poems Can Provide Insights Into Loneliness

BY TED KOOSER

U.S. Poet Laureate, 2004-2006

Some of us have more active fantasy lives than others, but all of us have them. Here Karin Gottshall, who lives in Vermont, shares a variety of loneliness that some of our readers may have experienced.

MORE LIES

Sometimes I say I'm going to meet my sister at the café — even though I have no sister — just because it's such a beautiful thing to say. I've always thought so, ever since

I read a novel in which two sisters were constantly meeting in cafés. Today, for example, I walked alone on the wet sidewalk, wearing my rain boots, expecting

someone might ask where I was headed. I bought a steno pad and a watch battery, the store windows fogged up. Rain in April is a kind of promise, and it costs

nothing. I carried a bag of books to the café and ordered

tea. I like a place that's lit by lamps. I like a place where you can hear people talk about small things,

like the difference between azure and cerulean, and the price of tulips. It's going down. I watched someone who could be my sister walk in, shaking the rain

from her hair. I thought, even now florists are filling their coolers with tulips, five dollars a bundle. All over the city there are sisters. Any one of them could be mine.

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Program For Rural Emergency Healthcare Providers Set

PIERRE — Gov. Dennis Daugaard has announced a new effort by Simulation in Motion-South Dakota (SIM-SD), with assistance of The Leona M. and Harry B. Helmsley Charitable Trust, to deliver hands-on emergency training in rural communities where EMTs, paramedics, nurses and doctors live.

SIM-SD uses a standardized training curriculum and human patient simulators to improve the quality of emergency healthcare services, all at no cost to those who will be trained.

"It can be a challenge for rural emergency providers to get the critical-care, continuing education they need," Daugaard said. "SIM-SD brings the training to them. They can practice their skills on amaz-

ingly lifelike patient simulators that realistically mimic illnesses and injuries."

Partners in the effort are the South Dakota Department of Health, South Dakota Office of Emergency Medical Services, South Dakota Emergency Medical Technicians' Association, Avera Health, Moberly Regional Hospital, Regional Health, St. Mary's Healthcare Center, and Sanford Health. The statewide effort is led by the Department of Health.

The Leona M. and Harry B. Helmsley Charitable Trust funded grants for three custom-built, 44-foot-long, mobile learning units that are fully equipped for training, along with two smaller outreach models. The units were constructed by Lyons-based Rosen-

bauer America, following a competitive bid process.

All five units have human patient simulators and a uniform educational curriculum to ensure a quality training experience for participants. The human patient simulators not only blink, breathe and cry but also can replicate many health problems. The true-to-life scenarios provide medical practitioners with interactive "patients" who will react according to the providers' actions.

The Rural Healthcare Program of The Leona M. and Harry B. Helmsley Charitable Trust began awarding grants in 2009. In the last

two years, the Trust has awarded more than \$104 million in grants to nonprofit organizations in the region. The Trust, established in 1999, supports a diverse range of organizations, with a major focus on health and medical research, human services, education and conservation. To date, The Trust has announced more than \$104 million in the region and \$440 million in grants to charitable organizations.

For more information about the training, visit www.SIM.SD.gov.

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