



Nature in the spotlight

"Go Take a Hike" in Birkhead Mountains Wilderness trek

♣ Celebrate National Wilderness month and "Go Take a Hike... with Us!" during a short and easy trek into the Birkhead Mountains Wilderness on Saturday, September 27.

The hike will depart from the Tot Hill Farm Trailhead, 3901 Tot Hill Farm Road, at 10 a.m. Due to limited parking at the trailhead, please call the Asheboro library at 336-318-6803 to sign up.

The two-mile round trip offers an easygoing walk guided by Wilder Uwharrie Trail Running founder Ciara Wilder Massingale. At the three-quarter mark, participants can rest and enjoy the natural area or continue hiking onto a short incline.

The outing is best for adults and kids 12 and older. It's a great opportunity for beginners who are curious to learn more about hiking and ask questions.

Get 'BUZZ' on light pollution in Asheboro library talk

♣ Have you ever explored nighttime from the perspective of a firefly, moth, migrating songbird or tree frog?

Learn what these creatures and others need the night sky to look like so that they can conduct their nocturnal behaviors as safely and thoroughly as possible in "What's the BUZZ About Light Pollution?" with Kathryn Reis, environmental educator with the Randolph County Soil and Water Conservation District, at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 23, at the Asheboro library.

Reis also will discuss simple steps you can take to ensure wild nightlife flourishes for years to come.



Ciara Wilder Massingale

Those with limited or no hiking experience are welcomed, but the hike features some mild endurance. Bring plenty of water and snacks. Comfortable tennis shoes are recommended along with long pants; bright vivid colors for visibility also are encouraged.

Well-behaved leashed dogs are welcome; please be prepared to clean up after them.

Participants will be asked to sign a liability release.

Massingale is a trail and ultra runner, a Uwharrie National Forest enthusiast, amateur nature photographer, and Brazilian

Jiu-Jitsu practitioner. She is passionate about building community around trails and encouraging folks of all ages to enjoy and protect the trails.

She also leads monthly "Walks with Littles" for the Archdale library at Creekside Park.

Learn how to see the world afresh with nature journaling

♣ Transform the way you see the world and yourself in a nature journaling workshop at the Asheboro library.

Join Brittany Smith, an environmental educator with Flora and Fauna Festivities, LLC, for "Nature's Narratives: Improving Your Life with Nature Journaling," at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 9. More than just putting pen to paper, learn to find clarity, creativity and calm simply by slowing down and observing the natural world.

The workshop is perfect for everyone from seasoned journalers to total beginners who want to cultivate a deeper relationship with nature.

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Mon-Fri 9-12:30; 1:30-5:30
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Ross A. Holt



Asheboro birds to take flight anew

♣ **The collection of carved birds by Clarence Lewallen at the Asheboro library will take flight anew — with a 21st century twist.**

Lewallen (1920-2011) carved and painted some 10,000 wooden birds during his lifetime. Most of the birds he created were species native to North Carolina.

His work became known worldwide, but the largest single collection belonged to Asheboro industrialist W. David Stedman. In 1998, Stedman donated 188 birds from his collection to the library.

Lewallen had presented the birds on found wood and used other natural material to provide a suggestion of their habitats. Stedman commissioned wood and plexiglass display boxes, each with a plaque identifying the species.

When the collection came to the library, the Randolph County Maintenance Department built sturdy cabinets to house the collection, which has since resided in the southwest corner of the library.

With library materials over time taking up more space, about half the collection remains on display, with the remainder in secure storage.

During the “Birding with CLAWS Animal Rescue” event at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, September 18 (see back page), Randolph Room librarian Joanna Roberts will reintroduce the collection with an added interactive element: QR codes that will enable viewers to hear the calls of the birds at which they are looking.

The codes will connect to “All About Birds” at Cornell University’s Cornell Lab of



A meadowlark crafted by Clarence Lewallen.

Ornithology. The codes will be color-coded to indicate when each bird is most likely to be seen locally: green for summer, yellow for spring or fall (during migration), blue for winter and purple for year-round.

Joanna plans to canvass the birds in storage and restock the display with species that call Randolph County home. She also plans to rotate birds in and out of the collection based on their seasonal activity, and to keep the collection fresh for repeated viewing.

The revamped display also will feature information about Lewallen and Stedman.



Teens to play life-sized ' Battleship'

...and other activities around the county

♣ **A life-sized game of Battleship will take over the Asheboro library TeenZone at 4 p.m. Monday, September 22.**

Participants themselves will play the role of ships, with a divider between the teams. A light-weight ball tossed over the divider by each team in sequence will determine misses, near misses, hits, and "Ah! You sunk my battleship!"

Ages 12-18 welcome.

Lapsit moves to Monday

The Asheboro library's Lapsit for Littles storytime moves to 10 a.m. Mondays beginning September 8. The storytimes, for ages 0-3, use early literacy milestones and include songs, rhymes, lifts and repetition. Each storytime lasts 20 minutes and ends with sensory play.

Community storytime

Join Franklinville library staff for a Community Storytime during the monthly Community Supper at Franklinville Methodist Church, 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 23. The storytime will feature stories, songs and crafts to grow little minds and bodies through play.

The church is located at 227 W. Main St.

Pokémon Painting

School-age kids in Franklinville and Seagrove are invited to a STEAM Afternoon of Pokémon Painting. Bring a canvas (8"x10" or 9"x12") and paint along to create portraits of Eevee with acrylic paint.

Franklinville, 3 p.m. Thursday, September 11; Seagrove, 3 p.m. Friday, September 12.

Homeschool adventures

Archdale and Liberty libraries are offering activities geared toward homeschoolers.

Archdale's **Homeschool Explorers** will meet at 10 a.m. Friday, September 5, for a brainstorming session to learn about upcoming programs in collaboration with Randolph County 4-H; share ideas for programs, topics and activities; and welcome new families and connect with one another.

In Liberty, it's a **Homeschool Lab**, 1 p.m. Wednesday, September 3, for kids in the K-5 age range. Celebrate the coming of fall by doing an experiment involving invisible ink. Supplies are limited; call 336-622-4605 to sign up.

Get hooked on crochet!

The Asheboro library will host an "Intro to Crochet" class for adults from 6:30-8 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month beginning September 10. The class assumes participants know nothing about crochet and will start with a beginner-friendly dish cloth project.

Participants are asked to provide their own size H crochet hook and at least 100 yards of 100% cotton 4 weight yarn. Light color yarn makes stitches easier to see.

Space is limited, so call 336-318-6803 to sign up.

True crime at Archdale

Delve into unsolved murders as the Archdale library launches a True Crime discussion at 6 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month beginning September 23.

First up is the case of Zachary Smith Reynolds, R.J. Reynolds tobacco heir, found shot to death in 1932 at Reynolda Manor in Winston-Salem, triggering a whirlwind of rumors, media frenzy and unanswered questions. Was it an accident? A suicide? A carefully concealed murder? Examine the evidence, the key players and the dramatic twists that surround this Southern mystery.



Book discussions

Asheboro Reads:

Homecoming by Kate Morton, 2 p.m. Tuesday, September 30.

Archdale Book Break:

The God of the Woods by Liz Moore, 2 p.m. Tuesday, September 16.

Franklinville: Snippets Book Club. Discuss articles from *The Sun* magazine, 12:30 p.m. Monday, September 15.

Liberty Book Club: *How to Solve Your Own Murder* by Kristin Perrin, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, September 25.

Liberty Readers Meet-Up: *The Berry Pickers* by Amanda Peters, 1 p.m. Monday, September 29, Liberty Senior Center.

BYO book groups

Talk about books that you've read recently.

Archdale, Book Bites, 2 p.m. Tuesday, September 9.

Ramseur Page Turners, 2 p.m. Tuesday, September 2.

Randleman Readers Recommend, 3:30 p.m. Friday, September 5.

Randleman Teen Talk Book Club, 3:30 p.m. Friday, September 19, ages 11-15.

Seagrove, Un-Book Club. 2p.m. Friday, September 26.

Get organized with bullet journals at Franklinville

Learn about your organizational style for *Your Brain Type* by Lanna Nakone and in "Get Organized with Bullet Journals," 3 p.m. Thursday, September 18, at the *How to Declutter Your Mind* by Ryder Carroll. Franklinville library, in a hands-on workshop based on the books *Organizing* sign up. Space is limited; call 336-824-4020 to

CLAWS to bring back the birds

♣ Feathered friends will return to the Asheboro library for “Birding with CLAWS Animal Rescue” at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, September 18.

CLAWS will present an educational and fun-filled program about bird watching for children of all ages and their families. Meet some of CLAWS’ birds and learn about their habitats and behaviors in our own backyards and around Randolph County.

A pied crow from CLAWS Animal Rescue delights during a Summer Reading event ►

CLAWS, located near Chapel Hill, educates the public about wild and exotic animals, and rescues and rehabilitates those in need.

During the event, Randolph Room librarian Joanna Roberts will reintroduce the Clarence Lewallen carved birds collection at Asheboro Library (see From the Director, page 2, for more).

Discover what birds visit you at home, and impress your friends with your new birdwatching skills!

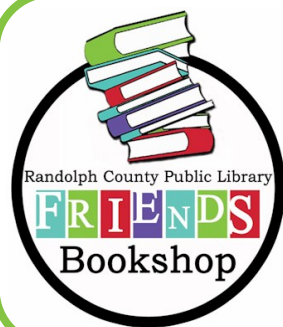


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Ramseur to host author McQueen

♣ Ramseur native Maj. Lee (Gino) McQueen will visit the Ramseur library on Saturday, September 27, to talk about and sign copies of his new autobiography.

McQueen will be on hand from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. to showcase the book *From 49 to 95: Lessons Learned on the Roads to Success*.

In the book, McQueen reveals practical life lessons learned in his journey from a rural upbringing to his discoveries in the military, from

which he retired at the rank of major.

McQueen served 20 years in the U.S. Army, including seven years overseas. His deployment included stints in Central and South America, the Caribbean, Korea and the Middle East.

After retirement, McQueen worked as an ROTC instructor at N.C. A&T State University and JROTC instructor at James Kenan High School in Warsaw, N.C. He is currently a certified swim instructor.