

FILLING UP ON LITERATURE

Author donates books to
Meals on Wheels recipients

Author Thomas Ray Crowel came up with a creative way to honor his mother's memory.

He donated copies of his latest novel, "Scattered Harvest," to Meals on Wheels of Northwest Indiana clients in Crown Point, Highland, Merrillville, Griffith and Munster.

His late mother, Delphia, used to volunteer for the organization, delivering meals to the home-bound. Her son heard about how much she loved visiting with the elderly, ill and disabled clients. She also was an avid reader.

"My mother cherished those brief visits with Meals on Wheels clients when a smile made all the difference in the world," he said in a written release.

"With my book, I've included an invitation they turn off the TV and drift back in time with me," Crowel said. His hope is clients will enjoy reading his book, which was inspired by a true story set in the early 1900s Hoosier heartland.

Crowel's publicist, Patricia Gillham, contacted Sandra Noe, executive director for Meals on Wheels of Northwest Indiana, to



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Author Thomas Crowel, left, a Hammond native, gives a copy of his novel "Scattered Harvest," to Meals on Wheels client John Perryman.

inquire about making a donation.

Noe now has learned Crowel may address the group at its volunteer appreciation breakfast in April.

"We're so appreciative when someone like Mr. Crowel and his resources makes such a commit-

ment to honor our clients and volunteers," she said in the release.

Crowel, president and CEO of the Crowel Agency and founder of Faith Ministries Worldwide, was born and raised in Hammond. He has served his community in numerous capacities, resulting in

a Sagamore of the Wabash, the highest honor bestowed on an individual by Indiana's governor.

To learn about volunteer opportunities at Meals on Wheels, call (219) 756-FOOD or visit www.mealsonwheelsnwindiana.org.

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