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Celebrated a cappella group to return

♣ The UNC Clef Hangers student a cappella group will return to Asheboro at 4 p.m. Sunday, March 22, for a concert at the Sunset Theatre sponsored by the Asheboro Public Library Foundation Inc. (APLF).

Tickets are \$15, and are available at the Asheboro library and the Randolph Arts Guild, and from APLF members.

The Clef Hangers perform a range of pop and folk songs, including the a cappella favorite “Africa” and the group’s signature tune, “Carolina in My Mind.”

In November, the Clef Hangers appeared on the QVC



channel’s most popular show, “In the Kitchen with David,” hosted by David Venable, an alumnus of the group, and sang holiday tunes during transitions.

The group’s annual fall performance at UNC’s Memorial Hall in October drew an audience of 1,300.

The Clef Hangers performed their first concert in April 1978 in the Pit. Since then, they have toured the world,

recorded 19 albums and appeared on ABC’s Good Morning America. The group most recently performed here in 2011 to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the APLF.

This concert is a fundraiser for the APLF, which manages investments and provides funding to support major Asheboro library initiatives.

Centenarian Pugh to discuss *What’s Next* autobiography

♣ Centenarian John Q. Pugh will share stories from his autobiography, *What’s Next*, at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, March 5, at the Asheboro library.



Pugh’s talk, which includes a book signing, is free and the public is invited. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

What’s Next tracks Pugh’s determination to live his dreams, even at age 101. He says the key is to view life as a learning process, and “get inspired, get motivated and most importantly, participate.”

Pugh overcame a hearing disability and established the hugely successful business Pugh Lubricants. He has traveled the world (including a trip to Antarctica at age 96 in which he took the “polar plunge”), and he won three gold medals in the National Senior Olympics at age 100.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY DR. SEUSS!

Children and families are invited to celebrate the great Dr. Seuss’s birthday with Seuss books, Seuss crafts and silly Seuss games.

The fun starts at 4 p.m. Monday, March 2, at the Asheboro library and will include three big events plus the return of a special guest — the Cat in the Hat!

Dr. Seuss’s birthday kicks off Read Across America, which promotes reading to children.



Library lands key local archive — see page 2

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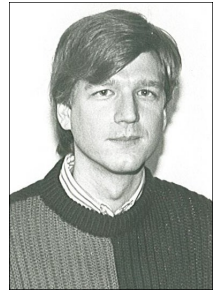
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Ross A. Holt



An archive of silver linings

♣ **I love my library career, but I occasionally harbor thoughts of a path I did not choose: journalism.**

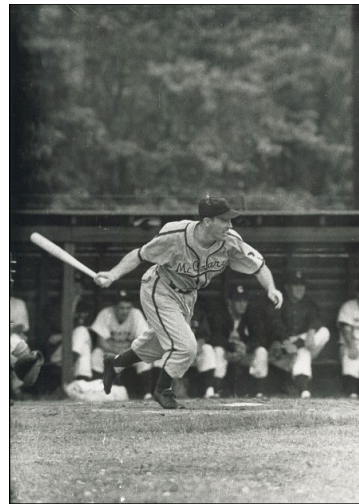
I decided after less than a year working for daily newspapers that the life of a reporter was not for me.

Nevertheless, I still felt a bit of a calling during my early years here, so when Barron Mills offered me the opportunity to write part-time for The Randolph Guide, I accepted. I spent four years as a reporter, photographer and columnist, truly enjoying working with Barron and his successors when he sold the paper, publisher Bob Derr and editor David Camp.

So it was a shock — at the same time that we mourned Barron's passing — to learn about the demise of The Guide itself.

As the last issue hit the streets, Larry Penkava called on behalf of current publisher Sandy Selvy-Mullis and offered the library the Guide's bound volumes from the beginning, plus those of the Ramseur Bulletin and the Randleman Reporter, which the Guide acquired in the 1990s.

Despite sorely lacking in space for archives, we agreed to take them. Our microfilm of The Guide pre-1980 was deteriorating; having the newspapers would allow us to re-film them.



From The Randolph Guide photo archive: McCrary v. Carolina baseball game, 1957; photo credited to Fred Burgess.

I visited The Guide's offices to scope out the collection, and Larry put into my arms five boxes of microfilm — a master collection of the newspaper's entire run. It was like the cavalry riding to the rescue: now we have no worries about our microfilm and do not have to bear the cost of re-filming.

But there was more. Ms. Selvy-Mullis graciously agreed to donate five boxes of photographs, including an orderly archive of Barron's news photos spanning the 1950s-1970s. The boxes are

filled with images of local events and people. Routine news is included as well: fires, car wrecks and even air crashes.

Also included are much older photographs that were used in the Guide's recent "Remembering Randolph" calendars.

There are even a couple of "mugshots" of me, including the surly-looking one above that graced my column in the late 1980s (some of my columns indeed were surly!).

The passing of The Randolph Guide is deeply lamentable, but if there's a silver lining, it's the survival of the newspaper's archive. We are truly grateful to be its recipient, and will make it available for the benefit of the community.

Visit our Historic Photo Collection at www.tinyurl.com/rcplphoto; search using keywords Randolph Guide to view the photos added to date.

HEALTHY KIDS!

Find Henry, health at Liberty and Randleman

♣ **Healthy living for kids is the focus of visits by author Hillary Spangler to the Liberty and Randleman libraries in March.**

Spangler, author of *Where is Henry?*, invites children to join in the interactive adventure of finding Henry at 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 11 at Liberty, and 3:30 p.m. Thursday, March 12 at Randleman.

Her visit is free and the public is invited.

Where is Henry? encourages literacy, nutrition, education and physical activity among elementary-aged children.

An Asheboro native and second-year medical student, Spangler is an advocate for healthy living in all age groups, and believes that teaching healthy behaviors at an early age provides a solid platform for healthy living later in life.

Position your kids for yoga at Asheboro library

♣ **Introduce your child to the benefits of relaxation through “Yoga For Kids” at the Asheboro library.**

Separate sessions for younger and older age groups will feature simple and fun poses appropriate for kids, led by an

experienced instructor. Wear comfortable clothing and be ready to move!

Both sessions are free and will take place Saturday, March 14: 10:30 a.m. for ages 3-6 and caregivers; and 11:15 a.m. for ages 7-12. Water will be provided.

Randleman offers ‘eggciting’ crafts

♣ **Kids and adults can learn to make Psanky eggs at the Randleman library on March 18 and 19.**

Psanky eggs are Ukrainian Easter eggs. Instructor Karen McFetters will guide participants in creating the beautiful designs.

Anyone age 16 and up is invited to a session from 3-5:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 18.

Children in grades K-5 are invited to a session from 4-5:30 p.m. Thursday, March 19. Both sessions are free and all supplies will be provided.

Call the library at 498-3141 to sign up.

Crocheting for Kids returns to Asheboro

♣ **Beginning Crochet for Kids is back by popular demand!**

Children can learn crocheting basics with hands-on instruction in a two-part class, at 4 p.m. Tuesdays, March 3 and March 10 at the Asheboro library.

Crocheting hooks and yarn will be provided, and kids can take home what they make at the end of the second class.

The sessions are free and the public is invited, but space is limited, so call 318-6804 or visit the Children’s Room to sign up.

Discussions

Asheboro Reads: *The Children Act* by Ian McEwan, 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 31.

Max and Imaginary Friends Children’s Book Club: *Leroy Ninker Saddles Up* by Kate DiCamillo, 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 18. (Asheboro)

BOB Book Club: *Kenny and the Dragon* by Tony DiTarrlizzi, 4 p.m. Wednesday, March 4 (4th & 5th graders, Asheboro library).

News Club: Bring lunch and chat with local reporters about news and issues of concern. Drinks provided. Asheboro library, noon every third Tuesday (next, March 17).

Archdale Book Break: *The Geography of Bliss: One Grump’s Search for the Happiest Places in the World* by Eric Wiener, 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 17.

Colors of Spring

Children age 0-5 will talk, sing, read, write and play while learning about color in “Colors of Spring,” an Every Child Ready to Read event that will visit the libraries in March and April.


First up is Asheboro, 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 24; and the Ramseur, 10:30 a.m. Thursday, March 26.

Look for more details and April dates in next month’s newsletter.

Teens invited to make LED ‘throwies’ at Asheboro library

Join the Asheboro library TeenZone for “LED Throwies,” a scientific maker event, 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 19. Teens will make throwies — pieces of LED art — from

10mm LED bulbs, watch batteries, super-strong magnets and electrician’s tape. The event, sponsored by the Friends of the library, is free, and all teens are invited.



YES! I'd like to become a Friend and support the wonderful programs sponsored by the Friends each year.

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Asheboro, NC 27204
Memberships are tax deductible

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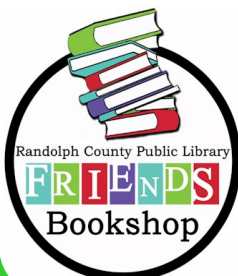
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To the Friends of the Library

In Memory of: Irene Reed
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Steel Magnolias: 7:30 p.m. Fri. and Sat., Feb. 27-28 and March 6-7; 2:30 p.m. Sun., March 1 and 8. Adults, \$15; student/seniors, \$12. Tickets available at the Randolph Arts Guild and at the door. Hosted by RSVP Community Theatre.

N.C. Potters Conference: 9 a.m. Saturday, March 7 (three lectures). Admission \$20 at the door. Hosted by Randolph Arts Guild.

Time Constraints, a sound performance by Invisible: 7 p.m. Saturday, March 21. Tickets \$10, available at the Randolph Arts Guild and at the door. Hosted by Randolph Arts Guild.



FAMILY MOVIES @ the Archdale Library

7 p.m. Fridays, March 13-27 and April 17-24

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