

New At The Library

Here's what's new at the Yankton Community Library this week:

ADULT BOOKS

- "Southern Comfort," by Fern Michaels; Fiction
- "10th Anniversary," by James Patterson and Maxine Paetro; Fiction
- "Lincoln on War," edited by Harold Holzer; Nonfiction

ADULT AUDIOBOOKS

- "The Fifth Witness," by Michael Connelly; Fiction

DVDS FOR ADULTS

- "A Farewell to Arms"
- "Man's Best Friend: 5 Dog Adventures"

JUNIOR AUDIOBOOKS

- "The Emerald Atlas," by John Stephens; Fiction

CHILDREN'S BOOKS

- "My Mom Has X-Ray Vision," by Angela McAllister; Fiction
- "Panda-Monium!" by Cynthia Platt; Fiction

Episcopal Church Presentation Set For Today

Yankton's Dakota Territorial Museum will host a special Brown Bag Lunch program at noon today (Friday) on the topic "Celebrating 150 Years of Christ Episcopal Church," presented by Gert Boyles.

Christ Episcopal Church will celebrate 150 years. Boyles will talk about the history of the church and how the congregation plans to celebrate 150 years of faith in Yankton.

The presentation will be held in the conference room at the museum, located at 610 Summit.

Visual Arts Exhibit Opens Today At YMS

The 17th annual All-School Visual Arts Exhibit is set for Friday and Saturday, May 6-7, at the Yankton Middle School Old Gymnasium. Exhibit times are 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Friday and 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday.

Sponsored by Yankton School District 63-3, Yankton Area Arts and the local PTAs, the exhibit showcases artwork from students in grades Junior K-12. The student exhibit is the largest of its kind in the area and includes a wide range of techniques and media.

The public is invited to this free event.

Quilt Guild Reception At G.A.R. Hall Tonight

Yankton Area Art will be hosting its monthly First Friday evening on Friday, May 6, featuring fabric art created by the Dakota Prairie Quilt Guild. The Dakota Prairie Quilt Guild exhibit features more than 20 unique quilts along with handmade quilted items in the G.A.R. Hall Gift Shop. The Quilts are on display in the G.A.R. Hall Art Gallery located at 508 Douglas Avenue.

Yankton Area Arts will host a reception for the Dakota Prairie Quilt Guild 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 the quilters about their work. The gallery talk will begin shortly after 5:30 p.m., and all ages are encouraged to attend.

First Friday is a regular scheduled monthly event designed to promote art in the community.

For more information, call 665-9754, email Pam@YanktonAreaArts.org or see www.YanktonAreaArts.org.

Fundraising Drive For July 4 Fireworks Begins

The Yankton Area Chamber of Commerce announces the kickoff fundraising drive for the 150th Big, Boom, Bang Fourth of July Celebration.

The annual Yankton Fourth of July celebration takes place in Riverside Park. The fireworks display is funded by the community through donations. The celebration is always held on the July 4. (In the event of inclement weather, it will be held on July 5.)

"Pete Hittle and My Jazz Friends" will be performing patriotic music starting at 7:45 p.m. up until the fireworks beginning.

Pageant Auditions Saturday At Dakota Theatre

Auditions for the Lewis and Clark Theatre Co. production of "The History of Yankton: A Pageant" will be held at 7 p.m. Saturday, May 7, at the Dakota Theatre in downtown Yankton.

The pageant will feature a portrayal of the settling of the Sioux Tribe in the Yankton area, the visiting of Lewis & Clark and the formation of Fort Yankton 150 years ago.

Men, women and children are needed for the production, set for June 4-5 at the amphitheatre in Riverside Park.

For more information, stop in at the Dakota Theatre or call 605-665-4711.

MMC Presents Spring Band Concert May 8

The Mount Marty College Concert Band will perform the annual Spring Concert at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, May 8, in Marian Auditorium on the Mount Marty College campus. The band is directed by Mount Marty College Associate Professor of Music, Dean Rettedal.

The band will perform a variety of concert band music including: Selections from the musical, "West Side Story," "Amarito Roca, a Spanish March," and a transcription of the orchestral work, "American Salute" (based on "When Johnny Comes Marching Home").

The concert is free and the public is invited to attend.

THE BOOK SHELF

This 'Umpire' Hits A Home Run

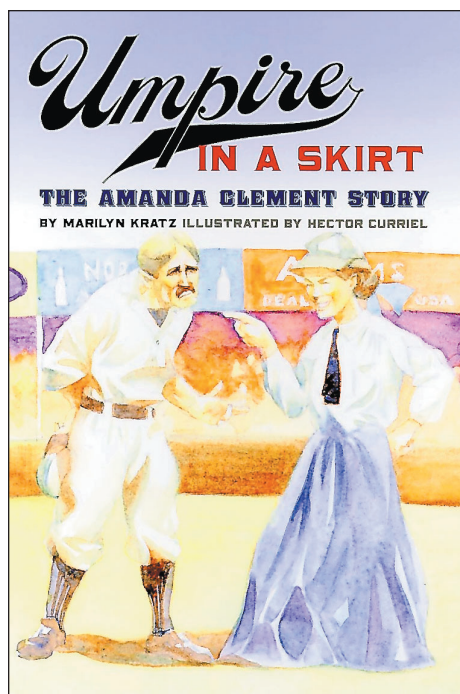
"Umpire in a Skirt: The Amanda Clement Story," by Marilyn Kratz, illustrated by Hector Curriel, South Dakota State Historical Society Press, 2011. 48 pages.

BY PAT HANSEN

It's baseball season! T-Ball, little league, traveling teams, college, minor leagues, major leagues-you name it, they're playing. Of course, you can't have a game without the umpires that we all love to hate. An umpire can make or break a game so we all hope for fair umpers for our favorite teams.

Back in the early 1900's, girls generally didn't play baseball and they certainly didn't umpire for the games. In those days women were expected to wear long skirts and stay home to cook and take care of the children. But a young lady in Hudson, South Dakota absolutely loved the game. When her brother would play ball with his friends, she would ask to play. They usually didn't let her play even if they were short on players, but they did sometimes let her be the umpire. Just being part of the game made Amanda happy.

When she was a young teenager people began to notice what a good umpire she was. They began asking her to umpire for their boys' teams and sometimes even for the men's teams.



Amanda's brother, Hank, played semi-pro ball in Minnesota. Once when Amanda and her mother went to watch one of his games,

the umpire didn't show up. Hank asked Amanda to do the job. Her mother finally relented and allowed sixteen-year-old Amanda to umpire. At that time just one umpire called the calls for home plate as well as all the other bases. Even though the players thought it was a joke, they soon realized she was doing a good job. Amanda even got paid for her work, making her the first paid woman baseball umpire on record.

Before long, Amanda's fame spread. Soon she was umpiring for games in South Dakota, North Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa and Nebraska. People came from all over-not to see the game, but to see a female umpire. Players were much more polite with a woman umpire. They no longer yelled 'Kill the umpire!' Instead they respectfully asked if maybe a ball was a tad bit high.

Marilyn Kratz, our local Yankton author, has done a wonderful job in bringing Amanda's story to us. Her writing style is straight-forward and easy-to-follow, aimed at grades 1-4. Especially nice is that Marilyn touches on what Amanda went on to do with the rest of her life, which is just as amazing as her umpire story. Marilyn does so well at bringing out the personal side of Amanda that this is one umpire we can all love to love.

Roller Derby Benefit For Yankton Hockey Set For Alcoa Arena May 14

The Sioux City Roller Dames roller-derby team will take on the Norfolk Bruizin' Bettys in a benefit mixer bout at Yankton's Alcoa 4-H Ice Arena at 7 p.m. Saturday, May 14. Doors open at 6 p.m.

This match is a benefit event for Yankton Miracle Hockey.

In a mixer, two or more teams combine into a single pool of players, then divide themselves into two, evenly matched teams. This allows teams of varying experience levels to play a more competitive bout. This bout will be something like an exhibition, bringing the sport of roller derby to a new audience here in Yankton.

"In Sioux City, we get a lot of fans who drive down from Yankton to watch us play so I thought it would be cool to bring roller derby to them for a change and maybe get some new people interested in the sport, too," said

Melissa "Mo Payne" Dittberner, who organized the event.

"I'm also a big fan of what Miracle Hockey is doing for kids here. I want to do whatever I can to support them. Roller skating or ice skating, I love anything that encourages kids to get out there and be active."

The local band, Kaptain Krouton and the Flying Apes will be playing live music during the bout, which will also feature a halftime performance by Judi's Dance Studio.

Tickets can be purchased from KDAM Radio in Yankton or at the door on the day of the bout.

The Dames and Bettys will host an after party at Mojo's Pizza and Spirits immediately following the mixer. You can find more information about this and other upcoming roller derby events on the Roller Dames' blog at siouxcityrollerdames.wordpress.com.

'Fancy Nancy' Tea Party Set For Yankton Community Library

The Yankton Community Library, 515 Walnut, will host a Fancy Nancy Tea Party at 7 p.m. Monday, May 23. Activities at the program will be based on the Fancy Nancy books by Jane O'Connor.

The party is for preschool through grade three who were unable to attend the "Fancy Nancy Party" held on April 13. Participants are invited to come dressed in their fancy clothes.

Children must be accompanied by an adult. Light refreshments will be served.

Preregistration and a ticket are required to attend the party. The tickets are free. To register, visit or call the library, 668-5275, to reserve your ticket. Tickets must be picked up within two days of ordering.

For more information, call the library at 668-5275.



Dan Kilbride, left, and cowboy poet Ed Nesselhuf are among the stars at "The Hay Country Jamboree" at 8 p.m. Saturday in Gayville.

Hay Country Jamboree Saturday At Gayville

GAYVILLE—Gayville Hall presents its recurring musical variety show, "The Hay Country Jamboree," at 8 p.m. on Saturday, May 7, in Gayville.

Show regulars, including country music host John McNeill, banjo player Daniel Kilbride, guitarist Nick Schwebach, and fiddler Owen De-Jong, will welcome cowboy poet Ed Nesselhuf of Burbank and Sioux City bass player Dave Napier as the evening's special guests.

Staged the first Saturday every

month through November, each Jamboree features three or more musical acts on stage together trading old-time tunes, country, bluegrass, and humor by turn, according to Gayville Hall proprietor Doug Sharples.

The shows are two hours long, including a short intermission midway, and are presented in an alcohol-and-smoke free, family-friendly setting.

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

Benefit Dance, Auction Set For Springfield May 20

SPRINGFIELD—A benefit dance and auction for Harlan and Kelli Tjeerdsma will be held at the Springfield Community Center on Friday, May 20. The event runs from 8 p.m.-midnight.

The Tjeerdsmas house was destroyed by fire.

All donations are welcome.

For more information, contact Carla Grosshuesch at 605-464-1829 or mlg@gwtc.net.

HEADLINING MUSIC

FRIDAY, JUNE 3RD • 9PM
BIG HEAD TODD AND THE MONSTERS



The Nadas 7:30 p.m.

Boring Daylights w/Sarah Benck 6:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, JUNE 4TH • 9PM
RED



Kory & The Fireflies 7:30 p.m.

Janitor Bob 6:00 p.m.

The Austin Buescher Band 4:30 p.m.

Mrs. Begley & The Boys 3:00 p.m.

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