

ENTERTAINMENT DIGEST

Concert Remembers Musician Chet Olsen

GAYVILLE — Gayville Hall presents "A Celebration of Chet Olsen," starring The Public Domain Tune Band and St. Paul fiddler Tom Schaefer, at 8 p.m. on Saturday, April 3, at Gayville.

Olsen was a well-known fiddler, a prolific string instrument maker, and a singer and musician renowned for his huge repertoire of popular tunes of the early 20th century. He was born on April 1, 1910, at his family's farm northwest of Irene and farmed most of his adult life east of Wakonda.

Owen DeLong of the Public Domain Tune Band first met and became a friend of Olsen in the late 1960s while a student at USD. DeLong introduced Olsen to guitarist Nick Schwebach in the mid-'70s, after DeLong joined The Totally Amazing Bitsko Band, which featured Schwebach on lead guitar.

After the Bitsko Band broke up in 1979, Schwebach and DeLong started the Tune Band duo in order to play the old-time tunes taught to them by Olsen and his friend, Willard Lindstrom.

The two-hour show will feature "tunes that our parents and grandparents loved," according to Gayville Hall proprietor Doug Sharples, and great fiddling by DeLong and rural Wakonda native Tom Schaefer.

Schaefer, a rural Wakonda native, is a physician who learned how to fiddle from Chet Olsen while a med student in the 1970s and won several South Dakota state fiddling championships in Yankton. He was a member of the South Dakota bluegrass band, The Rocky Mountain Oysters.

Gayville Hall is at 502 Washington Street in Gayville. For ticket information, call 605-267-2859.

Children's Book Conference Set For S.F.

SIoux FALLS — The Dakotas Region of the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators will hold its Spring Conference at 8 a.m. Saturday, April 10, at Central Baptist Church in Sioux Falls.

Featured guest speakers — literary agent Chris Richman, editor Lindsay Schlegel (Simon & Schuster), author Rebecca Johnson and cartoonist Chris Browne ("Hagar the Horrible") — will discuss various aspects of the publishing industry.

There is a fee, and lunch is included. For more information, call the SCBWI Regional Advisor Chris Rylander at 701-720-0464, or visit <http://www.dakotas-scbwi.org>.

'Children's Music Jam' At Tripp Park April 10

A Children's Music Jam will be held at Yankton's Tripp Park, located at Eighth and Broadway, Yankton at 10 a.m.-2 p.m. April 10.

This event is part of a series to celebrate Jazz Appreciation Month. Come learn about, play, and celebrate jazz.

For more information, contact Rebecca Dodds at 605-668-9012 or www.upbeatstudio.com, or visit www.upbeatstudio.com.

YCTC To Hold Auditions April 11-12

The Yankton Children's Theatre Company will be holding auditions for its June production of "Henry and Ramona" on April 11-12 at the theatre company's offices at 407 Walnut (the former Elks building).

"Henry and Ramona," which will be directed by Amy Bruening and Sandy Vavra, will be produced June 3-6. The audition is open for anyone ages 5-18. Student assistants (ages 14-18), who will help with directing, costumes, make-up, props and other backstage duties, are also being sought.

Auditions will be held both days from 5-7 p.m. for actors (bring a small, recent photo of yourself), with student assistants interviewed from 7-9 p.m.

For more information, contact Bruening at 605-661-4308 or Vavra at 605-661-7508.

Poetry Society Hosts Workshop April 24

The South Dakota State Poetry Society invites anyone interested in writing, publishing, or listening to poetry to attend a Poetry Workshop from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., on Saturday, April 24, in the Old Library Building on the Mt. Mary College Campus, Yankton. Free parking is available in the Laddie E. Cimpl Arena Parking Lot, north of the Old Library Building.

Registration includes morning coffee and muffins and noon lunch. Checks, made out to SDSPS, may be sent to Marilyn Kratz, 2007 Ross Street, Yankton, SD 57078, and are due by April 10. Participants may bring their books to sell. Sellers must monitor their sales and provide change. Phone 605-664-5864 or e-mail mkratz@iw.net with questions.

Dr. James Reese will present the workshop titled "Writing and Publishing Poetry" in the morning session. Dr. Reese is Assistant Professor of English at Mt. Marty College. He is editor-in-chief of "Puddlefish," a yearly literature journal, and has had works published in several literary review journals. His second collection of poems titled "Ghost on Third" came out this year. He is the 2008 and 2009 National Endowment for the Art's Writer-in-Residence at the Yankton Federal Camp.

After the noon break, Dr. Reese will join David Allan Evans, South Dakota poet laureate, for a session of poetry readings. Evans has had nine collections of his poetry published. His latest collection is titled "This Water. These Rocks." His work is included in more than 80 anthologies. In 2009, he received the Governor's Award for Creative Achievement in the Arts.

Tri-Valley Barbershop Chorus Show April 17

The Tri-Valley Barbershop Chorus presents its 60th annual show at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 17, in the Centerville High School Auditorium in Centerville.

The show will feature two Guest Quartets: Vocality and The Happiness Emporium.

You can write for tickets from Duane Larsen, 211 North Street, Viborg, SD 57070 or Alan Ward, 29167 SD Highway 19, Viborg, SD 57070 OR Call In Alcester (Eldon Saugstad, 934-2168), in Beresford (Paul Coggins, 763-5488), in Centerville (Everett Knutson, 563-2746; Steve Knutson, 563-2390; Boyd Ostrem, 563-2866; Fort Randall Telephone Co, 563-2863), in Freeman and Yankton (Richard Syring, 660-5764), in Scotland (Lester Muehlbeier, 583-4261) and in Viborg (Duane Larsen, 326-5387; Alan Ward, 326-5428; Gary Ward Ofc, 326-5282).

■ Get Updates At Yankton Online (www.yankton.net)

Gehlsen Benefit Set For April 10

CROFTON, Neb. — A benefit event for Jack Gehlsen of Crofton, Neb., will be held Saturday, April 10, at the St. Rose Parish Hall, Crofton. The event runs from 5 p.m.-midnight.

Gehlsen was diagnosed with kidney failure in July 2007 and has been on the kidney transplant list since February of 2008. He has a blood type of B, which only 6 percent of the population has. He now undergoes dialysis.

The April 10 event is a birthday/benefit celebrating Gehlsen's 50th birthday. The event will feature an auction, a raffle and a free-will donation dinner.

Donated items are being sought, and cash donations to help defray expenses will be accepted. For cash donations, visit any First Dakota National Bank or mail to PO Box 156 Yankton, SD 57078; Attn: Jack Gehlsen Birthday/Benefit.

Call 402-388-4314 to donate an item, to have an item picked up or if you have any questions. You may also send your donations to Jack Gehlsen Birthday/Benefit, 89415 556th Ave., Crofton, NE 68730 or drop items off at either First Dakota National Bank in Yankton.

ART FORMS

YAA Already Making Summer Plans

BY PAM MEYLO
Yankton Area Arts

The warm weather this week sure has us thinking about summer down here at the Yankton Area Arts office! Looking ahead to those lovely days, make sure and save the date for Tuesday, June 8, when we kick things off by hosting the 19th annual Kid's Art Fest at Riverside Park. This event will be held in conjunction with the Yankton Chamber of Commerce's Customer Appreciation Picnic.

Between 150-200 children and their families will enjoy an evening filled with fun and hands-on art activities provided by groups and individuals who love sharing the experience of art.

Again this year, we are looking for volunteers to provide a craft activity for the children, and you may be just the person we had in mind! Yankton Area Arts is indebted to volunteers who make this day special for the children. This event would not be possible without the generous support of the community. If you are interested in volunteering please contact me at the Yankton Area Arts office at 605-665-9754.

Kids Art Fest also coincides with our popular Summer Concert Series. We are looking forward to 12 great evenings filled with friends and music at the Riverside Amphitheater in Yankton. The series begins with the Summer Band Concerts, where each week a guest conductor joins a group of 70-100 local musicians, making each concert a unique performance.

The second half of the schedule is filled with the Summer Pop Concert Series. We will be featuring some of the last summer's favorites along with several new bands for 2010. Our line-up includes the South Dakota Jazz Orchestra, Dakota Jazz Collective, Little Chicago Syncopators, The Hungry Five, Go Figure and Poker Alice.

In fact, if you are interested in a preview of the entertainment,



COURTESY PHOTO

The 19th annual Kid's Art Fest will be held at Yankton's Riverside Park on June 8. It is one of several events that Yankton Area Arts has planned for the coming summer.

the Little Chicago Syncopators will be performing in Gayville later this month. The group features the well-known Little brothers, who are often joined on stage by some of the most accomplished musicians in traditional New Orleans & Chicago style Jazz. You can check them out on Saturday, April 24, at the Gayville Hall, or for more information visit their Web site at www.LittleChicagoJazz.com.

The Summer Pop Concert Series will wrap up on August 10, which leaves less than a month of waiting for the Summer Arts Festival. A few weeks ago,

Yankton Area Arts hosted a panel of judges at the G.A.R. Hall. The judges spent the evening reviewing and selecting our art vendors for the upcoming festival. They did a wonderful job and the 2010 Summer Arts Festival will be full of talented artists and vendors!

As you see, there's a lot to look forward to this summer. However, until the weather is consistently conducive to the

outdoor events; here at Yankton Area Arts, we will be keeping our activities indoors. One great indoor opportunity will be held on Saturday April 10, when writing Coach Bev Oliver from Sioux Falls will be facilitating a Memoirs Writing Workshop at the G.A.R. Hall. The class Writing Your Memoirs: The Early Years is scheduled from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and is designed to assist you in documenting your own personal history. During the workshop you will be presented with writing guidelines for your memoir, literary warm-ups, techniques and in-class exercises.

Ms. Oliver holds a Bachelor's degree in Secondary Education-English Communications and a Masters in Environmental Interpretation. The cost of the workshop is \$20 per student and it would be a perfect opportunity to start putting your own past onto paper. If you are interested in registering or would like more details, please contact the Yankton Area Arts office at 605-665-9754.

We've got lots of other great things planned for yet this spring, so stay tuned to this column for details - or better yet, stop in at the G.A.R. Hall Art Gallery for a visit and enjoy the "Aerial Imagery" exhibit while you are at it. In the meantime, on behalf of the Yankton Area Arts Board of Directors and staff I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a wonderful Easter Holiday!

YAA CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

(Please note that G.A.R. Hall gallery will be closed on Good Friday and the following weekend in observation of the holiday.)

• March 19-April 27 — "Aerial Imagery" exhibit featuring the works of Dave Tunge.

• April 9 — Oscar Howe Summer Art Institute application deadline.

• April 10 — Memoir Writing Workshop: "Writing Your Memoirs: The Early Years" with Bev Oliver from 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Please call 665-9754 to register or for more details.

• April 10 — Children's Jam Session in Tripp Park presented and sponsored by Upbeat Studios from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Open to the public. For more information contact Rebecca Dodds at 668.9012.

• April 29-June 15 — "Variations on a Theme: One-of-a-Kind Prints" featuring the works of Susan Heggstad.

For more information on area art events, visit our calendar online at www.YanktonAreaArts.org

The G.A.R. Hall Gallery and Yankton Area Arts office are located at 508 Douglas Avenue, Yankton. The gallery is open to the public free of charge from 1-5 p.m. weekdays and from 1-3 p.m. on Saturdays. For more information, please contact Pam Meylor, Executive Director, via e-mail at Pam@YanktonAreaArts.org or drop us a line at 665-9754.

THE BOOK SHELF

Book Introduces Readers To Baseball Great

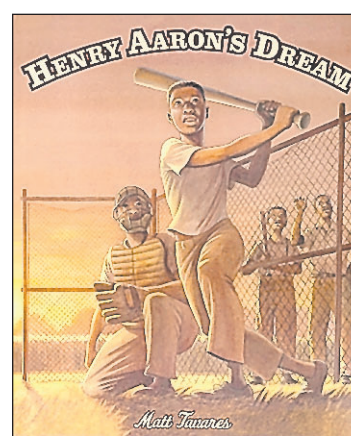
"Henry Aaron's Dream," by written and illustrated by Matt Tavares, Candlewick Press, 2010, 40 pages.

BY PAT HANSEN

What do you dream of? Do you want to work in a specific occupation? Do you dream of living in a certain city or in the mountains? Today's book follows the dreams of one boy as well as the problems his dreams bring.

Henry Aaron as you know, of course, is Hank Aaron, one of the greatest baseball players ever. But you wouldn't have guessed he'd rise to that height if you'd known him as a kid. After all, how can a person become great at baseball when he doesn't even have a bat or ball? Sure, he can tie a few rags together and hit them with a stick, as Henry did.

But how can that kid actually play ball when all the baseball diamonds in the city have a sign that says WHITES ONLY and that kid isn't white? And as Henry's father told him, "Ain't no colored ballplayers." But Henry didn't give up his dream of playing big-



league baseball.

When the city opened a COLORED ONLY ball diamond, Henry spent all his spare time there. He practiced until he could hit the ball harder than all the other kids. Funny thing is, he batted right hand but held his left hand on top.

When Jackie Robinson began playing for the Brooklyn Dodgers, Henry knew it was now possible for a black person to play in the big leagues. He listened to every one of Jackie's games and read everything he could find about Jackie.

He learned that life for Jackie wasn't easy. People called him the N-word. (Caution: This word is spelled out in the book.) He even received death threats. Henry watched as Jackie persevered through it all and played the best he could.

After high school, Henry played in the Negro Leagues. His teammates knew he would be snatched up into the major-leagues before long. One day a scout for the Braves asked Henry to try batting with his right hand on top-and Henry hit a home run. Henry had made it to the big-leagues!

This book is certainly about Henry's struggle to make it onto a major league team, but the real story here is the courage and strength he showed on his hip and once he got there.

As major league player, fans now called him the N-word just as they had Jackie, sent him threatening letters, and threw rocks at him. The night that his team won the pennant, they had a party at a restaurant. Henry, the MVP, sat in the kitchen because only white people were allowed in the restaurant. But Henry remembered how hard Jackie Robinson had worked to pave the way, and didn't give up. You know the rest of the story.

This book really helps you feel Henry's yearnings, struggles, and pain as he pursues his dreams. Even if he hadn't made it big, you'd like the fortitude of this guy. Read this book and let it nourish your own dreams.

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To schedule an appointment call (605) 668-8601 or toll-free (877) 256-8973. Dr. Pedersen also sees patients in Vermillion, Tyndall and Wagner, SD and Hartington, NE.

Be Prepared For The Next Earth Shaking Event!

A Continuing Series of Presentations to be held thru May 15th at:

Seventh Day Adventist Church
722 Locust, Yankton

FREE Admission

What Did Jesus Say About:

- Endurance in Prayer – Preaching the Gospel? **Friday, April 2 • 7:00pm**
- False Christ? **Saturday, April 3 • 9:30AM**
- False Prophets? **Saturday, April 3 • 11:00AM**

For more information call 605-660-5969.

Please join us for a free fellowship dinner following the Saturday 11:00AM meetings.