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The Book Shelf

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BY TERRI SCHLICHENMEYR

changed in umpteen years.

sarily good.

calf was trouble.

what to do.

"The Jesus Cow: A Novel" by Michael

The town you grew up near hasn't

Oh, sure, there are new roads, and

new houses dot the outskirts. The

grocery store your Mom preferred

is now owned by someone else. But

there's still a church on Main, still an everybody-knows-who-vou-are water-

ing hole, and kids still do things on

Saturday nights that you once did. But

in the new novel "The Jesus Cow" by

Michael Perry, there's change coming

the barn that Christmas Eve and saw

given birth, he knew right off that the

Jesus, plain as day, right on its side,

and Billy Tripp, Harley's best friend,

It was a bull calf with an outline of

said that it could make Harley rich. But

no, Harley really just wanted to live his

life with "low overhead." He decided to

hide the calf until he could figure out

Carolyn Sawchuck saw the light

in Harley's barn, and she hoped he

she'd climbed 40 feet to the top of

wouldn't spot her sitting where she

was. For the past five Christmas Eves,

that his Holstein, Tina Turner, had

to Swivel, Wisconsin, and it's not neces-

When Harley Jackson stepped into

New At The Library

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

ADULT BOOKS

- The Book of Aron by Jim Shepard; Fiction
- Born of Defiance by Sherrilyn Kenyon; Fiction
- Dry Bones by Craig Johnson; Fiction
- The Forgotten Room by Lincoln Child; Fiction
- The Guest Cottage by Nancy Thayer; Fiction
- Inspector of the Dead by Bavid Morrell; Fiction
- Lillian on Life by Alison Jean Lester; Fiction
- Kill Fee by Owen Laukkanen; Fiction
- The Memory Painter by Gwendolyn Womack; Fic-
- tion

 - Rock with Wings by Anne Hillerman; Fiction
 The Rosie Effect by Graeme Simsion; Fiction
 - The Second Sister by Marie Bostwick; Fiction
- The Trouble with the Truth by Edna Robinson; Fiction
 - Viper Game by Christine Feehan; Fiction
 - War of the Wives by Tamar Cohen; Fiction
 - You Will Never Find Me by Robert Wilson; Fiction
 - All Bets Are Off by Arnie & Sheila Wexler; Nonfiction
 - Hope by Amanda Berry & Gina DeJesus; Nonfiction
 - Ice Pops! by Cesar & Nadia Roden; Nonfiction
 - Legend by Eric Blehm; Nonfiction
 - A Lucky Life Interrupted by Tom Brokaw; Nonfic-
- tion
 - Out of Orange by Cleary Wolters; Nonfiction
 - Thieves' Road by Terry Mort; Nonfiction
- This Is What You Just Put in Your Mouth? by Patrick Di Justo; Nonfiction

ADULT AUDIO BOOKS

- A Dangerous Place by Jacqueline Winspear; Fiction
- Don't Go Home by Carolyn Hart; Fiction
- The Forgotten Room by Lincoln Child; Fiction
- Hot Pursuit by Stuart Woods; Fiction • To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee; Fiction

ADULT DVDS

- American Sniper
- Fifty Shades of Grev
- Glee, the Final Season
- You're Not You

YOUNG ADULT BOOKS

• Apple and Rain by Sarah Crossan; Fiction

JUNIOR BOOKS

• Bayou Magic by Jewell Parker Rhodes; Fiction

FAMILY DVDS • Wild Kratts: Shark-Tastic!

Hay Country Jamboree Set For Gayville

GAYVILLE — Gayville Hall presents its monthly musical variety show, "The Hay Country Jamboree," at 8 p.m. on Saturday, May 30, in Gayville.

Jamboree regulars, including country music hosts John and Susan McNeill, banjo player and funnyman Dan Kilbride, fiddler Owen DeJong, and guitarist and singer Nick Schwebach, will lead a lively two-hour show.

Jamborees always feature three-or-more musical acts on stage together trading old-time tunes, country, bluegrass and humor by turn. The fast-paced shows include a short intermission midway and are presented in an alcohol-free, family-friendly setting. Gayville Hall is at 502 Washington Street in Gayville. Call

(605) 267-2859 for ticket information.

'Heroes' Kickoff At Vermillion Library

VERMILLION - The "Local Heroes" Kick-Off Party for the 2015 Summer Reading Program at the Edith B. Siegrist Vermillion Public Library is 1-3 p.m. Monday, June 1. Local heroes such as Vermillion Police, Fire Department

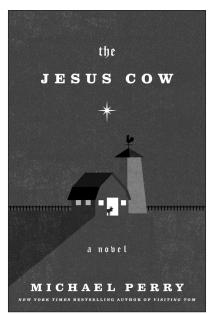
and EMTs will be on hand in the parking lot from 1-2 p.m., and the party will commence inside from 2-3 p.m.. Superhero

games, crafts, photo booth, snacks and more. While you're here, you can pick up your program calendar and reading log. The Summer Reading Program, which takes place during

open July 27-Aug. 1. The theme for preschoolers and

Has A Story." Join us on Monday, June 1. 1-3 p.m., during our open house featuring heroes from our community. Interact with local "heroes" and learn more about the services they provide.

Plan to attend a variety of programs featuring performers, puppeteers, movies, craft times and Super Hero Training Camp. Most Thursdays feature a LEGO Club with LEGO Robotics. Two special performers are here in June, a Magic Show at 1 p.m. on June 3 and Pockets Full of Fun at 3 p.m. on June 22. Story times are Monday at 6:30 p.m., and Wednesday and Thursday at 10:15 a.m. Foddler times are Tuesday at 10 and 5:30 p.m. Join us for super fun in June and July!! "Unmask the Super Reader in You!" is the teen theme. Teens are invited to scale the Empire State Building by reading and completing tasks at the four building levels, with prizes awarded at each level. The teen kickoff is June 1, at 5 p.m. June 3-4 is the Babysitting Clinic in partnership with Yankton County 4-H. The clinic runs 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days. Registration and payment



Holy 'Cow'! A Fine Read

Swivel's historic water tower to check on a little project she'd been creating. If Harley and Billy couldn't see her, then nobody could and her secret was safe.

By 3 a.m. Christmas Day, Klute Sorensen was awake and fuming about the idiots in Swivel, especially Harley Jackson. Because Harley was holding on to the last pathetic 15 acres of what was once his family's farm, Klute's planned subdivision was a failure. Frustrated that he couldn't manipulate Harley like he could many of Swivel's

other residents, Klute vowed to get that land any way he could.

As the old year gave way to the new, Harley still couldn't decide what to do with that calf. He couldn't even bring himself to tell his new girlfriend about the Savior on the calf's hide — until the calf escaped and Dixie the mail carrier spotted it. Almost within minutes, County Road M was filled with believers and cars.

And Harley knew trouble had only just begun..

When I first received "The Jesus Cow," the title gave me pause: it seemed quite profane, maybe flippantly so, but I dove in anyhow. Ultimately, I needn't have worried: author Michael Perry's got this one.

As it turns out, the "cow" in the title really isn't around much in this delightful book filled with (mostly) goodhearted characters, but he does serve as a nice catalyst for what happens. Indeed, though he's really barely mentioned directly (and certainly not irreverently), the cow runs this gently humorous, sweetly folksy — but sharply allegoric — story of greed, faith, friendship, and small-town life. I loved it.

Readers of Perry's nonfiction books will want to know that this is perfect Perry-as-usual, only in novel form. If you're a fan, in fact, you'll eat this up. If you're not a fan yet, well, "The Jesus Cow" will change that.

Yankton Library Make This A Reading Summer!

BY KATHY WIBBELS

Yankton Community Library

Monday, June 1, is our summer reading kickoff! Come in any time, register for the summer program if you haven't already done so, and pick up your reading packets. Then it's time to start reading! You earn a Book Buck for every 100 minutes you read and can earn up to forty Book Bucks throughout the summer. The Superhero Storehouse, where you can redeem your bucks, is

elementary age children is "Every Hero

of the class fee is required to participate. Seats in the class are limited, so register today.

Attend the following teen events throughout June: "Avengers" on June 6, 2 p.m.; "Super Hero Trivia" on June 9, 2 p.m.; "Jeopardy!" on June 18, 3:30 p.m.; "Obstacle Course" on June 24, 4:30; Taekwondo on June 25, 3 p.m.; and the monthly TAB meeting on June 29, 7 p.m. The adult theme, "Escape The Or-

dinary," features a Tic-Tac-Toe reading chart and a host of special events. Join us on June 2, 6:30 p.m., for The Big Bang Theory Trivia Night. Test your knowledge of this popular sit-com. Register as an individual or a team of two. On June 9, Arthur L. Rusch presents on his book "County Capitols: The Courthouses of South Ďakota" at 6:30 p.m. Chef Staci presents "Escape The Ordinary Menu" items on June 16, 6:30 p.m. There is no cost for this program but you must pick up a ticket at the circulation desk as the class is limited to 20.

We'll end the month with two craft nights. On June 23, 6 p.m., make your own fairy garden with help from our crafty staff. There is a cost for this program and the class is limited to 15. On June 30, 6:30 p.m., we'll end the month . Yankton High School art ilistruc tor Mallory Schmidt as she presents a demonstration on the book sculptures her students completed as part of their coursework. These sculptures were on display at the library during the month of April. Back by popular demand is the historic cemetery tour in partnership with the Dakota Territorial Museum and the Dakota Theatre. On July 7 at 6 p.m., ticket holders meet at the city cemetery to listen to re-enactors tell the stories

of some of Yankton's citizens of the past. Tickets for this and all events can now be purchased or picked up at the library.

The Readers Anonymous book club will discuss "Inside the O'Briens" by Lisa Genova on June 9 at 1 p.m. This club, which is always open to new members, meets the second Tuesday of each month at the library.

Between the Lines book club will discuss Graeme Simsion's "The Rosie Project" on Tuesday, June 23, at 5:30 p.m. This book club, which meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month, is open to new members as well.

We have multiple copies of the 2015 One Book South Dakota choice, William Kent Krueger's "Ordinary Grace." Our Humanities discussion takes place in October, but we are happy to check out a book to you or your book club now.

We collected 31 boxes of cereal during our May Food for Fines. We are collecting spaghetti/sauce June 1-10, with all donations going to the Contact Center.

Friends of the Library will hold their monthly book sale on Saturday, June 6, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Friends is always happy to accept gently used books their sales. They ask that you donate textbooks and encyclopedias.

the months of June and July, includes things like costume creation, group games, physical challenges, LEGO robotics, creative projects, science and engineering challenges and much, much more.

The 2015 Summer Reading Program is open to young people, preschool through young-adult, with programs, prize drawings, storytimes, reading clubs, and more.

Families are invited to join the Read-to-Me program; adults are encouraged to register for the "Escape the Ordinary" adult reading program, with prize drawings available. All programs are free of charge.

Registration can be accessed via the "Summer Reading Program" link on our website, www.vermillionpubliclibrary.org.

Opry To Be Held June 5 At Kaylor

KAYLOR — The Kaylor Opry will be held Friday evening, June 5, at 7 p.m. at the SoDak Stamm Heritage Hall in Kaylor. There will be potluck refreshments and coffee.

Proceeds that evening from the freewill offering will go to the Delmont tornado relief fund.

Rhubarb Day In Vermillion June 7

VERMILLION — Friends of the W. H. Over Museum invite you to its annual Rhubarb Day, Sunday, June 7, at 1:30 p.m. Judy Thompson, cover artist for "Pioneer Girl," will speak at 2:15 p.m. She will have prints for sale & will sign book covers. Bring Rhubarb Recipes & samples. Free will offering.

Delmont Benefit Concert Set For Tripp

TRIPP — The torrential tornado that hit Delmont on May 10 has left behind a trail of loss and devastation. To help in the recovery from the tornado, a fundraiser has been organized to occur on Sunday, June 7, at the Tripp-Delmont High School Gym.

Many bands from the southeastern South Dakota area will be pulling together, dedicating their time to provide a great day of continual music and entertainment. It will be a huge Jamboree Concert/Dance with a delightful variety of music.

Doors will open at noon with the music starting at 12:30

p.m. The BB Gospel Show will start the day's activities. A free will donation will be taken, and everyone is encouraged to come out and enjoy the music and fellowship.

For more information, contact Gary Gibson at 605-660-9430.

If you are unable to make this event, you can still help by contacting The First State Bank of Delmont, who is handling all the receiving and distribution of funds. Their contact information is PO Box 68, Delmont, South Dakota 57330 605-779-2551

SD Kite Day Slated For Pierre June 19

PIERRE — The Pierre Elks Lodge No. 1953 is sponsoring the fourth annual South Dakota Kite Day on June 19 at Hilger's Gulch in Pierre South Dakota from 1-4 p.m.

This free event is possible from a grant from the National

Elks Foundation and the Pierre Elks Lodge #1953. This event is open to all children up to 14 years of age. The first 400 children will receive a free kite and a lesson on how to fly the kite properly.

Pierre Elks Lodge members will be on hand to assist with handing out the kites, offering assistance in putting them together and getting them into flight. Parents are encouraged to get involved as well.

If you have any questions, call 05 295 1221 or visit https:// www.facebook.com/PierreSDElks/.

Did you know that in 2014, we checked out 27,471 adult movies? At today's Redbox prices, patrons saved approximately \$34,449.00!

You can contact the library at 605-668-5276 or e-mail kwibbels@cityofyankton. org. View us online at http://library.cityofyankton.org, visit us on Facebook by searching Yankton Community Library, or follow us on Twitter @ YanktonLibrary.

Talent **Sought For SD** State **Fair Show**

HURON — The South Dakota State Fair and South Dakota entertainer Sherwin Linton is looking for South Dakota entertainers of all genres and styles to be included in the 2015 State Fair Centennial Stage Shows.

South Dakota entertainer Sherwin Linton has been a perennial favorite at the South Dakota State Fair since the early 1970s. Linton has been an advocate for South Dakota entertainers and in collaboration with the State Fair management and staff, he works to give South Dakota talent opportunities to perform.

The Centennial Stage is where fair goers will find the Linton Show and each year many South Dakota entertainers are scheduled to perform as opening acts for "Sherwin & Pam Linton and The Cotton Kings" at 11 a.m., 2 and 4 p.m. CDT daily.

Send biography, photo, CD and/or DVD to: Attn: Sherwin Linton, Centennial Stage, South Dakota State Fair, 890 – 3rd St. South West, Huron, SD 57350.

All submissions must be received no later than June 15, 2015.

June Declared 'Yankton Bike To Work/Bike To Play Month'

The Yankton Parks and Recreation Department and the local Bike Yankton group announce that June is Yankton Bike to Work/Bike to Play Month.

As a bicyclist, be encouraged to wear your helmet every time you ride and if utilizing any "Share the Road" routes or riding on public roadways please obey all traffic laws.

You are invited to participate in these bicycle events in June and beyond (be encouraged to ride to work and play to the many other community events taking place in June and beyond):

• Tuesday night community bike rides. Meet at Ace Bike and Fitness and the ride begins at 6 p.m. Two different routes each week with one being a short (10-mile) ride and one being a longer (15+ miles) ride at a faster pace also. Rides occur in May, June, July, August and September.

• Bike to Yoga Class. Every Monday of June, Yoga starts at 6 p.m., and on Saturday, June 13, Yoga starts at 9:15 a.m. in Riverside Park. Gather in front of the Capitol Building prior to the class starting. Rebecca Johnson will lead the Yoga classes in the park.

• The Habitat 500 Bike Team is sponsoring the Habitat Hoedown June 11 at 7:30 p.m., at Riverside Park.

There will be live bluegrass music. It takes place in close proximity to the Meridian Bridge and the Auld-Brokaw Trail so wear your bike helmet, and receive a root beer float for half-price.

• On June 23, the City Commission "Pedal to the Parks" Ride led by Mayor Dave Carda along with other city commissioners will be held: 6 p.m. — "Blessing of the Bicycles" prior to the ride. The blessing will take place in the grass area south of the Dakota Territorial Capitol in Riverside Park; 6:30 p.m. — Start the approximate 10-mile ride from the parking lot by the Capitol Building in Riverside Park. The ride will include the lower level of the Meridian Bridge and passing Westside Park, Morgen Park, Tripp Park, Fantle Memorial Park, and Rotary Nature Area. Bike trails and public roadways will be included in this ride.

8 p.m. — After the "Pedal to the Parks" ride stay in the park and enjoy the free concert by the Yankton Area Community Band at the Amphitheater.

• City of Yankton's Kids Duathlon. Friday, Aug. 7, 10 a.m. at Riverside Park. Kids ages 6-15 can participate in a bike and run event utilizing the Meridian Bridge and trails in the park.

 Take-A-Kid Mountain Biking Day in October. Sponsored by Ace Bike and Fitness and the International Mountain Biking Association.

Visit the Yankton Parks and Recreation Facebook page and the Bike Yankton Facebook page for more information.

Find out about the benefits of bicycling, lots of cycling tips, and more, by visiting www.bikeleague.org/.

