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Author to promote literacy in Buncombe

New York Times bestselling author and local favorite Ron Rash will keynote the Literacy Council of Buncombe County's annual fundraiser, the Authors for Silent Auction presented by RBC Bank on Aug. 26.

Rash will share his unique journey to becoming an acclaimed writer: His passion for the written word was ignited by his grandfather, a hard-working Buncombe County resident who, like so many Literacy Council students, never learned to read or write.

Rash is now Western Carolina University's

opportunities to enjoy dining and excursions in Asheville and beyond. There will be a unique opportunity to witness artist Olga Do-renka paint an original piece of art, in-person during the silent auction, named for Rash's novel "Serena." The completed painting will be auctioned live after dinner.

All proceeds will benefit the Literacy Council of Buncombe County. The Literacy Council was founded to help adults, like Rash's grandfather, learn to read, write and spell. Literacy Council students comprise a diverse group in

terms of educational background, socioeconomic status, age, and learning styles. Some are challenged by learning disabilities, such as dyslexia, and others are learning the English language for the first time. Regardless of the reason why these individuals are non-readers, their most common goals are to improve their job prospects and help their children in school. The Literacy Council matches students with highly trained volunteer tutors who work with students to reach their literacy goals.

The Authors for Literacy Dinner and Silent Auction fundraiser is made possible through the generosity of platinum sponsor RBC Bank and the commitment of event Co-Chairs, Gene Adams and Kate Henry.

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Auction will be from 6 to 9:30 p.m., Friday, Aug. 26 at the Crowne Plaza Resort ballroom. Tickets are available to the general public beginning June 1 for \$75. Call Ashley Vandewart at 254-3442 x205 or visit www.litcouncil.com for more information; to RSVP and to preview auction items.

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Family-friendly productions offered Saturdays at ACT

Dr. in Black Mountain on Wednesday, Aug. 24.

William Dissen, chef/owner of The Market Place Restaurant will prepare and serve Pisgah Brewing Company's Solstice Tripel with his citrus-

Solstice Ceviche Paring is Aug. 24

The Market Place and Pisgah Brewing Company present a Solstice Ceviche Pairing at Pisgah's Taproom at 150 Eastside

cured shrimp and calamari ceviche. Tickets are \$8 per person and include a pint and a dish. Savor the complementary flavors from 6 to 8 p.m. while mingling and enjoying the live, original, electronic, soul/jazz/dub music of Ron Hovey.

two hours of fun and excitement.

Oct. 15 — "The Lady of Bullyburg" (best for ages 3-10) at 10 a.m. — Join Lady Kindness as she embarks on a journey to save her town from a waiting bully

alien planet where he finds himself greeted in a not-so-friendly way. This engaging and interactive production provides your students with the tools they need to put an end to bullying including methods

In partnership with nationally recognized Bright Star Touring Theatre and the Local WNC Magic Club, Asheville Community Theatre is offering family friendly pro-