

Hollerin' from Hamlet

19 October 2009

Hamlet, North Carolina

Yes, Thomas Wolfe, you can go home again

*If your friends
create a
speaking tour
for you*

The picture I envisioned for today's cover was something like crossing the Cape Fear River on the Southport ferry. The story would have been something about Wilmington and the North Carolina beaches, maybe a sidebar on Blackbeard or Civil War blockade runners.

Instead, it's a talking head like the Jim Lehrer News Hour doing the book tour before the novel is even published.

I didn't get to the coast today because friends wanted to hear about my book, they wanted me to speak to their school classes, and "We don't know when you'll be back this way."

These are not requests one can honorably



Speaking to the Friends of the Hamlet Public Library on Monday

decline. The county newspaper interviewed me just before I left San Jose; friends papered the town with flyers.

I always told anybody who asked about my book that I would stand in Hamlet and answer any question I was asked. The people who wanted to ask won't always be there.

The beach will.

Friends of the Hamlet Public Library

Presents

Author Jody Mitchum

Monday, October 19, 2009 @ 7:00 p.m.

Hamlet Public Library (Rice Street Entrance)

Jody is a former resident of Hamlet who now lives in California. His parents, now deceased, were Joe and Virginia Martin Mitchum of Hamlet. He first co-authored a book, *Ice Skating for Dummies* with Kristi Yamaguchi.

Admission is Free

The Hamlet News-Messenger never spelled my name right on my birthday, either.

My North Carolina itinerary

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
October 11	12	13	14	15	16 Red-eye to NC	17 Hamlet High 40 th class reunion
18 With sister in Pinehurst	19 Speak to school classes and library group	20 Visit in-laws on way to mountains	21 Great Smoky Mtns Natl Park	22 Winston-Salem & Cary	23 Travel to Richmond, Va.	24 With brother in Richmond
25 Fly home to California	26	27	28	29	30	31



<<< Speaking to an 8th grade class at Hamlet Middle School



Speaking with my family dentist, Wingate Williamson (left), and Pam Nettles of the Richmond County Board of Commissioners.