

Friday, Dec. 9, 2005

Local authors have joint book signing

Four local authors will get together for a book signing Saturday at Creative Leisure in Havre.

Ken Overcast, Gary Wilson, Bill Thackeray and Billi Jo Doll will meet with readers from 2 to 4 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

Chinook rancher Overcast and Havre's Wilson are billing themselves as "this area's very own Odd Couple of Western Authors."

"Wilson is known for the historical accuracy of his writing, whereas Overcast's prose is fairly infamous for taking a few liberties with the truth on occasion," their joint press release says.

Overcast is the author of two books – Yesterday's Yarns, Real Tales from the Real West, and his latest, Shootin' The Breeze, Cowboy Style – and is a widely traveled cowboy entertainer, recording artist and radio show host.

Wilson is the author of Honky-Tonk Town, and the recently re-released Long George Francis, Gentleman Outlaw of Montana. His current work in progress is

on the life of Harvey Logan, better known as Kid Curry.

Montana State University-Northern professor Thackeray has written River of Milk 'n Honey and North to Sweetgrass, the first two installments of a trio of novels about the maturation of Hi-Line teen Lew Wetzel in the early 1950's.

"It's a tightly composed tale that fits numerous genre – Western, Indian lore and mysticism, mystery, romance, suspense and period literature. It tackles cultural and racial conflict, and good versus evil. It is a teen novel for adults," the Havre Daily News' Alan Sorensen wrote about North to Sweetgrass."

Doll's first novel, The Seekers, hit the bookstores in March 2003. It's a story of a post-war family learning to live off the land in the Bear Paw Mountains while hiding out from enemies – the Seekers – intent on their capture.

The sequel is called the Marauders, and a third book in the series The Predators is planned.