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*Summary:*

(April 29, 2004)-The Prairie Renaissance Cultural Alliance will host a reception for actor, author and activist Peter Coyote at the Cultural Center, 630 Atlantic Avenue, Morris, from 5 p.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, May 8. The public is invited to welcome Coyote to the Morris community and hear him read from his own writing. Coyote, who is a talented writer with a story to tell that takes one into the worlds of theatre, Hollywood, and the 60s, will be the keynote speaker at 1:30 p.m. Saturday during UMM's annual Commencement ceremony.

From 1967 to 1975, Coyote "did the 60s" where he became a prominent member of the San Francisco counter-culture community and founding member of the Diggers, an anarchistic group who supplied free food, free housing and free medical aid to runaways. Many of the stories of that period are included in his memoir, *Sleeping Where I Fall*. One of the stories incorporated into his book is "Carla's Story," which was awarded the 1993-1994 Pushcart Prize, a national prize for excellence in writing.

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