



BETWEEN THE PAGES

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Governor Ricketts Town Hall

Governor Pete Ricketts held a Town Hall meeting in the library auditorium on Thursday, January 23. He discussed his top five priorities for the state including property tax relief, education, flood assistance, and aid to veterans. An attentive crowd posed several questions to the governor.



Tax Forms

The library has free copies of the basic federal tax forms – Forms 1040 and 1040-SR (for taxpayers age 65 or older) as well as Schedules 1-3 and the instruction booklets. Any other federal forms and all state tax forms can be printed from the IRS (www.irs.gov) or the Nebraska Department of Revenue (www.revenue.nebraska.gov) sites either at home or at the library. The library charges 10 cents a page (20 cents for double-sided) to make copies.



Friday Friends Playgroup Expands to Two Times a Month

The Friday Friends Playgroup has expanded to give children more opportunities to play and make new friends! The Playgroup will meet in the library auditorium on February 7 and 21, 10:00-11:30 am, for indoor fun. Children ages 0-5 years can play on inside playground equipment and make new friends! The activity is free, with no registration.

The Playgroup meets on the first and third Friday of every month and is jointly presented by the library and PECC/Cass County Head Start. Call Kirsten at 402-296-4154 x21 if you have questions.





Join us after hours for appetizers and a live action murder mystery game! It's a mystery game like you've never played before – part scavenger hunt, part murder mystery, and part classic board game. This game takes the game of Clue to a whole new level with new elements for the players such as bribery, forming alliances, blackmail, gambling, stealing, and more. Players will work together to solve the clues around the library – all in a race to be the first to discover who dunnit!

Spaces are limited, so registration is required. RSVP by February 20!

Choose which day to participate:

Friday, February 28
Saturday, February 29
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Golden Sower Brunch for 3-8 Year Olds, February 22

Children aged 3-8 years old are invited to attend the Family Golden Sower Picture Book Brunch on the fourth Saturday of the month at 10 am at the Plattsmouth Public Library. The monthly program will feature stories, activities, crafts, and brunch and will run through April 2020. The next program will be February 22.

The Golden Sower Award has been presented to American authors of children's books in three categories since 1981. What makes this award unique is that Nebraska children from kindergarten through grade 8 vote during the school year, and the winners are announced in May.

Ten copies of the monthly selection will be given away free prior to the book club date on a first-come first-served basis. Families do not have to commit to coming to the program to get the free book.



There's no cost to participate. Direct questions to Kirsten at 402-296-4154 x21.

Code Club Begins February 1

The Plattsmouth Public Library is offering a Code Club to children ages 8-14 beginning February 1. Children will begin with the basics of coding, or writing instructions for a computer to perform actions. Every Saturday in February, 1-2 pm, they will build their skills. By the end of the month, they will have coded a video game.



After-School Craft Days

Need to exercise your creativity? After-School Craft Days will keep children engaged Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays beginning February 3. Children can drop in any time 3-6 pm for crafting fun and exploration. The program is free and does not require registration.



Fiction

All the ways we said goodbye of the Ritz Paris by Williams, Beatriz
 Amish sweethearts by Gould, Leslie
 The Andromeda evolution by Wilson, Daniel H.
 Autumn magic by Cromer, T. M.
 The ballad of Black Tom by LaValle, Victor D.
 Beating about the bush by Beaton, M. C.
 The black ascot by Todd, Charles
 Christmas shopaholic by Kinsella, Sophie
 Collateral damage by Eason, Lynette
 The country guesthouse by Carr, Robyn
 Country strong by Miller, Linda Lael
 Deep state by Hauty, Chris
 A defense of honor by Hunter, Kristi Ann
 The Dutch house by Patchett, Ann
 End game by Dylan, Rachel
 First cut by Melinek, Judy
 The flood by Bennett, Rachel
 Forever hidden by Peterson, Tracie
 From sea to stormy sea
 The girls with no names by Burdick, Serena
 Good girls lie by Ellison, J. T.
 The good lie by Rosenstiel, Tom
 House on fire by Finder, Joseph
 How quickly she disappears by Fleischmann, Raymond
 Hunter killer by Taylor, Brad
 If she were dead by Smith, J. P.
 Lady Clementine by Benedict, Marie
 Left neglected by Genova, Lisa
 Let it snow by Thayer, Nancy
 A longer fall by Harris, Charlaiane
 Miracle Creek by Kim, Angie
 Mistletoe miracles by Thomas, Jodi
 More deadly than the male
 Mr. Nobody by Steadman, Catherine
 The network by Shaw, L. C.
 Nine Elms by Bryndza, Robert
 No fixed line by Stabenow, Dana
 Oppo by Rosenstiel, Tom
 The poison thread by Purcell, Laura
 Say you still love me by Tucker, K. A.
 Shining city by Rosenstiel, Tom
 A single thread by Chevalier, Tracy
 Splintered silence by Furlong, Susan
 Summer magic by Cromer, T. M.
 Treason by Woods, Stuart
 Twenty-one days by Perry, Anne
 The vanishing by Krentz, Jayne Ann
 The vineyards of champagne by Blackwell, Juliet
 The way of the brave by Warren, Susan May
 The wild one by Petrie, Nicholas
 Winter magic by Cromer, T. M.
 The wives by Fisher, Tarryn
 The words I never wrote by Thynne, Jane
 Would like to meet by Winters, Rachel
 You were there too by Oakley, Colleen

Large Print

All the ways we said goodbye of the Ritz Paris by Williams, Beatriz
 Auschwitz lullaby by Escobar, Mario
 The Black Ascot by Todd, Charles
 The country guesthouse by Carr, Robyn
 Deadly day in Tombstone by Johnstone, William W.
 Frontier America by Johnstone, William W.
 Good girls lie by Ellison, J. T.
 The good lie by Rosenstiel, Tom
 House on fire by Finder, Joseph
 Hunter killer by Taylor, Brad
 Invitation only murder by Meier, Leslie
 The killer collective by Eisler, Barry
 Lost by Patterson, James
 Massacre at Crow Creek crossing by West, Charles
 Miracle Creek by Kim, Angie
 Moral compass by Steel, Danielle
 Mr. Nobody by Steadman, Catherine
 Olive, again by Strout, Elizabeth
 Oppo by Rosenstiel, Tom
 A single thread by Chevalier, Tracy
 The sisters of Summit Avenue by Cullen, Lynn
 The Sweetgum Knit Lit Society by Pattillo, Beth
 Then she was gone by Jewell, Lisa
 Tom Clancy code of honor by Cameron, Marc

Audiobooks

Deep state by Hauty, Chris
 Fatal chaos by Force, Marie
 Fatal threat by Force, Marie
 Fate of the fallen by Kade, Kel
 Finders keepers by King, Stephen
 Good girls lie by Ellison, J. T.
 House on fire by Finder, Joseph
 Hunter killer by Taylor, Brad
 The killer collective by Eisler, Barry
 The look-alike by Spindler, Erica
 Oppo by Rosenstiel, Tom
 A single thread by Chevalier, Tracy
 The sisters of Summit Avenue by Cullen, Lynn
 Spy by Steel, Danielle
 Thin ice by Shelton, Paige
 Treason by Woods, Stuart
 When you see me by Gardner, Lisa
 The wives by Fisher, Tarryn

Non-Fiction

18 tiny deaths by Goldfarb, Bruce
 Be mighty by Stoddard, Jill A.
 Cauliflower power by Freedman, Lindsay Grimes
 The collagen diet by Axe, Josh
 The curse of Oak Island by Sullivan, Randall
 Finding Chika by Albom, Mitch
 Fix it with food by Symon, Michael
 Full circle by Barber, Andrea
 A game of birds and wolves by Parkin, Simon
 God's hand on America by Medved, Michael

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Non-Fiction (cont.)

Half the sugar, all the love by Lee, Jennifer Tyler
 How happiness happens by Lucado, Max
 How not to diet by Greger, Michael
 Idol truth by Garrett, Leif
 Impeachment
 Lasagna by Hezel, Anna
 Macrame 2 by Zedenius, Fanny
 Milk and honey by Kaur, Rup
 Quit like a woman by Whitaker, Holly
 Radical candor by Scott, Kim
 Retirement 101 by Cagan, Michele
 Road atlas, 2020
 Run, don't walk by Levine, Adele
 Sam Houston and the Alamo avengers by Kilmeade, Brian
 The secret treasure of Oak Island by O'Connor, D'Arcy
 The sun and her flowers by Kaur, Rup
 The third rainbow girl by Eisenberg, Emma Copley
 A thousand sisters by Wein, Elizabeth
 Tiny habits by Fogg, B. J.
 Touched by the sun by Simon, Carly
 The volunteer by Fairweather, Jack
 We are the luckiest by McKowen, Laura
 Why we can't sleep by Calhoun, Ada
 With all due respect by Haley, Nikki

Teen Fiction

The exact opposite of okay by Steven, Laura
 The Guinevere deception by White, Kiersten
 The how & the why by Hand, Cynthia
 That was then, this is now by Hinton, S. E.
 Three things I know are true by Culley, Betty
 Where the world ends by McCaughrean, Geraldine
 The wicked deep by Ernschaw, Shea
 Winterwood by Ernschaw, Shea

Teen Graphic Novel

Tomb Raider omnibus

Video

Ad astra
 Arrow. Seasons 5, 6, 7
 Big little lies. The complete second season
 Blockers
 Daredevil. The complete second season
 Dauntless : the Battle of Midway
 Gemini man
 The hustle
 Hustlers
 Jesse Stone. Death in Paradise
 Jesse Stone. Lost in paradise
 Jesse Stone. Sea change
 Joker
 Judy
 Kahlil Gibran's The prophet
 The kitchen

Video (cont.)

Krypton. The complete second & final season.
 The lighthouse
 Lord of the flies
 Ready or not
 Supergirl. Seasons 1, 2, 3, 4
 The Turkey Bowl

Beginning Readers

Andy & Sandy's anything adventure by DePaola, Tomie
 Ballet stars by Holub, Joan
 Bruce's big fun day by Higgins, Ryan T.
 Buster the very shy dog by Bechtold, Lisze
 Elsa's epic journey by Amerikaner, Susan
 Little ducks go by McCully, Emily Arnold

Board Books

I love you like no otter by Rossner, Rose
 This little artist by Holub, Joan
 This Little President by Holub, Joan
 This little scientist by Holub, Joan

Easy

The adventures of Egg Box Dragon by Adams, Richard
 Astro girl by Wilson-Max, Ken
 Attack of the 50-foot Fluffy by Boldt, Mike
 Bad dog by Boldt, Mike
 Bear is awake! by Harrison, Hannah E.
 Builders & breakers by Light, Steve
 Bumpety, dunkety, thumpety-thump! by Going, K. L.
 Chicken break! by Berry, Cate
 The cool bean by John, Jory
 A day so gray by Lamba, Marie

Juvenile Fiction

Ali Cross by Patterson, James
 Amelia Earhart and the flying chariot by Sheinkin, Steve
 The bone garden by Kassner, Heather
 Broken strings by Walters, Eric
 The curse of Greg by Rylander, Chris
 Entombed by Krovatin, Christopher
 Eva and Baby Mo by Elliott, Rebecca
 Eva's campfire adventure by Elliott, Rebecca
 Eventown by Haydu, Corey Ann
 Free lunch by Ogle, Rex

Adopt-a-Book

First cut by Melinek, Judy
 House on fire by Finder, Joseph
 How quickly she disappears by Fleischmann, Raymond
 Miracle creek by Kim, Angie
 Nine elms by Bryndza, Robert
 Shining city by Rosenstiel, Tom
 The wild one by Petrie, Nick

A complete list of new titles can be found on our website, www.plattsmouthlibrary.org, under New Titles.

The Mystery of the General in the Ground

Harlan Seyfer, Historian
Plattsmouth Main Street Association



Reverend Michael Shine was pastor of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Plattsmouth from 1908 until his death in 1927. The good padre was a noted Nebraska historian, in fact Vice-President of the Nebraska State Historical Society at the time of his passing.

But our story begins, not with a Catholic Priest, but with a Baptist missionary. In 1833, Moses and Eliza Merrill were sent by the Baptist Mission Board in Boston to the Indian Agency in Bellevue, future Nebraska Territory. There, about six miles southwest of the agency, they established the first mission in Nebraska “to bring salvation and education” to the Otoe Indians, who were lead by Chief Iotan. Moses died of tuberculosis at the age of 36 in 1840. Eliza and the couple’s young son returned east, and the mission was abandoned.

Time passed, and the mission’s exact location was forgotten. That is, until the Nebraska State Historical Society heard rumors, as the *Lincoln Star* reported, “that the chimney of the mission was believed to be standing in the location described by Rev. Merrill in his diary, four miles west and four miles south of Bellevue, and three miles west from the old town of La Platte.” The historical society appointed an ad hoc committee of four to locate that chimney and any ruins of the mission that may remain. Rev. Shine was one of the members.

They found the Merrill mission house being used as a storage shed “in an ordinary farm yard pig pen.” The committee found their objective

on Sunday June 15, 1913, and reported back to the Society that not only was the original chimney standing, but the original house also. The group found that the log house was built at the same time the chimney was built, and that the measurements and description matched Merrill and Eliza’s description of their mission. The search party found two cottonwood log cabins separated by the stone chimney, which was six feet square at its base and stood 20 feet tall. The two cabins, each 16 by 16 feet, had since been connected by boards, making a structure overall of 16 by 40 feet. Apparently the chimney was used only indirectly by one of the cabins.

Three large, ancient cottonwood trees stood nearby. The ad hoc group measured one of these with a circumference of 15 feet. In one of her letters Eliza described planting cottonwood trees around their mission home. Also nearby, the committee found a small, unnamed creek which they immediately dubbed “Merrill Creek.”

It was a beautiful site, and the Society expressed a wish to acquire the site as “one of the most valuable historic spots in Nebraska.” Unfortunately, nothing much came of that desire.

Rev. Shine was tapped for the Society’s ad hoc investigative group due to his publication a few months earlier of *The Nebraska Aborigines as they Appeared in the Eighteenth Century*, one of his most significant research efforts and one that established him as Nebraska’s then preeminent expert on the state’s original inhabitants.



Father Michael Shine Shortly before His Death in
1927

— Plattsmouth Journal, 1927-04-04

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The State Historical Society turned to Rev. Shine when, in 1916, as the *Plattsmouth Journal* reported,

The skeleton of a man clothed in the uniform of a general of the United States army was unearthed while plowing a field near the old mission. ... The body had been buried on a hillside, not a great way from the mission, and the plow, in digging into the grave, had disarranged the skeleton, but the many interesting relics that would prove of value in identification remained. A large number of small bells, which had evidently been fastened on the uniform with thongs of rawhide, were found, while a number of bracelets of copper and brass were lying in the grave, having evidently been the ornaments of the person who was buried there, and these bracelets were decorated with hand filings in the copper with a crude attempt at ornamentation. All of the rings and bracelets found were of very crude make and green with the marks of time that they had lain in the grave. There were also several strings of beads of blue and white in the grave, denoting the importance of the body that had been unearthed, while the most striking feature of the find was the fact that the tattered remnants of an old uniform coat of the United States army was found, the brass buttons and the gold epaulets being in a very good state of preservation, and for a short time creating the impression that the body was that of some army officer who had been killed by the Indians.

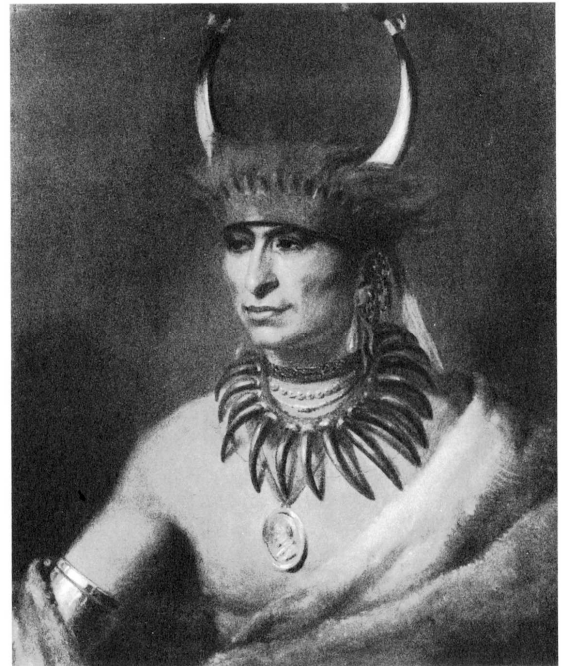
There was no record of a high ranking army officer being buried in southern Sarpy County. The items found in the grave also indicated that the deceased was not a white man.

Rev. Shine cleared up the mystery when he identified the body as that of Chief Iotan of the Otoe. The mission had been located by the Merrills' near the Chief's Otoe village. But the question remained, why the general's uniform?

In September 1833, Commissioner of Indian Affairs Henry Ellsworth held a council with the Otoe-Missouria (the tribes had united about ten years earlier), of whom Iotan was the primary chief. Ellsworth's objective was to convince the tribe to sell their land between the Big and Little Nemaha Rivers. A deal was struck, but not before many presents were handed out, including a general's uniform to Iotan from "the Great White Father at Washington."

In 1837, Otoe Indian Agent Dougherty wrote in a report to Indian Superintendent William Clark of Lewis & Clark fame, "About the last of April the principal Otoe Chief [Iotan] and two of his young men got into a dispute concerning a couple of young squaws, which ended in the death of Iatan [sic] and four others. The Iatan was the only chief of worth in the tribe and it is much to be regretted that whiskey should have been the cause of the death of so noble a chief. It appears from all that I can learn that he, in a drunken frolic, got into a difficulty..."

Rev. Shine concluded his assessment "The chief was attired in a bright blue coat with red facings and liberally decorated with large brass buttons and gold braid, ... of which he was very proud." Reverend Shine would be called upon again from time to time to solve Nebraska history mysteries.



Chief Iotan of the Otoe (about 1821)

— Irving, *Indian Sketches*, p. 71

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1:30 - 2:30 pm

January 17

February 21

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Family Golden Sower Picture Book Brunch

Plattsmouth Public Library
Saturday, February 22
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

stories, activities, crafts, and brunch

(Activities and crafts are geared for children 3-8 years old.)

On the 4th Saturday of each month
through April 2020, we will:

- Read Golden Sower Nominee picture books.
- Give away 10 copies of the monthly selection on a first-come, first-served basis. December's title is *The Legend of Rock Paper Scissors* by Drew Daywalt.

Additional Saturdays in the series:
March 28 & April 25

There is no cost to participate in this program.

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Friday Friends Playgroup

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**1st and 3rd Friday of Every Month
starting Feb. 7th & 21st
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

Meet in the library auditorium to play on our inside
playground equipment and make new friends!

Open House Environment


Stay as long or little as you want
(or as long as your kids will allow).

All activities provided

No registration required
Ages: 0-5

For more information,
please call Kirsten at
402-296-4154 x21.

February 2020

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March 2020

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