

The Bookworm ... For Kids

A Guide To Life After High School

"Undecided: Navigating Life and Learning after High School" by Genevieve Morgan; © 2014, Zest Books; 256 pages

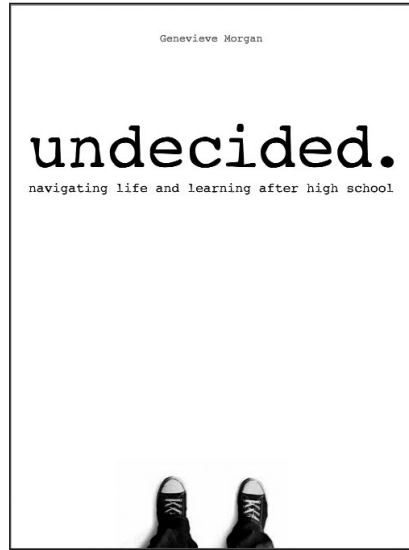
BY TERRI SCHLICHENMEYER

If your great-aunt asks you One. More. Time, you might scream. "What are you going to do after graduation?" It's all she wants to know. It's all anybody wants to know — including you.

You don't have a lot of high school left. You've got some decisions to make, but you feel stuck. So read "Undecided: Navigating Life and Learning after High School" by Genevieve Morgan, and see if it doesn't help.

Your best friend is heading for college. So, in fact, are two-thirds of your classmates, but maybe not you. You know what's expected, but you don't know if that's what you want so it's time to ask yourself some hard questions — now, "not in twenty years."

The first step is to learn more about what "makes you tick." What's your temperament, motivation, personality? Are you extroverted or introverted? What do you love to do and, in a perfect world with no impediments, would you do it for a living? How much money will you need and how can you finance it? Will your parents support your plan or would you have to find a way to do it yourself?



Then, decide what you'd want out of a college education. You already know the arguments against it — even former Secretary of Education William J. Bennett questioned the need for college for all — but remember that education is "still the most important investment you can make in yourself." What's best for you, when is it right and what will work for your personality: two- or four-year college, Ivy League or state school, tech school or online university?

And if you get grief for that last one, remember that "it only matters what you know how to do, not where you learned it."

Then again, what if the idea of more school makes you a little queasy? Morgan says to look into volunteering or military service, if that's how you feel. Check out the Peace Corps, civil servant jobs, an internship or apprenticeship. Travel, if you can. Or, if you've got the funding, try your hand at entrepreneurship.

Just know that, as long as what you do is not "stupid or criminal," this uncertainty is normal. Everything will work out, "just not right now."

Your parents obviously want you to go to college. You've been thinking about it, though, and you're having second thoughts. "Undecided," can help you understand your options — but if you're looking for permission to goof off, look elsewhere.

It's true that chill-time isn't a bad thing and author Genevieve Morgan admits that — but she wants her readers to further their education. Step-by-step and through worksheets, she lays out the pros and cons of professors and classes, but she's also thought of other post-high-school ideas that many people ignore.

That includes some things your parents might not like...

You'll learn to deal with that here, as well as other hurdles you might encounter, and I liked that comprehensiveness. For any student who knows (and needs) direction like that, finding "Undecided" is an easy choice.

New At The Library

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

ADULT BOOKS

- **Afterparty** by Daryl Gregory; Fiction
- **American Romantic** by Ward Just; Fiction
- **Bellweather Rhapsody** by Kate Racculia; Fiction
- **Bird Box** by Josh Malerman; Fiction
- **Bone Dust White** by Karin Salvalaggio; Fiction
- **Fourth of July Creek** by Smith Henderson; Fiction
- **The Hollow Ground** by Natalie S. Harnett; Fiction
- **I Am Pilgrim** by Terry Hayes; Fiction
- **I Love You More** by Jennifer Murphy; Fiction
- **A Paris Apartment** by Michelle Gable; Fiction
- **Past the Shallows** by Favel Parrett; Fiction
- **Psychos** by Babe Walker; Fiction
- **That Night** by Chevy Stevens; Fiction
- **Ties That Bind** by Marie Bostwick; Fiction
- **We Are Called to Rise** by Laura McBride; Fiction
- **Capital in the Twenty-First Century** by Thomas Piketty; Nonfiction

- **Good Talk, Dad** by Bill & Willie Geist; Nonfiction
- **Growing Up Duggar** by Jana, Jill, Jessa, Jinger Duggar; Nonfiction

- **How to Disappear Completely** by Kelsey Osgood; Nonfiction
- **Small Move, Big Change** by Caroline L. Arnold; Nonfiction

- **Songs Only You Know** by Sean Madigan Hoen; Nonfiction

ADULT AUDIO BOOKS

- **China Dolls** by Lisa See; Fiction
- **Top Secret Twenty-One** by Janet Evanovich; Fiction

ADULT DVDS

- **The Closer**, complete 7th and final season
- **Longmire**, season 2

FAMILY DVDS

- **The Lego Movie**

Art Forms

YAA: The Best Of Old And New

BY JACKIE QUINN
Yankton Area Arts

Yankton Area Arts has been an integral part of the Yankton community since 1975 and has established a long tradition of quality community arts and culture programming. YAA also continuously strives to offer new creative platforms for the Yankton community and surrounding area. A mix of old and new can certainly be found in YAA's calendar of events this summer!

Among the "old" and treasured in YAA's programming is the Mighty Mo Photo Show, held this year July 25 through Sept. 2. Started by the late John Day in 2005, The Mighty Mo Photo Show is an area photographic competition designed to compliment Yankton's Annual Riverboat Days celebration and to encourage and recognize the talents of area photographers. All photographers living in South Dakota, Iowa or Nebraska are invited to participate.

This year's photo show theme is based on photographic interpretations of poetry submitted in the Mighty Mo category of the South Dakota State Poetry Society (SDSPS) competition sponsored by Yankton Area Arts. Entries will be accepted at the G.A.R. Gallery during regular business hours as early as July 14 and no later than July 18. Entries will be judged and YAA will award Best of Show, Honorable Mention and Promise to Purchase. Entries do not have to include the Missouri River in the composition of the photo, but each entry must be a distinct photographic interpretation of one of the 10 Mighty Mo poems from the SDSPS entries. These 10 poems can be obtained at www.YanktonAreaArts.org or by calling the YAA office at 605-665-9754.

This year marks the 30th anniversary of Summer Arts Fest, another beloved tradition in the Yankton community sponsored by YAA. During the weekend of Aug. 15-17, YAA will partner with Riverboat Days to bring more than 160 booth spaces of fine art and fine crafts for the community and guests to enjoy. Additionally, YAA will present Jami Lynn and Dylan James in concert, as well as Dallas Chief Eagle and his daughter in a cultural hoop dancing program.

Among the new offerings YAA will be sponsoring is a Kids Studio summer session to begin July 7. Young artists ages first through sixth grade will discover "How Art Works" during weekly classes held at G.A.R. Gallery. Artists Sue Hill and Jessi Koch will teach fundamental art concepts of line, balance, texture, unity, focal point, movement and contrast through exploratory drawing and painting techniques. The class will include indoor and outdoor adventures for artistic inspiration. Space is limited, but those interested can register through the City of Yankton's Summer Parks and

RIVERWALK SPOTLIGHT



Photo: Yankton Riverwalk

'Ranger Closing In'

Rock Boyd of Volin

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is part of a series of articles spotlighting this year's sculptures in the downtown Yankton Riverwalk.

Rock Boyd likes to depict action scenes of sports and horses. His sculpture, "Ranger Closing In," depicts a Texas Ranger in pursuit of outlaws. "The lawmen of this era were known to be fearless fighters, with initiative and good judgment," he says, explaining the subject matter.

"Ranger Closing In" was created with oil-based clay. It is two feet, three inches high, weighs 50 pounds and is valued at \$3,000. The *Yankton Daily Press & Dakotan* has sponsored the sculpture's display at the corner of 3rd and Walnut.

A life-long resident of South Dakota, Boyd has lived in Yankton County most of his life and has been a resident of South Dakota his entire life.

The RiverWalk sculpture project is sponsored by donations from Yankton citizens and area businesses. All of the project's pieces are for sale. To be a RiverWalk sponsor, contact the Katie Hunhoff at 665-6655 or Jan Jensen at 260-0291, or visit www.YanktonRiverWalk.com. Votes for the People's Choice Award for the favorite sculpture can be made at the same web site.

Historic Cemetery Walk Is July 8

The Yankton Community Library and Dakota Territorial Museum are partnering to sponsor a second Historic Cemetery Walk on Tuesday, July 8.

Tours are set to leave the south entry of the Yankton City Cemetery on Douglas Avenue beginning at 6 p.m. and departing every 15 minutes thereafter, until 7:45 p.m.

Learn about six of Yankton's historic figures as re-enactors tell their stories at the grave sites. Note that this is a completely different tour from last year. No graves from last year will be visited this year. Tickets are now on sale at

the Library, 515 Walnut Street. When purchasing your tickets, you must choose your tour time. Each tour can accommodate 12 people. Earlier tours will be filled before later tours are opened.

For further information, contact the library at 668-5276.

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Austin Buescher Band To Play Friday

Yankton Area Arts, with the support of the City of Yankton, will present the Austin Buescher Band in concert from 8-10 p.m. at Riverside Amphitheatre to kick-off the community July 4 celebration at Riverside Park.

The Austin Buescher Band will feature three talented Yankton natives: Mike Hilson (vocals, guitar); Jay Gilbertson (vocals, guitar); and Tom Zoss (drums) who have collectively played in various capacities together since 1988. Guest bass player Eddie Dunn from Sioux City will join the trio for this holiday performance.

The seasoned musical group will perform a blues-jazz-rock mixed repertoire of songs from the likes of such artists as the Beatles, Eric Clapton, Bob Dylan and the Rolling Stones. The free concert will be followed by the annual fireworks display put on by the City of Yankton.

This concert is a part of the Summer Concert Series sponsored by Yankton Area Arts and the City of Yankton. In addition to the July 4 concert, remaining concerts in the Tuesday night series are: Yankton Area Summer Band (YASB) with guest conductor Gary Hanson on July 8; USD Brass Quintet on July 15; Jim McKinney Quartet on July 22; Rockerville on July 29; and Mogen's Heroes on Aug. 5.

Hay Country Jamboree At Gayville Hall

GAYVILLE — Gayville Hall presents its monthly musical variety show, "The Hay Country Jamboree," at 8 p.m. on Saturday, July 5, in Gayville.

Performers include Iowa's "Singing Farmer" Ervin Pickhinke, South Dakota cowboy poet Ed Nesselhuf, Vermillion vocal trio Good People and Sioux Falls singer and guitarist Boyd Bristow.

Jamborees always feature three or more musical acts on stage together trading old-time tunes, country, folk and humor by turn, according to producer Doug Sharples.

The shows are two hours long, including a short intermission midway, and are presented in an alcohol-free, family-friendly setting.

Gayville Hall is located at 502 Washington Street in Gayville. Call 605-267-2859.

Old Roads Music Festival Saturday

The Old Roads Music Festival and street dance will be held at Rounding 3rd Bar and Casino in Yankton on Saturday, July 5. Dancing will take place on Cedar St. between Third and Fourth streets from noon until midnight.

The line-up for the festival and dance is as follows: Kings of Oblivion, noon; Charles Ellsworth, 12:45 p.m.; Dave Edery, 1:30 p.m.; Common Ground Company, 2:15 p.m.; Snatz, 3 p.m.; Liz Carney, 3:45 p.m.; The Raga Bonds, 4:30 p.m.; Top Shelf Stank, 5:15 p.m.; Sweet Corn and Peanut, 6 p.m.; Saving Vinyl City, 6:45 p.m.; Downtown Anthem, 7:30 p.m.; Reverend Red, 8:15 p.m.; Bolzen Beer Band, 8:45 p.m.; Luna Jamboree, 9:45 p.m.; and Onward Etc., 10:45 p.m.

Gallery Crawl Saturday In Vermillion

VERMILLION — University Libraries at the University of South Dakota are hosting three print exhibitions in conjunction with Frogman's 33rd Print Workshop now through Friday, Aug. 10.

"The Hidden Room in the House," "Dialogos y Interpretacion" and "Intersecting Methods" are free and open to the public. A reception for all three exhibitions will occur the night of Frogman's Gallery "Crawl," Saturday, July 5, from 8:15-9:15 p.m. where works by more than 200 nationally and internationally-recognized artists will be featured.

For more information, contact Danielle Loftus at Danielle.Loftus@usd.edu or Jeremy Menard, director of Frogman's Print Workshops, at jeremy@frogmans.net or see www.frogmans.net/.

Congratulations



W-Dee's Ribbon Cutting

The Yankton Chamber of Commerce Ambassador Committee hosted a ribbon cutting for W-Dee's located at 500 Washington St. in Gayville. W-Dee's is open Tuesday - Sunday for Pizza, Salads, Wings, and other items said Michelle Crawford, Owner of W-Dee's. You will walk into a clean, friendly establishment and feel at home before the door closes behind you. You can find them on Facebook or you can call (712) 490-2638.

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