

Kick-off event next week for Carroll County on Same Page

Comet staff report

The Delphi Public Library will host the kick-off event for "Carroll County on the Same Page," on Thursday, June 29, at 7 p.m.

The selected book for the county-wide reading program is "Crow Lake" by Mary Lawson. A series of special events are being held,

with each event based on a theme from the book.

The kick-off event will be "Capturing Carroll County: A Sense of Place." It will focus on how county residents can express their connection to the place they live through poetry, photography, storytelling, writing, etc.

Dr. Christian Knoeller will read a selection of poems he has writ-

ten about Carroll County from the perspective of someone new to the area who felt immediately at home. Photographs of the county will also be part of



Knoeller

the program. Attendees will be encouraged to write about/draw/photograph places in Carroll County that have meaning for them, and submit their works for a "show and tell" celebration planned for October.

Knoeller, who teaches English at Purdue, has been a finalist in many national book competitions, including the National Poetry

Series. His first collection, "Completing the Circle" (Buttonwood Press, 2000) was awarded the Millennium Prize, and was nominated for the Pulitzer Prize. A native of Brooklyn, New York, his career has taken him to Alaska, California, Oregon, Wisconsin, and now Indiana. He has traveled extensively and makes his home in a Victorian farmstead on Deer Creek.

Book discussions and monthly events will run through October.

Carroll County On the Same Page is open to all county residents, including those who do not live in a library district. Multiple copies of "Crow Lake" and event brochures are available at the Delphi, Camden, and Flora libraries.

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E.H. fashion winners

The 2006 Open Fashion Show winners pictured in the front row, left to right, are: Ella Foreman, reserve champion, Div. 1; Katey Roth, champion Div. 1; Emilee Gear, reserve champion, Div. 2; Mekenzie Gear, champion, Div. 2; and Abigayle Price, overall grand champion. In the back row, l-r, are Deb Foreman; Allison O'Brien, blue ribbon; Cheryl Shaffer; Jane Brewington; Julie Price; Annette Miller, champion, Div. 3 and overall reserve grand champion; and Norma Miller. Photo provided

E.H. celebrates fashion and charity

Carroll County Extension Homemakers celebrated achievements of outstanding clubs and individuals at the annual Spring Event Achievement Night in May. Barb Dillon, E.H. president, welcomed 50 members.

The entertainment for the evening was the Open Class Fashion Show, narrated by Beverly Seese. Participants were: Deb Foreman sewing for Ella Foreman and Allison O'Brien, Julie Price sewing for Abigayle Price, Jane Brewington sewing for Mekenzie Gear and Emilee Gear, Cheryl Shaffer sewing for Katey Roth, and Norma Miller sewing for Annette Miller. Brewington was awarded for her construction of Mekenzie's garment.

New officers were introduced. They are: Cheryl Shaffer, president; Loretta Lambert, vice presi-

dent; Elizabeth Mylet, secretary; Shirley Plank, treasurer; and Barb Dillon, past president and advisor.

Other achievements recognized were Honor Club certificates, in which each club had to earn at least 250 points. Winners were Adams Township, Aim Hi, Carrollton Cardinals, Classic Classics, Clay Harmony, Contemporary Collections, Dolly Madison, Double Dozen, Forty Niners, Friendly Circle, Liberty Bells, Modern's, Rock Creek and Silver Bells. The club with the highest points was Dolly Madison.

Seven new members were recognized with an IEHA pin. They were Eleanor Sheets, Ruth Crow, Judy Hoffman, Julie Blackburn, Sandy Noland, Mary Simpson and Becky Unger.

Awards were given to members who had perfect attendance.

Among them were Donna Swayze, Helen Forgey and Rose Pullen, who each had four years of perfect attendance.

Marge Landes was recognized for her 50 years of membership.

A memorial was given by Donna McCarty of Clay Harmony Club, for Judith Britton, Dana Parrett, Sue Puller, Ione Powell, Mabel Mullin, Dorothy Miller, Leone McManus and Carolyn Burkle.

The Volunteer Angel Club Award was won by the Double Dozen Club. Each club chose a member to receive an Angel Award. The winners were Barb Roller, Loretta Lambert, Barb Dillon, Karen Miller and Helen Ennis. The overall Volunteer Angel winner was Helen Ennis. She was given a Willow Tree Angel.

Teddy Bear Award winners were Barb Dillon, first place, and Pam Munsterman, second.

Process continues to develop jail facility master plan

By Debbie Lowe
Staff writer

The current Carroll County Jail facility is in need of an overhaul and some community members believe the best way to manage the task is to start over in a new building.

Design consultants PMSInc. of Indianapolis recently hosted the third facility planning meeting designed to guide county leaders and residents through the process of developing a facility master plan.

The first meeting held in April, was about American Correctional Association standards and a description of the current jail's inadequacies.

"We talked in the first meeting about long-term consequences for taking baby steps in this process," said PMSI representative Bill Shepler.

The second meeting held May 22 was about financial planning for any situational need the master plan dictates.

The most recent meeting was concerned with jail functions, space planning and special planning considerations, which included compliance with ACA standards, securing perimeters, evidence custody, inmate safety, video visitation, and providing an in-house courtroom.

County council member Steve Ashby requested the community be provided with documentation of ACA standards at the next meeting.

County deputy and sheriff's candidate Sgt. Tony Burns asked about ACA standards in relation to renovating the current structure versus building a new facility.

"If you don't make structural changes, the standards don't apply," Shepler said.

PMSI representatives will present their preliminary recommendations, based on information gathered from the sheriff's department, jail inspectors' reports and PMSI research about other facilities at the next meeting. The planning process is expected to be completed by mid-July to coincide with 2007 budget considerations by the county council.

The next meeting will be June 26 at 7 p.m. in the commissioners' meeting room on the second floor of the courthouse. The public is urged to attend.



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