

Lions Club has special speaker

By Karen Krien

Robert Schmidt was the special speaker at the St. Francis Lions Club meeting Monday evening. As the coordinator for Prison Fellowship Ministries in Kansas, Mr. Schmidt told the members about programs that are being followed and new programs being formed to help prisoners who want to be helped.

He said the Prison Fellowship Ministries began about 30 years ago when the aide to President Nixon, Charles Colson, was put in prison after entering a plea of guilty in the Watergate burglary. As an aide, Mr. Colson was known as the White House hatchet man and feared by many. However, in 1973, he was converted to Christianity. He served seven months in Alabama's Maxwell Prison and, as he was leaving, one of the prisoners said that, now he was leaving and he would forget them just like everyone else.

In 1974, he founded Prison Fellowship Ministries which has become the world's largest outreach reconciliation among offenders, victims, their families and communities.

Kansas prisons house around 16,000 prisoners and it costs about \$21,000 a year to house an inmate. Mr. Schmidt said there are 30 Bible study groups which meet regularly in Kansas prisons.

In addition to the Bible studies, Prison Fellowship conducts seminars in the prisons, offers a pen pal program and helps inmates as they return to society by identifying resources and mentors. Mr. Schmidt said there are 6,500 prisoners released each year.

There was some testing done on the weaknesses of prisoners and

why, when they are released, many of them fail and are soon back in prison. They found that a lot of the prisoners had minimal education; there was the fact that many of them had low morals and really didn't think they were doing anything wrong. Many of them were not equipped with a skill for employment so there were financial problems. Other weakness were their friends, emotions, drugs, alcohol, attitude, and leisure and recreational time.

Mr. Schmidt said that the biggest weakness was leisure and recreational time as, when they were not busy, they were tempted to go back to their old ways of using drugs and alcohol. He said 80 percent of the inmates are in prison because of drug- and alcohol-related crimes.

As he taught a class one day, one of the inmates asked the others in the class as to how much money did they need in their safe or between the mattresses to feel secure? He promptly told them that he needed at least \$30,000. When it got below that figure, he needed to build it up by going out and stealing. Mr. Schmidt said that the figures with the other inmates varied starting at around \$2,000 and going up to \$30,000.

Rather than just locking the prisoner up and letting them sit, Mr. Schmidt said the prison officials are now looking more at correcting the problems. There are volunteer programs so, when there are prisoners who want to change, they can be helped. Mentors are found and it helps when a person is held accountable for his actions. They meet with the mentor and other selected people once a month. There are also classes which help them function better



ROBERT SCHMIDT gives a talk at the Lions meeting about programs for prisoners that want to be helped.

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when they get out of prison.

When prisoners are involved with the program, it has been proven that only 8 percent go back to prison, compared with the 60 percent without the special programs.

Mr. Schmidt said people can change in prison with help.

Several years ago, he and others went into the prisons and asked prisoners to list their children. They established an Angel Tree program and people, churches and organizations were asked to give a Christmas present to the children. Last year, there were approximately 4,500 Kansas children receiving presents.

Mr. Schmidt talked about the growing problem of sex offenders. He noted that there were some

very dangerous sex offenders but, there were also the young men who, in their teens, had sex with their young girlfriend and were now classified as a "sex offender." He said they had made a stupid mistake and would pay for it the rest of their lives. He thought there could be some different classifications for these cases.

He once asked prisoners if they had a mom, grandmother or other relative or friend who was praying for them. Almost the whole room of prisoners raised their hands.

"I wonder what will happen when this generation (of praying relatives) is gone?" he said.

Occasion

Family Get Together

A family get together was held at the Cheyenne Manor community room Wednesday evening, May 3, at 7 p.m. Eldon Manteuffel of Spokane, Wash., was the honored guest.

The following relatives enjoyed the evening meal and visiting: Earlene Albers and Jennifer, Libby Curry, Colby; Virginia Terry, Michael, Victoria and Cameron, Hays; Betty Clark, Mr. and Mrs.

Gary Wickwar, Goodland; Mr. and Mrs. Troy Burr, Bird City; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Curry, Nancy Schultz, Mr. and Mrs. Brent Henderson, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Blair, Andrea and Aaron, Mr. and Mrs. Merlyn Yonkey and June Henderson, St. Francis.

Eldon was an overnight guest of Merlyn and Ruth Ann Yonkey. Cara Weeden and Chelsey joined them later.



Coates



Neitzel



Richard



White

Four students receive scholarship money

Several area students accepted Fort Hays State University scholarships for the 2006-2007 academic year at a recent Student Recognition Program in Colby.

Among the students were four St. Francis Community High School seniors:

Schuyler Coates accepted a \$400 Fort Hays Bronze Academic Award and a \$500 Award of Excellence in information networking and telecommunications. She is involved in basketball, volleyball, Fellowship of Christian Athletes and journalism and is on the honor roll.

Coates, daughter of Robert and Vicki Coates, St. Francis, plans to major in information networking and telecommunications.

Erin Neitzel accepted a \$500 Award of Excellence from the College of Business and Leadership. She is involved in volleyball, basketball, track, Fellowship of Chris-

tian Athletes and art and is on the high honor roll.

Neitzel, daughter of Roger and Traci Neitzel, St. Francis, plans to major in business.

Trevon Richard accepted an \$800 Hays City Silver Academic Award and a \$500 Award of Excellence in physics. He is involved in football, track, wrestling and Fellowship of Christian Athletes and is on the high honor roll.

Richard, son of Tim and Teri Richard, St. Francis, plans a career in engineering.

Sawyer White accepted a \$400 Fort Hays Bronze Academic Award and a \$500 Award of Excellence in nursing. She is involved in volleyball, track, swim team, choir, speech, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, journalism and cheerleading and is on the high honor roll.

White is the daughter of Vance and Rosanna White, St. Francis.

Odd Facts

• Cost of raising a medium size dog to the age of eleven: \$6,400.

• Average number of people airborne over the US any given hour: 61,000.

• Intelligent people have more zinc and copper in their hair.

• The world's youngest parents

were 8 and 9 and lived in China in 1910.

• The San Francisco Cable cars are the only mobile National Monuments.

• State with the highest percentage of people who walk to work: Alaska.

String band to perform at Quinter high school

The 2005-06 season of Western Plains Arts Association will close with the Alferd Packer Memorial String Band performance at the Quinter High School auditorium on Saturday, May 13 at 7:30 p.m.

The band performs a lively show of contemporary and traditional

bluegrass and American folk music. Its six members sing and play fiddle, banjo, guitar, mandolin, hammer dulcimer, accordion, bass, shotgun and washboard. Complementing their musical presentation are their 1870s costumes and raucous humor.

UNDER \$10,000.00

1983 Chevy K2500, Tan, TMU, Reg. Cab, Silverado, Manual
1996 Chevy C1500, Blue, 106,783 miles, Reg Cab, Tilt, CC, PW, PDL, Cass/CD, 60/40 Bench
1998 Chevy Tahoe, 111,829 miles, Pewter, 350, Tilt, CC, PW, PDL

UNDER \$15,000.00

2002 Chevy Impala, Brown, 97,461 miles, LS, 3800, Tilt, CC, PW, PDL, CD, PS
2004 Chevy Venture, Tan, 50,344 miles, Ext. LS 3400, Tilt, CC, PW, PDL, CD
1999 GMC K-1500, Black, 89,475 miles, Ext. Cab, SLT, 5.3, Tilt, CC, PW, PDL, Cass/CD, Leather
2005 Buick Century, Gray, 26,608 miles, 4DR, V6, PW, Cruise, Tilt
2003 Dodge Grand Caravan, Blue, 49,864 miles, 4 Dr., V6, Tilt, CC, PW, PDL, CD/Cass, BKT/BKT
2003 Pontiac Montana, Red/Tan, 70,387 miles, Sport, V6, On Star, CD/Cass/DVD
2005 Chevy Impala, Silver, 27,182 miles, V6, PW, PDL, CC, Tilt

UNDER \$20,000.00

2004 Pontiac Bonneville, Silver, 4 Dr., 25,856 miles, 4 Dr., 3.8, Tilt, CC, PW, PDL, CD, XM
2000 Chevy K-1500, Dark Gray, 63,938 miles, Ext. Cab, 4WD, Short Box, 5.3, Tilt, CC, PW, PDL, CD/Cass., PS
2001 Chevy Suburban, Pewter, 70,027 miles, LT, V8, Tilt, Cruise, PW, PDL, CD/Cass, Leather/Heat, On Star
2002 Chevy C-2500, White, 109,350 miles, 2 WD, Ext. Cab, LS, 6.0, Tilt, CC, PW, PDL, CD, Tow Pkg.
2005 Chevy Malibu, Gold, 9,971 miles, LS, 4 Dr., V6, PW, CC, Tilt
2005 Chevy Cobalt LT, Beige, 11,636 miles, LT, 4 Dr.
2005 Buick Rendezvous, White, 17,551 miles, FWD, CD, 5 Passenger, PW, PDL, Tilt, CC
2005 Chevy Monte Carlo LT, Blue, 27,155 miles, 3.8, Tilt, CC, PW, PDL
2005 Chevy Impala, Gold, 21,092 miles, V6, 4 Dr., Leather, PW, PS, CC, Tilt
2006 Chevy Impala, blue, 12,891 miles, V6, PW, Cruise, Tilt
2003 GMC K-1500, blue, 44,187 miles, Ext. Cab, 4 Dr, 4WD, Buckets, PW, PDL, Tilt, Cruise, CD

UNDER \$25,000.00

2001 Chevy K-2500, Dk. Blue, 101,130 miles, Crew Cab, HD, LS, 8.1, Tilt, CC, PW, PDL, CD
2005 Chevy Uplander, White, 28,696 miles, PW, PDL, Tilt, CC, CD
2005 Pontiac Montana, Red, 10,137 miles, Base, 2WD, V6, PW, CC, Tilt
2001 Chevy K-2500, White, 45,475 miles, V8, PS, AC, PW, PL
2002 GMC TK25753, Pewter, 77,968 miles, Ext. Cab, SLE, 6.0, CC, PW, PDL, CD
2006 Pontiac Torrent, White, 14,609 miles, PDL, PW, Cruise, Tilt, CD
2005 Buick LeSabre, Silver, 7,332 miles, V6, Leather, PW, CC, Tilt
2002 GMC K-2500, 59,581 miles, Ext. Cab, Long Box, SLE, 6.0, CC, PW, PDL, CD

OVER \$25,000.00

2006 Buick Lucerne, Blue, 1,483 miles, 40/20/40, V6, Remote Start
2003 Chevy K2500, Blue, 51,090 miles, Reg. Cab, 4 WD, LS, Diesel, Tilt, CC, PW, PDL, CD
2003 Chevy Tahoe LT, Black, 31,595 miles, 5.3, Tilt, CC, PW, PDL, CD, DVD, Leather
2003 GMC Yukon, White, 45,209 miles, OnStar, 6 CD/XM, V8, Lthr
2004 Chevy Tahoe, Silver, 38,695 miles, LS, 5.3, Tilt, CC, PW, PDL, Cass/CD
2004 GMC Yukon, Pewter, 37,763 miles, 3rd Row, 4 WD, Bkt/Bench, CD
2004 Chevy K-1500, Maroon, 24,700 miles, 4 WD, Crew Cab, Lthr, DVD, OnStar
2005 Cadillac SRX, White, 9,700 miles, 4 Dr, Tilt, Cruise, PW, PDL, Leather/Heat, V6, XM/6CD
2004 Cadillac Escalade, Blue, 25,278 miles, Lthr, Sun Roof, Navigation System

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2% Cottage Cheese			
(24 oz. container)	\$2.29 Blue Bunny	\$2.79 Shur fresh	50¢
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