Celebrate 80 years of “Gone With the Wind” at the library

By Kate Miller

Scenic Regional Library in Warrenton will be spending the better part of a week later this month celebrating the 80th anniversary of one of the biggest blockbusters of all time, “Gone With the Wind.”

The film was released in 1939. It was based on the 1936 novel by Margaret Mitchell and set during the Civil War and Reconstruction. The movie starred Vivien Leigh as Scarlett O’Hara, a plantation owner’s pampered daughter who is hardened after the war. Clark Gable plays Rhett Butler.

The film won six Academy Awards and was nominated for three more. It’s remembered as one of the best movies of its time and is stillfan favorite in classic movie lists.

For the book, Mitchell received the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction in 1937 and the National Book Award for Most Distinguished Novel of 1936. Kerry Christian, adult programmer, Scenic Regional Library Warrenton Branch, said people have shown a lot of interest since the library started promoting the series of events.

“They’re remembering the first time they saw it, who they saw it with,” Christian said.

The upcoming activities will give book and movie fans more opportunities to reminisce. “Gone With the Wind” will be celebrated at the library during June 25-29 with displays, speakers and films.

- On Tuesday, June 25, 10 recreations of Walter Plunkett-designed costumes from the movie will be on display. Nikki Luebbe, Warrenton, will discuss the costumes starting at 6 p.m.
- On Wednesday, June 26, the library will show “A Burning Passion: The Margaret Mitchell Story” starting at 6 p.m. The movie is about the author’s life.
- On Thursday, June 27, the library will host Gone With the Wind Tea and Trivia starting at 6 p.m. Christian said visitors are welcome to wear costumes.

- On Saturday, June 29, the week culminates with guest speakers on three topics. “The Making of a Masterpiece,” a documentary about the making of the movie by St. Louis area author Sally Tippett Rhains, will be played at 12:30 p.m. At 1 p.m., special guest Anna Blair will talk about how the film was cast. Blair is an actor and “Gone With the Wind” memorabilia collector and enthusiast. Nikki Luebbe will complete the series with a display and discussion about her collection of movie memorabilia starting at 1:30 p.m.

Christian said people may register for one or all of the activities.

“Some people are signing up for all four things,” she said.

To reserve a spot, call 636-456-3321, visit the Scenic Regional Library website or stop by the library. Scenic Regional Library Warrenton, 912 S. Highway 47.

Daniel Boone Elementary Honor Roll

Daniel Boone Elementary released additional names for its fourth-quarter academic achievement list. The additional students are listed below.

Principal Honor Roll


A Honor Roll

Rose Dodson, Zeke Hutchinson, Noah Joens and Peyton Jones.

B Honor Roll


Fine Arts Council to hold summer camp

Warren County Fine Arts Council is accepting applications for its Summer Arts Camp. Summer Arts Camp will be held from June 24 to 28, 2019. The camp offers instruction in all the fine arts: art, dance, drama and music. The program is for students in first through eighth grades.

The camp offers education in art, dance, drama and music. The program is $50, and lunch will be provided free. Applications are available at the Fine Arts Council办公室.

Organizers of an upcoming opioid awareness event at Warrenton High School say they can help make a positive change for people and families struggling with addiction.

The event on Sat., June 22, will feature speakers from the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse and the West. The event will discuss how to spot warning signs of drug abuse and how to talk to family members about it. The event is from 2-4 p.m.

Childbirth preparation is now available online.

The childbirth preparation class helps busy expectant parents prepare mentally and physically for the birth of their new baby. The online class is now available.

The class covers topics such as labor, delivery, pain management and other important aspects of childbirth.