

New At The Library

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

ADULT BOOKS

- **The Blessed** by Anne H. Gabhart; Fiction
- **The Creed Legacy** by Kinda Lael Miller; Fiction
- **Dragon's Time** by Ann & Todd McCaffrey
- **Escape** by Barbara Delinsky; Fiction
- **Hotwire** by Alex Kava; Fiction
- **Long Gone** by Alafair Burke; Fiction
- **Once Upon a River** by Bonnie Jo Campbell; Fiction
- **Quinn** by Iris Johansen; Fiction
- **Then You Came** by Jennifer Weiner; Fiction
- **Under Fire** by Margaret McLean; Fiction
- **You Believers** by Jane Bradley; Fiction
- **You're Next** by Gregg Hurwitz; Fiction
- **Dog Sense** by John Bradshaw; Nonfiction
- **Lost in Shangri-La** by Mitchell Zuckoff; Nonfiction

ADULT AUDIOBOOKS

- **Heat Wave** by Nancy Thayer; Fiction

JUNIOR BOOKS

- **Chronicles of the Red King: The Secret Kingdom** by Jenny Nimmo; Fiction
- **The Detention Club** by David Yoo; Fiction
- **Middle School: The Worst Years of My Life** by James Patterson & Chris Tebbets; Fiction
- **School Days According to Humphrey** by Betty G. Birney; Fiction
- **Theodore Boone: The Abduction**
- **Judy Moody Goes to Hollywood** by Megan McDonald; Nonfiction

CHILDREN'S BOOKS

- **A Cat Like That** by Wendy Wahman; Fiction
- **Farley and the Lost Bone** by Lynn Johnston & Beth Cruikshank; Fiction
- **Oh, Harry!** by Maxine Kumin; Fiction
- **Olivia's Birds: Saving the Gulf** by Olivia Boulter; Nonfiction

B&G Club Golf Event Opens Today

The Boys & Girls Club of Yankton will be hosting the fourth annual golf tournament and social event on July 15-16.

The Social Event is at 5 p.m. today (Friday) and will consist of live and silent auction at the Elks Lodge featuring more than \$7,000 in items. Meet Carl Pellini, defensive coordinator for the Nebraska Cornhuskers; Tommy Frazier, former All-American football player; Guy Rozier, assistant director of Development; Eric Crouch, 2001 Heisman Trophy winner; and Andy Johnson, Husker All-American wrestler and Yankton native. Auctioneer Greg Ryken will begin the live auction at 8 p.m. University of Nebraska celebrities will be auctioned off to play on your golf team. Tickets are available at the 1804 Broadway.

The golf tournament will be held at Fox Run on Saturday, July 16, with a shotgun start at 9:30 a.m. The format is a four-person best-ball scramble. Play for a chance to win a car from Berkeley Motors or \$5,000 in other prizes.

For further information or to register, contact J.D. O'Grady at 1804 Broadway or call 605-668-9710.

Gayville Hall Celebrates Johnny Cash July 16

GAYVILLE — Gayville Hall presents "A Celebration of Johnny Cash," starring John and Susan McNeill, Nick Schwebach, and Owen DeJong, at 8 p.m. on Saturday, July 16, in Gayville.

The quartet first performed the musical tribute shortly after Cash's death in 2003, drawing the largest crowd ever at Gayville Hall, according to proprietor Doug Sharples. The show since has been repeated at least once every year.

John McNeill, who is the emcee and musical host of Gayville Hall's country music shows, sings Cash's vocals in the tribute, and his wife Susan plays bass and sings June Carter Cash's duets with the "Man in Black."

Schwebach plays lead guitar and DeJong fiddle. They are members of the band Poker Alice as well as regular performers in Gayville Hall's country music shows.

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

Documentary On Bees Shown In Vermillion

VERMILLION — The documentary "The Vanishing of the Bees" will be shown at the Vermillion Public Library, 18 Church Street, on Tuesday, July 19.

Honeybees help produce apples, broccoli, watermelon, onions, cherries and a hundred other fruits and vegetables across the planet. This film tells more about their alarming disappearance and the greater meaning it holds about the relationship between mankind and Mother Earth.

This free screening is sponsored by the Living River Group, Sierra Club, Vermillion.

For more information, contact Maggie Pettersen at 624-4775 or norsky220874@yahoo.com.

Yankton's Center To Host Barbecue July 23

The Center, 900 Whiting Drive, Yankton, will host a barbecue on Saturday, July 23, running from 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

The menu will include hot dogs, burgers, potato salad, baked beans and watermelon. Musical entertainment by The Bumblebees will be from noon-2 p.m.

For more information, contact Tammy Matuska at 605-665-4685 or yscc@midconetwork.com, or visit www.yanktonseniorcenter.org.

Benefit For Rupp Family In Volin July 23

VOLIN — A benefit for the Marc and Deonna Rupp family of Volin will be held at 4 p.m. Saturday, July 23, at the Volin Town Hall.

The Rupp Family, including four children, lost their home and all belongings in a June 12 house fire in Volin.

The benefit will start with a live auction at the Volin Town Hall, along with a meal, DJ/Karaoke and vendors. Supplemental funds provided by Thrivent Financial.

For further information, contact Julie at 605-660-2561 or Kari at 605-661-4019.

Cornstock Event Set For Wakonda July 30

WAKONDA — The 11th annual Cornstock music festival at Wakonda Park starting at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 30.

Events will include volleyball, horseshoes and bean bag tournaments. There will be children's activities from 3-6 p.m. Music starts at 6 p.m. Call 267-0092 for more information.

Area Poker Run Scheduled For July 30

WORTHING — There will be a Poker Run "Cruisin' for Clint" in memory of Clint VanderPoel on July 30 in Worthing. The Poker Run sign up is at Otis's Bar & Grill Casino in Worthing between 11 a.m.-noon, and at The Creamery Bar & Grill in Viborg between 12:30-1 p.m.

The poker run ends at Mayfield Store. Food will be available and the Clay Creek Deaf Cowboy Band is playing for the night. Overnight camping is available. There will also be a 50/50 raffle.

This year's proceeds will go to the 4-H Clubs in which Clint was a member, Shooting Sports and Boots & Saddles Horse Club, and also to the Children's Inn.

For more information, call Debbie at 660-0722 or Krista at 660-2252.

Ice Cream Social Slated For Vermillion Aug. 11

VERMILLION — An Ice Cream Social will be held at The Main Street Center, 320 W. Main, Vermillion, on Thursday, Aug. 11, running from 5-6:30 p.m.

The menu will include a meal and homemade desserts

For more information, contact Crystal McGuire at 605-624-8072 or 320seniors@vyn.midco.net.

RIVERBOAT DAYS 2011

Riverboat Days Coming Up Fast

BY KATIE GREENE

Riverboat Days Secretary

Now that the Fourth of July is over, the rest of summer always flies by quickly. I'll be heading to my classroom soon to get things ready for the coming school year, and the board members have been hard at work planning for another Riverboat Days.

Now that it's only a little over a month away, most of the planning is complete and we're working hard to get all the details finalized. If you've heard any rumors about Riverboat Days being cancelled or moving ... none of them are true. Safety is always our top priority and this year is no different. Riverside Park is being monitored and we will do everything possible to make this a safe and relaxing weekend for everyone who attends. To keep yourself up-to-date on all the latest news, please check our website at www.riverboatdays.com. You'll find the parade application, this year's schedule, the water fight application, all of this year's sponsors

as well as any other news that may pop up.

The Riverboat Days Parade Committee will be accepting applications until Aug. 11! If you'd like to enter the parade, you can find the application on our website by clicking on application button and then selecting parade application. The parade will begin at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 20, around 21st and Douglas. The parade route is the same as last year and previous years. This year's theme is bound to bring out some creative ideas for floats.

The Lawn Mower Races are back for another year and if you didn't make it over to their speedway, you should definitely put it on your list of things to see for 2011. Watching grown men and women having the time of their lives always seems to be a little contagious. Before you know it, you'll want to see what your lawnmower can do.

The unofficial start to Riverboat Days has always been the Children's Parade. It will take place on Friday, Aug. 19. Bring a filled out entry form or fill one out in person around 5 p.m. be-

hind the Farm Credit Building. The actual parade will start at 5:30 p.m. in the usual spot on Levee Street. This parade is always my favorite. Both children and adults are always so proud of their floats and it's bound to bring out smiles and cheers from everyone watching.

Lt. Gov. Matt Michels will be our master of ceremonies this year. We are so happy to have him back for the official start to our festival! Opening Ceremonies will begin at the amphitheater at 6 p.m. The Dance Academy will begin its performances sometime after 6:30 p.m.

Our first band of the weekend, Main Avenue Warehouse, will be taking the stage at 8 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 19. They are new to Riverboat Days and I am sure they will get the crowd ready for the weekend of fun. As usual, they'll take a break just after it gets dark so we can see the fireworks that symbolize the first night of Riverboat Days. The fireworks have become a fa-

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THE BOOK SHELF

A Book About A Tree – Give Or Take ...

"The Taking Tree," by Shrrill Travesty, illustrated by Lucy Ruth Cummins, Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2010. 48 pages.

BY PAT HANSEN

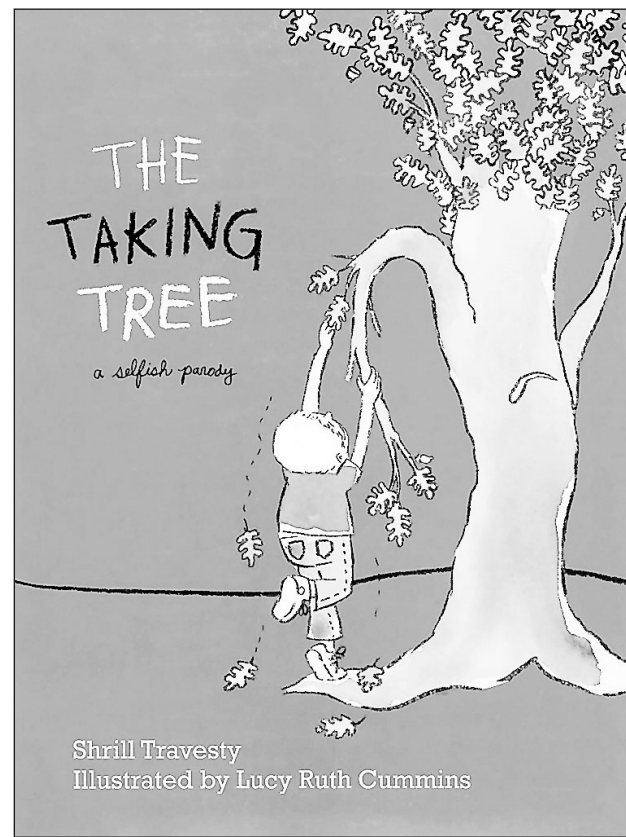
This book review is about "The Taking Tree," so it may seem a bit odd that first I'm going to talk about another book, one called "The Giving Tree." Many of you adult readers are nodding your heads right now — you probably read that book growing up or read it to your own children. First published in 1964, it is one of Shel Silverstein's best-known books.

It's the story of a tree and boy who loved each other very much. When the boy was young he was content to swing from the tree's branches and eat apples sitting on her branches. He would sleep in her shade when he was tired. The boy and the tree were both happy. As the boy grew he came to visit less often. When he wanted to go to college, the tree told him to pick her apples and sell them to pay for college. The tree was happy that she could help the boy.

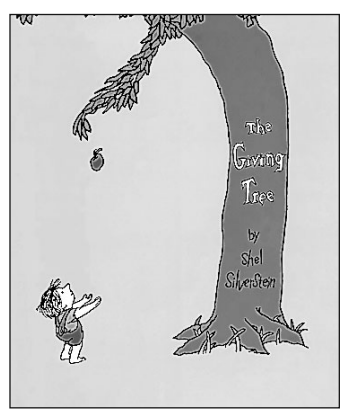
When the boy came back as a young man and wanted to build a house, the tree told him to cut her branches to build his house. Again the tree was happy. When the boy came back as an older man and wanted a canoe so he could sail away, the tree give him her trunk. When the boy came back as an old man the tree had nothing left to give, but the boy didn't want anything, just a place to sit and rest. And the tree stump worked perfectly. Once again the tree was happy.

Beautiful, right? Several interpretations exist about the meaning of this story. The most common seems to be that it represents a parent giving to a child, who eventually comes to appreciate all the tree's sacrifices.

Enter "The Taking Tree." Evidently the author rather gagged over the syrupy sweetness of "The Giving Tree" and wrote a parody of it. In "The Taking Tree," the tree can't stand



Shrrill Travesty
Illustrated by Lucy Ruth Cummins



"The Taking Tree" (left), written by the author who has taken an name "Shrrill Travesty," is a funny parody of the classic Shel Silverstein children's book, "The Giving Tree" (above), published in 1964.

the boy because he's a selfish little jerk. He throws the tree's acorns at old people and tears off her branches to poke his sister. One day he pulls off her leaves and starts little leaf fires, as well as one big house fire. He goes away (in a police car) for a very long time. The tree is extremely happy.

When the boy returns he's a teenager, so he's a bigger jerk. He forces her to produce apples so he can go to college, even though she's an acorn tree.

The book goes on through the boy's adult life all the way through to his old age, with

the boy taking anything he wants.

This book makes me laugh. There's no point to it that I can see, except to poke fun at "The Giving Tree." But it certainly does make you look at "The Giving Tree" a bit differently, a bit more sarcastically. This is not a book for kids, but it's a book that adults with a slightly twisted sense of humor will find amusing, especially if you remember reading "The Giving Tree" all those years ago. Give yourself a treat and take a few minutes to read this picture book.

Beef Cookoff Set For S.D. State Fair

HURON — South Dakota is known for its good cooks and great beef — and the 2011 South Dakota State Fair Beef Cook-Off is the opportunity to put a spotlight on the state's accomplished home cooks and great-tasting, nutritious beef in a friendly, fun annual event.

If you're one of the state's good amateur cooks armed with a great beef recipe that features one of beef's 29 lean cuts, it's time to enter the State Fair Beef Cook-Off, says Karla Pazour, event chairperson. "We'd love anyone who enjoys cooking to participate," says Pazour. "The State Fair is a true South Dakota affair, with competition in everything from horticulture to livestock breeds. The Beef Cook-Off is one more friendly competition featuring grills, skillet and beef."

Entries and recipes for the State Fair Beef Cook-Off, which is held

Sept. 3 at the South Dakota State Fair in Huron, are due Aug. 1. The contest is open to non-professional South Dakota residents in either the youth division (10-18 years) or adult division (19 and older). Beef recipes submitted must feature a main meal entrée appropriate for entertaining or special occasion meals. Judging is based on taste, appearance, originality, nutrition and ease of preparation. The winner of the youth division will receive a \$250 cash prize, while the adult division winner will take home \$500 in cash. There are also honorable mentions.

Individuals selected to compete will actually prepare their beef entrée in a public area during the Beef Cook-Off, allowing participants to interact with state fair attendees. Judges are kept in a secluded location and recipes are judged completely on the finished

product, not on cooking procedures.

Hosted by the South Dakota Cattle Women and funded by the South Dakota Beef Industry Council through the Beef Checkoff, the State Fair Beef Cook-Off is an excellent way, says Pazour, to educate consumers on the 29 lean cuts of beef along with beef's versatility, ease of preparation and excellent taste.

For more information and to print off an entry form for the State Fair Beef Cook-Off, go to www.sd-beef.org or www.sdstatefair.com. Entry forms and recipes must be submitted by Aug. 1 to Pat Blum, State Fair Beef Cook-Off Committee, 23982 340th Ave., Reliance, SD 57569. Finalists will be selected and notified by Aug. 19. Any additional questions about the contest can be directed to Pazour at 605-894-4490.

Kershaw Added To South Dakota State Fair Lineup

HURON — The South Dakota State Fair is excited to announce the addition of Sammy Kershaw to the grandstand lineup. Kershaw will be making his appearance as an opening act for Don Williams on Friday, Sept. 2.

Since his country music debut in the early 1990s, Kershaw's plan has been to recapture the spirit that made country music great.

"Country music is not a formula, it's a music with its own

soul," Kershaw said in a recent national interview.

Kershaw's latest CD, "Better Than I Used to Be," can be found in stores and is up to par with his previous hits, such as "She Don't Know She's Beautiful," "I Can't Reach Her Anymore," "National Working Woman's Holiday," "Love Of My Life," "Cadillac Style," "Don't Go Near The Water" and "Haunted Heart."

The 2011 South Dakota State Fair runs Thursday, Sept. 1,

through Monday, Sept. 5. Pannar Preview day is Wednesday, Aug. 31.

Riders In The Sky Set For WJ Ranch Sept. 10

FORDYCE, Neb. — WJ Ranch presents Riders in the Sky at 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 10, at the ranch located seven miles south of Yankton.

Riders In The Sky has appeared in all 50 states and in 10 countries. Inductees into the Grand Ol Opry, Riders are in the Western Music Hall of Fame and have been named WMA's "Entertainers of the Year" six times. Performing "Woody's Round Up" in "Toy Story 2," along with the album of the same name, won them the first of their two Grammy Awards. They have been called one of "the most historically significant acts in the history of American music."

For more information, contact WJ Ranch at 605-661-8356 or wjranch@gpcom.net, or visit www.schiferlswjranch.com.

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