

New At The Library

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

ADULT BOOKS

- **The After Wife** by Gigi Levangie Grazer; Fiction
- **Arcadia** by Lauren Groff; Fiction
- **The Chalk Girl** by Carol O'Connell; Fiction
- **Close Your Eyes** by Iris & Roy Johansen; Fiction
- **Criminal** by Karen Slaughter; Fiction
- **Fireproof** by Alex Kava; Fiction
- **Gold** by Chris Cleave; Fiction
- **The Great Escape** by Susan Elizabeth Phillips; Fiction
- **Inescapable** by Nancy Mehl; Fiction
- **The Mirage** by Matt Ruff; Fiction
- **You Came Back** by Christopher Coake; Fiction
- **The Book of Gardening Projects for Kids** by Cohen & Fisher; Nonfiction
- **The Cost of Hope** by Amanda Bennett; Nonfiction
- **Cookin' It Livin' It Lovin' It** by Guy Fieri; Nonfiction
- **Runaway Girl** by Carissa Phelps; Nonfiction
- **Unconquered** by J.D. Davis; Nonfiction
- **The Woman Who Wasn't There** by Fisher & Guglielmo, Jr.; Nonfiction

ADULT AUDIO BOOKS

- **Back Fire** by Catherine Coulter; Fiction
- **Calico Joe** by John Grisham; Fiction
- **Close Your Eyes** by Iris & Roy Johansen; Fiction
- **Harmless** as Doves by P.L. Gaus; Fiction
- **Heartbroken** by Lisa Unger; Fiction
- **The Risk Agent** by Ridley Pearson; Fiction
- **Still Alice** by Lisa Genova; Fiction

YOUNG ADULT BOOKS

- **Drink Slay Love** by Sarah Beth Durst; Fiction
- **Sister Mischief** by Laura Goode; Fiction

JUNIOR BOOKS

- **Molly Moon & the Morphing Mystery** by Georgia Byng; Fiction
- **What the Dog Said** by Randi Reisfeld; Fiction

The Bookworm Sez

'Muskrat' Takes Kids Outdoors

"Muskrat for Supper" by Kenny Salwey; © 2012, Fulcrum Publishing; 145 pages

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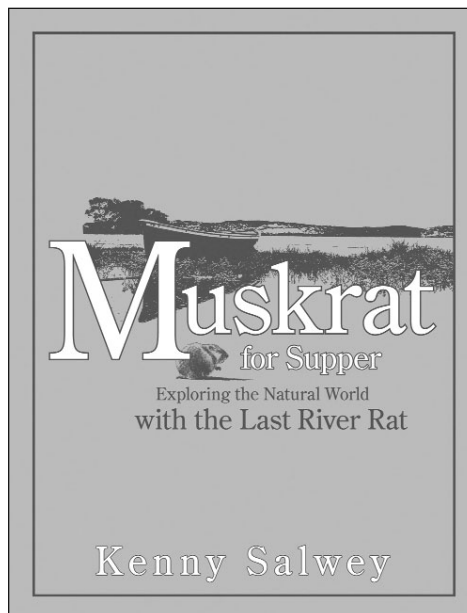
It was hard staying focused in school this year.

The problem was the window in the classroom. In the fall, you watched birds fly south, and you imagined them calling to one another. Winter teased you with outdoor challenges and fresh, brisk air. And in the spring, when wildlife is most active? Well, you might as well not be in school at all.

You wonder what it might be like to live closely with nature. Your forebears did it — could you? In the book "Muskrat for Supper" by Kenny Salwey, you'll find out by reading the story of a river rat.

It was quiet along the Mississippi River, with nothing to disturb the river rat as he sat and listened to the wind and the birds. The swamp was his favorite place to be, and he waited for his visitors. He'd known the parents for many years and as they pulled up in their car, he was eager to meet their children.

The kids, of course, were full of questions. There was a hollowed-out stump of a tree over there, and skeletons hanging from the side of the tiny cabin. What were they? The river rat was happy to explain that the tree is now a bathroom and the bones were gifts from friends and from nature.



The river rat told the children stories of his own childhood. His father and grandfather were river rats, which meant that they lived off what the Mississippi gave them. From those old-timers, the river rat learned to feed himself and make shelter; to whittle a good, sturdy walking stick; and to fill his "possible bag" before every walk.

The best way to learn about the world around you, said the river rat, is to go outside and listen for birds and wind. Watch, and you'll see ants and mice. Get down on the ground, and you'll see a spider web that most adults wouldn't notice.

Then he told the children this: if you want to be a river rat, "plan on working harder than you would for any regular job." Plan on not much money, but expect riches beyond anything you could imagine.

Can't get enough of the outdoors? Wish you could live outside 24/7, year 'round? Then "Muskrat for Supper" was practically written with you in mind.

With gentle common sense and a self-taught naturalist's eye toward preservation and sustainability, author Kenny Salwey weaves a semi-fictional story in with his own exciting, true-life tales about living in the Mississippi backwaters. Salwey, also known as The Last River Rat, romanticizes his life but includes plenty of honesty: it's not easy to share space with a snake or to pull yourself out of broken ice, but the rewards and the beauty outweigh those small inconveniences.

While this book is meant for 12-to-15-year-olds, I surely think that environmentally-concerned, like-minded grown-ups will get just as much enjoyment from it. If you're the kind of person who'd rather be outdoors any day, in fact, "Muskrat for Supper" is a book you'll eat up.

THE VIKINGS OF VIBORG



COURTESY PHOTO
All manner of Vikings will be celebrating the area's Danish heritage at Viborg's annual Danish Days, set for this weekend in the Turner County community. The three-day festival begins today (Friday) and includes ethnic foods, entertainment, games and other attractions.

YCTC Presenting 'The Little Mermaid'

The Yankton Children's Theatre Co. will be bringing its production of "The Little Mermaid" to the Summit Activities Center theatre through Sunday, July 22.

Showtimes are 7 p.m. July 20-21 and 2 p.m. July 22. For more information, contact Allison Spak at 605-660-6414 or yanktonchildrenstheatre@yahoo.com, or visit www.yanktonchildrenstheatre.org.

This production is made possible through the support of The City of Yankton.

B&C Club Fundraiser Events This Weekend

The fifth annual Boys & Girls Club Social and Auction Event and Golf Tournament will be July 20-21 at the Yankton Elks Lodge and the Fox Run Golf Course.

Tommie Frazier, a former all-American college quarterback for the University of Nebraska, will be the guest speaker at the Social Event Friday evening at the Elks Lodge. There will also be a pulled pork dinner on Friday evening with a live and silent auction.

On Saturday will be the four-person scramble tournament with the winner going home with a package from First Gold Casino in Deadwood.

For more information, contact Julia Larson at 605-692-3333 or jlarson@greatfuturesd.org, or visit http://www.greatfuturesd.org/yanktongolfevent.aspx.

'Late Night For Teens' Pool Event Tonight

The Yankton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring its second "Late Night for Teens" of the summer, at 8-10 p.m. tonight (Friday) at Memorial Pool. The events theme is "Mid-Summer Celebration" Come dance the night away with this popular teen event.

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 Facebook.

Tours Of Lawns And Gardens Saturday

The fifth annual Tour of Lawns and Gardens, sponsored by Missouri Valley Master Gardeners, will be held Saturday July 21.

Tours start at 3706 Kristy Lane (Neu Pond and Landscaping). From Yankton, go on Highway 52 west to Deer Boulevard, turn left at the Shell Station and travel south to Kristy Lane. The tour includes a light lunch.

Tickets will be sold from 9 a.m.-noon. For more information, call (605) 463-2206.

Poker Alice Plays At Gayville Hall Saturday

GAYVILLE — The Poker Alice Band and country singer Brenda George return to Gayville Hall on Saturday, July 21, for an 8 p.m. concert of fiddle tunes, western swing, country, jump blues, and pop.

The veteran, five-piece band from Clay County was founded in the mid-1980s and is known for its virtuosity and eclectic repertoire, according to Gayville Hall proprietor Doug Sharples.

Co-founder Nick Schwebach sings and plays lead and steel guitars. Owen DeJong, who holds a masters degree in violin performance, plays the fiddle. Both are from rural Wakonda.

Larry Rohrer, also of rural Wakonda, sings and plays bass. The other band members, of rural Beresford, are Dennis Jensen on guitar and vocals and Al Remund on drums.

George, of Avon, sang with Poker Alice in the late 1980s and has reunited with the band once or twice annually at Gayville Hall since 2003.

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

S.D. Songwriter To Perform At Museum

In conjunction with the traveling exhibit "Cowboy Song Tradition," the Dakota Territorial Museum welcomes Tom Peterson for a special presentation on Tuesday, July 24.

Peterson's presentation will be from 1-2 p.m. in the museum conference room. There is an admission fee.

Peterson is a life-long South Dakota resident who has seen many accomplishments for more than 30 years — with such songs as "Dakota Lullaby" and "Magic Bird."

Besides being the accomplished composer, Peterson is also a music historian. He began working extensively on the music of George B. German during the 1970s, about the same time as when German's music began to flourish. Peterson has served as the main historical consultant for the "Cowboy Song Tradition" project. Over the years, Peterson has also studied the poems and songs of Charles Badger Clark.

His presentation will include the work of Clark, German and other fellow cowboy singers featured in the exhibit.

Ghost Tour To Be Offered In Yankton July 26

Do you know about the Ghosts of Yankton's past? If not, you will want to be on board Thursday, July 26, when the Yankton Community Library and the Dakota Territorial Museum team up to offer a Haunted History Tour as part of the adult/young adult summer reading program.

Attendees will gather at the museum at 610 Summit where you will have a brief opportunity to tour the Museum. At 7 p.m., you will board a Yankton Transit bus and Crystal Nelson, director of the Dakota Territorial Museum, will provide stories and lore of our local history as the bus travels throughout the city.

There is a cost for this event. Your seat(s) will only be reserved when you pay at the library by July 25. If the 7 p.m. tour fills, there will be a second tour at 8 p.m.

For further information about this or any library program, call 668-5275.

Entries For State Fair Beef Cook-Off Due Aug. 1

HURON — South Dakota is known for its good cooks and great beef—and the 2012 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 our state's good amateur cooks armed with a great beef recipe, it's time to enter the State Fair Beef Cook-Off," says Karla Pazour, chair of the event. "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, skillets and beef.

Entries and recipes are due Aug. 1, 2012 for the State Fair Beef Cook-Off to be held Saturday, September 1 at the South Dakota State Fair in Huron. 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. Thanks to the Beef Check-off dollar, there will be \$1,500 in cash prizes awarded.

Pazour says, "Many people have fond memories of their favorite meals on vacation or at trend-setting restaurants." This year's cooking theme "DESTINATION: DINNER" challenges the cook to replicate recipes that are representative of specific locations—think Bourbon Street Steak, Lone Star Salad, Beef Burgundy,

Korean-Style Ribs, explains Pazour. Beef's versatility makes it a natural for various ethnic creations. She says, "Sometimes you can escape from life's ordinary by simply creating an extraordinary beef meal!"

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 CattleWomen and funded by the SD Beef Industry Council through the Beef Check-off, 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 an entry form for the State Fair Beef Cook-Off, go to www.sdbeef.org or www.sdstatefair.com. Entry forms and recipes must be submitted by Aug. 1 on the www.sdbeef.org website or to Karla Pazour, SD Beef Cook-Off, 25725 350th Ave., Pukwana, SD 57370. Finalists will be selected and notified by Aug. 17. Any additional questions about the contest can be directed to Pazour at (605) 894-4490.

AalFs Auditorium To Host 39th Honor Choir Concert

VERMILLION — The University of South Dakota and the South Dakota American Choral Director's Association will present the 39th annual South Dakota Honor Choir Concert at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 3 at AalFs Auditorium inside Sagle Hall on the USD campus.

Guest conductor Dr. Lynne Gackle of Baylor University and 150 of South Dakota's best high school choral musicians will perform several classical and contemporary musical selections. Recent USD graduate and Yankton native Scott Arens will serve as accompanist for the performance. Tickets will be available beginning at 6:30 p.m. the day of the show.

Hundreds of students from across the state auditioned for the South Dakota All State Honor Choir. Students chosen for the choir will begin six days of rehearsal on Sunday, July 29 at the Muenster University Center Ballroom. Activities throughout the

week for the choir members include a dance, talent show, movies and a barbecue.

Under the leadership of the South Dakota American Choral Directors Association, the South Dakota All-State Honor Choir — formed in 1974 — provides a quality musical experience for the state's top high school vocalists. Current president of SD-ACDA is Dr. David Holdhusen, director of choral activities at USD. The annual summer event is hosted at one of South Dakota's universities or colleges with the choir conducted by some of the nation's finest musical directors. This is the second consecutive year and sixth time overall that USD has hosted this prestigious choral event.

For more information about the 39th annual High School Honor Choir Concert at USD, contact Holdhusen at (605) 677-5721 or e-mail David.Holdhusen@usd.edu.

Call For Artists: Art For State Buildings Proposed

PIERRE — South Dakota artists have until Aug. 1, 2012, to submit purchase proposals for the South Dakota Art for State Buildings Program, Secretary of Tourism Jim Hagen has announced.

The Art for State Buildings program was created for the purpose of adding the work of talented South Dakota artists to the state's permanent art collection for display in conference and meeting rooms and other areas of state government buildings with significant public access. Work purchased this year will be installed in public access areas of the Capitol and/or other state buildings in the Capitol Complex.

"This is an exciting way to recognize and support our most gifted artists," said Hagen. "At the same time, it gives South Dakotans the opportunity to experience first-hand those artists who are actively contributing to the culture of the state."

Proposals of work that artists are offering for purchase should be submitted to the South Dakota Arts Council (SDAC), the agency charged with managing the program. South Dakota artists whose body of work has contributed to the state's cultural heritage and development are encouraged to apply.

Proposals will be reviewed by an advisory committee to the

South Dakota Arts Council. Selection will be based on:

- quality of the work
- the artwork's relevance to South Dakota environment, history, heritage or culture
- experience of the artist
- permanence and safety, as required for public artworks

A complete Request for Proposals can be found on the SDAC website: <http://www.artscouncil.sd.gov/news/ArtForStateBldgsRFP-2012.pdf>, by calling 605-773-3301, by emailing sdac@state.sd.us or by writing the South Dakota Arts Council at 711 E. Wells Avenue, Pierre, SD 57501.

An office of the South Dakota Department of Tourism, the South Dakota Arts Council's mission is to provide grants and services to artists, arts organizations and schools across the state, with funding from the National Endowment for the Arts and South Dakota state government. For more information about SDAC grant programs and artist rosters, visit www.artscouncil.sd.gov.

The South Dakota Department of Tourism is comprised of Tourism, the South Dakota Arts Council, and the South Dakota State Historical Society. The Department is led by Secretary James D. Hagen.

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