



Big band to kick off Friends' season

♣ “Be forewarned: the rhythm is infectious and spreads quickly.”

“It is quite common for outbreaks of toe-tappin’ and smiling faces.”

The prescription? Just swing on — with Swing On, an eight-piece ensemble comprised of veteran, professional musicians performing at 7 p.m. Thursday, September 21, at the Asheboro Public Library.

The show, which is free and open to the public, ushers in the Friends of the Library’s new season of programs, which includes music, authors and more.

Greensboro-based Swing On showcases music of the Big Band era, recreating music made famous by artists such as Artie Shaw, Woody Herman, Count Basie, Glenn Miller, Tommy and Jimmy Dorsey, and more. Their repertoire also includes Broadway and patriotic favorites.

Upcoming: look for a Friends speaker in October, and more musical performances in December.

Seagrove plants historical trees

♣ The Teddy Bear magnolias, planted in December between the brand new Seagrove Public Library and Seagrove Elementary School, are thriving.

Now they have been joined by many other showy trees and shrubs, some with historical origins, thanks to the efforts of several community organizations.

Marylou Johnston of the Randolph County Master Gardeners developed the overall landscape plan. Girl Scout Hayle Luther achieved her Gold Award by landscaping the west side of the building with trees and shrubs donated by Lynn Robbins Landscaping.

Trees Asheboro founder Tim Womick, joined by certified ISA arborist and owner of Total Land Care Chad Phillips and his wife and two children, Owen George, Mark McNeill and son Ethan, spent all day on the Saturday after Arbor Day planting six crepe myrtles, a cryptomeria, a komodo maple donated by Banner Place Nursery, and six plantings from the Famous and Historic Trees Program of American Forests, a nonprofit organization that promotes tree planting.

These trees, grown from seeds or clippings collected at the homesites of their namesakes, include a Robert E. Lee Redbud, a Mt. Vernon Red Buckeye, a Pearl S. Buck Mimosa, a Chickamauga Black Maple, a Johnny Appleseed Apple, and a Harriet B. Stowe Golden Raintree.

Finally, library board member and Seagrove School kindergarten teacher Cathy Baiden and her class planted flowers around the flagpole and the crepe myrtles.

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 the
 director**

by Suzanne Tate



Bringing the world to Ramseur

♣ In 1935 Mrs. C.A. Graham, Sr. and Mrs. J.P. Cox of Ramseur presented the idea of establishing a public library to the Ramseur Book Club.



Sandra Livingston and Sandy Jarrell

The club approved, but felt that undertaking the project would require community support. A committee was formed and the name Ramseur Public Library chosen.

Funding was difficult during the depression. Town historian Madge Kivett collected funds house-to-house. Donations of books and materials were sought. The Library Association was formed and board members chosen. I.F. Craven of Carter Mercantile offered two rooms for the library, conveniently located near the center of town.

On November 10, 1936, Opening Day Ceremonies were conducted with a tea and an open house. The first librarians were volunteers. With the help of the WPA, Ida West and Edith Siler were appointed as paid librarians. Hattie Burgess, the first librarian paid by the Association, followed Siler in 1941. She often said, "Books are friends, like people." Other librarians have been: Mrs. Floyd Moffitt, Mrs. S.E. Leonard Sr., Ruth Newell, Crandall Ellison, Stacy Curtis and Sandra Livingston.

In 1951, the library moved to the former Columbia Manufacturing main office, again thanks to the generosity of Craven. The company provided new flooring, electrical outlets and painted the building. In 1956, "Tell-A-Story" time was started with Mrs. J. H. Marley. In 1957 the town made the library a part of the budget. The Library Association was dissolved and the town appointed a new board of trustees.

The present structure was made possible by a bequest from M.E. Johnson. It was to be named the "Blanche C. Johnson Memorial Library Building" in honor of his wife. The library building opened on January 8, 1962.

With the continued town funding, the Library Board of Trustees, the help of the Randolph County Public Library and that long ago vision, the Ramseur Public Library exists today.

It is a welcoming place where people can read, access the Internet and enjoy programming offered by staff. It is a beacon in the community and a legacy to people like the Johnsons, Dot Watkins, Madge Kivett, Hattie Burgess and others who brought the world to Ramseur through reading.

This article was contributed by Ramseur librarians Sandra Livingston and Sandy Jarrell.

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Toy recalled

Who'd have thought this little guy could be dangerous? The supplier, Highsmith Inc., has announced a recall of these critters, which were given away by 28 libraries including the Randolph County Public Library, during the "Paws, Claws, Scales and Tales" Summer Reading Program. The toys may contain excessive levels of lead. If you received this toy, please return it to the library. The state has asked the U.S. Consumer Products Safety Commission to investigate.

Franklinville seeks cookbook recipes

♣ **Have a tasty recipe you'd just love to share?**

Backers of a new library facility for Franklinville are soliciting recipes for a fund-raising historical cookbook. Library supporters hope to include 500 recipes, as well as photographs and stories related to the town.

Proceeds from the cookbook will go toward relocating the John W. Clark Public Library, now located at 111

Sumner Place over town hall. The first public library in the county, the building is small and has limited access for persons with physical disabilities.

Supporters are considering whether to build a new building or to relocate to a site such as the Poole's Grocery building, which is owned by the town.

Anyone who wants to contribute a recipe or information about Franklinville's history can drop it off at the library or at town hall.

Seagrove plants historical trees

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The library will host a storytime at 1 p.m. Tuesday, September 26, featuring the Johnny Appleseed apple tree and local Johnny Appleseed impersonator, librarian Barbara Luther.

For the future, Womick envisions a "historic tree trail" with accompanying lesson plans to let students know how the trees relate to the past as well as botanical information and the environmental impact tree planting can have on reducing greenhouse gases.



Ethan McNeill, Levi Phillips, librarian Barbara Luther, and Chad Phillips with his daughter plant a tree at the Seagrove library.

During road construction on Salisbury Street in Asheboro, library visitors can consider themselves "local traffic," and can bypass barricades on Cox and

Main streets at Worth Street to reach the library parking lot.

The road work is expected to continue through Christmas.

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Wireless Hotspot

Wireless access

The Asheboro Public Library is now a wireless Internet hotspot, meaning that anyone with a laptop computer or other device equipped for wireless Internet access can connect at the library free of charge.

Wireless will be offered at the Archdale Public Library soon, and eventually expanded to libraries countywide.

Asheboro Reads

Next up for Asheboro Reads is *March* by Geraldine Brooks, 2-3:30 p.m. Tuesday, August 29.

The title for September 29 is *The Tea-Olive Bird Watching Society* by Augusta Trobaugh. Asheboro Reads is the discussion group that meets at the Asheboro library on the last Tuesday of each month. Anyone who wants to talk about the month's book is invited.

Book sale

The Friends of the Library book sale will take place from 9-3 p.m. Saturday, August 26, at the Friends Book Store off the Asheboro Public Library parking lot.

Asheboro library visitors are local traffic during road work

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