

## ENTERTAINMENT DIGEST

### WWII Story Featured At Presentation

The Dakota Territorial Museum Brown Bag lunch program at noon today (Friday) will unravel on of the more interesting World War II stories and show how Hollywood takes a true event and alters it dramatically.

Doug Sall of Yankton presents the story that focuses on Monsignor Francis Sampson (late of Sioux Falls) and how he extricated Fritz Niland following the death of three of his brothers, two within hours on D-Day and another in the Pacific.

Sall is retired and dabbles in American military history.

All Brown Bag events are free and held from noon to 1 p.m. at the Dakota Territorial Museum conference room, at Westside Park. For more information, call 605-665-3898.

### Exhibit Opens At G.A.R. Gallery Tonight

Yankton Area Arts is presenting an exhibition entitled "Landscapes and Woodworking," featuring Sioux City painter Sean Conrad and Beresford wood turner Frank Denton. YAA will be hosting more than 20 original oil paintings by Conrad and a collection of unique hand turned wooden vessels created by Denton. The two man show will be on will be on display at the G.A.R. Hall Art gallery from June 18-July 27.

Tonight (Friday), Yankton Area Arts will host a reception for Conrad and Denton beginning at 5 p.m. at the G.A.R. Hall Art Gallery. The reception is open to the public and everyone is invited to take this opportunity to meet artist and visit with Sean and Frank about their work.

The G.A.R. Hall Art Gallery and Yankton Area Arts are located at 508 Douglas. The gallery is open to the public free of charge from 1-5 p.m. weekdays and from 1-3 p.m. on Saturdays. For more information, call 665-9754, e-mail Pam@YanktonAreaArts.org or see www.YanktonAreaArts.org.

### USD To Host 2010 Vocal Arts Festival

VERMILLION — The University of South Dakota will host the 2010 South Dakota Vocal Arts Festival June 18-27.

The South Dakota Vocal Arts Festival is an intensive 10-day summer training program for graduate and undergraduate collegiate singers as well as high school singers ages 16 and up. Participants will receive voice lessons, instruction in music business, auditioning, as well as acting and movement for singers. Additionally, singers will perform staged scenes from opera, operetta and musical theatre.

Festival performances, featuring performers from as far away as Washington D.C., are at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 26, and Sunday, June 27, in Colton Recital Hall, located at the Warren M. Lee Center for the Fine Arts. Saturday's performance is a show for a children's audience, featuring songs from Disney movies and lighthearted scenes from musicals while the June 27 performance includes scenes from opera and musical theatre.

Admission is free for both performances, which will be directed by USD music faculty Dr. Tracelyn Gesteland and Professor Rick Piersall. The head coach/accompanist is Dr. Kristine Bengtson of Madison, Wis., and USD students Scott Arens and Adrian Ries are apprentice accompanists.

For more information about the South Dakota Vocal Arts Festival, visit www.sdvalf.com/ or contact the USD Department of Music at (605) 677-5274.

### Pinocle Party Saturday At The Center

A Community-Wide Pinocle Party will be held at The Center, 900 Whiting Drive, at 1 p.m. Saturday, June 19.

The \$1 cost includes dessert and coffee. Twenty-eight hands will be played. A \$10 prize will be awarded to the first 1,000 Aces and the first Double-Run. There will be cash prizes for the top three places.

If interested, stop in at The Center to sign up or call 665-4685 or 664-3280.

### L&C Homestead Day Slated Saturday

Lewis and Clark Homestead Day is set for 1-4 p.m. Saturday, June 19, at Pierson Ranch Picnic Shelter No. 1.

Participants in the Homestead Days will take part in: Rope Making, Candle Making, Butter Making, Wool Spinning, Homemade Ice Cream, Historic Games & Crafts, and Homemade Pie Contest. If you would like to participate in the homemade pie contest, bring your finished product to the Pierson Ranch Picnic Shelter No. 1 by 3 p.m. to allow for judging time. Remember to dress in your best old-fashioned attire.

There will be a dance performance by The Many Moccasins at 2:30 p.m.

Lewis and Clark Homestead Days is offered free of charge to its participants. All materials and supplies will be provided.

Call the Game, Fish & Parks Office at (605) 668-2985 or visit the Lewis & Clark Campground Welcome Center for more information. Vehicles parked in the Lewis & Clark Campground are required to have a park entrance license.

### Carl Acuff Jr. To Perform In Tripp June 24

TRIPP — Televisions's Carl Acuff Jr. will be coming to the Idle Hour Theatre in Tripp on Thursday, June 24, for a 7:30 p.m. show.

Acuff is celebrating his 25th anniversary in show business. Along with a talented group of musician, Acuff has taken his own show to 46 states and traveled 1.6 million miles during the last 18 of those 25 years.

This show contains something for everyone: pop, current country, classic country, gospel, impersonations, comedy, Motown, nostalgic rock n roll and a tribute to our military past, present and future. Most of all, the Carl Acuff Jr Show is one to which you can bring the whole family.

Tickets can be purchased at the following businesses:

- Bob Just at Tripp Feed/Scotland Coop; 935-6661;
- Candace Moggick at First State Bank, Tripp; 935-6561;
- Joyce Laffey at Tripp Farmers Lumber; 935-6952;
- Jennifer Friederich at Tripp City Hall; 935-1410;
- Becki Walz at Farmers State Bank, Parkston; 928-7991.

This is the first fundraiser for Tripp's 125th celebration. For more information on the celebration or the Carl Acuff Jr. Show, contact Willmer Herr 935-6788 or Rachel Heisinger 935-6802.

### '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 Waltner at 605-925-4237, ext. 235 or vwaltner@freemanacademy.org.

### Vermillion Artists Featured At Over Museum

VERMILLION — An exhibit of watercolors by Vermillion Artist Sharon Gray is now showing at the W. H. Over Museum in Sletwold Hall.

There will be an artist's reception and gallery talk at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, June 27. Refreshments will be served. Everyone is welcome.

### St. Helena To Celebrate Independence Day

ST. HELENA, Neb. — St. Helena will host its annual Fourth of July Celebration this year.

The celebration includes co-ed softball and volleyball tournaments, beginning at 8 a.m. The lunch stand opens at 8 a.m. serving rolls and coffee and a large assortment of cool beverages, food and snacks throughout the day.

Broasted chicken and ham supper (including a salad bar, hot vegetables, and your favorite selection of desserts), serving from 4-8 p.m. in the air-conditioned parish hall, and as always games, bingo, raffle and a fireworks display to complete the day.

For more information, contact Jessica Merkel at (402) 357-2597 or jwmerkel14@yahoo.com.

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## ART FORMS:

# Get Set For A Night With The Arts!

BY PAM MEYLOE

Yankton Area Arts

I hope you have cleared your schedule for tonight, because you won't want to miss what's going on.

This evening is the second Yankton Art Night of the summer and it's shaping up to be a lot of fun! Three local art galleries are participating with a variety of things to see and hear. The entire community is invited to come out and experience the local art scene during this special event — and all the exhibits are free of charge!

To kick things off, Yankton Area Arts will host a reception at the G.A.R. Hall Art Gallery beginning at 5 p.m. to celebrate the opening of our fifth exhibition of the season titled "Landscapes and Woodworking." The exhibit features the work of Sioux City painter Sean Conrad along with Beresford wood turner Frank Denton, and both men will be on hand for the reception. The show includes over twenty original oil paintings by Mr. Conrad and a collection of unique hand turned wooden vessels by Mr. Denton. The reception is open to the public and everyone is invited to take come meet the artists and visit with them about their work.

Sean Conrad studied graphic design and computer animation, beginning a career in the former after graduation. However, he took a career turn after experiencing plein air for the first time. Fascinated with the beauty of painting, and realizing his true gift, Sean gave up his corporate job and pursued an art career. After studying informally in Colorado with renowned artist Eric Michaels, Sean now calls Sioux City home. He has developed relationships here in Yankton as well, where OneTen Gallery has hosted his workshops and several residents have been fortunate to learn from him.

Frank Denton came into artistry through a similar experience, when he returned to a former High School "hobby" during a period of unemployment. Since then, wood turning has become a passion and Frank has shown his work throughout the country. Most of his pieces are created from recycled wood, often combined with other materials such as turquoise, malachite, and lapis as inlay to fill the voids. Both Frank and Sean's work is really fantastic and we are honored to host them at the G.A.R. Hall Gallery.

Their two-man show will be on display at the G.A.R. Hall Art gallery from June 18-July 27.

But that's not all that's in store for you tonight. OneTen Gallery will host local photographer Rich Loftus, who will be displaying some of his wonderful photographs and will be on hand to talk about his work.

Rich is a professor of history at Mount Marty College where he uses photography extensively in his teaching. The collection on



COURTESY PHOTO

The works of Frank Denton (pictured) and Sean Conrad will be featured in the exhibit "Landscapes and Woodworking" at Yankton's G.A.R. Hall Gallery through July 27.

display is based primarily on travels throughout the upper Midwest; including the Yankton area, the Red River Valley and the North Dakota Badlands. His website is located at www.rloftusphotography.com and features abstract, landscape, sports and wildlife photography — plus several galleries based on his trips to Europe.

Finally on this evening's agenda, the Art House Gallery is featuring the works of owner Jake Kidney in a collection of night photography, landscapes, and paintings.

Jake graduated with a Bachelors of Arts degree from USD in 2009 where he studied printmaking, photography, painting, graphic design, sculpture, ceramics, drawing and design. He opened the gallery this past year and has focused on promoting the work of new artists — so this evening will be a rare opportunity to view some of Jake's original work, plus a chance to meet the artist and gallery owner in person. As an added bonus, there will be live music by "Connect 3" later in the evening!

We are fortunate to have so many talented artists within a stone's throw of our community and Yankton Area Arts is excited to collaborate once again with OneTen Gallery and the Art House Gallery to bring you Yankton Art Night. It's great to have these businesses join us in bringing you all such a great night out on the

town. Speaking of which, I hope to see you there!

#### YAA CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

• June 18 — Yankton Art Night — visit your local art galleries from 5-7 p.m.

— G.A.R. Hall: "Landscapes and Woodworking" featuring the works of Sean Conrad and Frank Denton, reception from 5-7 p.m.;

— OneTen 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

• through July 27 — "Landscapes and Woodworking" featuring Sioux City painter Sean Conrad and Beresford wood turner Frank Denton at the G.A.R. Hall Art.

• June 22 — Summer Band Concert at the Riverside Park Amphitheater featuring conductor Jeff Patzlaif, 8 p.m.

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 or visit the website at www.YanktonAreaArts.org.

## THE BOOK SHELF

# 'Time Quake' Is Well Worth Your Time

"The Time Quake," by Linda Buckley-Archer, Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2009. 256 pages.

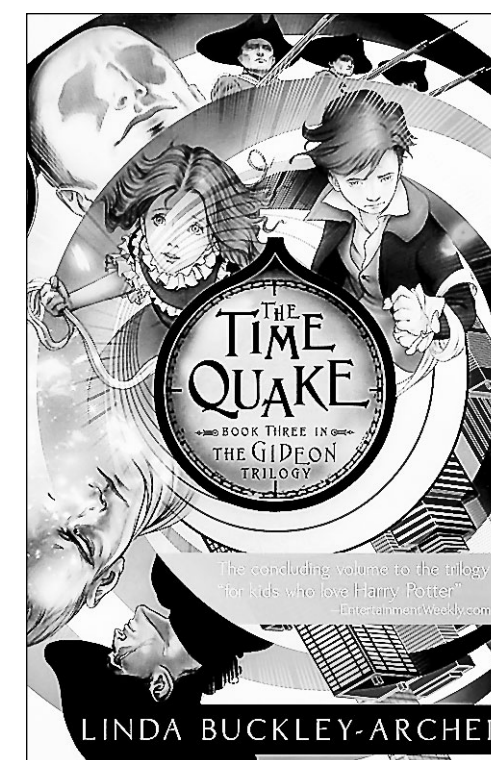
BY PAT HANSEN

How many times have you wished you could do something over? Maybe avoid an argument with a friend ... study harder for a test ... throw to a different base in the baseball game. If only you could go back in time to make things right.

Yes, this is another time travel book, but each one I've ever read is different. Time travel after all is fantasy; each author has unlimited imagination as to what time travel would entail and the results it would cause. This book is the third in a trilogy. It really would be most satisfying to first read books one and two ("The Time Travelers," "The Time Thief"), but you can read this one by itself.

Peter and Kate are 12-year-olds in England who accidentally travel back to 1763 in the first book. In the second book, a villain called the Tar Man hitches a ride to the present-day London where he wreaks havoc, including abducting Peter and Kate and forcing them to return to 1763. This third book picks up as they arrive back in 1763.

Another villain, Lord Luxon, steals the time travel machine from the Tar Man. It



seems hopeless for Peter and Kate to return home. They fear what Lord Luxon plans to do with the machine.

More worrisome is that time travel is taking its toll on Kate. She seems to be "fading," becoming almost transparent. If that isn't enough, she is more often "accelerating" through time. It seems to Kate that everyone around her is frozen like a statue while she moves at normal speed, but to everyone else it seems that Kate is flitting around like a hyper hummingbird.

In 1763 and in present day, another frightening phenomenon is occurring — time quakes, where people from prior centuries are appearing in current times in something like shock or sound waves. It seems the very fabric of time is torn, never to be fixed.

Meanwhile, Lord Luxon, who stole the time travel machine from the Tar Man, is enthralled with modern-day New York. What a pity, though, that America is independent and no longer a colony of Britain. But what if he could go back to the Revolutionary War? What pivotal points could be tipped in England's favor? If he could help England win the war, he would be a hero. He could also make a fortune with his knowledge of the future.

These books are well-researched and well-written, with a few twists thrown in. To read one or all three is a worthy investment of time. You may even want to go back in time and read them again.

## Yankton 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 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.

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