

## New At The Library

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

### ADULT BOOKS

- **Alien Hunter** by Whitley Strieber; Fiction
- **Dear Daughter** by Elizabeth Little; Fiction
- **Evergreen** by Rebecca Rasmussen; Fiction
- **Fast Track** by Julie Garwood; Fiction
- **The Good Girl** by Mary Kubica; Fiction
- **Invincible** by Diana Palmer; Fiction
- **Lucky Us** by Amy Bloom; Fiction
- **Painted Horses** by Malcolm Brooks; Fiction
- **Swan Point** by Sherryl Woods; Fiction
- **The Sweet Spot** by Stephanie Evanovich; Fiction
- **The Nixon Tapes** by Douglas Brinkley & Luke A. Nichter; Nonfiction

### ADULT AUDIO BOOKS

- **The Beekeeper's Ball** by Susan Wiggs; Fiction
- **Invisible** by James Patterson & David Ellis; Fiction
- **The Matchmaker** by Elin Hilberbrand; Fiction
- **Missing You** by Harlan Coben; Fiction
- **Unlucky 13** by James Patterson & Maxine Paetro

### YOUNG ADULT BOOKS

- **The Burning Sky** by Sherry Thomas; Fiction
- **Defriended** by Ruth Baron; Fiction
- **Poison** by Bridget Zinn; Fiction
- **Strange and Ever After** by Susan Dennard; Fiction
- **This Is What Happy Looks Like** by Jennifer E. Smith; Fiction
- **Winger** by Andrew Smith; Fiction

### FAMILY DVDS

- **Isabelle Dances into the Spotlight**

## Final Teens' Swim Night Slated Tonight

The Yankton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring its final "Late Night for Teens" of the summer ronifht (Friday) at Memorial Pool from 8-10 p.m. The events theme is "Sun Kissed Days and Cool Nights."

Come dance the night away with this popular teen event. School starts in a few days, so join in the fun and enter to win the final belly flop and hoop shoot contest of the year. It is sure to be a night to remember.

For further information, call 668-5234 or stop by the Summit Activities Center at 1801 Summit Street, Yankton. Remember to follow the Yankton Parks and Recreation on our Facebook Page.

## Artifact ID Day Set For Ashfall Park

LINCOLN, Neb. — Ashfall Fossil Beds State Historical Park will host its 2014 "Fossil and Artifact Identification Day" from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Aug. 9 at the park near Royal, Nebraska.

Puzzled about a fossil or artifact you have discovered? University of Nebraska-Lincoln paleontologist Mike Voorhies and Rob Bozell, highway archeology program manager at the State Historical Society, will help identify items during Fossil and Artifact Identification Day. Visitors may bring a single item or a whole collection to be identified. Past discoveries include leg and teeth bones from camels, mastodons and mammoths, stone points, pottery and a petrified tree trunk weighing in at 500 pounds.

Ashfall Fossil Beds is a national natural landmark with complete skeletons left in place for viewing. The research center and active dig site allows visitors to watch as paleontologists unearth barrel-bodied rhinos and other animals entombed by ash from a supervolcano eruption 12 million years ago.

For park times and location information, visit <http://ashfall.unl.edu> or call 402-893-2000/.

## Adams Homestead Celebration Set

NORTH SIOUX CITY — Adams Homestead and Nature Preserve is celebrating 17 years as a state park with its annual festival on Aug. 9.

There are many activities scheduled throughout the day including a threshing machine demo, corn shelling, candle-making, tin punching, homestead tours, rope making, musicians, watermelon seed spitting contest, buffalo chip throwing contest, face painting, Dutch oven cooking demo, kids' games, homemade pie contest and more.

Those interested in participating in the homemade pie judging contest need to bring their pies to Adams Homestead by 10:30 a.m. Judging begins at 11:30 a.m. Pies will be judged by their appearance, texture and taste.

Food and refreshments, activities, presentations, music and crafts will be available for the entire family to enjoy. Get a sense of history, learn about your heritage and explore the outdoors. Bring your walking shoes, bikes, strollers and your love for the great outdoors.

Adams Homestead and Nature Preserve is located off Interstate 29 Exit 4, one mile west, and a half mile south. Follow the brown nature area signs from the interstate. For more information, call 605-232-0873.

## Free Family Swim Event Slated Sunday

Teach your family about the importance of giving back by bringing school supply donations to Memorial Pool, and the whole family will swim for free on Sunday, Aug. 10, from 6-8 p.m. Family night rules apply.

Also, Memorial Park Pool will close for the season at 5 p.m. Friday, Aug. 15.

For further information, call 668-5234 or stop by the Summit Activities Center at 1801 Summit Street, Yankton. Remember to follow the Yankton Parks and Recreation Department on its Facebook page.

## Annual 'Pooch Plunge' Is Aug. 18

The Heartland Humane Society and Homeward Bound Rescue, along with the City of Yankton Parks and Recreation Department, invites the community to the fifth annual Pooch Plunge at the Memorial Park Pool in Yankton. The dog swim event will be held on the evening of Monday, Aug. 18, from 6-8 p.m.

There is a fee for each dog that is brought in to swim and each dog must be accompanied by a human companion. Dogs and their humans are invited to swim as lifeguards will be on duty. Proceeds from the Pooch Plunge will go toward the care of Heartland Humane Society and Homeward Bound Rescue's shelter pets.

All dogs should have a collar, carry ID tags, be properly licensed, vaccinated and in good health to participate. Ensure all dogs are leashed until ready to take the plunge. Be courteous and be prepared to clean up after your dogs.

For more information, contact the Summit Activities Center at (605) 665-5234 or the Heartland Humane Society at (605) 664-4244 or Homeward Bound Rescue at (605) 665-2626.

## VA 'Show And Shine' Slated For SF

SIOUX FALLS — The Sioux Falls VA invites area veterans and residents to the 13th annual VA Show & Shine on Wednesday, Aug. 20. All vehicles and motorcycles are welcome, and there is no charge for registration or entrance. The event is intended for Veterans' and other' enjoyment.

Registration starts at 5:30 p.m. in the front parking of the medical center at 2501 W. 22nd Street.

Trophies for Veterans' Choice, People's Choice, and Director's Choice. Dash plaques until gone. Veterans Canteen Service will have food for purchase.

This event is sponsored by the Siouxland Car Council, Veterans Canteen Service, and other businesses and individuals.

A special invitation is extended to veterans who currently do not use VA services. VA staff will be on hand to explain VA benefits and services available.

Call Shirley Redmond at 333-6889 for more information.

## The Bookworm

# A Look At A Playful Wolf

"A Wolf Called Romeo" by Nick Jans;  
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BY TERI SCHLICHENMEYER

Your dog just can't get enough of "catch."

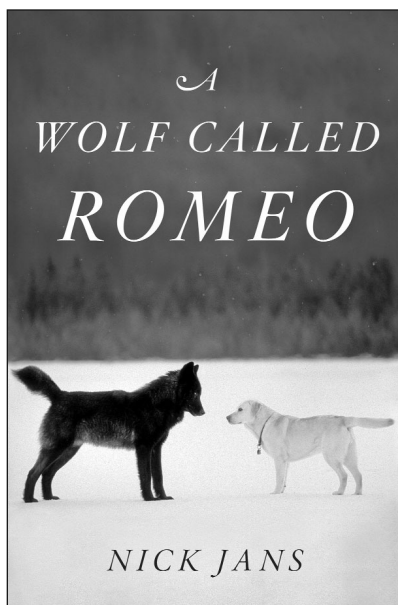
Yes, he has plenty of toys, and just picking one up incites a glint-eyed round of the game. Nothing, apparently, is better than snatching something from the air. He'd play til he dropped, if you'd let him.

Some dogs love a ball. Some dogs love squeaky-toys, while others crave complicated playthings. And in the new book "A Wolf Called Romeo" by Nick Jans, some dogs have unusual playmates, too.

Nick Jans was astounded at the size of the pawprints.

They weren't ordinary, dog-sized prints; these were huge, indicative of a wolf prowling near the city limits of Juneau, Alaska. It was a late afternoon in December 2003 and, though most residents of the Last Frontier "spend a lifetime" without ever spotting a wolf, here one was, almost teasing Jans with its bold presence.

Days later, while walking their dogs, Jans and his wife encountered the wolf. He was full-coated, black, in the prime of his life, tipping the scales near 120 pounds — and before they could stop her, their Lab, Dakotah, dashed out to meet him, and to play. The wolf seemed



smitten with the yellow (spayed) dog, a puppy love that ultimately gave him his name. Though the Janses tried to keep Romeo under wraps, other dog owners also noted throughout that winter that the wolf interacted happily with their pets, too.

From a handful of neighbors, Romeo's fan club grew. When he returned for a second, then a third winter to the edge of Juneau, so did people who enjoyed his friendliness but often disregarded that he was still a wild animal. That made some Juneauites

clamor for the wolf's removal. Others, believing him a danger, wanted Romeo dead.

But, as Jans noted, fatal wolf attacks are extremely rare. "You have to be ... unlucky — right up there with being struck dead by a piece of space junk — to be killed by a wolf." And so Romeo stayed because "there was no basis for action unless something actually happened. And then it did."

There'll be two camps that will read this review: those who love wolves and the natural history behind them, and those who think they're varmints and want them eradicated. "A Wolf Called Romeo" is for the former type of reader.

And yet, author Nick Jans offers his readers balance: in his basic overview of Canis lupus, he admits that attacks happen and that the presence of a wolf can be problematic; indeed, Romeo reverted to his natural behavior more than once, and may have killed a pet dog or two. Still, what happened to him, the controversy that swirled around him, and the aftermath of his unfortunate death are things that no self-respecting animal lover will want to miss.

In addition to the wolfish tale here, I also enjoyed the travelogue that's inherent in a story like this. I think that if you love wildlife, if you love nature, or you enjoy spending time outdoors, then "A Wolf Called Romeo" is a book to catch.

## Beyond The Stars



ROB NIELSEN/P&D

The Yankton Children's Theater Company is gearing up to present the "Out Of This World Talent Show" during Riverboat Days next weekend. Children from around the area will sing and dance to music ranging from "Footloose" to "Do You Want to Build a Snowman" and perform sketches for audiences under the direction of Dee Dee Wood. Pictured, front from left: Kaitlyn Paulson, Renae Clark, Rylan Clark, Makayla Palecek, Emma Eichacker and Carson Heinemeyer; middle row: Elizabeth Schmidt, Rebecca Clark, Haylee Heinemeyer, Gabby Slowey, Rachel Wood, Danielle Ceillis and Ashley Schweitzer; back row: Mary Schmidt, Kaycee Smith, Kelsey Westerman, Michael Haas and Sam Carda.

# Traveling Shakespeare Exhibit Featured At I.D. Weeks Library

VERMILLION — The University Libraries at the University of South Dakota are hosting "And There's the Humor of it: Shakespeare and the Four Humors," a National Library of Medicine (NLM) traveling exhibit through Saturday, Sept. 13.

The exhibit, consisting of six free-standing banners, is on display on the second floor in the I.D. Weeks library building on the USD campus. The exhibit is free and open to the public.

The four humors date back to the ancient Greeks who theorized that an individual's health and temperament rely on the balance of four major body fluids: blood (sanguine), phlegm (phlegmatic), black bile (melancholic), and yellow bile (choleric). An excess of one

humor would affect the individual's personality. This exhibit explores the role played by the four humors in several of William Shakespeare's plays through imagery and rare books from the National Library of Medicine, National Institutes of Health and the Folger Shakespeare Library.

For more information about "And There's the Humor of it": Shakespeare and the Four Humors at the University Libraries, contact Danielle Loftus, Art and Exhibits Committee, (605) 677-5123, email [dloftus@usd.edu](mailto:dloftus@usd.edu). For library hours, see [www.usd.edu/library/hours.cfm/](http://www.usd.edu/library/hours.cfm/).

# Ponca

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The colorful whirl of activity lends itself to wonderful photos, Hamilton said.

"The only thing, we request that people not take pictures during certain ceremonies, but we always announce that (request) beforehand," she said. "Otherwise, the dancers generally don't care, but we suggest you ask a dancer before you take a photo."

In addition to the powwow, the tribe's diabetes program will host a Color Me Healthy color run at 5 p.m. today at the powwow grounds, Hamilton said. Participants will run two miles and be sprayed with a wide variety of colors.

"The diabetes program always has a fun run, where they

run a mile up and back. There is a competition with different age groups. There are some (participants) who just walk the distance," she said. "This year, they are offering a Color Me Run, where (participants) get shot with colored chalk and spray things."

White short-sleeve shirts will be given to all participants. All ages are welcome, and a change of clothes is recommended. Those not wishing to participate in the color run will be started on a different route.

The powwow comes during a historic time for the Ponca Tribe. An effort is under way in Congress to designate the Chief Standing Bear National Historic Trail. The effort would honor the Ponca leader who helped win recognition of American Indians in the 1800s as persons within the meaning of the law.

The Ponca leader is already honored with the nearby Chief Standing Bear Memorial Bridge,

which spans the Missouri River between Niobrara on the Nebraska side and Running Water on the South Dakota side.

In addition, the Ponca Tribe plans to open its new headquarters in Niobrara by next year. The building will provide space for a variety of services and a community center the tribe will share with the Niobrara community.

"We have a huge history with the tribe, and the powwow is an important part of it," Hamilton said.

For more information about the powwow, contact Hamilton at 402-857-3519 or by email at [ghamilton@poncatribene.org](mailto:ghamilton@poncatribene.org).

You can follow Randy Dockendorf on Twitter at [twitter.com/RDockendorf](https://twitter.com/RDockendorf). Discuss this story at [www.yankton.net](http://www.yankton.net).

## Become Next 'Dacotah Star' At The State Fair

HURON — Make your voice heard at the South Dakota State Fair. Become the next "Dacotah Star" at the Dacotah Star Talent Competition presented by Dacotah Bank. More than \$2,000 in cash prizes will be awarded to division winners.

Applications for the 12th annual Dacotah Star Talent Competition presented by Dacotah Bank are now available online at [www.sdstatefair.com](http://www.sdstatefair.com) or at the State Fair office. The deadline for entering the talent competition is Monday, Aug. 18, at 5 p.m. CDT.

The grand prize winner in the adult division wins the title of "2014 Dacotah Star," along with a \$1,000 cash prize and the opportunity to star in his/her own commercial promoting Dacotah Star on KTTW Fox. The winner will also have the opportunity to perform on the North-Western Energy Freedom Stage during the 2015 South Dakota State Fair and emcee the 2015 Dacotah Star talent competition.

The 2013 Dacotah Star is Parish Mechling from Redfield.

There are three age divisions for Dacotah Star — Children (5 through 11 years), Junior (12 through 17 years) and Adult (18 and older).

Preliminary competition begins on Friday, Aug. 29, and ends on Sunday, Aug. 31. Dacotah Star finals will be held on Monday, Sept. 1. The talent competition is held daily on the NorthWestern Energy Freedom Stage at 5:30 p.m. CDT.

Sponsors of the 2014 Dacotah Star are Dacotah Bank and KTTW-FOX. Dacotah Bank serves dozens of hometowns across South Dakota, North Dakota and Minnesota, providing banking, insurance, mortgage, and trust services to more than 50,000 customers at local branches and online at [www.dacotahbank.com/](http://www.dacotahbank.com/).

The 2014 South Dakota State Fair will run from Thursday, Aug. 28, through Monday, Sept. 1. Channel Seeds preview day will be Wednesday, Aug. 27. This year's theme is "What Does The Fair Say?" For more information on State Fair events, contact the Fair office at 800-529-0900, visit [www.sdstatefair.com](http://www.sdstatefair.com) or find them on Facebook and Twitter.

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