

# Family

## Teachers will appreciate volunteer help

DEAR ABBY: A few years ago, I discovered an incredible need teachers have. The day after school ended, I had a couple of free hours and impulsively stopped by the school and offered to help my daughter's teacher pack up for the summer. You would have thought I donated an organ! What I did was not hard: We took down bulletin boards, packed books, etc. It was quite enjoyable.

Before school began in the fall, I offered my services again, but this time my 18- and 15-year-old daughters joined me. The teachers nearly named a day after us. We cleaned cubbies, arranged desks, cut out shapes and set out supplies. It doesn't matter if you have one hour or four. It makes a difference.

The most wonderful part was my daughters telling the teachers they had no idea how much work teachers devote to preparing for their pupils.

I recommend this as a wonderful volunteer opportunity. The added benefit was exposing my teen-agers to the "behind-the-scenes" activities of these energetic, committed professional teachers.

KAREN WARREN,  
GAINESVILLE, FLA.

**DEAR KAREN: A terrific idea. Everyone's a winner when everyone chips in, but why stop there? Schools welcome the continual involvement of parents in their children's education, and that involvement results in more diligent students.**

DEAR ABBY: I read in this morning's paper the letter from the



Abigail  
Van Buren

• Dear  
Abby

paramedic who was called to the home where the little boy drowned. It was a sad letter that made my heart ache.

We have a fence around our pool and keep the gate securely locked. Our son knows how to swim and follows the safety rules we have established.

I thought I was a responsible pool owner — until last Mother's Day. We had invited friends over for a cookout and swimming party. We ate in shifts so an adult would always be with the children as they swam. My friend and I were eating poolside; her husband was in the pool with the children. All four of the little ones (under 5) had taken swimming lessons and were

good swimmers. My friend's son was floating on a kickboard. We looked away for a moment, and when we looked back, he was nowhere to be seen. We moved the kickboard, and there he was, trying to come up for air! Somehow, I managed to reach in and grab him.

We were lucky. He had been holding his breath. In a few more seconds, he would have drowned. All this happened in 3 feet of water, 3 feet from me, and with five adults in the pool area.

Since then, we have added new rules: We now have at least one adult watcher for every three children. This person must be alert at all times and watch the children. We rotate so the same adult isn't always the watcher. If a child cannot swim, he or she must wear a life vest, and the parents are responsible for their children the entire time they are in the pool.

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Edward Horinek, Winona  
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### Thank You...

The family of Francis Robben, Sr., with love and appreciation, wishes to thank all our relatives and friends for the mass stipends, memorial gifts, spiritual bouquets, food, floral arrangements, cards and prayers.

Thanks to the Logan County Hospital and Long Term Care staff for their exceptional acts of kindness and services, St. Paul's Altar Society for the wonderful meal; also a special thank you to Father Roger Meitl, Father Galen Long and Father Don McCarthy. God bless and keep you.

*Francis & Laverne Robben, Jr.,  
Jerome Robben,  
Rosemary & Dorven Beckman,  
Annette Moorhous,  
Jim & Luella Robben  
Angie & T.R. Baalman,  
Evelyn & Bob Mannebach*



## Final Booked for Lunch set

Debbie Tittel will review *A Painted House* by John Grisham at Booked for Lunch Wednesday, May 2, at noon at Pioneer Memorial Library. Everyone is invited. Light refreshments will be provided by Friends of the Library. This is the last Booked for Lunch until fall. The first fall review will be Wednesday, Sept. 5.

SHARE sign-up for May is earlier. It will be April 30 to May 4 at State

## Happenings

Farm Insurance, with delivery May 19 at Sacred Heart School gym. The meat special for May is 8 (6 oz.) steaks for \$12 with purchase of a regular share for \$16.50 plus two hours of volunteer service. This is a program of exchanging community service for food. For information call Gene Griffin 462-3579 or Anna Fyfe 462-3733.

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## About Town

**Duane and Ethel Jean Woofter** were in Lander, Wyo., this week to attend memorial services for Wanita Selley. Bud and Wanita were former residents of Colby.

## Deaths

### Wanita Selley

Wanita Selley of Lander, Wyo., 76, died April 18, 2001 at Lander Valley Medical Center. She was born Aug. 24, 1924, in Colby, the daughter of Myrtle and Cliff Lewallen. She was raised on her family's farm in Colby, graduated from Page city High School and attended Fort Hays State College in Kansas.

She was a farm wife and mother, taught a combined 4th and 5th grade class in Levant, and was a bookkeeper for several businesses. She had lived at Westward Heights Care Center for the past years.

Survivors include her husband Bud of Lander; two sons, Bill of Bonner Springs and Dennis and wife of Lander; two grandchildren; a great-grandson; and two sisters and their husbands, Phyllis Herman of Arizona and Judy Souther of Washington. She was preceded in death by her parents and a granddaughter.

Memorial services were Tuesday at Hudson's Funeral Home in Lander.

In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate memorials to the Muscular Dystrophy Association or Westward Heights Center.

### Bernard J. "Steve" Stephens

Bernard J. "Steve" Stephens of Oakley, 82, died Thursday April 26, 2001, at Logan County Hospital, Oakley. He was an Oakley resident for over 50 years. He was a farmer, had been a grain elevator manager for Garvey and Co-op Elevators in Oakley and Campus.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Oakley, Fr. Roger K. Meitl officiating. Burial will be in the Oakley Cemetery, Oakley.

Visitation will be from 2-9 p.m. Sunday at Kennedy-Koster Funeral Home, Oakley. Rosary/wake service will be at 7:30 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Logan County Hospital, Oakley, or charity of the donor's choice, and can be sent in care of the funeral home at PO Box 221, Oakley.

## Club News

### DAUGHTERS MEET

John Athey Chapter of NSDAR met at the Colonial Steakhouse April 21 at 10 a.m. Regent Janet Hinthier opened the meeting in ritualistic form. Irene Cressler gave the President General's Message and Leta Miller gave the National Defense report on our Veterans. Guests were Ardis Stark and Ada Schruben of Atwood, Tabitha and Michele Cook of Oakley, and Melanie Baalman of Grinnell. Ada Schruben and Ardis Stark were approved to transfer their membership to John Athey Chapter.

New officers were installed, after which Melanie Baalman gave a delightful program on Kansas Folklore and Kansas Songs. Our fall meeting will be announced at a later date.

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