

## ENTERTAINMENT DIGEST

### Comedian To Perform At Red Cross Benefit

The Yankton Red Cross presents national comedian Mike Toomey as part of its annual fundraiser on Saturday, March 13, at Minerva's Grill. There will be two shows: a 6 p.m. Dinner and Show and a 10 p.m. show only. Get your tickets at the door or in advance at [www.etix.com](http://www.etix.com) or at Lewis & Clark Realty, KYNT, Hy-Vee or the Yankton Red Cross Office. Limited seating is available. Special group rates are available. For more information, contact the Red Cross office at 605-665-7572 or [yanktonrc@iw.net](mailto:yanktonrc@iw.net).

### Yankton Orchestra Playathon Saturday

The fourth annual Yankton Orchestra Playathon will be held at the Yankton Mall on Saturday, March 13. The Playathon was started in celebration of Music In Our Schools Month in March of 2007 and to promote string playing in the Yankton area. The theme for this year's Music In Our Schools Month is "Music, Just Imagine..."

The schedule for the Yankton Orchestra Playathon is:

- 10 a.m. — Yankton Middle School Grade 7 & 8 Orchestra, and Yankton High School Orchestra;
- 11 a.m. — University of Sioux Falls Chamber Strings, Marian Casey, director;
- 11:30 a.m. — Yankton Middle School Grade 6-8 Orchestra;
- Noon a.m. — Sioux Empire Youth Orchestra, Derick Rehurek, director;
- 1 p.m. — Yankton Grades 4 & 5 Elementary Orchestras.

There will be music games and an instrument petting zoo from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. The event is free and open to the public. The Yankton Orchestras are directed by Kim Evander.

### Juvenile Diabetes Research Concert Set

VERMILLION — The second annual Sanford School of Medicine Benefit Concert at The University of South Dakota will raise money for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. Medical students organize the benefit and perform vocal and instrumental musical pieces. The concert will be at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, March 20, in Farber Hall on USD's Vermillion campus. Tickets are available from medical students. Goodwill donations also are welcome. Checks can be made out to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. For more information, contact Baker at [mary.baker@usd.edu](mailto:mary.baker@usd.edu).

### Crofton Post-Prom Benefit Show March 21

CROFTON, Neb. — The Crofton High School Post-Prom Committee in Crofton, Neb., is making plans to hold a "Crofton Dancing With The Stars Fundraiser" at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 21, at the Crofton High School gym. Several groups and couples have not only been rehearsing for this event, but have also offered creative additions to the program as well as ideas for costumes. All types of dance styles will be presented including jitterbug, country, ballet, hip-hop, and a hat and cane routine. Dancers slated to perform are from age 16 to older than 60, and include students, faculty, parents, grandparents, and business people from the Crofton Community. Acts include The Prunes, also known as The Shrivelles, performing a stomp routine with crutches due to the fact that the dancers are dealing with injuries (i.e., bad hips, backs, knees, etc) to "I Heard It through The Grapevine"; The Cowboy Casanovas performing a line dance to "Save A Horse Ride a Cowboy," The Dancing Divas made up of a trio of 40-something moms attempting Beyonce's "Single Ladies (Put a Ring On It)," The Village People, also known as The Village Idiots, performing "YMCA" with a twist; Bubba and the Babes presenting a ballet routine, and lots more.

The audience will also have a chance to get involved. All in attendance will receive score paddles at the door to hold up after each performance. Those attending may also vote for their favorite act by placing a donation in the appropriate bucket in the lobby. Winners will be determined by the judges' scores as well as donations in the buckets. The winner will receive a coveted "Dancing With The Stars" trophy. All proceeds go to help with entertainment and prizes at the CHS Post-prom held on Friday, April 16.

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## ART FORMS

# RiverWalk Selections To Be Revealed

## '10 Selections Slated To Be Announced March 19

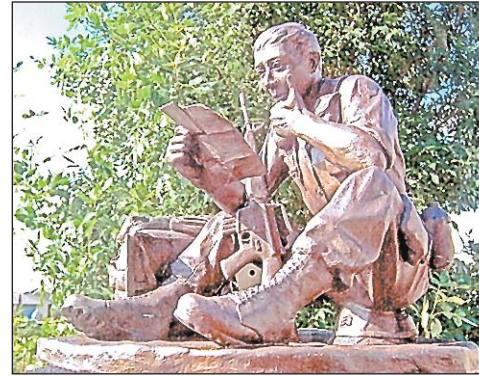
BY PAM MEYLOR  
Yankton Area Arts

The following column was written and submitted by guest columnist Katie Hunhoff. She is the managing editor at South Dakota Magazine and is actively involved in bringing RiverWalk to the Yankton community.

### RiverWalk Artists to be Unveiled March 19

Darwin Wolf, 2010 RiverWalk artist from Sioux Falls, used bronze to commemorate and honor the U.S. soldier in his sculpture titled "Home." He also used the sculpture to remind us how important it is for our servicemen and women to receive greetings from loved ones and community members. "Service men and women in all branches have told me about how great it is to get mail. Some talk about just plopping down on the spot and in the most uncomfortable situations; sun, wind, rain, it doesn't matter. Mail is gold," Wolf said.

That is the story behind just one of the 10 RiverWalk sculptures that will be displayed downtown starting in May. The other nine sculptures, and the stories behind each one, will be unveiled on March 19 at photographer Dave Tunge's gallery reception at the GAR Hall. Dave Tunge's photography has won several international awards and the



COURTESY PHOTO

"Home" by Sioux Falls artist Darwin Wolf is one of 10 RiverWalk sculptures that will be installed in downtown Yankton this spring.

RiverWalk Committee is thrilled to announce that he has donated a collection of photography prints to the RiverWalk public art project.

Tunge's prints will be on display at the GAR Hall Gallery from March 19-April 27 and will be available to purchase through a silent auction at the gallery opening on March 19. The Pisgah Mountain String Band, a four member acoustic group, will provide music for the reception. Please stop by to view Dave's international award winning photography, share some wine and hors d'oeuvres, and of course see the photo display of the selected RiverWalk sculptures. This is the only chance to see them before they are installed downtown in May. The admission to

the gallery opening is free, and 100 percent of exhibit sales will go to RiverWalk to help purchase granite pedestals for the downtown sculptures.

After the May installation, people will be able to stroll through the sculpture walk and read about each piece of art and the artist by using a map and brochure provided by local stores. A celebration and auction in April will mark the end of each RiverWalk season. Throughout the year people will vote for a people's choice award. That winner will receive a \$500 cash prize.

Besides the cultural and community aspects of public art, our committee expects RiverWalk to become a tourist destination and subsequently bring in more business to the community. With great retail venues and restaurants in the area, we are hoping the public art will be one more catalyst to bring new people to town.

We would also like to welcome our newest member to the RiverWalk Committee, Bridgit Kasch. The other committee members are Michelle Kolda and Lisa Scheve of the Yankton Convention and Visitor's Bureau. Because we have a small committee, the support from Yankton Area Arts and other local organizations and businesses is invaluable.

Our RiverWalk sculpture sponsors are Yankton Area Arts, First Dakota National Bank, Avera Sacred Heart Hospital, XYZ Inc., Hy-Vee, CoTrust Bank-Fox Run and Culhane Communications. The RiverWalk Committee

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## Tunge Donates Gallery Collection to RiverWalk

International award-winning aerial photographer Dave Tunge has donated his entire collection of framed photography prints to the RiverWalk public art project. The prints will be on display at the GAR Hall Gallery from March 19-April 27.

"Dave's donation to RiverWalk is not only incredibly generous, but it provided the opportunity to work with Yankton Area Arts and put on a big and fun event at the gallery showing," said RiverWalk committee member Katie Hunhoff. "We decided to use this event as an unveiling of the selected 2010 RiverWalk sculptures and artists so it will be

a big night for RiverWalk."

Tunge's photography prints will be available to purchase through a silent auction beginning at the gallery opening on March 19. The opening will feature music by the Pisgah Mountain String Band, appetizers and refreshments. All proceeds from Tunge's art will be used to help purchase granite pedestals for the downtown sculpture project.

RiverWalk's goal is to place 10 sculptures in downtown Yankton and Riverside Park. Using a map and brochure provided by local stores, people can stroll through the sculpture walk and read













PHOTO: DAVE TUNGE/DAKOTA AERIALS


"Cowmazing" is one of award-winning photographer Dave Tunge's gallery prints.

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people's choice award. That winner will receive a \$500 cash prize. New sculptures will be installed on a yearly basis.

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