



ELMER KELLNER, (fourth from the left) introduces a group of volunteers to Larry Gabel, principal. Those pictured left to right are: Nancy and Bert Follett, Gabel, Kellner, Helen Burnham, Marlin Queen, Mary Lou and Jack Abendschan and Tammy Church.

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Senior citizens volunteer time to school

By Karen Krien

Senior citizens are becoming familiar faces at the St. Francis elementary school.

A number of senior citizens and a few not old enough to be classified as "senior citizens" but having time to volunteer their time are helping students with reading and in other areas specified by teachers.

At the meeting on Monday, Larry Gabel, principal, said that having the volunteers working with the students is a "win/win situation."

"Volunteers have good skills they can share with the kids. With

today's hectic schedules, students' reading skills in the United States are not as good as they should be — there are just too many distractions," Principal Gabel said.

"Good readers produce good students and it is good to head children in the direction of reading at an early age."

Marlin Queen, elementary librarian and computer tech, noted that, since the volunteers have begun coming to the library to help students, the kids are looking forward to them.

Volunteers have certain books

they are reading to the children and each volunteer brings in a new approach and outlook — something different.

Volunteers were invited to participate in the different school activities, noting that the Carnival, held last week, would have been a great time to see these children as well as meet their parents. They are invited to eat lunch.

In was noted that some of the students are looking at the volunteers as "grandparents."

Those present talked about ways they could make their sessions with

the kids more interesting and other ideas. They agreed to meet once a month and, at that time, will look over the upcoming month's schedule for volunteers.

Some of the volunteers are: Charlsie Rogers, Wilma Lampe, Mary Lou and Jack Abendschan, Tammy Church, Nancy Follett, Carol Redding, Helen Burnham, Barbara Ewing, Bert Follett, Elmer Kellner and Beulah Stull.

Anyone interested in being a volunteer in the grade school should contact Principal Gabel or Mr. Kellner.

Stuffed animals needed

By Karen Krien

Amber Havel, member of Plum Creek 4-H Club, wanted to do something special to complete her Leadership Project. After investigation the different options, she and her mother Sharon had called Children's Hospital in Denver to see what might meet the children's needs and would serve as a Leadership Project. The hospital officials said that stuffed animals were needed as "comfort" toys while children were in the hospital.

Amber enlisted the help of three of the Plum Creek 4-H members, Grant Keller, Casey Williams and Jodi Hilt. They recently met and wrapped four boxes to hold stuffed toys. The hospital staff had said that small- to medium-sized stuffed toys were needed so the boxes were appropriately selected.

"The stuffed toys must be new and still have the tags on them," Amber said.

One of the boxes will be placed in the Home Town Market in Bird



STUFFED TOYS are being collected for the Children's Hospital in Denver and Amber Havel (third from left) has decided to use the project to complete her Leadership Project. Other helping her are: (l to r) Casey Williams, Jodie Hilt, Amber and Grant Keller.

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City. In St. Francis, a box will be placed in First National Bank, Bankwest and the Cheyenne County Clinic.

"We will deliver the stuffed toys to Denver on Nov. 24 and we are hoping we have four boxes full," Amber said.

Don't let the small things bother you

A teacher once told each of her students to bring a clear plastic bag and a sack of potatoes to school. For every person they'd refused to forgive in their life's experience, they chose a potato, wrote on it the name and date, and put it in the plastic bag. Some of their bags were quite heavy.

They were then told to carry this bag with them everywhere for one week, putting it beside their bed at night; on the car seat when driving; next to their desk at work

The hassle of lugging this around with them made it clear what a weight they were carrying spiritually, and how they had to pay attention to it all the time to not forget and keep leaving it in embarrassing places.

Naturally, the condition of the potatoes deteriorated to a nasty slime. This was a great metaphor for the price we pay for keeping our pain and heavy negativity! Too often we think of forgiveness as a gift to the other person, and it clearly is for ourselves!!



Clarence and Marie Schultze of Hays were Sunday dinner guests of Hulda Raile. In the afternoon the three of them went to Haigler to visit Jake Samler and his son Chris of Bakersfield, Calif., at the home of Rick and Linda Morris.

Sunday evening Clarence and Marie, Hulda and Vickie and Clinton Schlepp enjoyed eating at the Pizza Hut.

The Schultze's returned to Hays Monday morning.

Guests of Hulda Raile for lunch on Tuesday were Jake Samler and his son Chris of Bakersfield, Walt and Leila Hilt, Clinton and Vickie Schlepp and Otto Samler.

Betty Jean Winston spent from Sunday, Oct. 11, to Saturday, Oct.

18, in North Dakota visiting Grant and Ellen Zwick.

Milton and Betty Lampe attended a US 36 Highway Association meeting in Phillipsburg on Friday, Oct. 24. The same day, they visited Kirk and Debbie Grizzell and Kyle of Macksville and Travis Grizzell of Hays.

Saturday, Oct. 25, the Lampes, Debbie and Kyle's friend, Jake, helped Kyle celebrate his 17th birthday by driving to Dodge City to eat out and attend a movie. At home, Kirk, Travis and Kyle's friend Austin Koett, joined them for cake and ice cream and to open gifts.

On Sunday, they all enjoyed a dinner at the home of Junior and Wanda Lee Grizzell of Macksville.

Club Clip

Tuesday Club

Tuesday Club met Tuesday, Oct. 14 at the home of Donna Zimbelman. Thirteen members answered roll call on their favorite St. Francis Law.

Glorianne Milne gave a very in-

teresting lesson on St. Francis Law.

The November meeting will be at the Cheyenne Manor. Hostess will be Bonnie McQuillen.

The meeting was adjourned by reading the Club Collect.

One of Life's Lessons

One of life's many lessons...

1. Name the five wealthiest people in the world.

2. Name the last five Heisman trophy winners.

3. Name the last five winners of the Miss America contest.

4. Name ten people who have won the Nobel or Pulitzer prize.

5. Name the last half dozen Academy Award winners for Best Actor and Actress.

6. Name the last decade's worth of World Series Winners.

NOPE!

The point is, none of us remembers the headliners of yesterday. These are no second-rate achievers. They're the best in their fields. But the applause dies. Awards tarnish. Achievements are forgotten. Accolades and certificates are buried with their owners.

Now here's another quiz. See how you do on this one:

1. List a few teachers who aided your journey through school.

2. Name three friends who have helped you through a difficult time.

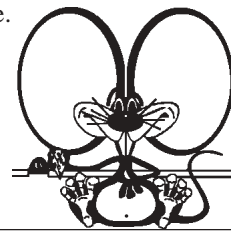
3. Name five people who have taught you something worthwhile.

4. Think of a few people who have made you feel appreciated and special.

5. Think of five people you enjoy spending time with.

6. Name a half dozen heroes whose stories have inspired you.

Easier? The lesson? The people who make a difference in your life aren't the ones with the most credentials, the most money, or the most awards. They're the ones who care.



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