

At the library

Get ready to ... bingo?

Yes! Meadowbrook, the assisted living facility in Chetek, and the Calhoun Memorial Library are partnering up for a fun night out playing bingo. The Feb. 22 event is free and starts at 5:30 p.m. at Meadowbrook, 725 Knapp St. All ages are welcome.

Also, since February is the month of love, show some by helping those in need by bringing an item for the Chetek Food Shelf. Meadowbrook will have a collection site on hand for foodstuffs and other supplies.

Calhoun Memorial Library's Blind Date with a Book will end this Friday so anyone wanting to take part must do so before week's end. Remember, to return the accompanying rating slips by March 1 if you want your name dropped in for a chance to win a prize. The library has had a good response to the program; staff have had to restock book selections three times since the program's start. So, stop in this week to select a book. You're "blind date" may just turn out to be a winner.

For more information about the library or its programs, visit calhounmemoriallibrary.org or check out our Facebook page.

New fiction

"The Women," by Kristin Hannah. When 20-year-old nursing student Frances "Frankie" McGrath is told women, not just men, can be heroes, it is a shock to the system. The men in Frankie's family have long fought in America's various wars, so it's only their pictures who line the "heroes walk" in her father's den. How does a young woman, raised by conservative parents, taught to always be a good girl, become a hero? But it's 1965 and the times are a-changin' so Frankie joins the Army Nurse Corps. What Frankie experiences there will change her forever. Frankie's sheltered upbringing in no way prepared her for a war zone. Her base camp has only one doctor and a few nurses to care for hundreds of wounded soldiers. For Frankie, that means working long hours with few supplies, watching doctors having to make the terrible choice of who to treat and who to let die due to the severity of their wounds, poor living conditions and constant heartbreak. Her saving grace is the deep and lasting friendships she's made. Suffering from depression and PTSD, Frankie comes home to politically divided America where she is spit on, screamed at and worse, her commitment and sacrifice to her country is ignored. And somehow, in the midst of all this, Frankie must do what all veterans must do: carve out for herself a new life.