New At The Library

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

- **ADULT BOOKS** • **Death of Yesterday** by M. C. Beaton; Fiction
- Dream to Follow by Lauraine Snelling; Fiction
- The Guilty One by Lisa Ballantyne; Fiction
- Killer Honeymoon by G. A. McKevett; Fiction • Life After Life by Kate Atkinson; Fiction
- Love Water Memory by Jamie Shortridge; Fiction
 Ordinary Grace by William Kent Krueger; Fiction
- A Place to Belong by Lauraine Snelling; Fiction
- The Smart One by Jennifer Close; Fiction
 Starting Now by Debbie Macomber; Fiction
- The Striker by Clive Cussler & Justin Scott; Fiction
- The Wanderer by Robyn Carr; Fiction
- Widow's Might by Sandra Brannan; Fiction
- Without Fail by Lee Child; Fiction
- The Beautiful Edible Garden by Bennett & Bittner; Nonfic-

• Business Brilliant by Lewis Schiff; Nonfiction

- Chasing Gideon by Karen Houppert; Nonfiction • Dr. Ruth's Guide for the Alzheimer's Caregiver by Dr. Ruth
- K. Westheimer; Nonfiction Mom & Me & Mom by Maya Angelou; Nonfiction

• Simple Sustainable Style by Randy Florke; Nonfiction

- **ADULT AUDIO BOOKS** • Fatal Friends, Deadly Neighbors by Ann Rule; Fiction
- The Obituary Writer by Ann Hood; Fiction
- One Shot by Lee Child; Fiction

ADULT DVDS

- Les Miserables
- Parental Guidance

YOUNG ADULT BOOKS

- **Delirium** by Lauren Oliver; Fiction • **Dodger** by Terry Pratchett; Fiction
- Janie Face to Face by Caroline B. Cooney; Fiction
- Orleans by Sherri L. Smith; Fiction
- Spellcaster by Claudia Gray; Fiction

JUNIOR BOOKS

- Dogs of Winter by Bobbie Pyron; Fiction
- The House Where Nobody Lived by Brad Strickland; Fiction
 The Secret of the Fortune Wookie by Tom Angleberger; Fic-
- Poems to Learn by Heart by Caroline Kennedy; Nonfiction
- **EASY BOOKS**
- The Day My Mom Came to Kindergarten by Fergus & Lowery; Fiction
- **Friends** by Miles van Haut; Fiction
- Who Has the Biggest Bottom by Marijke ten Cate; Fiction
 Beautiful Girl by Christiane Northrup; Nonfiction

MMC Choral Union Slated To Debut Tonight

The Mount Marty College Music Department will present the debut concert of the Mount Marty Choral Union at $7:30~\rm p.m.$ tonight (Friday) in Marian Auditorium.

"Music fit for a King," will present George Frederick Handel's Coronation Anthem No. 2, selections by Richard Nance, and Franz Joseph Haydn's Te Deum. The event will also feature the sneak peak selection from the upcoming commission premiere by Stephen Yarbrough. This concert is free and open to the public with donations taken at the door.

At 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 18, the MMC Music Department will present the annual Home Concert for the Jazz Band and MMC Choirs after their two day tour of Chamberlain and surrounding area.

Their tour begins on Tuesday, April 16, at 8:15 a.m. when they will visit Menno Public School, at 11 a.m., the Ethan School District, and at 1:50 p.m. the Plankinton Public School. On Wednesday, April 17, at 8:25 a.m., the Music Department will perform at the Chamberlain High School, at 10:45 a.m., Platte-Geddes Community School, and 2:30 p.m. at the Armour School District. To complete the tour, on Thursday, April 18 at 7:30 p.m., the jazz band and choirs will present the Home Concert in Marian Auditorium. This concert is also free and open to the public.

'Color Run' To Be Held In Yankton May 5

The Mount Marty College Student Government Association is sponsoring a one-mile "Running in Color" to be held at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 5. Registration forms are requested by April 15.

The Color Run race will be approximately one mile long and held along the Mount Marty Mile. Runners and walkers will get "hit" with five different colors of paint during the event, making it an interactive experience for everyone. All participants will receive a shirt before the

run/walk and a meal afterwards in the Cimpl Arena parking lot. "Running in Color" isn't about race times or who finishes first; it focuses on fun, community and enjoying some exercise outdoors.

The proceeds from the race will go to purchase new playground equipment for the Mount Marty College daycare center.

Registration forms can be found at www.mtmc.edu/colorrun. Questions or information can be directed to Student Activities Director John Bennett at john.bennett@mtmc.edu or at 605-668-1302.

Holly Hoffman Set For Celebrate Women

Former "Survivor" contestant Holly Hoffman will be returning as the featured speaker at the Press & Dakotan's "Celebrate Women"

"Celebrate Women" will be held Thursday, April 18, at the Riverfront Event Center, with Hoffman's talk set for the Dakota Theatre.

Yankton Native Part Of Northwestern Concert

ORANGE CITY, Iowa—Meghan Schuster, a student at Northwestern College in Orange City, Iowa, will perform in the college's Chamber Orchestra and Women's Choir concert on Friday, April 19, at 7:30 p.m. in Christ Chapel. The hour-long event is free and open to the public.

The Chamber Orchestra, directed by Chad Hutchinson, lecturer in music, will present a variety of music. The program will include "Coriolan Overture" by Beethoven, "The Petite Suite" by Debussy and "Symphony #40" by Mozart.

The Women's Choir, under the direction of Glee Crippin, lecturer in music, will sing a new piece commissioned through the combined efforts of NWC and a donation from the Crippins entitled "O Sing A New Song." The work was composed by Dr. Jon Veenker, associate professor of music and department chair at Bethel University, a longtime friend of Crippin and her husband, David. The choir will also perform Veenker's arrangement of "In Christ Alone."

Schuster is a senior and is a music major at Northwestern College. She will play clarinet in the orchestra. Schuster is the daughter of David and Erin Schuster of Yankton.

The Women's Choir will also perform Stephen Sondheim and Leonard Bernstein's "America" from the musical "West Side Story," which will feature dancers Emily Kubbe of Ottumwa, Iowa, Abigail McCubbin of Denver and Candra Penning of Hubbard, Iowa.

Documentary On Fracking To Screen At USD

VERMILLION — The documentary "Switch" will be shown at the University of South Dakota, Akeley-Lawrence Science Center (Room 125) at 7 p.m. Monday, April 22.

"In 'Switch,' energy visionary Dr. Scott Tinker travels the world, exploring leading energy sites from coal to solar, oil to biofuels, most of them highly restricted and never before seen on film. He seeks the truth from the international leaders of government, industry and academia. In the end, he cuts through the confusion to discover a path to our energy future as surprising as it is practical."

"Switch" will screen at 250 universities across the country as part of the GSA Switch Energy Awareness & Efficiency Program, which also includes a campus ambassador program and efficiency The Bookworm

'Silence' Is Bittersweet Trip Home

"Prairie Silence" by Melanie Hoffert; © 2013, Beacon Press; 238 pages.

BY TERRI SCHLICHENMEYER

The faces in the pictures look back at you with hopeful, aching eagerness.

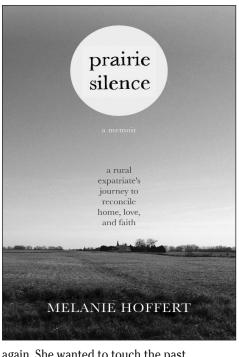
Ah, your high school annual is such a trove of memories. There you are at Senior Skip Day, making goofy faces. There's a picture of the class Black Sheep, now the president of the local bank; remembrances of prom, homecoming, first kisses, and team

You haven't seen a lot of those kids since you graduated. Sometimes, you wonder if you really ever knew them. As in the new book "Prairie Silence" by Melanie Hoffert, you won-

der if you ever really knew anything.
It may've seemed like the kind of idle conversation that friends have when they've known one another for ages, but Melanie Hoffert was dead-serious when she told her friend, Melissa, that they should return together to the prairie.

Hoffert surprised herself with her longing for home. She'd hated growing up on an isolated farm in North Dakota, 10 miles from grocery stores, three miles from playmates, a half-day's drive to a major city. She hated small-town life then but, sitting in a cold office in Minneapolis, she realized how much she missed the farm and, most of all, harvest time.

So she took a leave of absence from the job she loved. She wanted to be a farmer



again. She wanted to touch the past.

But in reconnecting with memories of vast openness and the kind of silence that comes when neighbors are miles apart, Hoffert also rediscovered who she was, years ago. She knew at a young age that she was different from other girls: she figured she'd eventually kiss a boy, but she yearned for another kind

of love. She dreamed of holding hands with a woman, and she became smitten with her best high school friend, Jessica.

Hoffert knew she couldn't talk about that to anyone on the prairie. That sort of thing

Coming home to North Dakota, she remembered that puppy love. She remembered how Jessica led her to Jesus, and the turmoil it created when she was told that homosexuality was a sin. She recalled her family, and marveled at how much had changed.

And she remembered neighbors: the ones who asked if she found a "fella" yet; corn farmers; homesteaders and homemakers; caretakers of the land.

When it comes to this book's title, "Prairie Silence" couldn't be more apt.

Author Melanie Hoffert has written a sure love letter to a land and its people, but it's love spurned and unrequited, as well as love held fast. In between Hoffert's sweet-yetangst-driven memories and her journey of self-rediscovery, readers are treated to quiet reverence for a disappearing way of life, for faith that just couldn't last, and for folks who — to her surprise — never discouraged Hoffert from being who she was.

This is a gorgeous book that evokes quiet country mornings and loud self-examination, and this former farm girl enjoyed it thoroughly. If you once believed that you can't truly ever go home again, "Prairie Silence" is a book you'll be eager to read.



From left: Benjamin (Britian Seibert), Moses (Dan Hasty) and Mollie (Katie Lock) perform a scene from "Animal Farm," one of two plays the National Players will present at Mount Marty College April 14-16.

National Players To Present Classic Plays At Mount Marty

With what has become a long-standing tradition dating over five decades, Mount Marty College is proud to host the National Players, America's Longest-Running Touring Company, to Yankton April 14-16 as part of Tour 64. The eight-member company will present "Animal Farm," adapted from George Örwell's novel by Ian Wooldridge, on Sunday April 14, and William Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet," on Monday April 15. Each performance begins at 7:30 p.m. and will be held in Marian Auditorium on the Yankton campus.

General admission tickets for these evening performances are available at the door only beginning

The National Players, based in Olney, Md., brings Yankton Shakespeare's most enduring tale, re-imagined, re-invigorated, and irresistibly visceral. In "Romeo and Juliet," we find love can be a thrilling ride – it bursts the seams of young hearts, making them feel things never felt before ... but it

can also be a dangerous thing — it can split you open and send you past the point of no return.

With "Animal Farm," revolution has broken out on Manor Farm - the animals have claimed their independence. Humans are banished, and the new "animal farm" will be a beautiful egalitarian paradise. From the author of "1984," this chilling and provocative fable is brought to the stage with the focused clarity and spark Yankton has come to expect from the National Players.

In addition to the evening performances, a 90minute matinee performance of "Romeo and Juliet"will be held Tuesday, April 16, beginning at 10 a.m. as part of the college's annual Theatre Day for high school students. Limited balcony seating is available.

For more information, contact Andy Henrickson, Mount Marty College Director of Theatre, at 605-668-1533 or ahenrickson@mtmc.edu.

Numerous **Events Are Set** For National Library Week

During National Library Week from April 14-20, the Yankton Community Library, 515 Walnut Street, will take part in a nationwide celebration of libraries with the theme "Libraries: The Heart of Every Community.'

On Monday, April 8, the Proclamation for National Library Week will be read at the City Commission meeting by Mayor Nancy Wenande and accepted by library director Kathy Jacobs.

The following special events will take place at the library:

• April 15 — Meet and Greet City Manager Amy Nelson and talk to Library Director Kathy Jacobs, 1-3 p.m.; story time featuring a puppet play of Goldilocks and the Three Bears, 6:30 p.m.

• April 16 — Staff readings from "Letter from Birmingham Jail," 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., as part of a worldwide read; Duct Tape art for teens/elementary, 3:45 p.m.; "Reflections on Bob Karolevitz," with guest speakers Phyllis and Jill Karolevitz and Jan Garrity,

• April 17 — Story time featuring a puppet play of "Goldilocks and the Three Bears," 10:15 a.m.; "An Evening with South Dakota poet Patrick Hicks," 6:30 p.m.

• April 18 — Story time featuring a puppet play of "Goldilocks and the Three Bears," 10:15 a.m.; toddler time, 11 a.m.; "Finding Nemo" movie, 3:45 p.m.

• April 19 — LifeServe Blood Bank accepting donations from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Wii for teens and elementary, 3:45 p.m.

The library is taking pancake flour April 13-21 for Food for Fines. All donations go to the Contact Center.

Participate in the library's interactive display that invites patrons to describe their "dream library." Tell the staff what you envision. You won't want to miss the "Meet Your Librarian" display as well. You'll get to know a bit more about the staff who serves you each time you come.

For more information, contact the library at 668-5276.

Maher To Perform At MMC April 29

Mount Marty College is preparing to welcome the "All the People Tour" to campus for a special night of music and worship in Cimpl Arena at 7 p.m. Monday, April 29.

Two-time Grammy-nominated singer, songwriter and worship leader Matt Maher is set to release his most unique and revealing project yet with the announcement of his fourth album titled, "All the People Said Amen," available April 23. Maher's newest project fuses the popularity of his vibrant live show with several new studio cuts, offering fans an assortment of writing and performance

"This project is a real collage of who I am musically," Maher said. "You'll hear intimate worship songs, anthemic praise tunes often sung and shouted aloud together in unison, and celebratory songs that inspire the whole church. I wanted to deliver something for everyone, and this set captures what my music and ministry have been, where it is, and where it's headed.

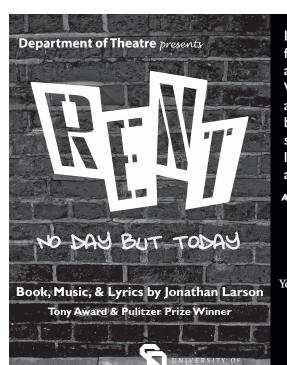
Unity and community define Maher's music and ministry, represented by the menagerie of songs on "All The People Said Amen," and also shown in the album's cover art. For it, Maher created a visual scrapbook made up of special moments, placed

purposefully, including old tour posters, handwritten lyrics from songwriting sessions live and candid shots with fans, even his own wedding photos. Every item has a story behind it and is a significant part of Maher's songwriting during the last seven years.

Also joining Matt on the tour will be three-time Dove Award

winner Chris August and the exciting new band, Bellarive. This past summer, August released his sophomore album, "The Upside of Down.'

Tickets are on sale at www.itickets.com. For more information contact events@mtmc.edu.



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