

ENTERTAINMENT DIGEST

L&CTC Theatrical Gala Slated March 6

The Lewis and Clark Theatre Co. along with Home Federal Bank presents the 2010 theatrical gala "Guess Who's Coming To Sing And Dance?" at Minerva's on Saturday, March 6. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., with activities commencing at 7 p.m.

The evening will include beer and wine tasting, hors d'oeuvres and live and silent auctions. Music will be provided by Bill and Monty, and by the Jim Reimler Variety Show.

Tickets are available at the Dakota Theatre and Home Federal Bank (Hy-Vee and North Broadway locations). For more information, call 665-4711.

YCC's 'Music Among Friends' Concert Set

The Yankton Children's Choir will host its annual "Music Among Friends" fundraising concert at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 7, at the United Church of Christ, Yankton.

This year's guests are the UCC Youth Bell Choir directed by Pam Kettering and a solo performance by Ted Powell, organist. The Children's Choir will perform "I Will Sing My Song", "Ezekial!", "Shooting Star", "Firefly" and "Jordan's Angels" among others.

There is no admission charge for the concert, but a free will offering will be taken. Light refreshments will be offered in Pilgrim Hall following the concert.

The choir is directed by Deb Weibelhaus and accompanied by Dixie Church.

YHS Band Boosters Host Spaghetti Supper

Yankton Band Boosters are sponsoring a Spaghetti Supper Monday, March 8, at the Yankton High School Commons. The feed will be held from 5-7 p.m.

Performing at the supper will be the jazz bands of the Yankton Public Schools. At 5:20 p.m., Second Edition Jazz under the direction of Ted Powell will perform. At 5:35 p.m., the jazz bands of Yankton Middle School under the direction of Renae Jackson will perform, followed at 6 p.m. by the Pioneer Jazz Band under the direction of Todd Carr.

Tickets can be purchased at the door or from any band member. Proceeds go to aid music camps scholarships as well as support the band's tour to Chicago in May.

YHS Band Concert Set For Monday

Yankton High School bands will be performing in concert at 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 8, at Yankton High School Theatre.

The concert will feature the Wind Ensemble directed by Ted Powell and the combined Red and Black Bands under the direction of Todd Carr.

Main features of the evening will be some of the award-winning ensembles from instrumental contest held last week.

Also appearing on the stage of the theatre will be some of the 2010 All-State musicians performing portions of their solos. This concert is one of the few times that the small groups in the band as well as soloists can be featured in concert setting.

The public is encouraged to attend. As admission is charged.

Poets Invited To Compete In Contest

ST. LAWRENCE — The South Dakota State Poetry Society invites state residents ages 18 and older to enter a new poetry contest.

Twenty-two to 25 pages of poetry are required. Winners will be published in a chapbook to be published by the society. Four winners will be chosen. Each will receive \$50 and five copies of the book.

The deadline for entering is March 31. Rules for entering may be obtained by contacting: South Dakota State Poetry Society Chapbook Competition, Rosemary Dunn Moeller, coordinator, 19831 369th Avenue, St. Lawrence SD 57373; or e-mail yramorrelleom@yahoo.com.

■ Get Updates At Yankton Online (www.yankton.net)

THE BOOK SHELF

You'll Race Through 'In A Heartbeat'

'In A Heartbeat,' by Loretta Ellsworth, Walker & Company, 2010. 224 pages.

BY PAT HANSEN

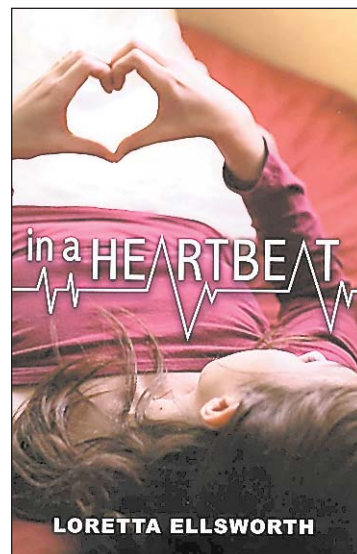
It's every parent's nightmare; it's some parent's most cherished dream. It's a car accident, a fall of some kind, violence. However it happens, a young person dies. And somewhere, the family of another young person gets the call they've been waiting for: "We have a donor heart for your child."

Egan is a feisty, mouthy teenager. Figure skating is her life; figure skating also ends up being her death. Just a slight mistake on her jump, half an inch off, and she hits her head just right on the board. Next thing she knows, she's dead. At least she thinks she is. She's walking around in a gray fog. It seems that she's all alone. And sort of like the old stereotype of a person's life passing before their eyes before they die, parts of Egan's life flash in front of her. Especially the last few hours of her life.

Egan is getting ready to skate. Her friend is doing Egan's hair, encouraging Egan with her nickname, Dynamo. Egan sticks out her tongue, purple from a sucker. "Just call me Purple Dynamo."

The vision ends as Egan sees her head hit the board during her performance. The fog lifts a little as she continues wandering through the gray haze.

Amelia has lived much of her life by not living. She stays in her bedroom drawing horses, with no energy, full of medicines. No school, no shopping with friends,



no parties. Just waiting for the phone call that a heart is available for her.

Amelia is excited, but anxious at the same time. How will it feel to have someone else's heart beating in her chest? What if the heart doesn't fit right? Is it right to hope for a new heart, knowing that means she's hoping for someone else to die?

Amelia's first words after the surgery are, "Dynamo, Dynamo." And she asks for a purple sucker, even though she's

RIVERBOAT DAYS 2010

Work Under Way For This Year's Fun

BY KATIE GREENE

Riverboat Days Secretary

Lately I have been dreaming a lot about sunshine, warm days, and taking walks without layers. I have no idea when any of these things will actually happen. The one thing I am positive about is that they will happen sometime around Aug. 20-22.

OK... I can't guarantee any of the weather in August either. I can guarantee that, with this year's theme for Riverboat Days, you will see leis, grass skirts, and some pretty funky attire: 2010 Riverboat Days Hawaiian Style!

The board has been hard at work for several months planning all the entertainment

and activities. We always try to make the next year better than the last. I have no doubt that 2010 will be a year to remember.

Yankton Area Arts has also been busy getting applications for their arts and crafts booths out to the public. They can be contacted at www.YanktonAreaArts.org or at 605-665-9754. You can also find their application on our Web site: www.riverboatdays.com.

Food! It is never too early to start planning the food. Our food vendor committee is in the process of getting and receiving all of the applications and will begin to make choices for this coming year. I still can't get over the deep-fried snickers I had — YUM! Now the gator I ate is another story — I still

haven't decided if I liked it or not. I am anxious to see what this year will bring and what crazy food I will just have to try.

Visiting our Web site is the best way to see what is happening in this year's planning of events; go to www.riverboatdays.com to see the latest. You can also contact me at the Riverboat Days Office if you have any questions at 605-665-1657.

On behalf of myself and the Riverboat Days Board of Directors — Bonnie Pinkelman, Chad Miller, Chopper Johnson, Cliff and Donna Madson, John Hughes, John Kraft, Mike Gullikson, Dick Hunhoff, Nancy Teachout, Randy Oliver, Rich Andre, Rick Stone and Troy Whitley — we wish you a quiet end to winter and for spring to come gently.

ART FORMS

A Few Thoughts From Yankton's Young Artists

BY PAM MEYLOR

Yankton Area Arts

March is National Youth Art Month, and we're celebrating this year with an exhibit of Yankton student artwork featuring our local middle school students.

Youth art exhibitions are presented all across the nation during the month of March to help celebrate the creative spirit of young artists and to recognize the vitality of America's art education programs. Yankton Area Arts is hosting a reception from 1-3 p.m. this Saturday, March 6, at the G.A.R. Hall Art Gallery, where you can meet the teachers and students who are a part of this local art celebration.

For most shows, I traditionally introduce our featured artist here in the "Art Forms" column. Since this exhibit is a cooperative project with Sacred Heart School and Yankton Middle School and there is a large number of contributors, I am taking a new approach in presenting our artists. Yankton middle school art teachers Charlene Arens and Marcia Olnes asked their students to provide us with their own statement on art. I really enjoyed reading all the different quotes and I wish there was room for all of them. Thank you to each of the students for participating! Here is a glimpse into



This image by Erica Westerman of the Yankton Middle School was featured at South Dakota Children's Capitol Art Show 2010. It is one of the works on display at the Youth Art Show at the G.A.R. Hall Gallery. A reception for the artists is set for 1-3 p.m. Saturday.

the next generation of artists:

- "Art is amazing when I draw well..." — Kyle Katterhagen
- "Art gives us new creations and colors. Art lets the world become very beautiful." — Laura Hebda

- "When I paint, my mind seems to leave and the art just seems to flow." — Alex Crandall
- "When I paint, my mind is racing and I let the brush do all the work." — J. J. Hejna

- "My favorite piece of art was in Kindergarten, when we

got to paint with our hands and feet." — Brooke Wuebben.

- "Art allows us to express ourselves and show how we're feeling by drawing or painting." — Joseph Welter

- "It's amazing when I draw that the paper's not entirely ugly." — Will Steward

- "Art lets me expand my imagination and let go of everything else and just have some fun!" — Alex Dangler

- "Your imagination, a pencil and paper are the perfect tools

for a great piece of art." — Brooke Lange

- "Art is what is on your mind!" — Jennifer Feilmeier

- "Art is a way to express yourself freely without having to write an essay of some sort." — Haley Conrad

- "It's amazing when I draw that people recognize what it is!" — Tristin Baker

- "Art lets students express creativity otherwise not offered in school." — Layne Droppers

- "Art is like the sun and moon of our earth; it's the inspiring light that brings color to the world." — Kamrie Mammola

- "Art shows emotions." — Kevin White

- "I like art because it brings out the best in some people. To me art is a skill. It takes imagination and concentration." — Tyson Saleman

- "It's amazing that when I draw with just lines, the picture comes to life." — Isaac Althoff

- "Why have art? Well if we didn't have art the world would be boring and ugly." — Hailey Bockholt

- "Art is important because you can express your feelings through art when your words and actions have failed to do so." — Stephanie Kotalik

- "I like art because we can design different things and it

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