

ENTERTAINMENT DIGEST

Kratz To Speak At Literary Luncheon

VERMILLION — Author Marilyn Kratz will present "The Writing Life: My Way to Stay a Child Forever" at the Literary Luncheon on Wednesday, April 14 at the Vermillion Public Library. Join the Friends of the Library for this special program.

In her 40-plus years as a free-lance writer, Kratz has had two picture books and one pictorial history book published. Her fourth book, a non-fiction picture book published by the South Dakota State Historical Society Press, will be out in 2011. She has had approximately 500 short stories, poems and articles published in more than 80 publications, mostly for children. She taught elementary school for 31 years. She is a member of the Society of Children's Book Writers and Publishers and Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, a women's teachers fraternity.

The luncheon will be held in the Community Room of the Vermillion Public Library. Lunch is served at 11:30 a.m. and the program begins at 12:10 p.m.

Tickets can be purchased before 5 p.m. April 9 at the Vermillion Public Library during regular library hours. No phone reservations will be taken.

For more information, call the library at 677-7060 or e-mail vp@sdln.net.

Memoirs Writing Workshop Postponed

The Memoirs Writing Workshop scheduled for Saturday in Yankton has been postponed and will be rescheduled for early June. The new date will be announced early next week.

Contact Yankton Area Arts at 605-665-9754 to register or for more information.

YCTC Holding 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 7-8 p.m.

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

Book Signing Features Vermillion Author

VERMILLION — Vermillion native Laura Wilson will read from her new book, "Stories of Survival," at 1-3 p.m. April 11 at the Sharing the Dream in Guatemala store, 10 W. Main St. in Vermillion. The author will sign copies of her book.

For more information, contact Nicole Gruebele at 605-624-6895 or nicole@sharingthedream.org. You may also visit www.sharingthedream.org.

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

Dallas Brass To Perform In Tripp April 19

TRIPP — The internationally acclaimed Dallas Brass will be performing at the Tripp High School gymnasium at 7 p.m. Monday, April 19.

The program's music has been selected from the masters: Copland, Bernstein, Gershwin, Berlin, Sousa; from bands like the Tijuana Brass and Chicago; and styles from Dixieland, swing, Broadway, folk, patriotic, pop, and even hip-hop!

The ensemble includes: Michael Levine (director, trombone), Brian Neal (trumpet), D.J. Barraclough and Charlie Porter (trumpet, alto horn), Dan Peck (tuba) and Jeff Handel (drums/percussion.)

The Dallas Brass' primary mission includes connecting with young musicians. Clinics are held in conjunction with almost every concert and band students are invited to join the Dallas Brass onstage for a selection on the evening performance. A clinic and mini concert will be held during the afternoon of April 19 with the following schools attending: Armour, Kimball, Menno, Parkston, Platte-Geddes and Tripp-Delmont. These six schools will also participate in the evening concert with the Dallas Brass.

For ticket information, call 935-6533 or e-mail droppers.lori92@gmail.com. All ticket sales are in advance.

YCTC Holding Design Contest For Play Program

Yankton Children's Theatre Company is looking for young artists between ages 5-18 to enter its "Design Contest." Design the cover of the program for the upcoming production of "Henry and Ramona."

Designs must be on 8 1/2 x 11-inch paper, use pencil and/or black Sharpie ONLY, bold lines work best (Small detail will be lost) and NO WORDS. Put your first and last name, age, parent's name, and phone number on the back of each entry.

Prizes are:

- Design used for printed program for the show
- 2 free tickets to the show
- Gift basket including: Gift certificate to Carmike Theatre, Dairy Queen Blizzard, \$5 McDonald's Gift Card, and a free t-shirt from the show.

Designs must be mailed to Design Contest, 906 West 12th Street, Yankton, SD 57078 by April 15.

ART FORMS

Jazz Comes Alive In Yankton During April

BY PAM MEYLOP
Yankton Area Arts

One of the great things about art is that it comes in many different forms, giving us something fresh to enjoy year-round.

This month in particular, we have a chance to celebrate the art of jazz. April is recognized across the nation as Jazz Appreciation Month, or JAM. This recognition was introduced in 2001 by the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of American History as an annual event to pay tribute to jazz both as a historic and living American art form. During the past decade, it has grown to include celebrations in all 50 states and this year events around the country will help raise awareness of America's favorite home-grown art form.

Right here in Yankton, UpBeat Studio will be hosting a series of events in honor of Jazz Appreciation Month. Rebecca Dodds, the owner of the studio, is sponsoring the events, which will all be free and open to public. Dodds is a teaching artist, writer, musician, jazz educator and South Dakota native who



studied contemporary music at the renowned Berklee College of Music in Boston. She teaches instrumental music on most instruments, conducts a variety of workshops and classes, and works with students of all ages and abilities.

This series is a perfect chance for local residents to participate in and learn about jazz music.

UpBeat Studio's Jazz Appreciation Month events will kick off this Saturday with "Children's Music JAM!" in Tripp Park, near the corner of Broadway and Eighth Street, starting at 10 a.m. This will be a great oppor-

tunity for kids of all ages to play instruments provided by the UpBeat Studio and "improvise or jam" along to popular jazz songs. The children will be lead in music, crafts and several other fun activities. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own instruments if they have one; or just a voice or tap shoes to add to the musical rhythms. Activities will run until 2 p.m. and the public is encouraged to stop at the park to enjoy the music throughout the day.

"I am working on a 10-part free standing storyboard, that will tell about the elements of jazz music and the history of this American art form," says Dodds. "I will also feature technology tidbits and live student performers who will illustrate musically, how to practice jazz. There will be handouts available that will help the community know where to start in listening to jazz, and also what jazz they may already be experiencing without thinking about it!"

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THE BOOKWORM

Book Offers Guide To 'Overseas' Retirement

"How to Retire Overseas" by Kathleen Peddicord; © 2010, Hudson Street Press; \$25.95; 288 pages

BY TERRI SCHLICHENMEYER

This morning was different. This morning — like nearly every morning for the past several decades — you rolled over, slapped the alarm and thought about your day ahead, hoping for a little free time but knowing that was probably impossible, just like it has been for years.

And that's what made this morning different. This morning, you knew you were done. You can't stand it anymore. You want out, desperately. Travel posters have caught your eye lately, and so have touristy TV commercials. But that kind of life is only for dreamers, isn't it?

Not always, says Kathleen Peddicord. In her new book, "How to Retire Overseas", you'll find out how easy it is to spend the rest of your days out-of-country.

So you think a life of leisure is the life for you.

You've harbored a childhood dream of living in South America, Paris, the Orient. You've always wanted to see the world. But before you go, there are a few steps you can take at home to make the dream a reality and the transition smoother.

First of all, says Peddicord, know yourself. Are you an impatient sort? Can you remain calm if the electricity fails or you can't get online? Is your health relatively good? Can you stand to be away from the kids and grandkids? What kind of climate do you enjoy? Do you speak a second language?

Next, decide what you can afford, what you can't live without, and how you'll manage your money. Many countries "roll out the red carpet" for retirees, and that can make life abroad surprisingly budget-friendly. Know your options before you go, though, and that includes taxes. As a resident of another country, you may need to pay taxes in both countries. Peddicord recommends hiring a top-notch attorney with experience in international tax issues.

Decide if you want to rent or buy a home, understand the monetary differences for both, and know that the real estate market in other

countries is very different than what you're used to here. Check into the cost of utilities, and call your local cell phone provider to see what international coverage they offer. Research residency options, visas, and necessary paperwork. Sign up for international health care. Store your stuff. Pack. Go.

Before I started reading "How to Retire Overseas," I was dreaming of white beaches and haciendas. One of the curious things about this book, though, is that it might talk you out of retiring abroad just as much as it might convince you.

Author Kathleen Peddicord, who lives abroad with her family, leaves only a few foreign stones unturned in this book, giving readers step-by-step pointers as well as insights to several travel-tested locales that are retiree-friendly. That's helpful, as are the challenges and pitfalls she honestly includes toward the back of this enticing book.

If you're done hitting the alarm clock and you're thinking of throwing a dart at a map instead, stop first and read this. "How to Retire Overseas" could lend a refreshingly different look at your future.

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