

Hastings to host author E.P. Garth

E.P. "Masters" Garth, a longtime Texas broadcaster, has published his first novel, "Off the Air: A Pat Cassidy Novel." He will be at Hastings, 501 Main St., from 5 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday to sign copies of his book.

Garth, a former sportscaster in Texas and Louisiana, created a character based on some of his experiences in radio broadcasting. The story takes place in Texas, where Garth has spent most of his life; some of the text describes areas of Brady, Brownwood and Ennis where he used to live.

The novel is the first of a series involving pulp fiction's latest crime buster, Pat Cassidy. When Pat Cassidy stumbles upon 1976 political corruption in Texas, he teams up with his best friend, newsman Brett Tucker. The result is murder and cover-up involving the most powerful politician in the Lone Star State. The intrigue evolves around the fictional gubernatorial campaign of Texas billionaire Tom Calloway, the mayor of Fort Worth and Texas' favorite son. In cahoots with union boss "Big Jake" Riley, they conspire to steal the election for governor.

"Off the Air" is published by Ingram Publishers through Booklocker.com and is available online at www.booklocker.com, www.amazon.com and www.barnesandnoble.com.

Garth and his wife, Sue, currently reside on Toledo Bend Lake in Louisiana. They are both teachers with Sabine Parish Schools.

Garth grew up in Ennis, a small town south of Dallas. He and his wife, Sue, moved to Toledo Bend Lake, La., in 2005.