

# Students' poetry published

The seventh grade students of Lisa Gibson had poetry that will be published in the 16th edition of Young American Poetry Digest. There will be more published later.

## Football

By Lane Hobrock

Fast pace, very exciting  
Overtime is the most exciting part  
One on one with your opponent  
Taking people to the ground hard  
Ball is medium sized and is leather  
All people are built very strong  
Long lasting battle between both teams  
Large linemen are brute looking

## Wrestling

By Jesse Jenkins

Wworking hard to win the match  
R rowdy crowd cheering me on  
E xcited to make a move  
S strong, sweaty boy  
T takedown my opponent  
L listen for the whistle to blow  
I inside the hot gym  
N never give up  
G go green and gold

## Dragon

By Jason Owens

D Deadly Dangerous and Devastating  
R roaring at adventures  
A always breathing fire  
G gorging on explorers  
O outrageously super strong  
N Never leaving its castle

## Mornings

Justin Pacheco

Justin Pacheco, a tired individual  
Who feels tired and not all in there.  
Who needs an energy drink to get him going.  
Who gives no excuses of being tired.  
Who fears he won't do good in school.  
Who would like to take a cruise to the Bahamas.

## Fishing

Blake Meyer

When I went fishing  
Yesterday I caught a bass  
Then I took it home

## Motorcycles

By Austin Patton

M moving through the countryside  
O ver hills and great challenges  
T taking the weather head-on  
O utside at all times  
R emaining in one place for just the night  
C hallenging the landscape  
Y our dreams came true  
C circling people giving them a fright  
L lashing a sidecar on for someone stranded  
E nlightening friends on adventures  
S ending kudos to

# NAVY

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College of the Armed Forces and graduated with a master of science in national resource strategy. He then served as the deputy director of the Chief of Naval Operations Executive Panel.

Prior to his current assignment as Chief of the Strategy, Policy and Studies Division, Joint Irregular Warfare Center, U.S. Joint Forces Command, Capt. Wilson was the Naval Attaché to the U.S. Embassy, Jakarta, Indonesia. In this capacity, Capt. Wilson served as the Chief of Naval Operations direct representative in Indonesia, establishing relations with the Indonesian Navy following years of reticent cooperation while advising Pacific Command, Pacific

Fleet, and 7th Fleet on matters regarding regional security issues.

He accumulated over 4,400 flight hours in the SH-3D/H Sea King, SH-60F/H Seahawk, UH-1N Huey, TH-57 Sea Ranger, and the C-12C/D King Air. His personal awards include two Defense Superior Service Medals, Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal (single action), three Navy Commendation Medals, two Navy Achievement Medals and various personal, service, and campaign awards.

Capt. Wilson is married to the former Sonya Hecht, a 1982 St. Francis alumni, and lives in Chesapeake, Va. They have two children, Christopher and Emily.

# CHANGES

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A letter announcing the public meeting said, incorrectly, that the pickup times would not change. Officials said that's true in some of the areas under study, but not here. The letter did not get changed to reflect that — and news stories about the meeting as a result were incorrect.

Pivovar said the consolidation will save about \$99,000 a year at the Colby post office, mainly from reduced work hours. The consolidation would reduce afternoon work hours here by 2,269 per year. That's a little more than 43 hours per week, a little more than one full-time position.

Asked if any clerks here would be reassigned to Salina, Pivovar said he would have to follow collective bargaining agreements in the contracts with the American Postal Workers Union, which represents mail clerks. A new contract is being voted on now, he said, so he's not sure what the rules will be. Employees can request transfers, however, and Pivovar said has a limited ability to transfer excess work between facilities.

The Postal Service is in what Pivovar called an "acute financial crisis." Electronic communication, the recession and changes in the makeup of the mail have resulted in a 42 percent decline in first class mail since 2001. The service lost about \$8.5 million last year, and Pivovar estimated it would have to spend an extra \$500 million this year on gas alone, as it has one of the largest transportation fleets in the country.

The demand and volume of mail has been reduced, he said, but the Postal Service still has the manpower and equipment to process the larger volume, and so it has to make reductions.

He said in addition to the Hays and Colby centers, consolidation proposals are in the works for the mail processing centers in Lincoln, Neb., Hutchinson and Independence.

"It's the same thing that's happening across the country," he said.

Pivovar said the Postal Service already consolidates Saturday mail sorting from Colby to Wichita, and has done so for some time.

"We're already doing a lot of that," he said. "It's making us more efficient."

Pivovar emphasized several times that the Postal Service is not closing the Colby post office, but rather moving part of the mail processing work. However, the service has been closing smaller post offices around the country.

He said he has been reviewing post offices with nine carrier routes or less that have another office within 10 miles to see if the carrier routes can be combined. He said he just finished 23 public meetings in towns where the service plans to close offices that have had vacant postmaster positions.

employees is everything potentially is on the table for review," he said.

James Foster, rural development representative with the Kansas Department of Commerce, asked if the Salina processing facility will need to be upgraded to handle mail from Colby and Hays. Pivovar said part of the reason the service chose Salina is because it already has enough capacity. The service will have to have to add more man-hours in Salina to process the mail, however.

Foster also asked how many of these studies are not implemented. Pivovar said several consolidation proposals, such as some for Saturday deliveries, have not been approved, while others take years before they are implemented.

Colby City Manager Carolyn Armstrong said the change will require her employees to have their work done earlier so their outgoing mail can make it to the post office on time.

Steve Haynes, president of Nor'West Newspapers, owner of the Colby Free Press, said the changed time will affect the printing and mailing schedules at small businesses, especially newspapers. He asked if the service had studied the economic impact of the plan, and Pivovar said it had not.

Pivovar, while defending the change, said he recognizes that for anyone who's service will be downgraded, the change will be important.

"To that one customer, that's 100 percent of their mail, we do recognize that," he said. "That's something we are weighing."

Colby City Councilman Dave Voss said the local impact of closing the Colby sorting facility on the town would be greater than its national impact, which would be a drop in the bucket compared to the service's financial problems. Employees here spend money in town and their families attend our

schools, he said.

"I think that you guys should look for bigger fish to fry," Voss said.

"\$99,000 doesn't sound like much," Pivovar said, "but we're looking a hundred of these AMP studies. Some are 500-person facilities."

Sandy Wilks, who works at the Colby High School library, asked Pivovar if the Postal Service had ever studied the local impact. Pivovar said it had not. Wilks also asked Pivovar to consider moving more equipment to Colby and expanding services, rather than cutting back.

Larry Barrett asked if the Postal Service had ever looked at a north-south consolidation instead of east-west. Pivovar said the service has already consolidated sorting in Garden City with Hutchinson, but was not considering a north-south consolidation at this time.

Holly Whitaker, executive director of the Colby/Thomas County Chamber of Commerce, said she wanted the record to state that local businesses and citizens preferred local mail processing.

"We like local hands and familiar faces that we can trust with our most important mail," she said.

Pivovar said his office has done its initial review of the proposal. The Office of the Inspector General has also done an audit, he said, and found the overall scheme to be financially sound. Notes from the community meetings, as well as any concerns or suggestions sent in by mail, would go into the official records submitted to the regional office in Denver and then to the national office, he said.

If the plan is approved, the public will be notified and the service then has 60 days to make the change.

Pivovar said anyone who has further comments to mail them to Consumer Affairs Manager, Central Plains District, Box 19904, Omaha, Neb., 68119.



ST. FRANCIS SIXTH GRADERS took advantage of the nice weather to power rake the hospital lawn.

Herald photo by Shawna Blanka

# HONORS

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difficult situations or overcome adversity."

Chris found being selected to be a part of the National Honor Society to be a highlight in his high school career.

"I got this honor when I was a sophomore," he said. "to me, this is the most elite group or organization that any school has. It isn't something that is based only off of grades but, extracurricular activities as well."

Mikaela said she had a won-

derful high school experience and picking just one high point was difficult so she picked two. They are achieving All-League First Team Volleyball honor and becoming a National Merit Scholar.

"However," she said, "it's the people at St. Francis Community High School that I cherish most. Certain teachers have had a profound impact on my beliefs and scholastic development, and the friends I've made are truly invaluable to me."

Mikaela's future plans include attending Stanford University in Palo Alto, Calif., where she will study chemical engineering. Post-graduation plans include working with Engineers Without Borders or a similar non-profit and eventually own her own business.

Chris plans to head for Fort Hays State University where he will be studying to become an elementary teacher. After graduation, he hopes to move back to Cheyenne County and teach in an area school. While teaching, he wants to continue working on the family farm with his father and grandfather.

# VEHICLES

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are encouraged to vote for the "People's Choice Award." At the end of the day, the winner will be awarded a trophy.

"Stop by the registration desk and pick up a ballot," said Nancy Schultz, coordinator. "Then vote for your favorite vehicle."

There are several new activities planned this year. Three restored bicycles will be given away. Kids can register, no charge, and ride home a bike.

There will be no Chicken Bingo this year. In its place will be a card game. Stop by the registration booth for more information.

The vendors will be in the city park, west of Sawhill Park. There are lots of vendors, Mrs. Schultz said. They include jewelry, Scensy candles, T-shirts and baked goods. Other food vendors include barbecue, corn on a stick, the Wahrman's, the Hobo Wagon and Mountain Man.

With the motorcycles coming, there will be small poker run starting at St. Francis, then on to Bird City, Benkelman, Haigler and back to St. Francis. Those going on the run need to register at the park by 1 p.m. and the run will start at 1:30. The money

raised will go to St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

Also at 1 p.m. will be the kids' tractor pulling contest. See related article for more information.

The drawings and awards ceremony will start at 4 p.m.

There are new entries that have never been to the show before and members are hoping more of the local vehicles will turn out for the big celebration.

"Be sure to come to the park and enjoy the activities," Mr. Schultz said. "Talk to the people about their vehicles — there is always a story to go with each one!"

No alcohol is allowed in the park — just good, clean fun and lots of old, restored cars.



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Stock cows: Short term pairs \$1,200/pr.  
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Christmas Tree & Christmas Decor  
Kitchenware/Dishes/China/Microwave  
Home Decor/Pictures/Etc.  
Wrulitzer Organ, excellent condition  
Tools — Yard Equipment & Furniture  
Lots and lots of Miscellaneous

(Rain Date: Friday, May 27th & Saturday, May 28th)

TREASURER'S QUARTERLY STATEMENT ENDING April 30, 2011	
Published in The St Francis Herald, St Francis, KS and Bird City Times, Bird City, KS, May 12, 2011 (19)	<b>BALANCE</b>
FUND	107,936.87
GENERAL	473,920.68
ROAD & BRIDGE	206,846.00
SPECIAL MACHINERY	44,894.59
BRIDGE BUILDING	9,879.79
NOXIOUS WEED	8,731.70
NOXIOUS WEED SPECIAL	1,999.84
CAFETERIA PLAN	2.00
VINS-STATE	18,587.91
RURAL FIRE	51,254.66
HOSPITAL	3,430.39
DIVERSION	961.25
CO ATTYN BAD CHECK	18,047.62
REG OF DEEDS TECH	2,463.73
PROSECUTION	1,805.36
RECREATIONAL VEHICLE TAX	449.80
16/20 M TRUCKS	5,573.87
SPECIAL PARKS & REC	5,577.58
E-911	8,296.28
AMBULANCE MEMORIAL	15,227.88
ADVANCED TAX	15,899.00
SPECIAL FIRE EQUIPMENT	70,664.47
MOTOR VEHICLE TAX	4,983.17
MOTOR VEHICLE	20,512.94
STATE SALES TAX	389,959.96
CURRENT TAX	30,692.33
COUNTY REDEMPTION	16,924.91
DELINQUENT PP TAX	791.50
ATTORNEY	90.00
MORTGAGE REGISTRATION	80.00
MAPS	620.45
BENKELMAN TOWNSHIP	7,122.97
CALHOUN TOWNSHIP	7,307.57
JACUA TOWNSHIP	835.00
HANDICAP EQUIPMENT	116.20
DELINQUENT 16/20 TAX	338,612.41
EQUIPMENT RESERVE	27,965.84
CCH/COUNTY HEALTH	9,648.48
PRAIRIE DOG	13,336.59
GIFT ANNUITY	110,104.05
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT	2,051,955.64
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,051,955.64</b>

I do solemnly swear the above statement is complete, true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, so help me God. Dolores Jenik, Co Treasurer (SOF)

**LAND AUCTION**

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