

The Book Shelf

‘Anyway’: A Tale Of 2 Maxes

“Anyway,” by Arthur Salm, Simon and Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2012. 144 pages.

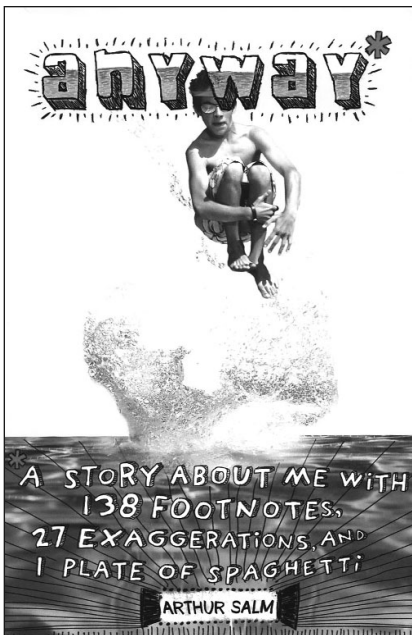
BY PAT HANSEN

We may not admit it but we’ve all done it — imagined ourselves as someone more _____. You can fill in the blank. Try words like daring, funny, bold, confident, popular; I’m sure you have plenty more.

Twelve-year-old Max is headed to a week-long family summer camp with his parents. Max isn’t so sure about camp; he’s not going to know anyone there. Then it occurs to him—no one there will know him. They won’t know that he’s quiet and afraid around girls. They won’t know that he’s not in the popular group. They won’t know he’s a “good, nice” kid. This is his chance to be more out there, more daring.

Max hits the ground running. With a sleeveless T-Shirt and headband, he walks right up to the group of five kids his age sitting around the pool. The old Max would have waited for them to notice him. A little boldness and bravado, and he finds himself leading the group. He especially loves the nickname they give him, Mad Max.

So Mad Max and his merry band spend all their time together. No one



would lower themselves to spending time with their parents. They’d rather just hang around at the pool. Until Maddy and Josh break with being cool, go on a hike, and have a great time. Max kind of wishes he’d gone too.

Max is proud to lead the group (minus

Maddy and Josh) in a great prank of stealing the camp bell and tossing it in the pool. He didn’t know the others were going to key cars in the parking lot as well. Would he have stopped them if he’d been there? It bothers him that he’s not sure.

Max realizes he’s not the person the others think he is. And he doesn’t like the way the others in the group treat Maddy and Josh. When they’re rude to their pizza waitress, he is totally uncomfortable. He’d like Maddy and Josh to know he’s not really a jerk.

When the week at camp ends and he returns home, Max realizes he’s left Mad Max back at camp. Somehow he just can’t become Mad Max around his old friends. Is it because he’s back around people who know him well or is it because he’s not sure he likes Mad Max?

Max is totally likeable in this book for ages 8 and up. He seems so real. Kids and adults alike will relate to his struggles to find what kind of person he wants to be. Told from Max’s point of view, it’s got lots of exaggerations plus footnotes that give extra information about things going on in Max’s life. They get a little annoying at times but yet they are rather funny and give a more complete picture of Max.

Pick up this book. You’ll love it. That’s no exaggeration.

Teen Swim Event At Memorial Pool

The Yankton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring its second “Late Night for Teens” of the summer, tonight (Friday) at Memorial Pool from 8-10 p.m. The events theme is “Lazy, Hazy, Crazy Days of Summer!”

Come dance the night away with this popular teen event. Teen nights are for middle and high school students only.

For further information, call 668-5234 or stop by the Summit Activities Center at 1801 Summit Street, Yankton. Remember to follow the Yankton Parks and Recreation on Facebook.

Jaclyn Mathison Named To YCC Post

Yankton Children’s Choir has announced that Jaclyn Mathison is taking over as the new choral director Mathison will continue what was started in 1994 by Margaret Lyons, Lea Ann Schramm, and Teryl Dobbs.

Mathison is very well known in the community of Yankton, as she graduated from Yankton High School in 2009 and continued her education at the University of South Dakota. She graduated from USD in May with a double major in music education and Spanish education. During her college experience, Mathison remained active in numerous vocal and instrumental ensembles. She has also served as the instrumental and vocal music director at the Dakota Theater for numerous musicals during the past eight years and also gained conducting experience during her four years as the music director for the Luther Center in Vermillion.

In addition to her position with the Yankton Children’s Choir, Mathison will be teaching middle and high school Spanish in the Beresford School District next year.

Mathison states, “I am honored to have the opportunity to work with this talented group of young musicians. I look forward to helping foster their creativity and love for music throughout the upcoming year.”

Yankton Children’s Choir Executive Director Dot Stoll is also enthusiastic about the 2013-14 season with Jaclyn continuing the tradition.

“Jaclyn will be such a positive influence for the children,” Stoll said. “Many of the children know Jaclyn because of her community involvement in the arts. I can’t wait for the season to begin!”

If you would like to know more about the choir, feel free to call or text Dot Stoll at (605) 660-1819 or email dotster700@hotmail.com/.

JOAD Club To Hold Bingo Fun Shoot

The Yankton JOAD Club will hold a Bingo Fun Shoot at 7 p.m. Friday, July 19, at the NFAA Easton Yankton Archery Complex to raise money for their upcoming trips to the Easton JOAD Nationals and the U.S. National Target Championships in Hamilton, Ohio.

For additional information, contact Meredith Hunhoff at meredithhunhoff@hotmail.com/.

‘Robin Hood’ Set For Vermillion Theatre

VERMILLION — Vermillion Community Theatre enjoys a sterling reputation for presenting artistic and technically superior summer musicals. This summer, instead of the usual Broadway revival, VCT is lighting up the stage by presenting an original musical, written and scored in Vermillion.

“Robin Hood: Spirit of the Greene” was written by Steve Miller, Anthony Burbach, George Schlenker and Daniel L. Miller. The musical is directed by Jen Dickenson with musical direction by Burbach and choreography by Kathryn Reimler. They lead a cast of 100 ranging in age from 4 to 74. This retelling of a beloved legend is the tale of a group of children growing up in troubled times and their continued conflict as adults.

The original musical “Robin Hood: Spirit of the Greene” features stomping monks, dancing nuns, singing children and clanging swords.

The magic happens one weekend only: Friday, July 19, at 7 p.m.; Saturday, July 20, at 7 p.m.; Sunday, July 21, at 2:30 p.m. and Monday, July 22 at 7 p.m. Performances are at the Vermillion High School Performing Arts Center in Vermillion.

Tickets are on sale at the Nook ‘n Cranny and Davis Pharmacy in Vermillion or at the door the day of performances. “Will Call” tickets may be reserved by calling the Nook ‘n Cranny at (605) 624-4611.

For more information, visit vermillioncommunitytheatre.org/.

Poker Alice Plays Gayville Hall July 20

GAYVILLE — The Poker Alice Band and country singer Brenda George return to Gayville Hall on Saturday, July 20, for an 8 p.m. 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 Schwabach 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, of Vermillion, 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.

Comedy Act Slated For St. James Venue

ST. JAMES, Neb. — The comedy act the Swedish Cleaning Ladies will perform at the St. James Marketplace near St. James, Neb., on Saturday, July 27. Showtime is 7 p.m.

For more information, call 402-357-3330 or visit stjames-marketplace.com/.

Riverboat Days 2013

Get Ready For A Super Weekend During RBD ‘13

BY KATIE GREENE

Riverboat Days Secretary

It is July already and that means that Riverboat Days is just around the corner.

When this year’s theme was released — “Comic Book Heroes” — I saw all sorts of reactions. Some people liked it, and some were not quite sure what they felt about it. As the days have gone by, I now get comments about what Superhero people are going dress up as. Sometimes I laugh and other times I make a mental note to make sure to bring a camera with plenty of battery life. This article is meant to give everyone an update on the events we have scheduled this year. If you are looking for more specific details for activities during Riverboat Days, please check our website at www.riverboatdays.com.

The Riverboat Days Parade Committee will be accepting parade applications until July 27! If you would like to enter the parade, you can find the application on our website by clicking on the application button and then selecting parade application. The parade will begin at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 17, around 21st and Douglas. The parade route is the same as last year and previous years.

Finding new acts is always a goal of the Board of Directors and we have several this year that we think will make Riverboat Days a weekend to remember. We have a new lawn mower racer group from Nebraska; they will have races on both Saturday and Sunday. Chris Clark is a professional bike trickster and he will have several performances throughout the weekend. We have some new entertainment in the amphitheater and on the main stage Friday night, as well. To get all of the schedule information, go to our website and click on the schedule tab.

The Children’s Parade will take place on Friday, Aug. 16. This has always been the unofficial start to Riverboat Days and is one of my personal favorites. If you are interested in having a someone participate, bring a filled out entry form or fill one out in person around 5 p.m. behind the Farm Credit Building. The actual parade will start at 5:30 p.m. in the usual spot on Levee Street.

Scott Kooistra is this year’s Master of Ceremonies. He will introduce this year’s Captain & Belle, the Riverboat Days Board of Direc-

tors, Yankton Area Arts Board, and the parade committee, as well as previous Captain & Belles. Opening Ceremonies will begin in the amphitheater at 6 p.m. Academy of Dance will begin their performances sometime after 6:30 p.m.

Our first band of the weekend, Troubadour Retrievers, will be taking the main stage at 8 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 16. They’ll take a break just after it gets dark so we can see the fireworks that have to be one of the biggest and best around.

Tickets for the Extreme Bull Riding event on Saturday, Aug. 17, at 7:30 p.m. are available at the same places as previous years: Hy-Vee, Larry’s Heating and Cooling, Western Trails, and Rexall Drug.

The Riverboat Days Raffle Tickets are now being sold. Prizes that will be won this year include, \$1,200 cash, \$700 cash, \$400 cash, Truxedo Cover, Jolene Steffen Print, \$250 Slumberland Card, \$250 Yankton Bucks, five \$100 Hy-Vee Cards, five \$100 Wal-Mart Cards, Murdo’s Certificate, and Fryin’ Pan Meal Cards. If you are feeling lucky or would just like to support Riverboat Days, you may contact any board member, stop in at the Services Center Federal Credit Union at 609 W. 21st Street, find a member of the Pink Ladies Dart League, or visit the Information Booth or the Credit Union Pop Stand during Riverboat Days weekend. The final drawing will take place Sunday afternoon, Aug. 18, around 4 p.m. in the Information Booth. We’d like to thank the Services Center Federal Credit Union for helping us with the raffle again this year. Thank you to all the businesses that donated all the prizes and to the Pink Ladies Group for helping to sell tickets.

The Dweebs will once again be performing on the main stage on Saturday night. Watching the crowd enjoy The Dweebs performance is always a highlight. It is not an easy task to entertain all age groups, but The Dweebs continue to do this year after year.

On behalf of our Board of Directors — Randy Oliver (Co-chair), John Kraft (Co-chair), Bob Byrkeland, Chopper Johnson, Mike Gullikson, Chad Miller, Nancy Teachout, Dick Hunhoff, Donna Madison, Cliff Madison, Rick Stone, Rich Andre, Bonnie Pinkelman, and myself — we’d like to invite you to Riverboat Days 2013, Aug. 16-18: “Comic Book Heroes”!

‘Tuber Tasting’ Event Slated July 16

The Yankton Community Library will be hosting a “Tuber Tasting” presentation with Chef Staci at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 16. The demonstration will be held at the Yankton Hy-Vee classroom, 2100 Broadway.

Participants will enjoy a cooking demonstration of var-

ious root vegetables, samples of all foods cooked, a glass of wine, and recipes to take home.

This event is limited to 30 participants and tickets can be purchased only at the library.

For more information, contact the library at 668-5275

New At The Library

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

ADULT BOOKS

- **Miss Julia Stirs up Trouble** by Ann Ross; Fiction
- **World War Z** by Max Brooks; Fiction
- **Daybreak** by Shelley Shepard Gray; Fiction
- **Light in the Ruins** by Chris Bohjalian; Fiction
- **All the Summer Girls** by Meg Donohue; Fiction
- **Grounded** by Neta Jackson; Fiction
- **The Eye of God** by James Rollins; Fiction
- **The Time of My Life** by Cecelia Ahern; Fiction
- **The Miracles of Ordinary Men** by Amanda Leduc; Fiction

- **Grace Takes Off** by Julie Hyzy; Fiction
- **Unseen** by Karin Slaughter; Fiction
- **Affliction** by Laurell Hamilton; Fiction
- **She Rises** by Kate Worsley; Fiction
- **Tell Me** by Lisa Jackson; Fiction
- **True Love** by Jude Deveraux; Fiction
- **Infinite West: Travels in South Dakota** by Fraser Harrison; Nonfiction
- **The Amish** by Donald Kraybill; Nonfiction
- **Duel with the Devil** by Paul Collins; Nonfiction
- **Writing Poetry to Save Your Life** by Maria Gillan; Nonfiction

- **The Drop 10 Diet Cookbook** by Lucy Danziger; Nonfiction
- **Difficult Men** by Brett Martin; Nonfiction
- **Microsoft Office 2013** by Elaine Marmel; Nonfiction
- **This is How to Get Your Next Job** by Andrea Kay; Nonfiction
- **Rendezvous with Destiny** by Michael Fullilove; Nonfiction
- **Curious Man** by Neal Thompson; Nonfiction
- **Prisoners of the White House** by Kenneth Walsh; Nonfiction

ADULT AUDIO BOOKS

- **Island Girls** by Nancy Thayer; Fiction

YOUNG ADULT BOOKS

- **Awaken** by Meg Cabot; Fiction
- **Mia a Matter of Taste** by Coco Simon; Fiction
- **Middle School: How I Survived Bullies, Broccoli, and Snake Hill** by Patterson and Tebbetts; Fiction
- **The Mouse with the Question Mark Tail** by Richard Peck; Fiction
- **Princess Posey and the New First Grader** by Stephanie Greene; Fiction
- **Woofs to the Wise** by Mary M. Mitchell & Nessa Forman; Fiction
- **Pretty Presents: Paper Creations to Share** by Gail Green; Nonfiction

EASY BOOKS

- **Chick ‘n’ Pug Meet the Dude** by Jennifer Sattler; Fiction
- **Every Cowgirl Goes to School** by Rebecca Janni; Fiction
- **Hank Finds an Egg** by Rebecca Dudley; Fiction
- **Princess Addison Gets Angry** by Molly Martin; Fiction
- **Princess Stella Gets Sad** by Molly Martin; Fiction
- **Princess Harper Gets Happy** by Molly Martin; Fiction
- **Monster Knows Patterns** by Lori Capote; Fiction
- **Pete the Cat The Wheels on the Bus** by James Dean; Fiction
- **My New Teacher and Me** by Al Yankovic; Fiction
- **Goodnight Baseball** by Michael Dahl; Fiction
- **Pirate’s Guide to Recess** by James Preller; Fiction
- **See Me Dig** by Paul Meisel; Fiction
- **Splat and the Cool School Trip** by Rob Scotton; Fiction
- **Unicorn Thinks He’s Pretty Great** by Bob Shea; Fiction
- **What About Daisy?** by Maryann Faresh; Fiction
- **You’re Wearing That to School?!** by Lynn Plourde; Fiction
- **Animal Family Albums: Cats** by Charlotte Guillain; Nonfiction
- **Animal Family Albums: Dogs** by Paul Mason; Nonfiction
- **Animal Family Albums: Horses and Ponies** by Paul Mason; Nonfiction
- **Animal Family Albums: Rabbits** by Charlotte Guillain; Nonfiction
- **Face to Face With Mount Rushmore** by Jean Patrick; Nonfiction

Yankton Library Reading Program Activities Set

The Yankton Community Library Summer Reading program for children is entering into its final two weeks. More than 650 children and teens are registered and have already read 600,000 minutes this summer. It’s not too late to register and join the summer reading program. Stop by the library, 515 Walnut, or register on the website.

Story time for preschoolers will be held on July 15 at 6:30 p.m. and on July 17-18 at 10:15 a.m. Join the staff for music, dancing, stories and a fun art project. Each story time is unique so feel free to come to all three.

Elementary- and middle school-aged children will be studying Egypt all week. They will learn about the culture, try some Arabic writing, and

make some incredible Egyptian art. Participants will meet in the library meeting room Tuesday-Thursday from 1-2 p.m. each day.

The third and final Lego build will take place on Friday, July 19, from 1-2 p.m. Pack up your Legos and join the staff as they take on the challenge of creating a pyramid.

The second duct tape art session for teens will be held in the library meeting room on July 17 at 4 p.m. Bring in your ideas and creativity and we’ll supply the duct tape.

Summer Readers are reminded that all minutes must be counted up and book bucks spent by July 27 at 5 p.m.

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

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