

ENTERTAINMENT DIGEST

Children's Theatre Co. Production On

Yankton Children's Theatre Company presents "Henry and Ramona" June 3-8 (7:30 p.m.) and June 6 (2 p.m.) at the Yankton High School Theatre.

Call for tickets at 605-660-64144 or 605-689-0401 (leave a message).

Hay Country Jamboree At Gayville Saturday

GAYVILLE — Gayville Hall presents "The Hay Country Jamboree," starring Dan Kilbride, Dalton Coffey, the Public Domain Tune Band and Brenda George, at 8 p.m. Saturday, June 5, in Gayville.

The two-hour musical variety show is a fast-paced mixture of old-time popular songs, country, bluegrass, and humor, according to Gayville Hall proprietor Doug Sharples.

Kilbride, a Wakonda native from Sioux Falls who is a regular member of the Jamboree, will lead the show, accompanied by Coffey. They perform bluegrass music on banjo and guitar respectively.

George is a country singer from Avon who often appears with the Poker Alice Band at Gayville Hall. She will be making her third appearance in the Jamboree.

Singer and guitarist Nick Schwebach and fiddler Owen DeJong, both Gayville Hall regulars, started the Tune Band in 1979 in order to play popular songs from the early 20th century. Bassist Larry Rohrer came on board more recently. The three rural Wakonda residents are three-fifths of the Poker Alice Band.

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

Hermanson Show, Reception At Gallery

GAYVILLE — A reception for the Vermillion artist Karl Hermanson will be held from 5:30-7 p.m. Saturday, June 5, at 502 Washington St. in Gayville, where an exhibit of his paintings continues at the Gayville Hall gallery through July.

Hermanson, 47, is completing an MFA in theatre at the University of South Dakota, where he designed last season's production of "Peter Pan."

Born in North Africa, the son of an American air force chaplain stationed in Libya, Hermanson began drawing from early childhood while growing up around air force bases near Denver, Madrid, Spain; Durham, N.C.; and San Antonio, where he graduated from Olivier Wendell Holmes High School and was recognized for his art. He earned a B.A. degree in fine art from Dana College.

In 1993, Hermanson started painting images inspired by old black-and-white or color amateur family photographs from his own or earlier generations of his family and from old, found photographs whose subjects were unknown. The Gayville exhibit features paintings of this kind.

Hermanson has enjoyed a long career as a scenic artist in theatres across the country, including the Omaha Community Playhouse, the Baltimore Center Stage, the Berkshire Theatre Festival in Massachusetts, the Dartmouth Summer Theatre in New Hampshire, the New Mexico Repertory Theatre in Santa Fe, and the Idaho Shakespeare Festival, among others.

The reception and exhibit are free of charge. The gallery is open two hours prior to two Gayville Hall concerts and by appointment. Call 605-267-2859.

Rhubarb Day Set For Over Museum

VERMILLION — The Friends of the W. H. Over Museum have scheduled their fifth annual Rhubarb Day on June 5 in Vermillion. The day's festivities will begin at 1 p.m. and end at 2:30 p.m.

The day will feature a recipe contest which will begin at 1 p.m. and tasting and judging will end at 2:15 p.m. The judging will take place in Sletwold Hall.

There will also be an outdoor display of aprons, with stories, on the front lawn of the museum. Various activities will take place and include Rhubarb Olympics (who can throw their stalk the longest distance, hit a target, make a basket, use a rhubarb stalk as a golf club and make a hole in one), Rhubarb Crafts and more.

For the first time, Ruby and Rudy Rhubarb will be available for photos. John Spurlock, Gene Iverson and Ken Wurtz have created a backdrop, painted by Maxine Johnson, for visitors to pretend that they are stalks of rhubarb. Everyone is welcome to come and honor rhubarb and spring's long awaited arrival.

Admission is free, although donations will be accepted, and prizes will be awarded. Winners must be present to win.

Irene Hosts Sunday In The Park

IRENE — The annual Irene Sunday in the Park will be held June 6. The schedule begins at 10:30 a.m. with a worship service in the Irene North Park. The service will be conducted by Pastor Mark Gronsteh, Pastor Mark Ostrem, and the Turkey Creek Revival Band.

At noon, a meal of pork loin sandwich or jumbo hot dog, chips, beans, macaroni salad & beverage will be available. Ice cream for dessert will be served by the 4-H club. (In case of rain, the church service and noon meal will be held in the Calvary Lutheran Church, Irene.)

At 2:30 or 3 p.m., a Tractor Parade arrives in Irene. A group of tractor enthusiasts will begin their journey in the morning and travel to the community. They will tour through Irene and end by the picnic shelter in the North Park. A food stand will be available if you're looking for a mid-afternoon lunch.

At 7:30 p.m., head up to the Irene Baseball Park for the amateur baseball game (Lesterville vs. Irene). Be sure to notice all the improvements that have been made to the ball park already this spring.

Donation boxes will be available for the Irene Community Food Pantry. Attendees are asked to consider donating non-perishable food or personal hygiene items.

L&CTC Meeting Set For Monday

The Lewis & Clark Theatre Company will hold its annual meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, June 7, at the Dakota Theatre. The public is welcome to attend.

Yankton Native Authors New Book

ST. MICHAEL, Minn. — "The Almost Complete Book of Danisms: A Verbal Slap in the Face Never Hurt Anyone," written by Yankton native Dan Drotzman, has been published by CreateSpace, a wholly owned subsidiary of Amazon.com.

The influences of growing up in southeastern South Dakota are easily recognized in this work. "The Almost Complete Book of Danisms: A Verbal Slap in the Face Never Hurt Anyone" is a useful guide to regain control of a conversation that has lost its way. The book contains numerous witty phrases that will allow the reader to build a repertoire of snappy one-liners that, once employed, will help them regain control of their out of control conversation. Along the way, the reader will discover for themselves what it would have been like to grow up in a small South Dakota town in the 1960s and 1970s. If the reader is in a sales field, regardless of the product, they will discover the underlying secret that most sales people don't know and why most sales people fail to close a large portion of their deals.

Dan Drotzman has been personally responsible for multi-million dollar sales territories, managing entire sales teams and managing multi-state regions. During the past decade, he has been a successful recruiter in the IT field. During this period he has had countless thousands of conversations with people who were complete strangers until he dialed their phone number. His ability to quickly gain their trust and confidence in a matter of moments, has allowed him to succeed in the very competitive field of recruiting. He holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree from St. Cloud State University.

For more information, visit www.danisms.com.

Social Singles Dance Slated June 12

The Yankton Area Social Singles will hold a singles dance on Saturday, June 12, at the Yankton VFW, 209 Cedar Street, Yankton. Music will be provided by the band, Country Brew, playing from 8 p.m.-midnight.

The dance will feature mixer and specialty dances throughout the evening. Both singles and couples are welcome.

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ART FORMS

Kids Art Fest Set For Tuesday

BY PAM MEYLOR

Yankton Area Arts

Let the fun begin! The school year has come to a close and summer activities are starting up in full swing. Next week Yankton Area Arts will kick off the summer season with our annual Kid's Art Fest plus the first band concert of our Summer Concert Series; and there's even more happening during the remainder of the month!

Yankton Area Arts will be hosting the 19th annual Kid's Art Fest in conjunction with the Yankton Chamber of Commerce's Customer Appreciation Picnic on Tuesday, June 8, from 4-8 p.m. at Riverside Park. Activities and crafts this year will include storytelling, button making, gourd painting, bookmark creation and many more! We are indebted to all the volunteers who make this day special for the children. The event would also not be possible without the generous support of our community. A big thank-you to the following organizations that will be hosting tables at the Kid's Art Fest!

- Alpha Gamma Beta Sigma Phi;
- Check-n-Go;
- Child Protection Team;
- Connecting Artists;
- Lewis and Clark Behavioral Health Services;

- Linda's Angel Crossing;
 - the National Park Service;
 - South Dakota Magazine;
 - South Dakota Public Broadcasting;
 - Yankton Area Literacy Council;
 - Yankton Children's Theatre Company;
 - Yankton Community Library;
 - Yankton County Parents as Teachers;
 - Yankton Town & Country Garden Club.
- Later in the evening, the Summer Band Concert will take place in the Riverside Amphitheater. The program begins at 8 p.m. and will feature conductor Joel Shotwell. We are looking forward to this performance in particular as this past week's show was rained out, so this performance will now serve as the inaugural for the series; which



COURTESY PHOTO

Yankton Area Arts hosts the 19th annual Kids Art Fest Tuesday at Riverside Park. The event, held in conjunction with the Chamber's Customer Appreciation Day, offers games and activities for children of all ages.

features concerts at the same time and venue on Tuesday evenings throughout the summer.

The all-volunteer band will share their talent six times during the first half of summer. The band includes an average participation of 70-100 musicians of all ages, who range from students to professionals, and all come from Yankton and the surrounding communities. Guest conductors from music departments around the area will join the band to give each concert a unique program, and they are always welcomed by a dedicated and enthusiastic audience.

On a non-musical note, make sure to mark your calendar for June 16 when Yankton Area Arts is offering a Memoirs Writing workshop at the G.A.R. Hall Art Gallery. Writing Coach Bev Oliver from Sioux Falls will be facilitating the class Writing Your Memoirs: The Early Years. The class is scheduled from 1-5 p.m. and is designed to assist you in documenting your own personal history. During the workshop you will be presented with writing guidelines for your memoir, literary warm-ups,

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Three Compete For Czech Days Crown

Three area young ladies are competing for Czech Days Queen during the 62nd annual celebration on June 17-19 in Tabor. The three girls are Gabrielle Kachena, Ginger Martin and Shannon Souhrada.

Areas of competition include a community vote, talent, costume, and personal interviews. The contestants will have their costumes judged at 3:30 p.m. Friday, June 18, and will perform their talent on the Sokol Park stage later on that day at 7 p.m.

GABRIELLE ELIZABETH KACHENA

SCHOOL: Yankton High School 2009 Graduate.

PARENTS: Ron and Deb Kachena of Yankton.

FURTHER EDUCATION: Currently attending Augustana College in Sioux Falls.

AMBITIONS AND FUTURE PLANS: Earn a bachelors degree in nursing and then attend graduate school.

ACTIVITIES PARTICIPATED IN HIGH SCHOOL: Varsity Tennis, Golf, Band, Science Olympiad, National History Day, Student Council, Y-club, Gift Givers, Pioneer Club, Environmental Club, and Church Youth Choir and Religious Education Teacher.

HONORS EARNED: Graduated from Yankton High School with honors. Five-year varsity tennis letter; Spirit of Max award, Yankton Volunteer of the Month, Band Letters, Academic letter, Roll of Excellence, Yankton Honor Band, Augustana Band Festival, Prudential Spirit of community Award (three years), A+ Student of the week, 1st place at locals and a state and national participant for National History Day, National Honor Society, Women in Sports Award, Athlete of the Year, MVP Science Olympiad team state winner and national participant.

INTERESTING FACTS: Hobbies, Clubs, School Activities, Community Activities or Achievements: On the Augustana College tennis team, in the Augustana College/Community Band. Received early admission into the Augustana Nursing Program, was a YHS representative on the United Way Advisory Board (three years), have raised more than \$1,000 for the Catholic Community Development Office by donating private tennis lessons taught by me to the annual auction.

ACTIVITY FOR TALENT CONTEST: Music Selection

WHY DO YOU WANT TO BE CZECH DAYS QUEEN? "I have attended Czech Days for as long as I can remember. It would be an honor to have the opportunity to be an ambassador of this great celebration and all it represents. My Czech Heritage is very important to me and becoming queen would allow me to be a role model for other young women and others who want to become passionate about their heritage as well."

WHAT DOES CZECH DAYS MEAN TO YOU? "Czech Days is

a time when people from the region gather to celebrate their Czech Heritage. People welcome Czech customs passed down through generations and continue to pass on traditions to future generations."

GINGER ISABELLA MARTIN

SCHOOL: Attending Mitchell High School

PARENTS: Alex and the late Mary Martin of Mitchell.

FURTHER EDUCATION: Dakota Wesleyan University in Mitchell

AMBITIONS AND FUTURE PLANS: Pursue a Career in secondary education majoring in mathematics with a coaching minor.

ACTIVITIES PARTICIPATED IN HIGH SCHOOL: Oral Interp, FCCLA, Track, CYO, and 4-H Club

HONORS EARNED: 4-H Awards.

INTERESTING FACTS: Hobbies, Clubs, School Activities, Community Activities or Achievements: Landscape photography, photos of concerts and people. I like to read poetry about the countries of Europe.

ACTIVITY FOR TALENT CONTEST: Oral Interp

WHY DO YOU WANT TO BE CZECH DAYS QUEEN? "I would



Kachena



Martin



Souhrada

"The feelings I have for Czech Days are fun and exciting. It is good to have the traditions by the Czechs. The Beseda Hall hosts all the families from the near towns when they visit

like to be Czech Days Queen to learn about Czech Heritage and to have a Czech experience with people for Czech Days. I am running for Czech Days Queen for my family. Czech Days helps to make small towns keep the towns histories alive, like the town of Tabor. That is why this is one of the biggest things for South Dakota for tourist attractions from other cities. The kolaches made by the Czechs are one of their favorite foods and we enjoy eating them with our families on Czech Days."

WHAT DOES CZECH DAYS MEAN TO YOU?

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Tabor. The people can learn from their heritage by enjoying the company of families and friends. Czech Days is to have fun and to enjoy the festival for the Czechs. It is about the community of the town and how the community keeps the town alive for letting people come to Czech Days. The people that come can honor their ancestors that came from Europe. I would be happy to represent Tabor as Czech Days Queen and learn from all other queens from past Czech Days. If I get the experience, it will be great for me because I will be representing all of the town of Tabor and what Czech Days stands for, for me and the people of the town."

SHANNON SOUHRADA

SCHOOL: Bon Homme High School at Tyndall 2011 Senior

PARENTS: Scott and Priscilla Souhrada of Tabor.

FURTHER EDUCATION: Northeast Technical School in Norfolk, Neb.

AMBITIONS AND FUTURE PLANS: Pursue a career in Veterinary Technology.

ACTIVITIES PARTICIPATED IN HIGH SCHOOL: Football

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