

GO! an events calendar for the Rome area

Ongoing

• During March, the **Lavender Mountain Quilt Guild** will show off its works of art at the Rome-Floyd County Library. There are 68 quilts on display, with antique quilts in glass cases. The quilts may be viewed any time the library is open. Call 706-295-5107 for more information.

• The Bartow History Center is hosting the exhibit **"Designs of the Times,"** celebrating the art of sign making, through June 25. For more information, call 770-382-3818 or visit www.bartowhistorycenter.org online.

• Chieftains Museum/Major Ridge Home will present **"Cherokee Women and their World,"** an exhibit honoring women in the Cherokee culture, through June 16. Call 706-291-9494 for more information.

• The Berry College Moon Gallery will host an exhibition of works by **African artists and Atlanta artists working in Africa** through April 8. Admission is free. Call 706-236-2219 for more information and for gallery hours.

• The Rome-Floyd County Library will be showing **films based on novels** at 2 p.m. each Sunday in April, except Easter, in the Coosa Room. Admission is free, and popcorn and sodas are available for 50 cents each. "The Color Purple" will be shown April 1. "Flags of Our Fathers" will be shown April 15. "All the King's Men (1949)" will be shown April 22, and "The Da Vinci Code" will be shown April 29. For more information, call 706-236-4612 or 706-236-4609.

Today

• Adairsville High School's drama department will present **"Footloose"** through March 24 at 7:30 p.m. in the school's auditorium. Advance tickets are \$5, and at-the-door tickets are \$7. Call 706-606-5841 for more information.

• **Jennifer Dickey** will continue Oak Hill and The Martha Berry Museum's series of evening discussions with **"The Log Cabin in the American Imagination."** The event will begin at 7 p.m., and a reception with light hors d'oeuvres will follow. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for students. Seating is limited. Call 706-291-1883 for more information.

Friday

• The Rome Little Theatre will present **"Annie Get Your Gun"** at DeSoto Theater through Sunday and March 30-April 1. Show times will be 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and 2:30 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Tickets are \$12 for reserved seating and \$10 for general admission seating. Call 706-295-7171 or visit www.romelittletheatre.com for more information.

• See **The Grand Imaginer**, a local storyteller and musician, at The Coffee Depot, 1010 N. Tennessee St., in Cartersville at 7 p.m.

Saturday

• Cobblestone Shoppe, 7 E. Second Ave., will present watercolor painting with **Cheryl Riner Hodge** from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. Parking and the entrance are behind the gallery. Call 706-378-8848 or visit www.cobblestoneshoppe.com for more information.

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Guns, ropes and songs fill DeSoto for musical

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At A Glance:

Who: Rome Little Theatre
What: "Annie Get Your Gun"
When: Friday-Sunday, March 30-April 1, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays at 2:30 p.m.
Where: DeSoto Theater, 530 Broad St.
How much: \$12 reserved, \$10 general admission

Not every community theater event gets a parade in its honor, so many Rome residents might have been surprised to see horses and cowboys marching on Broad Street to herald Rome Little Theatre's upcoming production of "Annie Get Your Gun."

The show has been getting a lot of hype from producers. And the director, Don Rusaw, thinks it will certainly live up to that.

"It's a great show," he said. "Back in 1978, Rome Little Theatre did an old version of 'Annie,' but it was since revived on Broadway. So this version we're doing is a little lighter but with two new songs. All the costumes are the same as the Broadway show, however. So I think people will be very entertained."

The musical, he said, is actually a show within a show. With the exciting Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show as a backdrop, the meeting of Annie Oakley and Frank Butler comes to the forefront of the plot. Their tempestuous relationship takes center stage, literally,

as all the scenes are performed in the show's center ring.

But acting won't be the only performance happening on the stage. Rusaw promises a knife-throwing act, ropers and even a shooting match as part of the popular musical.

But Rusaw said the show still maintains its signature songs such as

"Anything You Can Do, I Can Do Better" and the showstopper "No Business Like Show Business."

"People are in for a real treat," he added. "We've got great singers, dancers and actors in this show. Couple that with wonderful costumes and sets and you've got a very entertaining evening."

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ABOVE: Tony Blansit as Frank Butler and Megan Harris as Dolly Tate (center) lead the ensemble cast in "There's No Business Like Show Business" during rehearsal Tuesday.

ON THE COVER: Frank Butler and Annie Oakley, played by JoAnna Rusaw, have their first meeting in "Annie Get Your Gun." The classic show tunes in the play were written by Irving Berlin.