

## ENTERTAINMENT DIGEST

### Pioneer Memorial Golf Fundraiser Today

VIBORG — The annual Pioneer Memorial Foundation Golf Fundraiser will be held at the Bridges in Beresford on Friday, June 11. Registration opens at noon, with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. The non-hole tournament will feature a four-man best-ball format. The entry fee will include golf, shared cart, drink ticket and meal served following game. There will also be pin and door prizes. For more information, contact Brendyn Richards at 605-326-5161 (ext. 3088) or richardb@sanfordhealth.org, or visit www.pioneer-memorial.org.

### Yankton Area Social Singles Dance Saturday

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.

### Memoirs Writing Workshop Planned At G.A.R.

Yankton Area Arts will be hosting a Memoirs Writing Workshop facilitated by writing Coach Bev Oliver at the G.A.R. Hall Art Gallery located at 508 Douglas on Saturday, June 16. The workshop runs from 1-5 p.m. The focus of the workshop will be "Writing Your Memoirs: The Early Years." During this class, you will be presented with writing guidelines for your memoir, literary warm-ups, techniques and in-class exercises.

Oliver holds a BS in Secondary Education-English Communications and an MS in Environmental Interpretation. In addition to her wide-ranging professional background, she researches, writes and edits personal and family histories. Her extensive writing experience also includes creating and editing newsletters, brochures, pamphlets and booklets.

To register for the class, call Yankton Area Arts office at 605-665-9754.

The G.A.R. Hall Gallery and Yankton Area Arts are located at 508 Douglas Avenue, Yankton. The gallery is open to the public free of charge from 1-5 p.m. weekdays and from 1-3 p.m. Saturdays. For more information, contact Pam Meylor, YAA executive director, at 605-665-9745 or yaa@iw.net.

### Czech Days Parades Getting Organized

TABOR — Darrell and Ann Beran are busy organizing the 62nd annual Czech Days Giant Parade, which will be held on Friday, June 18, beginning at 1 p.m. in Tabor.

The Kortan-Hatwan Post No. 183 of the American Legion is in charge of handling the parade activities. Anyone interested in entering the parade should contact the Berans at P.O. Box 247, Tabor, SD 57063 or call 605-463-2238 as soon as possible to get your assigned number and route of the parade information. You may download an entry form at <http://www.taborczechdays.com>.

Any boy or girl interested in being selected as Czech Days Prince or Princess must be between the ages of 8 years old and not yet 12 years old at the time of selection. The prince and princess will be selected by drawing names at random at the Sokol Park stage following the Kiddie Parade and entrants must be dressed in a Czech costume such as the Beseda Dancers wear.

Participating in the Kiddie Parade is encouraged but not mandatory. The children should be living in the immediate area as there are parades and other events that they will be expected to participate in.

### 'Ribs At The Ranch' Set For Freeman June 26

FREEMAN — Area specialty chefs will participate in the "Ribs At The Ranch" barbecue rib cook-off contest at the Pioneer Hall parking lot in Freeman on Saturday, June 26.

Official judging will take place in the afternoon, with meals served to the public from 4:30-9 p.m.

Ribs, hog dogs, 1919 keg root beer, homemade ice cream and other side dishes will be sold ala carte.

Everyone is invited for a summer evening of food, fellowship and entertainment including music, kids activities, car show, tractor drive and a "Kiss the Pig" contest.

Proceeds from Ribs at the Ranch will go to the Sterling Hall Building Fund.

For information on entering the contest, contact Vernetta Waltnier at 605-925-4237, ext. 235 or [vwaltnier@freemanacademy.org](mailto:vwaltnier@freemanacademy.org).

### 'Running Of The Pigs' Set For Freeman

FREEMAN — Join the fun at Freeman Academy's annual Ribs at the Ranch by participating in the "Running of the Pigs" in the Prairie Arboretum on Saturday, June 26.

Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. in the parking lot for the 5K fun run scheduled to start at 8:30 a.m. Every participant will receive a free T-shirt.

For information about costs and race information, contact Ashley Unruh at [amu-63@hotmail.com](mailto:amu-63@hotmail.com) or 605-759-6499 or the school website - [www.freemanacademy.org/Documents/RunningOfPigsPoster-2010.pdf](http://www.freemanacademy.org/Documents/RunningOfPigsPoster-2010.pdf).

### Goofy Golf Fundraiser Planned For June 27

The Yankton RSVP (Retired & Senior Volunteer Program) will host its Goofy Golf Fundraiser at Kartrax Family Fun Park, located three miles west of Yankton on Highway 52, on Sunday, June 27. The event runs from 5-8 p.m.

The public is invited to play mini golf in costume to benefit RSVP. Prizes will be awarded for best costumes, and there will be prize drawings.

A portion of the proceeds will benefit RSVP, with matching funds from Thrivent.

Advance tickets are available at the Yankton Retired & Senior Volunteer Program at 231 Broadway or by calling 260-3100.

### Children's Choir To Hold Summer Day Camp

The Yankton Children's Choir, through the City of Yankton Parks and Recreation Department, will hold its second annual Summer Day camp this month.

This year's program will be held on two mornings: Tuesday, June 29 (9 a.m.-noon) and Wednesday, June 30 (9 a.m.-1 p.m.). The last part of Wednesday's experience will be a lunch-time concert to which parents and friends are invited. They will hear the results of the two mornings of work.

The location will be Yankton College Alumni Hall, which is at the south end of the Summit Activities Center. There the young singers, grades 3-8, will learn to read two-part treble music with a professional director and accompanist, in preparation for the second day's performance.

A snack will be provided mid-morning. Only 30 participants will be accepted. Registration must be made online at [www.cityofyankton.org](http://www.cityofyankton.org) using the link to "Recreation Programs Online" which will take you to Yankton Children's Choir Day Camp. There is a fee, which must be paid at the time of the registration.

Auditions will be held that afternoon for the 2010-2011 singing season which parallels the school year. Information on the choir and auditions will be available both days of the day camp. There will be additional auditions on Aug. 16 at the United Church of Christ as well. More information will follow for that opportunity.

### Wakonda Quasquicentennial Parade July 3

WAKONDA — The Wakonda Quasquicentennial Parade will be held at 10 a.m. July 3 on Wakonda's Main Street.

If you are interested in being part of this parade, contact Angie Logue at 605-267-3121 or [aklogue@yahoo.com](mailto:aklogue@yahoo.com), or visit <http://www.wakonda.net/organizations/125.html>.

■ Get Updates At Yankton Online ([www.yankton.net](http://www.yankton.net))

## ART FORMS:

# Art Filled Week Helped Kick Of Yankton's Summer

BY PAM MEYLOR  
Yankton Area Arts

Storm clouds provided some touch-and-go moments – but thanks to the sun's arrival, we had a tremendous art-filled week here in the River City. Yankton Area Arts was proud to participate in several outdoor community celebrations and everyone involved seemed to have had a terrific time!

Last Friday, Yankton Area Arts was invited to participate in the Annual Cancer Survivor's Picnic at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital. There we displayed our new "Super Heroes" cut-out boards for the first time ever. The displays were designed by our Art of Healing Committee then built and painted by the Yankton Federal Prison Camp. Volunteers took pictures of picnic goers throughout the evening, which are now posted online at [www.YanktonAreaArts.org](http://www.YanktonAreaArts.org) – so be sure to visit the site and download yours!

This week Yankton Area Arts had the privilege to announce our 2010 Arts Advocate, Joan Neubauer. This is an annual award goes to someone who supports and encourages art within our community. Joan is an amazing advocate for the arts in Yankton. She is involved with Yankton Area Arts, the Yankton Children's Choir, Lewis and Clark Theater, Yankton College – and the list goes on. Thank you Joan for all that you do for the Yankton community!

Tuesday, we celebrated our 19th Annual Kid's Art Fest in Riverside Park. A fantastic group of businesses and organizations provided crafts for more than 250 Yankton area children. We are indebted to all the volunteers who make this day special for the kids. The event would also be impossible without the generous support of our community. A big thank-you to everyone who came out and supported Kid's Art Fest!

The weather was perfect to inaugurate our Yankton Summer Band concert series. The all-



PAM MEYLOR/YANKTON AREA ARTS

The local group – "The Connecting Artists" worked on a collaborative art projects with the children at the Yankton Arts Festival Tuesday.

volunteer band attracted over 50 musicians from all around the area – and they were fantastic! Next week's performance begins at 8 p.m. at Riverside Park and will be conducted by Harvey Beck. It's a great way to spend a Tuesday evening, enjoying music with a backdrop of the beautiful Missouri River.

Speaking of the river: while you are enjoying the concert: be sure to bring your camera. The theme for our 2010 Mighty Mo Photo Show is "Through the Seasons" and the deadline for entries is Friday July 16. The annual show is a great display of local photography talent, and we are very fortunate to have such a great subject close at hand. To learn more, please check our website at [www.YanktonAreaArts.org](http://www.YanktonAreaArts.org) or drop us a line at (605) 665-9754.

We have a couple of last-chance art opportunities coming

up. First, a few spots remain for the June 16 Memoirs Writing workshop. Writing Coach Bev Oliver will facilitate the "Writing Your Memoirs: The Early Years" class; where she will help you start documenting your own personal history. For more information, please contact the Yankton Area Arts office. Second, only days remain to catch the wonderful work of printmaker Susan Heggstad. Her "Variations on a Theme: One-of-a-Kind Prints" show ends on Wednesday, and I encourage you to stop in and see it while you can.

Looking ahead, Friday June 18 is the second Yankton Art Night of the summer. Yankton Area Arts will open our next show "Landscapes and Woodworking" featuring Sioux City painter Sean Conrad and Beresford woodturner Frank Denton. One Ten Gallery will host photographer Rich Loftus,

who will be displaying photographs from his travels throughout the upper Midwest and will be on hand to talk about his work. The Art House Gallery will be featuring a collection of artwork by gallery owner Jake Kidney and later in the evening there will be live music by "Connect 3". It's shaping up to be another great evening of art here in Yankton!

Yankton is an amazing community and it an honor to be part of these local events. We've had a lot of sun and art fun already this summer, but there's much more in store, so watch this space for more details. In the meantime, I hope to see you out enjoying the arts during this great time of year!

## YAA CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

### Now through June 15 —

"Variations on a Theme: One-of-a-Kind Prints" featuring the works of Susan Heggstad.

June 15 — Summer Band Concert at the Riverside Park Amphitheater featuring conductor Harvey Beck, 8 p.m.

June 16 — Memoir Writing Workshop: "Writing Your Memoirs: The Early Years" with Bev Oliver from 1-5 p.m. Call 665-9754 to register

June 18 — Yankton Art Night – visit your local art galleries from 5:00 – 7:00pm

• G.A.R. Hall – "Landscapes and Woodworking" featuring the works of Sean Conrad and Frank Denton, reception from 5:00-7:00pm

• One Ten Gallery – featuring the works of photographer Rich Loftus

• The Art House Gallery – "A collection of night photography, landscapes, and paintings" with live music by "Connect 3" to follow

The G.A.R. Hall Gallery and Yankton Area Arts are located at 508 Douglas Avenue, Yankton. The gallery is open to the public free of charge 1-5 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 1-3 p.m. on Saturdays. For more information contact the office (605) 665-9754, [info@YanktonAreaArts.org](mailto:info@YanktonAreaArts.org) or visit the website at [www.YanktonAreaArts.org](http://www.YanktonAreaArts.org).

## BOOKWORM:

### The Book Of Dangerous Animals

Ever since they detected the merest whiff of summer in the air, the kids have been bugging you to take them to the zoo.

You fondly remember trips to the zoo when you were a child. The monkeys were hilarious. The lions roared wide, almost on cue. You even touched an elephant once and it surprised you. Yep, a trip to the zoo sounds good this year.

The kids are looking for some excitement there, and you are, too. But be careful what you wish for, and read "Deadly Kingdom: The Book of Dangerous Animals" by Gordon Grice before you go.

For as long as humans have walked the earth, we've walked it with animals in a generally amicable journey. Homo sapiens have befriended an awful lot of species, and we've been fascinated by those we haven't tamed.

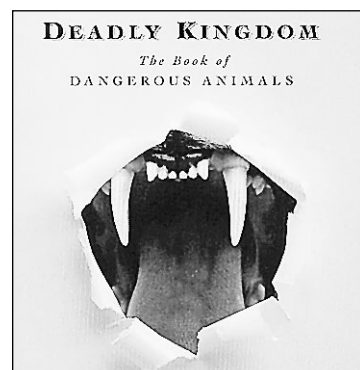
Take, for instance, the critters that live at the zoo the kids are clamoring for this summer. They're around people all the time, so they must be friendly, right?

Think again. Big cats are unpredictable, capable of amazing feats of leaping, and have made a meal of man in the wild; they'd probably happily do so elsewhere. An elephant's swinging trunk is extremely dangerous, monkeys are fendishly strong, and you don't want to be anywhere near an ostrich's feet.

Okay. The zoo is out. You'll take the kids to the park.

Disease-carrying mice and rats live there, too, as do snakes that may pack venom in their fangs. Birds are capable of attacking humans and some can do serious damage to small children.

Yeeks. No park for you. You'll visit relatives on the farm instead. Domestic cattle are among the most dangerous large animals on



"Deadly Kingdom: The Book of Dangerous Animals" by Gordon Grice, 325 pages, includes index ©2010, Random House

earth, with bulls being at the top of the list. A horse's kick can be deadly and his teeth can tear flesh. Pigs don't discern between slop and human; they'll gladly eat both.

Alright. Forget it. You'll just stay home.

Good idea... but only if you can continue to convince Fido and Fluffy that you "outrank" them and that attacking you is a bad idea...

Remember watching ants on a lazy summer day? Remember poking at roadkill, and sneaking a peek at those nature shows your parents wouldn't let you see? If you do, and if there's still a bit of curious kid in you, you'll go wild for this book

"Deadly Kingdom" is deliciously gruesome, delightfully shivery, and filled with facts that will have you looking over your shoulder every few minutes, no matter where you sit. Author Gordon Grice brings a wonderful sense of curiosity to his writing and – even though most of what he presents isn't "nice" – his contagious fascination comes roaring through the pages. Despite the Eeeeeuuwww Factor, I loved this book.

## Writers' Workshop Planned For Vermillion Monday

VERMILLION — A writers' workshop featuring award-winning children's author Jean Patrick will be held at the University of South Dakota's Old Main (Room 212) will be held Monday, June 14. This event is sponsored by the Dakota Writing Project and the South Dakota Humanities Council.

The workshop runs from 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m., with an hour for lunch on our own. Morning coffee and muffins will be provided. For information about registration fees or other questions, visit <http://orgs.usd.edu/dwp/>.

Patrick's book "The Girl Who Struck Out Babe Ruth" (Lerner Publishing/Carolrhoda Press, 2000) was selected by the American Booksellers Association for the Kids' Pick of the List in 2000, by Stories for Adolescent Listeners for a Storytelling World Award (Honors) in 2000; and by the Bank Street College of Education for Best Children's Books of the Year in 2000. The book also received the Laura Ingalls Wilder Author Award from the South Dakota Reading Council in 2001. A Spanish version was published in 2007 (Lerner Publishing).

Patrick's book Cows, "Cats, and Kids: A Veterinarian's Family" (Boyd's Mills Press, 2003) was a Junior Library Guild Selection in 2003. Patrick also received an honorable mention from the Independent Book

Publishers Association in 2006 and was a South Dakota Prairie Pasque Award nominee in 2008-09 for "Who Carved the Mountain? The Story of Mount Rushmore" (Mount Rushmore History Association, 2005).

Some of Patrick's other work includes "Face to Face with Mount Rushmore" (Mountain Rushmore History Assoc., 2008), "Dolley Madison" (Lerner Publishing, 2002) and "If I Had a Snowplow" (Boyd's Mills Press, 2001).

Other books published by Publications International under the pen name J. P. Alice include "The U. S. Civil War" (2007), "Stars and Planets" (2007) and "The Human Body" (forthcoming). Patrick's writing has also appeared in Highlights for Children, Hopscotch, and various anthologies. She also writes a weekly children's book column for The Daily Republic in Mitchell.

Patrick grew up in Illinois and Kansas. She earned degrees in English from Luther College in Iowa in 1983 (B.A.) and Kansas State University in 1986 (M.A.). She has been the regional advisor (Dakotas) for the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators since 2003. In 2007, she was chosen as the South Dakota Council of Teachers of English Author of the Year.

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