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CUTLINE: Local author Carol Cartaino will discuss her book "Myths & Truths About Coyotes" during a meet-theauthor event 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 27, at Southern State Community College's campus near Sardinia.

Coyotes topic of Sept. 27 event at SSCC South Campus

Author Carol Cartaino will discuss her book "Myths & Truths About Coyotes" 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 27, in the Learning Resources Center on Southern State Community College's South Campus, 12681 U.S. Route 62, near Sardinia. The event is free and open to the public.

According to the book's description, "Coyotes hold a peculiar interest as both an enduring symbol of the wild and a powerful predator we are always anxious to avoid. This book examines the spread of coyotes across the country over the past century, and the storm of concern and controversy that has followed. Individual chapters cover the surprisingly complex question of how to identify a coyote, the real and imagined dangers they pose, their personality and lifestyle, and non-deadly ways of discouraging them."

Cartaino, a resident of Adams County, has 40 years of hands-on experience as an editor, writer and book publisher. Beginning as a production editor in Prentice-Hall's trade division, she was soon promoted to trade book editor. For 11 years, she edited a wide variety of nonfiction books and oversaw the work of freelancers and book packagers.

In 1978, she joined Writer's Digest Books as editor-in-chief and served as a consultant to the parent corporation's ever-expanding book clubs, correspondence courses, directories, staff-written books and magazines. In 1987 she became a freelance writer and editorial correspondent.

Cartaino's office is located on her 66-acre "far from the madding crowd," in scenic Adams County, five miles from The Great Serpent Mound. For more information about the Sept. 27 meet-the-author event at Southern State, contact Carissa Thatcher at 1-800-628-7722, ext. 3681, or cthatcher@sscc.edu.