

# Several English students have essays printed in book

Over one-half of the students in Lisa Gibson's last year's eighth grade English class are having essays printed in an anthology book.

"This is absolutely fantastic for these eighth grade students," Mrs. Gibson said. "This is a great accomplishment for eighth graders.

There were 15 out of the 28 students in the class whose work was selected to be published. These students were among the 1,141 accepted out of the 2,000 entries.

The students are now eligible for prize money and have the opportunity to be selected for the top 10 essays.

Since over 50 percent of the class was accepted to be published, St. Francis, Mrs. Gibson said, will receive a "writing achievement award." This honor is given to the top 10 percent of the schools that have entered the contest. The

schools, she said, are chosen based on the number and quality of entries accepted.

In the next few weeks, *The Herald* will be publishing all 15 essays. The second five are in this week's issue.

### My Dogs

By Sarah Whitmore

Have you ever heard that a dog is man's best friend? They're also a girl's best friend. My two dogs, Misty and Sam, play a large role in my life. They are both full of energy.

Misty's favorite sport is fetch. When she wants to play, she'll bring a toy to me and drop it at my feet. Sam, on the other hand, won't bring a toy back if you throw it. She prefers to have someone chase her for it. When I get a hold of her toy, she'll try to tackle me. This is when Misty joins in. I wrestle them both until all three of us are tired.

Yet, it's not all fun and games; there are still chores to do. Sometimes, big dogs can be a lot of work. Walking them can be difficult at times. They're usually well behaved, but sometimes they decide to go for a run.

Brushing and bathing them is tricky too, Misty has a thick coat, so it is hard to brush her. Sam, on the other hand, can be brushed quickly. Neither of them like baths, though, although difficult, we have to cope with getting them into the bathtub.

They need training, too. They both know the following tricks: sit, lie down, and shake. We're constantly working with them on tricks and obedience.

Although they're a lot of work, my dogs are two of my closest friends. They're always there to comfort me. Do you have a friend like that?

### Three Barrels, Two Hearts, and

### One Dream

By Laura Brunk

Have you ever done anything in your life that makes you feel like you're caught up in an emotional hurricane? Barrel racing makes me feel that way. It's truly an amazing feeling that touches my life.

My horse and I are a team when we race together. As the gate is opened, our hearts are racing. Laying my hand on my horse's shoulder, I whisper, "It is okay, we together can do this." With that we're off racing, giving everything we have.

When we come to the first barrel, I yell "Whoa." At the sound of my voice, she flies around the barrel so smooth and flawless, as if it's a natural instinct. I feel like we're flying through the air, as we stride on to our next challenge. Reaching the second barrel we glide around this time more quickly than the first. Hurrying

**Idalia Bicentennial Family Community Education Club**  
The October meeting of the Idalia Bicentennial Family Community Education Club was called to order by Angela DeLeon, president. Fifteen members answered roll call.

Officer elections were held and the new officers are: Kathy Wiley, president; Susan Knodel, vice president; Cindy Soehner, secretary; and Amber Soehner, treasurer.

A very informative and timely program was given by Jennifer Kramer from the Wray Hospital on H1N1 and the seasonal flu. She handed out "what you need to know" leaflets on the vaccines available, information on who needs to get the vaccine and when and symptoms of the flu.

The November meeting members will be assembling cookie platters. Please remember to bring

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three dozen cookies on Nov. 19 at 7 p.m.

Refreshments were served by hostesses, Amber Soehner and Niki Snapp. The scholarship basket brought by Kathy Wiley was won by Cindy Soehner.

### St. John news

Men's Bible study is weekly on Thursday mornings from 7 to 7:30 at the St. John Church. All men are welcome.

By Angela DeLeon



"Fifth Quarter" volunteers are needed. The remaining date is Oct. 30. If willing to help contact Pastor Chuck 354-7522.

St. John's United Church of Christ Holiday Auction will take place Nov. 15. Proceeds will benefit the 2010 Community Vacation Bible School.

### Cub's Den Community Child-care Center

The Cub's Den Community Childcare Center is hosting a special event on Sunday, Nov. 22, at the Route 36 Grill. Contact Jessica Andrews for additional information at (970) 354-7495. There will be a silent auction and stick-horse races.

### Book Fair

Oct. 30 is the last day for the Destination Book Fair at the Idalia School Library. They are also participating in the One for Books program, where money can be donated to help purchase books for the library.

## Beecher Island News

By Bessie Dent



There were 36 at Sunday school with Judy Willard and Nelson Ekberg giving their birthday offerings.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Rose attended an anniversary part in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Paul Saturday at Idalia.

Nelson Ekberg and Connie Ekberg spent the weekend with Jacque Ekberg.

Violet Brown and Donna Dodge had eye appointments in Sterling Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Nagel; of Fort Collins visited Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Strangways.

Laura Pearl Wall visited Sunday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Simmons.

Bonnie Osmus was a Friday night guest of Mr. and Mrs. Tempy Bowman and family in Windsor. She was able to take in some of the grandchildren's ball games.

Brittany and Cade Novak spent the weekend with grandparents, Gary and Sharilyn Mansfield. Sunday, Gary and Ellen Mansfield took them to Fort Morgan to meet their mother, Jennifer Novak of Denver and their aunt, Jeanne Jackson, Jake and Raygan, of Greeley. All enjoyed dinner together in Fort Morgan.

Friday evening Laura Pearl Wall and MerryLu Simmons attended a party in Haigler.

Todd Simmons and Debbie Larson were Friday night and Saturday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Simmons. Mr. and Mrs. Quentin Simmons and Taya joined them for dinner Saturday.

Judy Shively visited Carole Whomble Sunday afternoon.

Jacque Ekberg went to Holyoke Thursday to see Nelson and went out to eat at the Skillet for their belated anniversary.

## Haigler News

### Get well cards

Word has been received that Lucille Corder, former Haigler resident, has fallen and broken a hip. Get well cards to cheer her may be sent to her at this address: c/o Leigh Renzelman, 9798 Clandan Court, Parker, CO 80134.

### Tumbleweed Festival

This is the week! Everyone in the tri-state area needs to mark their calendars to attend Haigler's second annual Fall Tumbleweed Festival on Halloween Day (Saturday). The day's forecast is for sunshine and 51 degrees!

At least seven sites will be having garage sales from 9 a.m. to noon. The chili feed, homemade

pie and ice cream servings begins at 1 p.m. mountain time at Country Schoolhouse 67 South. (There is an ad concerning the festival).

Bring your tumbleweeds!!! There will be prizes for the biggest and also the best Halloween decorated ones. Kids (young and old) need to dress in their Halloween costumes for the spook parade at 3 p.m. Prizes will be given. There will also be drawings for gift certificates from local businesses. Plan to come spend an enjoyable Halloween Day in Haigler. A country western dance will also be held at the Legion Community Building that evening.

## Public Notice

# Petition filed in court in the Browning estate

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CHEYENNE COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

CHARLES L. BROWNING, DECEASED

CASE NO. 09-PR-22

(Petition Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)

NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on October 9, 2009, a petition was filed in this Court by Charlene K. Meyer, an heir, devisee and legatee, and co-executor named in the "Last Will and Testament of Charles L. Browning, dated August 13, 1996, and the First Codicil of Charles L. Browning dated June 13, 2000", deceased, praying the will and codicil filed with the petition be admitted to probate and record; petitioner be appointed as executor, without bond; petitioner be granted Letters Testamentary, and the "Consent of Spouse," filed herein, be determined a valid consent.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before November 10, 2009, at 10:00 a.m. in the District Court, St. Francis, Cheyenne County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

All creditors are notified to exhibit their demands against the Estate within the latter of four months from the date of first publication of notice under K.S.A. 59-2236 and amendments thereto, or if the identity of the creditor is known or reasonably ascertainable, 30 days after actual notice was given as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

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## Public Notices

# Stockholders annual meeting published

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL STOCKHOLDERS MEETING OF WHEELER COOPERATIVE MERC. EQUITY UNION

To be held in the High School Cafeteria in St. Francis, Kansas, Wednesday, November 4, 2009. Meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. with the meal following.

### THE AGENDA:

- Reading of the annual report.
- Election of one director.
- All other business that may lawfully come before the meeting.

To help us plan the amount of food needed for this year's Annual Meeting we need your help. Please call 785-332-2281 with the number of guests attending.

Robert Draper, Secretary

R.S.V.P. 785-332-2281

# Petition filed in court in the Hitchcock estate

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

CASE NO. 09-PR-23

MERLE D. HITCHCOCK, Deceased

(Petition Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on October 23, 2009, a Petition for Issuance of Letters of Administration was filed in this Court by Lyle E. Hitchcock, an heir, devisee and legatee, of Merle D. Hitchcock," deceased.

All creditors of the decedent are notified to exhibit their demands against the Estate within the latter of four months from the date of first publication of notice under K.S.A. 59-2236 and amendments thereto, or if the identity of the creditor is known or reasonably ascertainable, 30 days after actual notice was given as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

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as fast as her legs will carry us while not breaking our rhythm we soar around the third barrel. Now that we have made it around all three barrels successfully we cross the finish line. When we are finally finished, again that emotional hurricane comes back. Although, this time it's a better feeling. I feel like our many hours of hard work has finally paid off. We have beaten our time from the previous run. Our dream of being the best we can be is finally coming true.

### Heartbeat

By Taylor Archibald

Have you ever had the feeling, when you're doing something you love, which makes everything in the world feel right? I get that feeling every time I'm on stage.

Some people might say that dance isn't a sport; that it's just something you do for fun. Well, not for me. For me it's not just a sport or something fun, it's a passion. Because when I'm dancing, there's nothing in the world except for the stage and me.

When I dance, I'm in my own world with just the music and the people I'm dancing with. To me, that world is the best everything. Dancing can be the easiest and the hardest thing in the world. For me, it's one of the hardest things because I don't want to leave the stage. I want to keep dancing and never stop. Even when I am done performing, I continue to dance in my mind and when I'm just hanging out.

When I'm dancing, it feels like my heart stops and I don't even know that I'm still breathing until after the dance is over. I can feel the beat racing through my veins, never stopping till it's over. What I feel out there, will never change.

There are many more reasons that cannot be expressed in just words, they are expressed in feelings. These reasons are why dance is my passion.

### Swish

By Dylan Peter

Swish. That is the purest and most gratifying sound I can hear. When a slight flicker of the net is whipped, the magical sound can be heard over 20,000 spectator's voices.

The most important concept to understand in basketball is that nobody can make all the shots all the time. You have to commit yourself to be able to hear that wonderful sound.

When you walk onto the hard-

wood court, you have to have the mental idea that your going to make all your shots. But when that shot is released, you have to think it's not going through that rim. Practice can only get you so far in the sport of basketball. It takes game time experience to know what's going on, and to understand nobody has a perfect game.

I have had the experience in thinking I can make all the attempts all the time. I went into my eighth grade basketball season thinking that I was going to make all my shots. I failed. That is one reason I practice to get as close as possible to a pure shot and sticking to the fundamentals of the sport.

After I committed to practicing and working within myself to get better, I understand "reward." The highest reward in the game of basketball is two points. When I have scored, that proves my concentration was at the limit and everything was absolutely perfect.

Although the one thing to make that sound better, is the sound "Swish."

### Two and Out

By Zach Gienger

I knew that I had to win this match to advance in the tournament, and if I lost...well, I didn't really want to think about that. I stepped onto the mat and I knew there was no turning back. I was so nervous that I had an upset stomach, but that feeling was fueling my excitement. The referee blew his whistle. The match had started, and my mind was racing. The next thing I knew my opponent had taken me down and I was already on my back. He had a quick five point lead on me. I battled back the rest of the match, but he had beaten me six to four.

I had just done the worst a wrestler could do. I had lost my first two matches and I was out of the tournament. Frankly, I wasn't feeling too good about myself. I shook his hand and walked off the mat.

I went straight to my dad and he was just standing there smiling. I couldn't figure it out. How could he be so happy when I had just lost? Then he told me he was smiling because he was proud of me for doing the best I could, and he said that was all that mattered. That's when I realized, when you do something, win or lose, as long as you try your best it doesn't matter.

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