

At the library

Last week's visit by the River Valley Raptors was an absolute hit. Fifty-nine people – children and adults -- attended the special program, held on the back lawn of the Calhoun Memorial Library, where the kids got to see a barn owl, a red-tailed hawk and an American kestrel. Besides talking about each bird's unique features, attendees learned what birds of prey like to eat and where they live, as well as what actions people may take to protect their habitats and boost their numbers.

The children were also able to have their pictures taken with the owl.

The Buffalo City, Wis. organization's visit was part of the library summer reading program and funded by the Chetek Friends of the Library.

The Try It Club will meet Thursday at 6 p.m. at The Center, 711 First St. The evening's project is to make homemade salsa. There is still time to sign up to participate, just call the library at 715-924-3195 or stop in.

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

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"The Angry Land," by William W. Johnstone and J.A. Johnstone. Finally! The railroad line joining Colorado and Texas is done, much to the happiness of the ranchers of Big Rock, one of whom is Smoke Jensen. But what should be a celebratory event quickly fizzles out when the herd of cattle sent to market and are stolen by a brutish band of murderous rustlers. And worse yet, the man sent with the shipment to bargain for a good price is killed, and many passengers are injured. If the theft wasn't enough to fire up Smoke's temper, the death of his friend has him vowing retribution. However, Smoke isn't the only one who wants these rustlers gone; a pair of lawmen are posing as outlaws and have infiltrated the gang. They have been ordered to ambush Smoke and kill him. And they will have to if they want to maintain their cover. But the thieves don't count on the three men teaming up, or that Smoke is fired up with a need for vengeance, and so is his gun.