

AFTH welcomes 'Crazy Heart' author

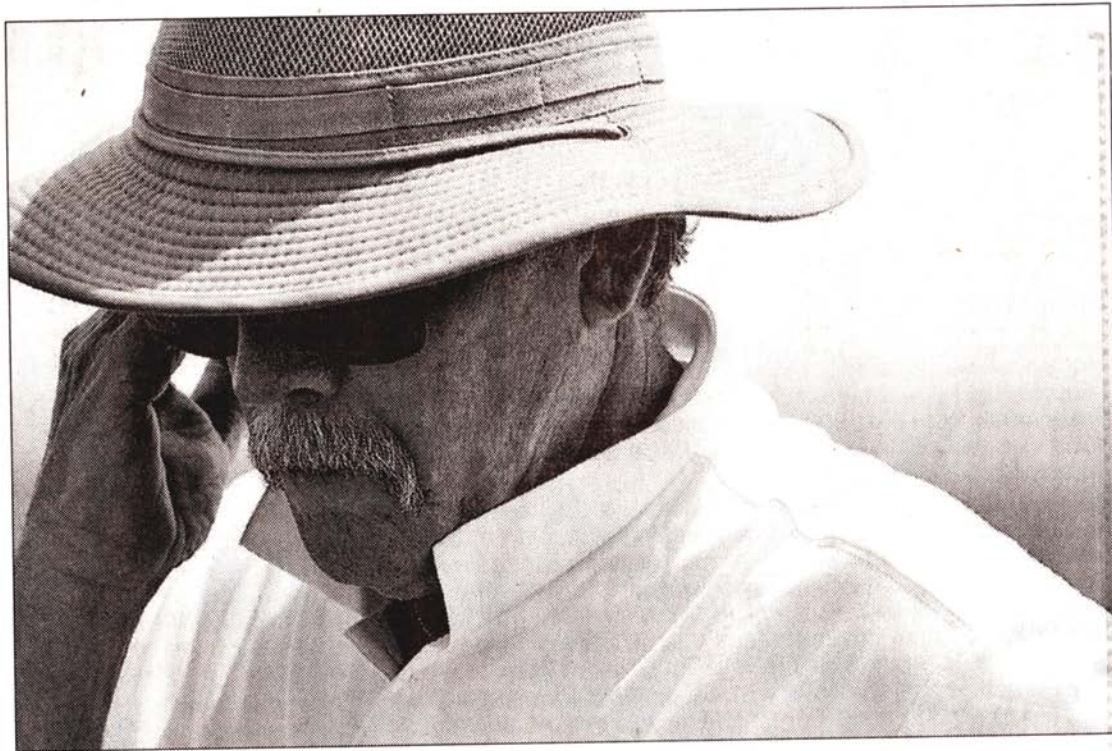
MIDDLEBORO — "Arts From the Heart," a local multi-arts collaborative, will welcome the author and co-screenwriter of the major motion picture "Crazy Heart," Thomas Cobb, for an evening appearance including a signing of his books, "Crazy Heart," "Shavetail" and "Acts of Contrition."

The Lenny Solomon Band will open the show and play original tunes that evoke the flavor of country western music so celebrated in Mr. Cobb's book, said Louise Dery-Wells, producer. This special event will be held at the Coffee Milano, 58 Center St. in downtown Middleboro on Friday, Aug. 6 from 7 to 9 p.m.

Mr. Cobb responded to an invitation from Ms. Dery-Wells, an avid fan who described her venue on a par size-wise with those his down-on-his luck but ever charismatic songwriter "Bad Blake" played at in the Southwest. Mr. Cobb agreed with his wife and agent Randy Cobb that he liked the description of AFTH he read on Facebook, and said he would like to visit Middleboro. Jeff Bridges, who played the aging genius Blake in the film, won his first Academy Award for this role.

Mr. Cobb's new novel, "Shavetail," is about the coming of age of a 17-year-old army recruit during the days of the Apache wars in Arizona Territory, where Indians were not always the worst challenges to survival.

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diacy of his storytelling and vivid characterizations draw you into these stories," said Ms. Dery-Wells. "They won't let you go."

More information about Mr. Cobb, who is presently living in Rhode Island but was raised in the desert around Tucson, can be found at www.thomascobb.net.

AFTH will also welcome a good friend, Lenny Solomon, and members of his band Bill

Gibbs and Don Barry, AFTH's past music host, to play original tunes from the Western end of Mr. Solomon's country, bluegrass folk and blues repertoire. Appropriately, Mr. Solomon is also a great songwriter, according to Ms. Dery-Wells, with a keen wit and wise perspective on human nature. More about Mr. Solomon and the Band can be found at www.solomonband.com.

Tickets are \$15 in advance and are available at the cafe or by calling, Ms. Dery-Wells at her office at 508-947-1930. Books for signing can be purchased at a significant discount at the event. Seating is limited to about 50 so the public is urged to buy tickets as soon as possible. Light dining at the cafe, food and beverages will be available before the event and during the signing to follow.