

## ENTERTAINMENT DIGEST

### Allan Presents Collection To Library

Dores Allan has presented the Yankton Community Library with "Dakota Etchings," a collection of historical presentations on outstanding South Dakota individuals and unusual events in history that occurred in this area over the past several hundred years.

These stories were written by her husband, the late Donald H. Allan, and were all presented by Allan at the South Dakota History Conference. This volume will be available in the library's research room for reference purposes.

For further information, contact the library at 668-5275.

### Care Center Easter Egg Hunt April 23

The Avera Yankton Care Center's annual Community Easter Egg Hunt will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 23, at Avera Yankton Care Center.

The hunt is for children ages 5 and under and is open to the community. Special prize eggs will be hidden.

### City-Wide Easter Egg Hunt Saturday

The annual Yankton City-Wide Easter Egg Hunt will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 23, at Sertoma Park.

This free event features age categories as follows: ages 0-2; 3-5; 6-7; and 8-9. There will be Easter Basket prizes in each category, plus there will be thousands of eggs on every field. There will be a total of 10,000 Easter eggs, with candies in each egg. (All participants are encouraged to show up on time, because the eggs go quickly.)

The City-Wide Easter Egg Hunt is sponsored by the Yankton Elks, Wal-Mart, the Yankton Children's Theater Co. and other community members. For more information, contact Allison Spak at 605-660-6414 or magzol@yahoo.com.

### 'Dining For Disaster' Event Slated April 28

Dining for Disaster is a one-day fundraising event for the Yankton County American Red Cross. It will be held Thursday, April 28.

Several restaurants in the Yankton area have agreed to donate a portion of their sales for a day to the Yankton Red Cross for disaster relief.

The Red Cross provides shelter, food, counseling and other assistance to victims of disaster. All American Red Cross disaster assistance is free, made possible by voluntary donations of time and money from the American people.

The event coincides with Severe Weather Awareness Week (April 26-30). All you have to do is buy yourself a delicious meal and the restaurant will do the rest.

The following is a partial list of participating restaurants: Arby's, Burger King, Casey's, Charlie's Pizza House, Godfather's Pizza, Hy-Vee Kitchen, Magilly's Broadway Eatery, McDonald's, Minerva's Grill & Bar, MoJo's, Murdo's Aten Resort, O'Malley's, Pizza Ranch, Quizno's, Starbucks, 7 Beer & Wine Bar and Yesterday's Café.

### MMC Choirs, Band To Present Home Concert

Mount Marty College's choirs and jazz band are heading out on their annual Spring Tour. The tour consists of performances at area high schools and concludes with a Home Tour concert.

The tour will begin on Thursday, April 28, with performances at Scotland Public School and Sully Buttes Public School in Onida and continue on Friday, April 29, with performances at Kimball Public School and Tripp-Delmont Public School. The tour will wrap up with a home concert at 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 29, in Marian Auditorium on the campus of Mount Marty College.

The tour features the Mount Marty Jazz Band under the direction of Dean Rettedal, and the Mixed Choir, and a cappella group, Smooth Benediction, directed by Dr. Sean Vogt.

Also, Mount Marty College's Spring Band Concert will be held at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, May 8, in Marian Auditorium.

The public is invited and both concerts are free of charge.

### RiverWalk Auction And Gala April 29

The Yankton RiverWalk committee has set the date for its first gala and auction. It will be hosted at the Riverfront Event Center at 6:30 p.m. April 29.

The 10 RiverWalk sculptures currently on display in our downtown streets will be auctioned. Live music, an array of hors d'oeuvres and a silent auction are also planned.

The gala and auction is a fundraiser for the RiverWalk project, which began bringing public art to Yankton in 2010. The goals of RiverWalk are to add art to Yankton that will inspire and entertain, to give visitors a new way to spend time in Yankton and to beautify our downtown. While the current sculptures will be taken down for our auction, plans are underway to install 13 new sculptures in May. Visit [www.YanktonRiverWalk.org](http://www.YanktonRiverWalk.org) to read more on the RiverWalk project.

Tickets are now available for the gala at the Yankton Chamber and Visitors Center and at Yankton Area Arts. Contact Michelle at [riverwalk@yanktonsd.com](mailto:riverwalk@yanktonsd.com) or (605) 665-3636 for more information.

### Crofton High School To Present 'Tom Jones'

CROFTON, Neb. — The Crofton High School theater department will present "Tom Jones" April 29-May 1, a comedy by David Rogers based on the classic English novel by Henry Fielding.

Tom Jones, founding and ward of Squire Allworthy, is deeply in love with Sophia and she with him, but her father has arranged for her to marry the Squire's sneaky nephew (and heir), Blifil. The romance is discovered, Tom is banished and Sophia, with her maid, Honour, sets out to find him. They are followed by Sophia's father, his sister, Squire Allworthy and Blifil. All find adventures on the road to London and meet with many strange characters.

The cast includes seniors Alec Woockman (Tom Jones), Tommy Augustine, Molly Zavadiil, Tara Schieffer (Ms. Western), Austin Filipis (Mr. Western), Preston Mueller, Megan Leader, Jordan Sanger, Cassie Tramp, Sam Church (Blifil), Nathan Porras, Taylor Steffen, and Tim Evans. Juniors, Logan Schieffer (Allworthy), Hannah Eskins, Natalie Bottolfson, Sabrina Poore, and Josh Crawford. Sophomores, Brayton Hagge (Sophia Western), Abby Braun (Honour), Taylor Tammen, and Lea Schutz, seventh grader, Katelyn Stewart, and director Mitch Hofer.

Showtimes are 7 p.m. Friday, April 29, and Saturday, April 30, and 2 p.m. Sunday, May 1. Tickets can be purchased at the door, which opens 30 minutes early.

### Poker Alice Plays Gayville Hall April 30

GAYVILLE — The Poker Alice Band and singer Brenda George return to Gayville Hall at 8 p.m. Saturday, April 30, for a concert of fiddle tunes, western swing, country, jump blues, and pop.

The veteran, five-piece band from Clay County was founded in the mid-'80s and is known for its virtuosity and eclectic repertoire, according to Gayville Hall proprietor Doug Sharples.

Co-founder Nick Schwebach sings and plays lead and steel guitars. Owen DeJong, who holds a masters degree in violin performance, plays the fiddle. Both are from rural Wakonda.

Larry Rohrer, also of rural Wakonda, sings and plays bass. The other band members, of rural Beresford, are Dennis Jensen on guitar and vocals and Al Remund on drums.

George, of Avon, sang with Poker Alice in the late 1980s and has reunited with the band once or twice annually at Gayville Hall since 2003.

Gayville Hall is at 502 Washington Street in Gayville. Call 605-267-2859 for ticket information.

### P&D Seeks Donations For Book Sale

The Yankton Daily Press & Dakotan is seeking donations for a book sale to be held during Yankton's City Wide Rummage May 12-13.

All kinds of gently used books will be accepted. (No encyclopedias please). Books can be brought to the Press & Dakotan office, 319 Walnut, in Yankton. Donations will be accepted Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m.-5 p.m. until April 30.

If you have books that you would like us to pick up, call 605-665-7811 ext. 112.

Proceeds from the sale will go to the Newspapers in Education program, which provides free newspapers to classrooms in Yankton and the surrounding areas.

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## THE BOOKWORM

# 'Crazy U.' Is A Revealing College Trip

"Crazy U: One Dad's Crash Course in Getting His Kid into College" by Andrew Ferguson; © 2011, Simon & Schuster; 228 pages

BY TERRI SCHLICHENMEYER

On any normal day, your teenager couldn't care less about the Postal Service.

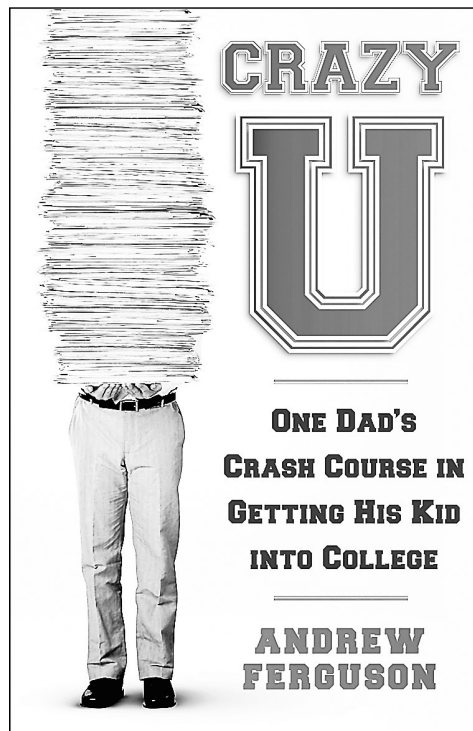
Oh, sure, there's some interest around his birthday when the mail might hold a card with a "little extra" from Grandma, but Email and text are his main communications tools. Snail mail is old school.

But then there's that period in life when the mailbox is your teen's favorite hang-out, the postal carrier is his best friend, and Emails are forgotten in favor of thick catalogs and fat letters. In the new memoir, "Crazy U" by Andrew Ferguson, you'll find out how one father helped his son push the envelope right into college.

When the glossy brochures and hefty viewbooks began arriving in the mail, Andrew Ferguson knew what was happening: his 16-almost-17 year old son had landed on a national list of high school juniors.

And it was time for Junior to start thinking about college.

But things were different than when Ferguson was in high school. What had been a "fairly brief and straightforward process" had become complicated, confusing, and expensive. It was no longer possible to apply for school, get accepted, then leave for home without leaping through several hoops and over piles of paper.



Ferguson went on a mission to find out why.

Not long ago, he discovered, college leaders looked at the future with lumps in their throats: not everybody aspired to higher education and jobs were plentiful without a degree. Faced with possible declining enrollment in the 1970s, administrators used "every technique of modern marketing" to

urge high schoolers to matriculate. Today, about 60 percent of 18-to-21-year-olds attend college.

By sitting in on a high-priced seminar with a notable college admissions counselor, Ferguson learned that applications need a nuanced touch and that the money you throw at fancy lessons may be wasted. From the man behind the U.S. News & World Report magazine, he discovered that college ranking numbers can be "massaged" and conflicting.

Ferguson took the SAT test with his son (who had a higher score). He slogged through an Olympian pile of catalogs and a maze of bank-baring financial forms. Together, father and son tackled essays and campus visits. Then, in a blink, all that was left to do was wait and hope that the longed-for college liked what they saw ...

Looking at an emptier nest this fall? Then you'll surely see your own household inside "Crazy U."

With a journalist's eye for facts and a father's eye for the absurd, author Andrew Ferguson shoves aside pomp and circumstance to explain why getting into college has become such an ordeal and how harried parents can survive the process. While those explanations can get bogged down by minutiae now and then, Ferguson keeps his audience's attention by liberally applying his sense of humor about the whole thing. That makes this book funny as well as useful.

If there's a future Class of 2017 member in your house, read this book. You'll both want to keep your sanity, and "Crazy U" does that to the letter.

## GUIDING THE VOICES



KELLY HERTZ/P&D

Yankton Middle School vocal director Kim Olson directs the grades 7-8 girls' chorus during the performance of the song "Turn the Lights On" at the YMS Spring Vocal Concert, held Tuesday night at the middle school gymnasium. The overflow crowd on hand was treated to a number of pop numbers ranging from the 1950s to present day. Accompanist was Dixie Church. To see or purchase images from this event, visit [spotted.yankton.net](http://spotted.yankton.net).

## SDSU's Prairie Repertory Theatre Announces Summer Productions

BROOKINGS — The South Dakota State University Prairie Repertory Theatre has announced the schedule for its 2011 summer season. Fun-filled music productions — "Church Basement Ladies" and "Crazy for You" — sandwich light-hearted comedies for crowd-pleasing theater in Brookings and Brandon.

"Church Basement Ladies" opens the season on Wednesday, June 8, carrying through to Sunday, June 12, in the Doner auditorium at SDSU. The production moves to Brandon at the Brandon Valley Performing Arts Center for shows July 13-14 and July 30-31.

"Church Basement Ladies" takes audiences back to rural Minnesota in 1965. The musical comedy follows four women as they prepare food and solve problems. From the elderly matriarch of the kitchen to the young bride-to-be learning the proper order of things, "Church Basement Ladies" offers heavenly fun.

The second show, "Arsenic and Old Lace," opens in Brookings Wednesday through Sunday, June 15 through June 19. It moves to Brandon on July 15-17, showing again on July 20. In "Arsenic and Old Lace," murder has never been this much fun. According to Mortimer Brewster, "Insanity runs in my family; it practically gallops." The next production, "Almost Maine," begins in Brookings on Wednesday, June 22, through Sunday, June 26. The show moves to Brandon July 27-29. On a cold, clear, moonless night in the middle of winter, all is not quite what it seems in the remote town of Almost, Maine. Residents fall in and out of love in unexpected and often hilarious ways.

PRT concludes with "Crazy For You," on Wednesday, July 6, through Sunday, July 10. It takes place in Brandon from July 21-24. Winner of the 1992 Tony Award for Best Musical, "Crazy For You" tells the story of Bobby Child, a well-to-do 1930s playboy, whose dream in life is to dance. Will this New York City slicker win the heart of the girl he loves in Deadrock, Nev.? "Crazy for

You" is a toe-tapping, tap-dancing in Brookings with classic Gershwin tunes.

The Audience Services Office in Brookings will open at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, May 31, for season subscribers and for all others on Wednesday, June 1. Season subscriptions and tickets for both Brookings and Brandon productions will be available at that time.

The ASO is located in the Performing Arts Center on the SDSU campus where it will be open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

General PRT ticket prices are \$18 for adults, \$16 for senior citizens, \$12 for SDSU employees, \$11 for non-SDSU students and children, and free to SDSU students with their IDs.

More information on ticket sales can be found by contacting PRT at 605-688-6131.

## Spring Dance Recital Set May 1-2

Students from Judi's Dance Studio will present their Spring Recitals, "Dance Lives In Us," at 6 p.m. Sunday, May 1, and 6 p.m. Monday, May 2, in the Yankton High School Theatre.

The talented students ranging in age from 3 years to adults will be showcasing their dreams, hopes and wishes through ballet, pointe, jazz, tap, lyrical, modern, hip-hop, dance team, and gymnastics. Magnificent costumes, light design, sets, and scenery will all be a part of the great performances.

Seniors in this year's performances include Brandi Becvar, Katie Callaghan, Alexis Gartner, Brittany Huber, Amanda Pratt, Christin Slem, Emily Vortherms, and Jillene Wollman. These talented dancers have choreographed their own solos and the Senior Dance.

The dedicated instructors and choreographers are very proud of the students and their hard work.

Tickets will be sold at the theatre the day of the shows. For more information, call Judi's Dance Studio at 665-9439.

## Book Drive Now On In Vermillion

VERMILLION — The third annual "Books for Budding Brains" book drive is running now at Dakota PC Warehouse, 1216 East Cherry St., Vermillion. It runs through May 15.

The drive collects books for disadvantaged children. In its first two years, this drive has distributed more than 7,000 books to needy kids. This year, a portion of the books will go to families affected by the recent tornado in Mapleton, Iowa.

For more information, contact Liz Roscovius at 605-232-4170 or [liz.roscovius@d2ww.com](mailto:liz.roscovius@d2ww.com), or visit [www.d2worldwide.com](http://www.d2worldwide.com).

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## Kratz Book-Signing At Library May 1

Yankton author Marilyn Kratz will be signing copies of her new children's book "Umpire In A Skirt: The Amanda Clement Story" at 2-4 p.m. Sunday, May 1, at the Yankton Community Library, 515 Walnut.

Attendees will be able to purchase the book that day. Also, Kratz and the book's illustrator, Hector Curriel, will make brief presentations at 2:30 p.m.

For more information, call (605) 668-5275, email [kjacobson@sdln.net](mailto:kjacobs@sdln.net) or visit [www.cityofyankton.org](http://www.cityofyankton.org).

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**MORNING COFFEE**

WEEKDAYS  
MONDAY-FRIDAY

Friday

7:40 Nathan Johnson  
8:15 Dawn Mann  
8:45 Nickie Anderson