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LITERACY COUNCIL NAMES VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

The Literacy Council of Midland County honored Ann Roeseler with their Volunteer of the Year award.

Ms. Roeseler, who is a board member and volunteer tutor, was presented the award at the Literacy Council's annual tutor appreciation dinner held at Whiting Forest.

"Ann has been such a leader in the Coleman community," Becky Manning, program director for the Literacy Council, said. "She is so committed to literacy and making sure that every child is getting the reading help that they need."

Ms. Roeseler coordinates the Literacy Council's tutoring program with Coleman Elementary School. She evaluates struggling young readers, matches them with a tutor, and monitors their progress. In partnership with school staff, she arranges tutoring schedules and rooms. Additionally, she recruits tutors and works with some students herself.

The Literacy Council provides one-on-one tutoring and materials to approximately 25 students at Coleman. The curriculum is an intensive phonics-based literacy program designed to bring students up to grade-level reading and give them the additional academic help needed to allow them to be successful in school.

"It is almost a full-time job to manage this program. Ann has given so much of her time to making the program the success that it is," Ms. Manning said.

Ms. Roeseler has served as a board member since 2006. She has also volunteered her time for publicity projects and co-chaired the dessert committee for the World's Greatest Dessert Party, an annual literacy fundraiser.

The annual Volunteer of the Year award is based upon dedication to learners, number of volunteer hours, length of service as a tutor, tutoring in multiple program areas, willingness to take on additional students, and volunteering for other jobs at the Literacy Council. The award is named after Jay Grosberg, one of the founding volunteers of the Literacy Council. The agency's endowment fund was also established in his memory.

Established in 1986, the Literacy Council of Midland County helps people achieve their goals in literacy. The council provides free, confidential, one-on-one tutoring in reading, spelling, math and English as a Second Language.

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