

Major publisher sells St. Francis woman's book

Lucille Rossbach, writer and editor, was recently notified that one of her books is now published by Royal Fireworks Press, Unionville, N.Y. The title of the book is *Returning the Arts to Language Arts: Imaginative Literacies*. "This is huge for me," Mrs. Rossbach said, "because all my other books are self published; that is, I found grants and paid to have the books published. This one is published by a major company, internationally known for its gifted and talented materials for teachers, and they pay a royalty for books sold."

The book can be found on www.rfwpp.com by typing "Rossbach" into the site's search engine. The book consists of eight manuscripts written by leading teachers in the state of Colorado. Each tells about his/her role in using the arts to teach their Language Arts/English classes.

Cydie Weyerman, Idalia School, wrote about bringing artists in residence into the classrooms. Nancy Lawson, a teacher in Montrose, Colo., at the time, used Shakespeare's *The Tempest* with lower-ability students; another teacher, Maria Roberts of Peetz, had an artist teach her students how to paint so they could write more descriptively. Mrs. Rossbach details the art of students running their own classroom and publishing a book.

"None of the teachers 'taught to' the Colorado state tests, yet all their students did well on the Colorado Student Assessments. In 2002, Idalia High School was the top public school in the state," Mrs. Rossbach said.

Proceeds from sales of the book go to the Colorado Network of the Bread Loaf School of English. The Bread Loaf School of English is a summer master's degree program with campuses in Vermont, New Mexico, South Carolina, and Oxford, England. Classes are taught by leading professors from such universities as Yale, Harvard, Dartmouth, Duke, and Cambridge. Rossbach graduated at Oxford in 2002.

Vision

The vision for this book started in 2001, when Mrs. Rossbach, then the newly appointed moderator for the Colorado Network, met with select Colorado English teachers and shared her vision of having them write about their most effective teaching practice/lesson plans. Professor Scott Christian, University of Alaska, flew in for the meeting to help the group plan what they wished to do.

The following year, the group met at Old Man Mountain, University of Northern Colorado's retreat center in Estes Park, to start writing their manuscripts. Upon Rossbach's invitation, English professors from George Washington, Rutgers, and Stanford Universities flew in to help facilitate the weekend of writing. Dr. Emily Bartels, Rutgers, made several more trips to Colorado over the next few years to help the writers revise their works, and she wrote the preface to the book. Dr. Andrea Lunsford of Stanford University wrote the introduction.

When the book was finished, Mrs. Rossbach made copies of the preface, introduction, and first two manuscripts and sent them off to 20 different publishers. Many rejected the book, for various reasons, and two wanted the contributors to do rewriting to fit a theme determined by the publisher; but Royal Fireworks



LUCILLE ROSSBACH, author, excitedly shows off her book to those at the Kingstone retreat center in Colorado. Also pictured is Maria Roberts, English teacher at Peetz, Colo.

Press immediately sent a contract and accepted the book as written.

"I was absolutely elated," she said.

But then followed years of waiting. Mrs. Rossbach became concerned when the contract neared expiration, so she called Dr. Tom Kemnitz, president and chief editor of Royal Fireworks Press, about extending the contract.

If you will just be patient with us, he said, I will publish this book.

Every six months or so, she called Dr. Kemnitz to check on the progress of the book, but she almost gave up hope of ever seeing it in print by Royal Fireworks Press. Finally, late last fall, Dr. Kemnitz sent the entire manuscript to her for a final editing. (She already had edited the book several times before, but now it needed to be updated.)

Then one afternoon in mid-January, he called and said, "I need you to write the back cover and a catalog description for the book... and I need it this afternoon."

"I'll have it to you first thing in the morning," she said. His only response after he received the completed assignment was "Well done."

He called back the last week of January and asked, "How many books do you need for your Colorado meeting this weekend?" I told him there were eight writers. He asked for the address of the Kingstone, the retreat center in Estes Park that the Colorado Network has been using, but I really did not expect him to follow through because there had been so many delays over the past years.

Regardless, Saturday morning, during their annual business meeting, the proprietor of the Kingstone walked into the conference room, handed Mrs. Rossbach a package, and asked, "Do you know anything about this?"

Of course, the next 15 minutes were spent by teachers opening the package, taking photos, and reading parts of the books. Then it was on to the rest of the business meeting. Janet Carman of St. Francis was a guest of the conference and witnessed this scenario.

Two weeks ago, Mrs. Rossbach received an email from Dr. Kemnitz in response to her question regarding the copyright limitations of the book.

The authors, he said, are free to use their material for journal publication. We encourage it.

Then later in the day, he sent a follow-up email: "In the case of this book, we copyrighted the book for everyone's convenience. We do not want to inhibit any of the authors from developing their ideas and approaches. This is much too important to be restricted in any way."

Other books published by Mrs. Rossbach include three chapbooks of her Idalia students' creative writings; three volumes of *Gusts of Dust*, student-written histories of Idalia; and *Memories & Musings of the residents of our Good Samaritan Village*, edited with Janet Carman and Sue Griffin.

In addition, she has a manuscript published in the July 2004 edition of *English Journal*, the research journal of the National Council of the Teachers of English. She also has been published and featured, several times each, in the Bread Loaf Magazine of Middlebury College, Vt., and the Foxfire publications of Rabun County, GA. Three of her poems have also been published.

Her last 14 years of full-time teaching were at Idalia. While there she received the 2004 Yuma County Outstanding Teacher Award and was named East Yuma County School District RJ-2 Honored Teacher in 1997.

She currently teaches Composition I and II at Bird City as an outreach instructor for Colby Community College; composition, literature, humanities, and art history as an online hybrid instructor for Morgan Community College in Burlington, Colo.; and grammar and literature as an online adjunct professor for Adams State University in Alamosa, Colo.

She and her husband Pastor David Rossbach are retired and live in St. Francis. Daughters Kathi and Christy and son David live, respectively, in Westminster, Colo.; Edwards Air Force Base, Calif.; and Tulsa, Okla.



STUDENTS help sign people up for a test drive during the Drive 4 UR School program held on Saturday. Herald staff photo by Doug Sloper

Special driving program raises money for school

The first Drive 4 UR School program, held in St. Francis on Saturday in conjunction with the Saturday In The Park car show, was deemed a success.

Over 200 people test drove a Ford between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m., said Brent Rueb, sales manager at Yost Ford in St. Francis. There were 13 different Ford vehicles to choose from including economy cars to family luxury cars to the super-duty work truck. There were a number of people wanting to drive the vehicles with the ecoboost motor, Mr. Rueb said.

With every test drive, Ford Motor Company donated \$20 to the St. Francis high school. Ford Motor Company had agreed to give up to \$6,000 if there would have been 300 drivers.

We were busy the whole day, Mr. Rueb said. I was very happy with the community support.

Most of the people test driving were local people but there were a number of people who had come to the show from other towns and states who also signed up for a test drive.

We had positive feedback from

the people who thought it was a great opportunity for our school and liked to have the opportunity to test drive some of the new vehicles, Mr. Rueb said.

The St. Francis high school track team and coaches helped with registration and six Yost Ford employees were also there.

We are looking forward to bringing the Drive 4 UR School program to Cheylin School this fall, Mr. Rueb said. Once again, Ford Motor Company will be giving \$20 to the school for everyone who takes a test drive.

Couple celebrates 50th anniversary

Dwight and Leah Brewer celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on March 29 at the Tucson Estates Recreation Auditorium in Tucson, Ariz. The couple was married in St. Francis on March 30, 1963, at the Methodist Church with Pastor Montgomery officiating. Best man was Darol Carmichael and maid of honor was Claudine Wiley.

Their two daughters, Lisa Olson and Brenda Schilk and son-in-law, Dan Schilk, planned and hosted the anniversary celebration along with their six grandchildren. Grandson Daniel Schilk was the disc jockey and played Elvin Presley, Jim Reeves and Conway Twitty music. There were approximately 70 people attending.



Leah and Dwight Brewer

Student receives award for art

Aby Fernandez, a St. Francis high school sophomore, was notified that she received an honorable mention and her art work will be included in the 2014 Kansas Federal Junior Duck Stamp calendar. A color copy of her artwork has been made and will be displayed at the Kansas State Fair in Hutchinson, Sept. 6-15.

There were 915 entries submitted from Kansas students. Entries were submitted in four age categories including kindergarten through third grade; fourth through sixth grade; seventh through ninth grade and 10th through 12 grade.

Aby has a lot of talent, said Mary Beikman, art instructor. Her drawing was done well and deserved to be recognized.

The Junior Duck Stamp program has been in existence for over 20 years and has been used as a tool to interest students in wetland conservation, waterfowl biology and art. Through the years, it has grown from an art contest to a well-rounded program designed to assist students in exploring wildlife and habitat conservation through the arts.



Fernandez

CRP Informational Meeting

The USDA has announced a new signup period for the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) from May 20th to June 14th, 2013.

A public meeting is being held in this area to help explain the CRP and its options for landowners. Please plan to attend to learn more about the new options available in the program and have your questions answered. You can also learn more and signup by scheduling an appointment with your local Pheasants Forever Biologist or USDA service center during the signup period. Contact PF Biologist Alex Heeger (785-230-4262) for more details

Wednesday May 22nd

USDA Service Center, St. Francis

9am-4pm



A series of 45 public meetings are being held across the state about the program. Log on to www.kansaspfqf.com to learn about other meetings and their locations in the state.

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5. You can use your CNA experience as a stepping-stone for a career in the health sciences

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CNAs must complete a CNA training course and pass the State of Kansas certification exam. The 90-hour course consists of 45 hours of online training and testing, and 45 hours of clinical training at the Village. The certification exam can be scheduled at Colby Community College at the end of the coursework.

St. Francis Good Samaritan Village will be offering a CNA training course in the month of June IF there are at least 6 persons interested to work at the Village afterwards.



In addition, if you are willing to study and then work at the Village, the Good Samaritan Society will cover the cost of your CNA training. In other words, the Society will pay the \$475 fee for you. You can do your training the month of June.

How CAN I GET STARTED?

Call Janet Siegfried, DNS, at 785-332-2531. Or stop by the Village to visit with Janet.

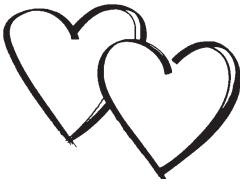
Come & Go Bridal Shower

for Jenice Hartman

Friday, May 17

5-7 p.m.

at the Cheyenne County Clinic Basement



It's a Girl!

Please come say hello to Britney Sue Rethke

(Born 4/25/13)

(Daughter of Sue Ellen & Randy Rethke)

Saturday, May 25

1-3 p.m.

at The Cheyenne Manor, 200 N. Ash St. St. Francis



Meet & Greet Wedding Shower

Tyler & Aryn (Sturgeon) Comer

Thursday, May 23

7 - 10 p.m.

Come & Go

Bird City Senior Center
Bird City

