CC on the Same Page book selection is *'A Walk in the Woods'*

Librarians from the Camden-Jackson Township Public Library, Flora-Monroe Township Public Library, and Delphi Public Library are following up last summer's successful "Carroll County on the Same Page" program with another great book suggestion to include on summer reading lists.

Carroll County on the Same Page, modeled after the One Book, One Community programs that have been duplicated around the country, is an effort to encourage the entire community to read the same book and to build a better community through reading and the sharing of ideas. During the last three years of Same Page programs, nearly 150 people per year have borrowed the selected title from one of the three county public libraries. People in Carroll County are still talking about the previous selections, "Crow Lake," "The Glass Castle," and "Animal, Vegetable, Miracle."

This year, the librarians opted to lighten things up and introduce some humor onto the same page. In light of the current economic woes of the community and the entire country, it seems everyone needs to find something to laugh about.

The 2009 selection for Carroll County on the Same Page, "A Walk in the Woods: Rediscovering America on the Appalachian Trail," promises to do just that - make readers laugh. Author Bill Bryson offers a new kind of travel classic when he decides to walk the Appalachian Trail. "A Walk in the Woods" is an adventure, a comedy, and a celebration of America, all rolled into one good story. Here's what the publisher says about the book: "The AT offers an astonishing landscape of silent forests and sparkling lakes - and to a writer with the comic genius of Bill Bryson, it also provides endless opportunities to witness the majestic silliness of his fellow human beings. For a start there's the gloriously out-of-shape Stephen Katz, a buddy from Iowa along for the walk. Despite Katz's overwhelming desire to find cozy restaurants, he and Bryson eventually settle into their stride, and while on the trail they meet a bizarre assortment of hilarious characters. But "A Walk in the Woods" is more than just a laugh-out-loud hike. Bryson's acute eye is a wise witness to this beautiful but fragile trail, and as he tells its fascinating history, he makes a moving plea for the conservation of America's last great wilderness."

Beginning July 1, stop by any of the three public libraries to get a copy of "A Walk in the Woods" and help get all of Carroll County on the Same Page!

Book discussions will be held on July 15 at 10 a.m. at the Flora Senior Center (sponsored by the Flora-Monroe Township Public Library); on July 24 at 9 a.m. at the Delphi Public Library; and on July 29 at 1:30 p.m. at the Camden-Jackson Township Public Library.

Anyone who has personally walked the Appalachian Trail is asked to contact one of the county librarians so the story can be shared.

County native spreads 'legacy of learning'

By Jenna Buehler
Contributing writer

People with ties to Carroll County may travel the world or move out of state, but they will often continue to do good for the community they grew to love.

Best selling children's author, speaker and consultant Babs Bell Hajdusiewicsz said her passion for children and education is rooted in Carroll County. A 1962 graduate of Delphi Community High School and former resident of Burrows, Hajdusiewicsz has published 100 books, and more than 350 poems and songs for children, parents, and teachers.

Hajdusiewicsz has given approximately $16,000 to graduating students of Delphi Community High School for children's story scholarship submissions over the years. This year Delphi Community High School graduate Jimmy Reed was the sixteenth graduate to receive a $1,000 scholarship. Hajdusiewicsz said she intends to create a "legacy of learning" by giving back to the school that inspired her.

"I give this scholarship because I want to encourage people to love children as much as I do," Hajdusiewicsz said. "And also because I know what $1,000 would mean to me when I went to college. I remember that poverty. I know what it's like to fear you won't make it."

Bell

Hajdusiewicsz said the driving force that inspired her and many other young women to pursue an education after high school was former DCHS counselor Dorothy Johnson.

"In those days I had few choices," she said. "I could be a mother, a secretary, or an airline hostess - but I didn't have the legs or the height to do that. Or I could teach. I was always entertaining children on the weekends and reading nursery rhymes to them. So I dedicated myself to teaching." Hajdusiewicsz worked as a nanny to earn money for room and board when she went to Indiana State University in 1962. She graduated with a degree in elementary education and decided to backpack across Europe in the search for "the other slice of life."

When she returned to the states Hajdusiewicsz taught early childhood elementary and special education in Indiana, Ohio and New York. She served as director for special education in Indiana and Michigan and taught special education teacher-training at Eastern Michigan and Cleveland State universities.

"Then one day I asked my husband if he thought I could get paid to sit in a circle and read with children," she said. "That was when I started up Pee Wee Poetry."

Hajdusiewicsz said the Pee Wee Poetry program for children two through nine was a success. When children made requests for book subjects that were not available on library shelves, she began inventing her own poems and rhymes.

"It was kids that sucked me into being a writer," she said.

Her first book, "Mr. Bear" was published in 1991. Some of Hajdusiewicsz's more recent titles include: "Sputter, Sputter, Sput!," "Don't Go Out in Your Underwear!" and "Dainty Dinosaur."

"I plan to live forever by touching as many children, parents and teachers as I can and by encouraging them to be the best they can be," She concluded.

Hajdusiewicsz is daughter to Grace Bell Fry of Burrows, the former Evan Bell, and stepdaughter to former Harry Fry. Hajdusiewicsz currently resides in Atlanta, Georgia with her husband Jerry. They are parents to Alison, 33 and Nick, 34.

Hajdusiewicsz's latest book "Wow! Words!" will be available in bookstores soon. For more information about literacy, children and learning, visit www.ilikeme.com and blog at www.parenting4literacy.net.

Foundation grants presented

The Delphi Education Foundation recently presented classroom grants. Presenting the grants were Delphi Community Elementary School Principal Bill Shidler, and Assistant Principal Joe Brown. Recipients are: Joyce Lawton for DCHS Battle of the Books; Kathi Johnson for DCMS Battle of the Books; Melissa Gill, for DCES radio program; DCES second grade teachers Mary Ann Selvidge, Patsy Hasser, Barb Bergner and Elaine Wilson for computer ear phones; and Camden Early Childhood Center teacher Sherri Cripe for kindergarten students, at-risk additional reading program and the Jeopardy computer game. Pictured are (left to right): Seated - Elaine Wilson, Mary Ann Selvidge and Joyce Lawton. Back - Kathi Johnson, Bill Shidler, Joe Brown, Patsy Hasser, Sherri Cripe, Melissa Gill and Barb Bergner. Photo provided

Service News

Completes basic training

Air Force Reserve Airman 1st Class Adam D. Lair has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Lair is the son of Kathy Meyer of Bringhurst, and David Lair of Greenfield. He is a 2007 graduate of Carroll Jr.-Sr. High School.

Reunions & Get-Togethers

Black reunion

The 93rd annual reunion of the descendants of the late Charles G. and Lottie Black was held June 21 at Flora Community Park. Sixty-six family members and friends attended.

Those present included: Cullan and Becky Eikenberry, Andy, Lisa and Brook Eikenberry, Melvin and Maxine Victor, Wayne and Rita Zinn, Mary Zinn, Andy, Susan, Kinsey and Garrett Zinn, Greg and Teresa Zinn, Alan, Jenny, Ellie and Owen Zinn, Tony, Teresa and Dane Fife, Dale and Mary Zinn, Shonda and Evann Royal, all of Flora; Kim and Annette Black, Gary, Shannon, Cale and Laine Rader, Ed Fountain and Deb Chamberlain of Delphi; Dave and Charmion Williams, Joe, Liz, Sara and Grady Fountain, Dave Ellis, Donna Zinn, and Jeris and Joyce Eikenberry, all of Lafayette.

Others were Justin and Amanda Angrick of Brownsburg, Tom Fountain of LaPorte, Dave, Carol, Beth, Stephanie and Paul Miller of Brookston, Karlene Boyer of Muncie, Shail, Conner and Jamison Royer of Romney, Denny, Jami and Tom Gaither of Noblesville, Bob and Kay Kelly of Hinsdale, Ill., Tom and Marilyn DeWitt, and Jerry and Daniel DeWitt of Brocton, Ill.

DCHS Class of 1979

The Delphi Community High School Class of 1979 will celebrate its 30th reunion Aug. 8 at the Carroll County Country Club in Delphi. Happy hour will be from 6 to 7 p.m. with a buffet dinner at 7:30 p.m. and a dance at 9 p.m.

Reservations are due immediately. Make checks payable to "Delphi Class of '79" and send check and who is attending to Sheri Rishel Eaton, 11381S. 100E., Battle Ground, IN 47920.

Due to Country Club scheduling, the golf course will not be available.

Contact Pat Clawson at pfclawson@msn.com or call (765) 564-4915 if interested in playing elsewhere.

Hunting & Trapping Guide available online

The 2009-2010 Indiana DNR Hunting and Trapping Guide is available on the DNR Web site, dnr.IN.gov.

Within the next week or two, the guide will be available, free of charge, at most DNR properties, various sporting goods stores, hunting license vendors and other locations around the state.

In addition to providing hunting and trapping rules and regulations, the 44-page guide includes articles on the 10 "unwritten" rules of hunting and how science plays a role in determining hunting rules and seasons.

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4. Put your child in a time-out chair. (Remember the rule: one time-out minute for each year of age.)
5. Put yourself in a time-out chair. Think about why you are angry: is it your child, or is your child simply a convenient target for your anger?
6. Phone a friend.
7. If someone can watch the children, go outside and take a walk.
8. Take a hot bath or splash cold water on your face.
9. Hug a pillow.
10. Turn on some music. Maybe even sing along.
11. Pick up a pencil and write down as many helpful words as you can think of. Save the list.
12. Write for prevention information: National Committee for Prevention of Child Abuse, Box 2866L, Chicago, IL 60690.

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The fear of noises and sounds like fireworks and thunderstorms are known as "noise phobias". During the upcoming celebrations, keep small pets indoors. A good idea is to keep the pet in an interior room without windows. Turn on the TV or radio to provide some distraction.

Never leave pets alone outdoors, even if tethered or in a fenced yard. It is not uncommon for dogs to escape or injure themselves in a frenzied attempt to escape. Many animal shelters report increases of "stray" animal intakes after the 4th of July holiday due to the number of pets running away in an attempt to avoid the noise and excitement.

If you are planning on attending a fireworks celebration, leave your pet at home. If you MUST be outside with your pet, be sure to have the pet constrained on a lead or kept in a carrier.

Some pets may become "fearfully aggressive" due to the loud noises. Protect your pets from children who may not realize the consequences of waving sparklers or setting off home fireworks. Be sure that your pet has a current ID tag and/or microchip so that you and your pet can be easily reunited in the case he or she runs off.

Keep horses in their stalls if possible. Remove any sharp objects from their enclosure and consider sedation.

Your veterinarian may prescribe tranquilizers or mild sedatives for your pets during this time, but these drugs do have limitations and should not be used on a daily basis. If you believe any of your pets have a noise phobia, talk with your veterinarian and staff about the best ways to keep your pet safe this holiday.

If you have a question, write Dr. Wise, Indiana Veterinary Medical Association, 201 S. Capitol Avenue, Suite 405, Indianapolis, IN, 46225, or www.invma.org

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