

A GREAT NIGHT FOR BASEBALL!

When Crofton And Wynot Hook Up For An Amateur Baseball Game, It's A Summer Night Like No Other

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CROFTON, Neb. — Two towns with a long baseball history separated by 17 miles on Highway 12 in Northeast Nebraska.

Crofton and Wynot.

Two towns with amateur baseball teams that happen to play in a South Dakota league and compete for the South Dakota State Tournament. And yet, they each consider their "big game" each summer to be the matchups between each other.

That was the scenario that played out at last Friday night's annual Fourth of July weekend game in Crofton. It was a typical small-town setting, with a twist (fireworks): Families setting up their chairs earlier in the day to guarantee a good

spot, kids riding their bikes around the park, the smell of the concession stand grilling firing up early, and for good measure, another competitive baseball game.

The fact that Crofton won the game 3-0 behind a complete-game shutout from Rand Thygeson was almost secondary. Same with the fireworks show. No, this was a night highlighted by a post-game proposal on the field.

Long-time Crofton outfielder Kyle Mueller had been planning for weeks a creative way to propose to his girlfriend, Lakyn Schmidt. He eventually figured out — with some help — a way to set up a 'surprise' raffle drawing in which Schmidt would be the

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ABOVE: Crofton pitcher Rand Thygeson sends the ball home against Wynot leadoff hitter Chase Rolfes during their South Central League amateur baseball matchup on July 3 in Crofton. The two teams are traditional powers in the league and in South Dakota amateur baseball circles, and their meetings seem to bring out the best in both teams, as when journalist commented.

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New At The Library

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

ADULT BOOKS

- **As Night Falls** by Jenny Milchman; Fiction
- **The Cartel** by Don Winslow; Fiction
- **The English Spy** by Daniel Silva; Fiction
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YOUNG ADULT BOOKS

- **Sweet** by Emmy Laybourne; Fiction

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- **Big Nate Lives It Up** by Lincoln Peirce; Fiction

EASY BOOKS

- **Ten Rules of Being a Superhero** by Deb Pilutti; Fiction

1890 Band Performs At Riverside Park

Yankton Area Arts, with the support of the City of Yankton, will present the 1890 Band in concert at 8 p.m. at Riverside Park Amphitheatre on Tuesday, July 14.

The Tabor 1890 Band was formed by Czech immigrants in the late 19th century and their original music was performed in Tabor, South Dakota. The music was written in Czechoslovakia in 1890 giving the band its name. The 1890 Band has performed at Tabor's Czech Days every year since the first celebration 67 years ago. Many musicians have taken part over the years and CDs of the music are still available from Tabor's Chamber of Commerce.

This concert is a part of the free Tuesday Summer Concert Series sponsored by Yankton Area Arts and the City of Yankton in which the Yankton Summer Band performs six Tuesday concerts and is followed by five subsequent pops concerts through Aug. 4. In addition to the July 14 concert, remaining concerts in the series are: C.J. Kocher Little Big Band on July 21; Not Yet Almost Famous Bassoon Band on July 28; and Main Avenue Warehouse on Aug. 4.

Creative Writing Workshop At USD

VERMILLION — The Dakota Writing Project and the South Dakota Humanities Council are co-sponsoring a day-long creative writing workshop open to the general public, "Making and Meeting Bodies Through Words," to be held on the University of South Dakota-Vermillion campus on July 21.

Writer Natanya Pulley will guide participants during the workshop as they focus on building sensory experience and lingering on details in writing. The workshop is appropriate for both beginning and advanced writers.

The workshop is scheduled for Tuesday, July 21, from 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. with lunch from 12:30-1:30 p.m. on your own. The workshop location is East Hall 111, University of South Dakota, Vermillion. A light breakfast is provided. Participants should bring writing tools such as a computer laptop and/or paper and pens.

Natanya Ann Pulley is an assistant professor in the English Department at the University of South Dakota and is the fiction editor for *South Dakota Review*. A writer of primarily fiction and non-fiction, Pulley's publications include *Western Humanities Review*, *The Florida Review*, *Drunken Boat*, *The Collagist* and *McSweeney's Open Letters* (among others). Links to publications can be found on her site: gappsbasement.com. Natanya is half-Navajo, born Kiyaa'aanii (Towering House Clan).

Participants can save \$5 by registering early: pay online at <http://www.coyotestore.usd.edu/> (select the Conference Registrations link) or mail a \$15 check or money order, post-marked no later than July 15, 2015, to:

Dakota Writing Project
Dakota Hall 212
University of South Dakota
414 E. Clark Street
Vermillion, SD 57069-2390.

For regular registration (after July 15), pay online or bring \$20 to the workshop on the day of the event.

This event is co-sponsored by the Dakota Writing Project, a non-profit teachers' organization, and the South Dakota Humanities Council, an affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

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