

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE LIBRARY?

More murder, mayhem at the library

BY JOHN MARUSKIN
Sun Columnist

On Thursday, Clark County Public Library's monthly Local History Potluck Dinner Program presents another chapter of its most popular series of lectures, Bluegrass Murder and Mayhem chapter XI.

In time for Halloween season, reference librarians Jennifer Mattern and Angela Turner will narrate the details of shocking but forgotten crimes committed in the Bluegrass region.

It will be their Night of the Dead celebration, and after all, isn't that what this time of year is all about?

A time when the veil between the contingent and spirit realm thins and the departed return.

These returns traditionally occur during mealtime making the potluck dinner that precedes the program all the more appropriate.

So, throw a dishtowel over some hot dish — perhaps a stuffed jack-o'-lantern or spooky calzone snake — and join your friends, neighbors and fellow fans of horrific history for another splendid chapter of Bluegrass Murder and Mayhem.

This program is free and open to the public. The potluck dinner begins at 6:15 p.m.

If you only want to enjoy the presentation, please arrive about 6:50 p.m. In either case, please make a reservation to attend by calling the library at 859-744-5661, or use the online Evanced registration system on the library's homepage, www.clarkbooks.org.

No need to register haints. They usually hover.

Before the Local History Potluck or any time you come to the library during the rest of October, take a moment to look at the Halloween exhibit in the Reference section.

There are some fantastic classic Halloween images on display.

One on the left-hand side of the reference reading area is so horrifying we have to keep it covered. If you do look at it, please recover it when you recover from your fright.

On the table at the front of the display are images of library staff in past Halloween costumes. See if you can see through their disguises.

Need good Halloween decoration or costume ideas? Talk to circulation manager, Lynn Wills. She can teach Tim Burton a thing or two.

Other programs include:

— At 11 a.m. Monday, the All Over the Page Reading Group discusses *The Girl Who Knew Too Much*, by Amanda Quick. Discovering the body of a beautiful actress at the bottom of a pool at an exclusive California hotel, rookie reporter Irene Glasson investigates the victim's secret about an up-and-coming man and becomes drawn to a once-famous master magician whose career was mysteriously cut short. Books are available at the Circulation Desk.

— At 2 p.m. Wednesday, Kentucky Picture Show presents a 2016 film that chronicles the summer 1989 afternoon when the future President of the United States, Barack Obama, wooed his future First Lady, Michelle Obama, on a first date across Chicago's South Side. It is rated PG-13.

— At 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jeff Gurnee proves there's no infomaniac like a reference librarian as he befuddles patrons of the Engine House Pizza Pub with mind-twisting Trivia Challenges.

— At 10 a.m. Friday, local writers meet at Write Local to carry forward the great American tradition of shopping cart stories.

Earlene Conner has canceled her book signing scheduled for Oct. 27 because the book's publisher made a printing error. Conner is having that problem rectified, and as soon as the corrected copies are available, she will reschedule the autographing. Be sure to read next week's column.

It will be an eerie Halloween story written by Kentucky Horror author and CCPL librarian, James Gardner. It concerns a librarian who checks out ghoulish books.

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is L O N G F E L L O W

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

10-20 CRYPTOQUOTE

G T X C S W T G K W A T Z S E S K C G B

I F T B C V L G B W A T Z S W K H C G P C ,

T S B C G K C W A T Z S S K U F Y Y T

U S T I . — L H K P C I L H J C S

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: NEVER GIVE IN EXCEPT TO CONVICTIONS OF HONOR AND GOOD SENSE. — WINSTON CHURCHILL

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10-22 CRYPTOQUOTE

G R K C L E E K B K Y O K F K G D K K Y

D R S Z S M W B K W Y C D R S Z S M

D W Y G G S F K L V D R W G Z S M

C S . — M Y A Y S D Y

Saturday's Cryptoquote: NO PERSON IS YOUR FRIEND WHO DEMANDS YOUR SILENCE, OR DENIES YOUR RIGHT TO GROW. — ALICE WALKER

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SATURDAY, OCT. 20

— Toy drive by Clark County Firefighters Association, beginning at 9 a.m. at Rural King on Bypass Road. Firefighters will accept new toys or monetary donations. Toys can also be dropped off at any fire station in Clark County. Toys will be distributed to Clark County families near Christmas. For more information, call 745-0620.

— Halloween festival, 6:30 to 10 p.m. at Winchester-Clark County Parks and Recreation, 15 Wheeler Ave. Haunted house, haunted swamp, cider, popcorn, pumpkin painting and more. Tickets are \$5 until Oct. 18 or \$8 at the door. Tickets in groups of 10 can be purchased for \$4 each before Oct. 18.

SUNDAY, OCT. 21

— "Meet Me at the Pole" prayer for the coming election, 3 p.m. in front of the Clark County Courthouse.

MONDAY, OCT. 22

— Absentee voting open for voters who will be out of town between the hours of 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. on general election day, Nov. 6. Office hours for absentee voting are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday at the Clark County Clerk's Office in the courthouse. For more information, called the County Clerk's Office at 745-0280, ext. 3.

— Candidates forum, 6 p.m. at the Clark County Extension Office, 1400 Fortune Drive.

TUESDAY, OCT. 23

— Winchester-Clark County Tourism Commission meeting, 9 a.m. at the tourism office, 2 S. Maple St.

— Clark County GIS board meeting, 10 a.m. at the Winchester Municipal Utilities

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office, 150 N. Main St.

— Lunch and Learn leadership workshop, noon, at Bluegrass Community and Technical College. Topic will be handling controversy with civility. Snacks and discussion included.

— Special Winchester Board of Commissioners meetings, 4:30 and 5:30 p.m. at Winchester City Hall.

— Landscape tree planting and care, 5:30 p.m. at Clark County Public Library. Topics include fall tree planting, tree care and maintenance and fall landscape pruning. Part of the Fall Farm, Landscape and Garden School sponsored by the Clark County Cooperative Extensive Service. RSVP by calling the extension office at 744-4682.

— Candidates forum, 6 p.m. at the Clark County Extension Office, 1400 Fortune Drive.

— Clark County Board of Education meeting, 6:30 p.m. at Central Office, 1600 W. Lexington Ave.

— Save a Life: Overdose Prevention 101, 7 p.m. at Clark County Community Services, 30 Taylor Ave. Community forum to educate and prevent opiate- and heroin-related overdoses including free Narcan training. Learn about overdose causes, prevention and intervention; administering the overdose reversal drug Narcan and Casey's Law, which is involuntary treatment for loved ones. Anyone completing the training will receive a free Narcan kit. For more information, visit clark-county.asap.org.

— Winchester Pioneer Amateur Radio Club meeting,

7 p.m. at Golden Corral on Bypass Road. The meeting is open to anyone licensed or interested in the hobby. For more information, email ac4yd@arrl.net.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 24

— Tai Chi for seniors (60 and older), 10:30 a.m. at James B. Allen Generations Center, 32 Meadow St. Classes are free. Call 744-3235 for more information.

— Winchester Kiwanis Club meeting, noon at Taste of China, 600 Bypass Road.

— Fall Futsal Lunch League meeting, 1 p.m. at College Park. Every Wednesday throughout October, there will be free pickup futsal games at the College Park futsal courts, located at the tennis courts. Open to anyone 18 and older.

— Kentucky Picture Show, 2 p.m. at Clark County Public Library.

— "Mary Todd: A new American musical," 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Clark County Public Library. Bluegrass Opera will present this world premiere music in honor of Mary Todd Lincoln's 200th birthday. The story follows the future First Lady as she struggles to navigate the world of the American South as a teenager during the 1830s. Appropriate for audiences in fourth grade to adults. Admission is free.

— Free team trivia sponsored by the Clark County Public Library, 7 p.m. at Engine House Pizza Pub, 9 W. Lexington Ave.

THURSDAY, OCT. 25

— St. Agatha Academy spaghetti supper, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for lunch or 4:30 to 8 p.m. for dinner. Both offer dine-in or carry, while lunch offers delivery and dinner offers drive-through. Cost is \$9 for adults and \$7 for children. All meals include spaghetti with meat or

4 THINGS TO LOOK FORWARD TO THIS WEEK

1 Out of town on election day? Don't miss your chance to cast your absentee vote starting Monday.

2 Learn more about candidates at this week's candidates forums at 6 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday at the Clark County Extension Office.

3 Try a game of futsal at College Park Wednesday at 1 p.m. Free pickup games are located at the tennis courts and are open to anyone 18 or older.

4 Make dinner plans Thursday for the St. Agatha Academy spaghetti supper. The lunch will run from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and the dinner will run from 4:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Cost is \$9 for adults and \$7 for children.

marinara sauce, salad, breadstick, drink and dessert. For lunch delivery, order by 3 p.m. Wednesday online at saintagathaacademy.org/spaghetti or fax to 859-744-0268. All proceeds benefit the school.

— Kentucky Foothills Toastmasters Club meeting, 12:05 to 1 p.m. at East Kentucky Power Cooperative, 4775 Lexington Road.

— Strode Station Elementary School-based Decision-making Council meeting, 4 p.m. at the school.

— Ribbon cutting and Chamber of Commerce after hours for Thrivent Financial, 5 to 7 p.m. at Confetti's on Main, 11 Main St.

— Heirloom seed treatment workshop, 5:30 p.m. at Clark County Extension Office, 1400

Fortune Drive. Learn how to treat your own heirloom seeds to minimize disease risks. Bring your own seeds. Limited to 30 participants. Part of the Fall Farm, Landscape and Garden School sponsored by the Clark County Cooperative Extensive Service. RSVP by calling the extension office at 744-4682.

— Parent University, 6:30 p.m. at Conkwright Elementary School.

FRIDAY, OCT. 26

— Write Local meeting, 10 a.m. at Clark County Public Library.

— Winchester Rotary Club meeting, noon at Woody's, 923 Bypass Road.