

New At The Library

Here's what's new at the Yankton Community Library this week:

ADULT BOOKS

- **Before Ever After** by Samantha Sotto; Fiction
- **Betrayal** by Fern Michaels; Fiction
- **Exposure** by Therese Fowler; Fiction
- **The First Stone** by Bodie & Brock Thoene; Fiction
- **Martha** by Diana Wallis Taylor; Fiction
- **Out of the Rain** by Debbie Macomber; Fiction
- **Treasuring Emma** by Kathleen Fuller; Fiction
- **Growing Perennials in Cold Climates** by Heger, Lonnee & Whitman; Nonfiction
- **How to Tutor Your Own Child** by Marina Koestler Ruben; Nonfiction
- **Prime Time** by Jane Fonda; Nonfiction
- **The Punch Bowl** by Dan Searing; Nonfiction
- **The Volunteer's Guide to Fundraising**; Nonfiction
- **What We Saw**; Nonfiction
- **When the World Calls** by Stanley Meisler; Nonfiction

ADULT AUDIOBOOKS

- **Cold Vengeance** by Preston & Child; Fiction
- **The Ideal Man** by Julie Garwood; Fiction

YOUNG ADULT BOOKS

- **Chain Reaction** by Simone Elkeles; Fiction
- **The Math Dude's Quick and Dirty Guide to Algebra** by Jason Marshall; Nonfiction

FAMILY DVD

- **Caillou's Summer Vacation**

RIVERBOAT DAYS 2011

Riverboat Days Ready To Roar

BY KATIE GREENE

Riverboat Days Secretary

Riverboat Days 2011 — "It's a Zoo Out There" — The Opening Ceremonies are just hours away. Choosing to write about the most exciting events at this year's festival is difficult ... the music, the food, the arts, the performances, seeing friends and family, the games, seeing the Missouri River in action, watching the fireworks light up the sky, watching the parade go by ... I could go on and on. Enjoying a few parts of the weekend or all of them is totally up to you. The Board of Directors does hope that you are able to spend some time making memories and enjoying one of the last weekends in August with whatever you choose to do.

Riverboat Days is only possible because of the generosity of so many citizens and businesses in Yankton. The generosity comes in the form of donations of money and prizes, the loaning of equipment, and the gift of so many volunteers who give up their personal time to work somewhere in or around the park-all of this is what makes Riverboat Days



a success. Many of our sponsors are listed on the backside of the flyer/schedule of events and will also be announced throughout the weekend. Those volunteers who give up their time to get the festival ready or work during one of the shifts, you are too numerous to list, but we want you to know how thankful we are that you do what you do. I am so

proud to be a part of Riverboat Days and work alongside you!

Chad Miller has once again taken on the project of the Events Schedule. This is no easy task — getting all the events put in order correctly with location and time can do some "frying" of the brain. Thank you, Chad, for all of your dedication and hard work! Schedules are out and can be picked up at numerous locations around town. You can also visit our website to get information on all events: www.riverboatdays.com.

Opening Ceremonies will start at 6 p.m. tonight (Friday) in the amphitheatre. Matt Michels will be our master of ceremonies and will kick off the 28th year of Riverboat Days. The program will include the introduction of Riverboat Days Board Members and the honoring of present and past Captains and Belles. Shortly after the program, dancing will begin. Our first band, Main Avenue Warehouse, will take the stage. Once the sun sets and the sky begins to darken, the band will

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Yankton Library Closed For Riverboat Days

The Yankton Community Library will close at 5 p.m. Friday, Aug. 19, and will be closed all day Saturday, Aug. 20, for Riverboat Days. The library will reopen at 10 a.m. Monday, Aug. 22.

McNeills To Perform At L&C Park Aug. 27

John and Susan McNeill will perform a program of family music at the Lewis and Clark State Park amphitheater at 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 27.

There is no admission, but a park sticker is required.

Lesterville Tractor And Truck Pull Aug. 27

LESTERVILLE — The Lesterville Fire & Rescue Tractor & Truck Pull will be held Saturday, Aug. 27, at the Baseball Park in Lesterville. Action starts at 1 p.m.

For more information, contact Paul Scherschligt at 605-661-4289.

USD Dance Team To Hold Benefit Car Wash

VERMILLION — The University of South Dakota Dance team is hosting a car wash fundraiser at the Freedom Valu Center, 830 E. Cherry St., Vermillion, on Saturday, Aug. 27, running from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

The USD Dance team is putting on a car wash to help raise funds for the upcoming year and their annual trip to nationals in Daytona Beach, Fla. The team does not receive any financial assistance from the university and uniforms, hotel fees, plane tickets, and other costs all add up.

For more information, contact Briana Johnston at 605-929-7057 or Briana.johnston@usd.edu, or visit usd.edu/danztm.

Grillfest Slated For Crofton Park On Aug. 27

CROFTON, Neb. — The St. Rose Knights of Columbus Grillfest will be held in Crofton's South City Park on Saturday, Aug. 27, running from 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

The St. Rose Knights of Columbus again will be grilling a variety of great food at the annual Crofton Car Show. Sample anything from steak, shrimp, BBQ, ribs, potatoes, kabobs, etc.

For more information, contact Doyle and Joyce Stevens at 402-388-2477 or doyles@gpcom.net, or visit www.crofton-nebraska.com.

Lesterville Musical Set For Church Aug. 27-28

LESTERVILLE — The children from the Lesterville community will be presenting the mini-musical, "Kid's Praise 4: Singational Servants" at St. John's Church in Lesterville at 7:30 p.m. Aug. 27-28. There will be a free-will offering at both performances that will be given to the Child Protection Agency for Abused Children.

All are welcome to come and meet Psalty, the Singing Songbook, and the kids who love to praise the Lord.

Crofton Car Show To Be Held Aug. 27

CROFTON, Neb. — The Crofton Cruzin Car Show will be held at the South City Park in Crofton, Neb., Aug. 27. The show runs from 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Trophies will be awarded at the car show. Other activities that day include city-wide rummage, St. Rose Knights of Columbus Grillfest in the park and Crazy Daze uptown.

For more information, contact Doyle and Joyce Stevens at 402-388-2477 or doyles@gpcom.net, or visit www.crofton-nebraska.com.

Band Set For Anniversary Dance In Viborg

VIBORG — Break Even, a country band, will be playing Saturday, Aug. 27, from 8 p.m.-midnight for the 50th anniversary dance of Kilmer and Darlene Christensen at the Viborg Community Center, Viborg. The public is welcome to attend.

Literacy Council To Host Scrabble Event

The Yankton Area Literacy Council will be hosting a free Scrabble event at the Yankton Community Library at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 10.

This is an opportunity for Scrabble players to meet and play: standard play, friendly competition, no dues, no required attendance and no pressure.

For more information, contact Carol Borchard at yalcScrabble@hotmail.com.

USD Theatre Unveils Fare For 2011-12 Season

VERMILLION — The University of South Dakota Department of Theatre will bring to the stage Tony Award-winning musicals, a Tony Award winning contemporary comedy and a stunning British play in 2011-12.

Staged in the Wayne S. Knutson Theatre in the Warren M. Lee Center for the Fine Arts, the season opens with the area premiere of "God of Carnage," French author Yasmina Reza's Tony Award-winning dark comedy that features two sets of Brooklyn parents who meet to resolve a schoolyard fight between their young sons. What begins with diplomatic niceties soon gives way to a comical and shocking four-way prize fight as Reza explores humanity's predilection for destructive behavior. "God of Carnage," which

contains strong language, performs Sept. 29-Oct. 3.

"Avenue Q," a new musical comedy that features puppets and live performers searching for the meaning of life, draws its inspiration from "Sesame Street." Led by Princeton, the cast of characters faces real world problems. Original songs to be performed include "What Do You Do with a B.A. in English?" and "Everyone's a Little Bit Racist." Performances for "Avenue Q," which contains mature themes and strong language and is not recommended for children, are Dec. 1-5.

Spring semester features "Top Girls," Caryl Churchill's stunningly inventive drama that depicts strong women achieving success by adopting the worse traits of self-made men, and the

Tony Award-winning musical "Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street." Set in 19th century London, this masterpiece tells the grisly tale of the unjustly exiled barber who seeks revenge against a lecherous judge. "Top Girls" will be performed Feb. 22-26 while "Sweeney Todd" concludes the main stage season, April 18-22.

In addition to the main stage productions, the Arena Theatre season of plays includes a bill of student-directed one-act plays Nov. 11-13, and "Coyote on a

Fence," Bruce Graham's penetrating new drama that explores the nature of evil and the death penalty, March 21-24. Curtain times for performances in the Knutson Theatre and Arena Theatre are 7:30 p.m., except on Sundays when matinee performances start at 2 p.m. Customers can save 25 percent off standard ticket prices by purchasing season tickets. To download a season ticket application, visit www.usd.edu/theatre or call (605) 677-5400.

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THE BOOKWORM

Book Takes Unique Insight Into Gacy Case

"John Wayne Gacy: Defending a Monster" by Judge Sam L. Amirante and Danny Broderick; © 2011, Skyhorse Publishing; 403 pages

BY TERRI SCHLICHENMEYER

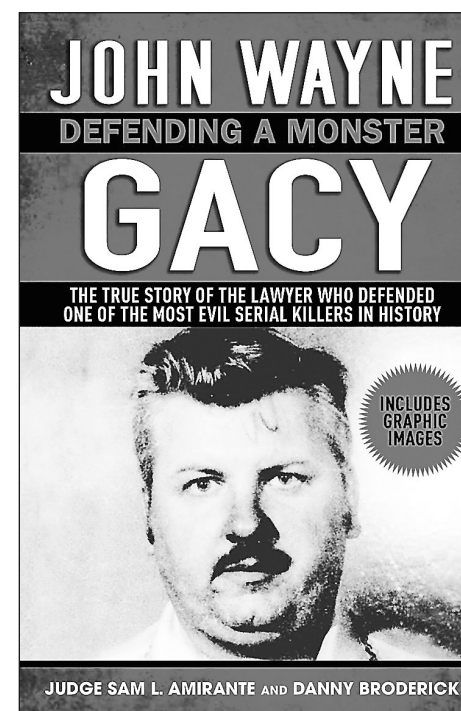
If it was easy, everybody would be doing it.

That pretty much sums up your job. It took years of practice, years of schooling to get where you are and you're good at what you do. Some other schmoe, well, he maybe couldn't handle it. But you — you're good.

Now imagine landing the hardest job ever, one you couldn't turn down. One with an outcome that would be lousy, no matter what. Judge Sam L. Amirante accepted that job over 30 years ago, and in "John Wayne Gacy: Defending a Monster" (with Danny Broderick), you'll read about it.

Sam Amirante knew John Gacy — not well, but Gacy, a "political wannabe," belonged to a few Chicago political organizations and Amirante was their lawyer. Because of that tenuous connection, Gacy obviously felt comfortable enough to call and ask Amirante for a favor. The police were following Gacy, and it was ruining his contracting business. He asked if Amirante would call off the "cops."

Though Gacy didn't give Amirante all the info then, Amirante quickly learned that his new client was in deeper trouble than he'd admitted. It was late 1978, Gacy was being tailed because a local teenager had disappeared, and Chicago detectives had reason to



believe that he knew something about the boy.

But it was worse than "something" — it was one of America's most gruesome, sensational crimes: Gacy had killed 33 young men and had buried the majority of them in the crawlspace beneath his house. The man who many knew as a contractor, beloved as a clown for children, was a killer.

'Colonies' Regatta Slated For L&C Lake Aug. 27-28

The public is invited to the fifth annual "Bash to the Colonies" at Lewis and Clark Lake Aug. 27-28. The sailboat regatta and new powerboat poker bash will showcase more than 50 sail and power boats vying for the honor of the fastest boat, with all proceeds benefiting the Special Olympics of South Dakota.

The weekend is scheduled to begin with the captains' meeting at Magilly's Lakeside Eatery at 8 p.m. on Aug. 26. Racing starts at 10 a.m. Aug. 27 with the Mono Hull race, Hobie Race and Powerboat Poker bash followed with a dinner, awards and dance by Too Drunk to Fish. Beginning at noon on Sun-

day, Aug. 28, the Junior Bash (for those under 16) starts the day off with the car show registration. The car show, open-air concert and Corn Hole Tournament all begin at 1 p.m.

All events will be held at the Lewis & Clark Marina and Resort entrance to the Lewis & Clark Recreation Area. The Marina and Resort are located four miles west of Yankton on Highway 52. Visit www.bashtothecolonies.com for details on race and event times. Registrations and questions should be directed to the Lewis & Clark Resort 605-665-2680.

Auditions Set For LCTC's Production Of 'Wait Until Dark'

The Lewis & Clark Theatre Company and JoDean's have announced the upcoming audition dates for this year's Halloween thriller "Wait Until Dark."

Audition dates are 3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 28, and 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 29, at the Dakota Theatre, 328 Walnut St., Yankton.

Susy Hendrix is a blind Greenwich Village housewife who be-

comes the target of three con-men searching for smuggled drugs hidden in a doll, which her husband Sam innocently and unknowingly transported from Canada as a favor to a woman who has since been murdered. The trio of con-men try to convince Susy that her husband has been accused of drug smuggling, and the only way to protect him

South Dakota State Fair To Salute Veterans

HURON — The South Dakota State Fair salutes our veterans and active military personnel.

To show appreciation for their service, the fair will give all veterans and active military personnel free gate admission on Thursday, Sept. 1. "We want to thank all of our country's military personnel for their service and sacrifices for our country. We extend a special invitation for them to visit the South Dakota State Fair and take advantage of the free admission," said Jerome Hertel, South Dakota State Fair Manager.

A Salute to Veterans program will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday on the NorthWestern Energy Freedom Stage. Maj. Gen. Tim Reisch will be the keynote speaker.

Maj. Gen. Reisch is the state's Adjutant General. As the Adjutant General, he serves as the Commanding General for both the South Dakota Air and Army National Guard.

The 2011 State Fair runs Thursday, Sept. 1, to Monday, Sept. 5. Pan-nar Preview day is Wednesday, Aug. 31. The State Fair theme this year is Country Pride Statewide. For more information on State Fair events, contact the Fair office at 800-529-0900 or visit www.sdstatefair.com. You can also find the State Fair on Facebook and Twitter.

is to give them the doll. Little do the men know that Susy gave the doll to Gloria, a little girl in the upstairs apartment. Susy is incredibly clever, and with the help of Gloria, she realizes the true identity of the men and plans to defeat them.

This show needs a cast of six men, one woman and one young girl, and it is directed by Randy

and Sue Fields. Scripts for audition readings will be provided so no need to bring anything but yourself.

Performance dates for "Wait Until Dark" are Oct. 20-23 and 28-30.

If you have any questions, call the Dakota Theatre at 605-665-4711.

Auditions

for the



For more information contact: Deb Kruse
402-640-9364
debsk@gpcom.net

*Parent or guardian must accompany child.

When:

August 22

Time:

5:00-7:00PM

Where:

United Church of Christ

5th & Walnut,
Yankton, SD

Who:

Open to all children who love to sing and will be in grades 3-8 during the 2011-2012 school year