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Today we add another 32 articles to the *Health Quest Online Magazine*, bringing our total to 122. Please note that as the semester has progressed, so have our student-reporters. Lately I've had a hard time separating feature writing from routine assignments. It seems once the spigot turned on the quality and volume kept improving. And I have little doubt that if we were to continue this adventure for another month or so every Health Quest Critter would be developing feature stories.

Students who once “cringed”—the “Velcro” word in the *Daily Times-Call* about us—when told to write to relieve stress, now relish the opportunity to demolish my 500-word limit. Better, is their recognition of a worldwide audience, as more and more writers begin to speak to adults as well as their peers. You'll read more about feelings in these articles now, even strong passion in a few.

To the Critters, now young adults and certified published writers, thank you for the privilege of coaching you this semester. Keep speaking out and putting it in writing.

Thank you to the St. Vrain Valley School District and the Longmont Council for the Arts for sponsoring this grant, and especially to Xcel for funding it. Special thanks to Pam Mellskog of the *Daily Times-Call* for her excellent articles promoting our work, even if she did use the cringe word.

All of us owe Kit S. Goncharov a big thank you for creating this beautiful web site. Kit has already been recognized by the District for winning first place in its technology fair. Last fall, Linda Bartlett introduced me to Kit and asked him if he would be willing to work on the site. He said of course, as if it were no more trouble than correcting a spelling error. The next time I heard from him was over a month later, right after Christmas break. He sent me an email to show me his first version of the site he'd worked on during his vacation time. From there we were on our way.

Linda K. Bartlett has orchestrated a masterpiece with her invention of the Health Quest program. She is a master teacher I wish my children could have had in the eighth grade. Shoot, I wish everyone could experience a day in her classroom. Linda teaches her beloved critters how to think and solve problems in a curriculum that is actually advanced life. But for the many

health care specialists and experts, and one writing coach, Linda Bartlett has created an environment for us to create a legacy of our knowledge without the hassle of managing a class. Her students are polite and voice their appreciation of every guest speaker through their questions, comments and applause. She has those young adults “normed” to want to learn.

As you read over the terrific information available on Kit’s site, I believe you will understand that Health Quest should be for every student. Thank you, Linda. What an incredible legacy you’ve given us.

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