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Meet Scout!

Mockingbird actress Mary Badham to speak at Sunset

♣ Actress Mary Badham, who played Scout in the classic 1962 film adaptation of Harper Lee's To Kill a Mockingbird, will appear at 7 p.m. Saturday, April 2, at the Sunset Theatre.

Badham will share her experiences making the film, reflect on the book's message of tolerance and compassion, and take audience questions.

Her appearance is sponsored by the Friends of the Library, the **Heart of North Carolina Visitors** Bureau, the City of Asheboro and The Courier-Tribune. It's free and the public is invited.



Mary Badham as Jean Louise "Scout" Finch

Prior to Badham's

appearance, a showing of the film will take place at 2:30 p.m. at the Sunset for those who have not seen it or want to see it again.

Badham was chosen for the role of Scout at age 10, with no prior acting experience. She was nominated for a Best Supporting Actress Oscar for her performance — the youngest person at that time to receive a nod.

After appearing in two other films, including This Property Is Condemned with Natalie Wood and Robert Redford, and TV shows Twilight Zone and Dr. Kildare, she left acting as a teenager to pursue her education.

She currently maintains a busy schedule talking to



Photo © Fred Prouser/Reuters

Actress Mary Badham will talk about her experiences playing the role of Scout in To Kill a Mockingbird at 7 p.m. Saturday, April 2, at the Sunset Theatre. The film will be screened at 2:30 p.m., free, also at the Sunset.

audiences internationally about the book and the film, and has twice appeared at the White House. Her interest is in expanding knowledge about the film's message of social injustice and to insure that each generation of students can experience the film's impact.

> Miss the movie or want to see it again? Free showing of To Kill a Mockingbird 2:30 p.m. Saturday, April 2, Sunset Theatre

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from the director

Ross A. Holt



Ridge's Mountain blows up!

♣ Not literally.

But when the Randolph County Historic Landmark Preservation Commission's February 23 designation of the mountain as a Local Cultural Heritage Site

was posted to the commission's Facebook page, the news, as they say, went viral.

Within a week, the commission's page had more than 60 new "likes." As of this writing, the Ridge's Mountain post has been viewed over 1,300 times; has amassed 85 likes; and has been shared on individuals' own pages over 100 times — and counting.

The mountain, a long, low ridge running south of US 64 between Caraway Creek and Garren Town Road, is unique for its geology, ecology and historical importance. It is owned in part by the N.C. Zoo as a nature preserve, and in part by private owners.

The Landmark Commission based its designation on a report drafted by Jessi Bowman, a Randleman High School graduate and student in the Salem College Historical Preservation program, who spent January as an intern in the Randolph Room.

I'm thrilled as a member of the commission, which the library now administers with the aid of the Randolph County Planning Department, to see the response to the Ridge's designation. People who know Randolph County clearly love this natural and historical treasure.

I'm doubly thrilled that more people are

becoming aware of the commission itself. We are charged with designating both Historic Landmarks and Local Cultural Heritage Sites (which can also include objects as well as places).

Landmarks are

established with the participation of the property owner. This recognition has some benefits to the owner, but also an obligation to maintain the historic integrity of the site. The Cultural Heritage Site designation simply recognizes the importance of the location or object.

In January, we recognized the 1839 Asheboro Female Academy as a cultural site. We hope the recognition will boost the efforts of Trees NC to restore the building and put it to an adaptive reuse (find out more at www.treesnc.org/new-page/).

We also designated the Odd Fellows Cemetery off Martin Luther King Jr. Drive as a cultural site. In addition to being Asheboro's first African American cemetery, the site is evidence of the importance of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows to the African American community here.

The commission has designated 20 landmarks and 20 cultural sites/objects since its inception in 2008, and we continue to seek, recognize and share our county's unique historical bounty.

Learn about the landmarks and cultural sites at www.rchlpc.org. To visit Ridge's Mountain, contact the NC Zoo at 879-7600.



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SPRING BREAK!

School's out! Join the fun at the Asheboro library 4 p.m. Monday-Friday, March28-April 1



Monday, March 28 Simple Science

Fun activities to learn more about sound and static electricity.



Tuesday, March 29 Yoga Storytelling

Learn basic poses while enjoying a story.



Thursday, March 31 **Artist Corner**

Coloring books are not just for little kids anymore!



Wednesday, March 30

Friday, April 1 **Construction Friday**

Test your building skills using LEGOs and other household items.



Join the PAL Club!

♣Join the PAL (Play and Learn) Club at four libraries in April.

Have fun with letters through storytime, literacy-building games, crafts and other activities for children ages 0-5 and parents/caregivers.

Archdale: 10 a.m. Thursday, April 28; Asheboro: 10:30 a.m. Friday, April 15; Liberty: 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 6; Randleman: 3:30 p.m. Monday, April 18





EARTH ROCKS!

Celebrate Earth Day through stories, crafts and games. 4 p.m. Thursday, April 21, Asheboro library.

BLOCK PRINTING

Create your own design and learn the art of simple block printing. 4 p.m. Thursday, April 28, Asheboro library. Call 318-6804 to signup.



Mark calendars for Día de los niños *& Día de los libros*

Mark your calendars for 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, April 30, when the Asheboro library will celebrate El día de los niños/El día de los libros (Children's Day/Book Day).

Discussions

Asheboro Reads: The Lovers: Afghanistan's Romeo and Juliet: The True Story of How They Defied Their Families and Escaped an Honor Killing by Rod Nordland, 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 29; The Rumor by Elin Hilderbrand, 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 26.

Max and Imaginary Friends Children's Book Club:

James and the Giant Peach by Roald Dahl. At 3:30 p.m. Archdale: Wednesday, April 23; Asheboro: Wednesday, April 20; Randleman: Thursday, April 21.

Archdale Book Break:

The Boys in the Boat by Daniel James Brown, 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 19.

Get Creative!

The Liberty library's free Thursday afternoon "Get Creatve" craft events for ages 12 and up continue in April. Thursdays 3:30-4:30 p.m.; supplies provided. April 7: Spring Wall Décor, using straw hats, flowers and ribbon. April 14: Adult Coloring — relax and rediscover your inner child. April 21: Faux Wrought Iron Art. April 28: Design a Mug using scrapbooking techniques.

Archdale LEGOs

School-age children are invited for Holiday Fun at 2 p.m. Thursday, March 31. Enjoy unstructured creation with LEGOs. Call 431-3811 for further information.

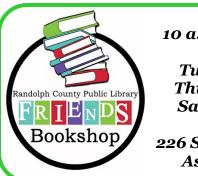
Bring the family and celebrate the importance of literacy for children of all cultures through games, storytelling and music outdoors in the library parking lot.

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TeenZone

Thursdays, Asheboro library; free! TeenZone Book Club: Death Cure, 4 p.m. April 7, at the Coffee Xchange on Sunset Ave.

Video Game Club: 6 p.m. April 14. TeenZone Jam Club: Bring your guitar or other instrument of choice and make some music! 6 p.m. April 21.

Movie Night: *Star Wars Episode* VII: The Force Awakens, 6 p.m. Thursday, April 28. PG-13 (teens 13-up); snacks provided.





'Road Scholar' Ziffer looks at Saul of Tarsus

♣ How did Paul the Apostle, formerly known as Saul of Tarsus, contribute to the founding of Christianity?

Theologian Dr. Walter Ziffer will discuss the question in a talk called "In Search of the Real Founder of Christianity: Jesus of Nazareth or Saul of Tarsus," at 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 19, at the Asheboro library.

His talk is free and the public is invited. It's next in the Road Scholar series, part of the North Carolina

Humanities Council's Many Stories, One People project.

Ziffer, a Holocaust survivor from Czechoslovakia, is author of numerous articles in Europe and the United States, and two books. He has taught at seminaries in France, Belguim, Washington, D.C., Maine and North Carolina, and is currently an adjunct professor



Walter Ziffer, Th.D.

of philosophy and religion at Mars Hill College.

Ziffer holds an engineering degree from Vanderbilt University, two masters degrees in theology from Oberlin College and a Th.D. from the University of Strasbourg in France.

The final Road Scholar event is "Sarah McGuirk, Orphan Train Rider" with essayist Tamra Wilson at 6 p.m. Tuesday, June 21 at the Asheboro library.

The project is made possible by funding from the North Carolina Humanities Council, a statewide nonprofit and affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. Support is also provided by the Friends of the Library.

Novelist Howell explores Jim Crow era execution

The execution of a 17-year-old African American girl in Virginia during the Jim Crow era forms the basis of Greensboro author Ross Howell Jr.'s fact-based novel Forsaken.

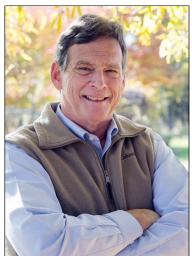
Howell will discuss his recently-published book during a Friends of the Library event at 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 5, at

the Asheboro library. His talk is free and the public is invited.

Forsaken tells the chilling true story of Virginia Christian, an uneducated African American girl who was tried and convicted of murdering her white employer in 1912. Charlie Mears, a white man, covered the case as a rookie reporter.

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The book chronicles the story of the trial and its aftermath as seen through Mears's eyes, weaving in



Ross Howell Jr.

actual court records, letters and personal accounts.

Howell pursued a career in marketing and publishing after earning an M.F.A. in the Writers' Workshop at the University of Iowa. His fiction has appeared in the *Virginia Quarterly, Sewanee Review, Gettysburg Review* and other publications.

He has taught creative writing and literature at Harvard University, the University of Iowa, the University of Virginia and, currently, at Elon University.

Play a real-life 'Game of Thrones' With UNCG history professor

In the HBO series Game of Thrones, viewers see vestiges of medieval history: knights in shining armor defending their ladies' honor, jousts and tournaments, and courtly intrigue. Join UNG-Greensboro Associate History Professor Richard Barton, whose research interest is the structure and nature of power in medieval France, at 6 p.m. Thursday, April 14, at the Asheboro library, for a grounding in the nature of power for those who play the game of thrones.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Library, Barton's talk is free and the public is invited.

Hospice rep to discuss advance care planning

♣ Thinking about future health choices is the topic of a talk called "Start the Conversation: Advance Care Planning with Hospice of Randolph County" at 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 29 at the Archdale library.

The discussion is free and sponsored by the library. Hospice representative Emily Ledwell will discuss aspects of advance care planning including:

- Understanding possible future health care decisions;
- Talking with your loved ones and health care providers;

- Thinking about choices in light of what is important to you; and
- Putting your plans in writing.
 "Planning ahead for this choice—now, while

you are able—is a gift you can give to yourself and those you love," Hospice says. "Having a plan will make it easier for you, your doctor and your loved ones if decisions about treatment ever need to be made at a time when you are unable to do so."



*Call 498-3141 to sign up

April 6: We Celebrate Art.* 3:30-5 p.m. Ages K-5th Grade. The group will select a painting to recreate as a class, painting with the assistance of instructor Kimberly Lawson. Adult must accompany child.

April 13: We Watch a Movie Together — *The Good Dinosaur*. 3:30-5:30 p.m. Ages 5 and up. Young dinosaur Arlo embarks on a journey to reunite with his family and befriends a prehistoric human child along the way. PG, 100 min. Adult must accompany child

April 20: We Make and Take... Look What We Can Make for \$1.* 3:30-5 p.m. Ages 16+. Explore chic and cheap crafting with items from the Dollar Store. All supplies provided.

April 27: We're Going to the Dogs!* 3:30-4:30 p.m. Ages 5 and up. The Randolph County chapter of the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals will teach participants about dog safety and body language. Dogs will also perform a few tricks. Adult must accompany child; participants are encouraged to bring a can of dog or cat food.



Glenn Davis Memorial Concert returns to Sunset

♣ The 17th Annual Glenn Davis Memorial Concert, guitarist Larry G. Davis's tribute to his banjo virtuoso father, will take the stage at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 12, at the Sunset Theatre.

The concert, featuring Davis, bluegrass singer/ songwriter Donna Hughes and The Pioneers gospel group, is free and the public is invited. It is sponsored by the Friends of the Library, Ridge Funeral Home and PNC Bank.

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