



‘Bloody Sabbath’

Beeson traces exploits of Revolutionary loyalist David Fanning

♣ On March 12, 1782, Col. David Fanning and his Loyalist militia launched a violent raid against Patriot government and militia leaders in Randolph County.

Fanning’s “small scourge,” as he termed it, or “bloody sabbath,” saw Lt. Col. Andrew Balfour and Capt. John Bryant killed, a host of homes burned, and the narrow escapes of other officials.

Local historian Ryan Beeson will trace the rise of the notorious Tory commander in “Revolutionary Randolph: Col. David Fanning and the War at Home,” at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 17, at the Asheboro library.

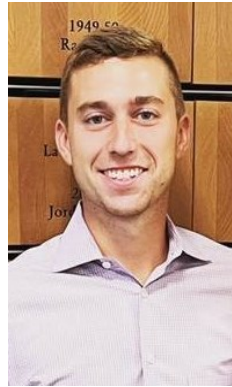
His talk is free and the public is invited.

Fanning’s raid was the culmination of intense partisan warfare that gripped Randolph County and continued after the British surrender at Yorktown.

Beeson also will discuss the lives of the Patriots who opposed Fanning, and other characters of the era in Randolph County, and will provide an overview of the



Col. David Fanning, as portrayed by artist Richard Luce for Joe Eply’s novel *A Passel of Trouble*; Ryan Beeson.



political landscape in the area at the time.

A Randolph County native, Beeson grew up on a dairy farm in Sophia, where he still resides. A history enthusiast, he spends his free time researching local history from the Colonial era through the American Revolution.

A descendant of many early Quaker settlers of North Carolina, he also enjoys researching genealogy and Quaker history. He

is a birthright member of Marlboro Friends Meeting, where he serves on Ministry & Counsel.

After graduating Randleman High School, he earned a B.A. in Political Science and a M.S. in Accounting from East Carolina University, where he served as president of the student body.

Beeson’s talk is the second of three on the Revolutionary War era. Wake Forest University History professor Dr. Warren Ruddiman will present a talk entitled, “Is This the Land of Liberty? Slavery in the War of American Independence,” 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 20.

Look for details in next month’s newsletter.

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— John Ogburn, Asheboro City Manager

Retiring this month after 24 years with the city.

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Ross A. Holt

John Ogburn

♣ “Mind how you go.”

In the TV series *Endeavour*, those often are the parting sentiments of Inspector Thursday, young Morse’s humane, world-weary boss and mentor.

John Ogburn and I share a love of such British police procedurals, which I developed years ago when he urged the library to acquire the *Foyle’s War* DVDs — and I binged them.

John and I grew up together from Lindley Park Elementary School through graduation, for a time across the street from each other playing soldiers and comparing notes on the latest World War II movies we’d seen on TV. Even now, not a June 6 goes by when one of us does not text or email the other, “*Blessent mon Coeur/ D’une langueur/ Monotone*,” or on December 16, “Nuts” (look it up!).

It’s an understatement to say that I will miss him in his public role as he retires after 24 years as Asheboro City Manager. He always has upheld the city’s end of this amazing city-county collaboration, and ensured that we have both the operating funds and capital support that we need — he has been one of the “angels on our shoulder.” (Another war movie reference!)

But focusing on funding alone is reductive; the bigger picture is that as a leader in local government, he understands the importance of the library to the community — as evidenced by his comment on the front page of this newsletter.

A North Carolina State University graduate, John interned with Asheboro City

Manager David Leonard while earning a masters in Public Affairs at UNCG.

He took a position with Archdale in 1990, and in 1995 was named city manager. There, he was credited with developing a professional city staff and the Parks and Recreation Department, and guiding a major expansion of the wastewater treatment plant.

On coming to Asheboro in 2001, he realized that economic globalization and the rise of technology meant he needed to push for revolutionary — not evolutionary — change for the city. His tenure has seen the development of a fun and vibrant downtown, a sense of hometown pride among residents, the 2016 All-America City honor, the Cone Health Zoo City Sportsplex, McCrary ballpark upgrades and the 21st-century capable Asheboro Regional Airport.

He also leaves a financially robust city government with an outstanding employee base and an award-winning, nimble and capable organization, with modern equipment and new or upgraded facilities.

With his newfound freedom, John and his wife Martha plan to see more of their daughter and son-in-law in New York, visit the great American National Parks, and complete their quest to see a baseball game in all of the 30 big league ballparks.

I suspect that though he is retiring from a career in public service, his service to the community will not end. That said, after the enduring legacy he has left, he’s entitled to turn off his phone and take a break.

So, John — enjoy your retirement and... “Mind how you go.”



Workshop to focus on composting

♣ Feeling blue about the food waste that you generate?

Join Kathryn Reis, Environmental Education/Support coordinator for Randolph County Soil and Water, for "From Table to Harvest: Turning Your Food Waste into Fertile Soil and Your Own Produce Garden," 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 22, at the Asheboro library.

Reis will discuss how to turn kitchen waste into a natural soil fertilizer for your own produce nursery. She will talk about the value of composting, and how to create a compost bin at little cost. Also covered will be fascinating and sometimes artistic ways to transform store-bought fruits and vegetables into sprouting produce.



Kathryn Reis

Clean water for kindergarteners

Reis also will ask, "How Clean is My Water?" during Kindergarten Friday at the Randleman library, 3:30 p.m. April 11.

Water is everywhere, from lakes, rivers and ponds to streets during heavy storms. How clean is it, and who is responsible for cleaning it?

Reis will use a model of a small rural town to demonstrate a rainstorm for observation of where water flows and what runoff water looks like across the town.

Space is limited; call the library at 336-498-3141 to sign up. An adult caregiver must be present to assist the child.

Celebrate El día de los niños/libros ...and other activities around the county

♣ Asheboro and Liberty libraries will celebrate El día de los niños/El día de los libros (Children's Day/Book Day) in April.

The Asheboro Children's Room will host a bilingual storytime with a sing-a-long, crafts and delicious flan from local Latino bakeries, 10:30-noon Saturday, April 26. Call 336-318-6804 for more information.

Liberty's ¡Multicultural Book Fiesta! will take place from 1-3 p.m. Saturday, April 12. Walk through stations representing various countries and collect stamps on your passport; collect them all for a small prize.

If you would like to set up a station representing a country, call the library at 336-622-4605 by April 5 to sign up.

Summer vegetable gardening

Learn how to have the best garden possible in "Summer Vegetable Gardening," 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 8, at the Randleman library, for ages 16 and up.

Space is limited; call 336-498-3141 to register.

Poetry at Franklinville, Seagrove

April is National Poetry Month, and a good time to explore your inner poet at the Franklinville and Seagrove libraries.

In "Found Poetry," create art that can be hung, put into a journal, used as a bookmark and more, using paper, magazine pages, paint and collage. Franklinville, 3 p.m. Tuesday, April 22; Seagrove, 3 p.m. Thursday, April 24.

All month, stop in at either (or both!) libraries and "leaf" a poem on the library's "Poet-Tree."

Oreo tasting tourney for teens

Put your taste buds to the test in the Asheboro library TeenZone's Blindfolded Oreo Challenge, 4 p.m. Monday, April 21. Compete against friends to guess the flavors — some classic, some totally unexpected — for prizes and bragging rights. Call 336-318-6803 to sign up.



Book discussions

Asheboro Reads: *All the Children are Home* by Patry Francis, 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 29.

Archdale Book Break: *The Language of Flowers* by Vanessa Diffenbaugh, 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 15.

Franklinville: Snippets Book Club. Discuss articles from *The Sun* magazine, 12:30 p.m. Monday, April 21.

Liberty Book Club: *Her Dark Lies* by J.T. Ellison, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 17.

Liberty Readers Meet-Up: *The Investigator* by John Sanford, 1 p.m. Monday, April 21, Liberty Senior Center.

BYO book groups

Talk about books that you've read recently.

Archdale: Book Bites, 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 8.

Archdale: Silent Book Club, 10 a.m. Saturday, April 12.

Ramseur Page Turners, 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 1.

Randleman Readers Recommend, 3:30 p.m. Friday, April 4.

Seagrove: Un-Book Club. Choose an Easter egg to find your next topic. 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 29.

Archdale to offer one-on-one tech sessions

Are you new to using a computer or want to build confidence in basic skills? Join Digital Services Librarian Harris Mason for "Intro to Computers: 1:1 Sessions," noon-2 p.m. Wednesday, April

16 at the Archdale library. Learn essential skills, including how to navigate the desktop, use a mouse and keyboard, access the Internet and more. Call 336-431-3811 to reserve your spot.



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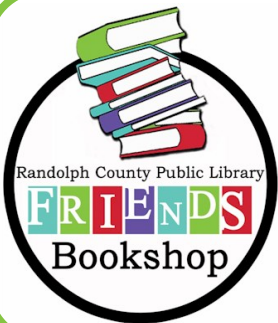
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Wild Tails to visit Liberty library

♣ **Animal ambassadors from Wild Tails NC will visit the Liberty library at 1 p.m. Monday, April 14.**



Learn about the animals that will be present, and enjoy a meet-and-greet with them and the Wild Tails staff.

Wild Tails NC, based in Snow Camp, is home to a diverse collection of exotic species that serve as educational ambassadors to benefit

their wild relatives and conservation efforts. Space is limited; call 336-622-4605 to sign up.

Paint rabbit pictures

After the animal ambassadors, hang around at Liberty and

paint a simple spring design in "Rabbit Painting" at 3:30 p.m. Monday, April 14, repeated at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 26.

Supplies are limited; call the library to sign up.