

# Students essays printed in book

Over two-thirds of the St. Francis 2011-2012 eighth grade and freshmen essays will be published in the anthology book, "Celebrating What Is Important To Me."

It is such an awesome feeling for a student to see their writing in the published stage, said their teacher, Lisa Gibson. I'm very proud of them.

With this many students' work published, the classroom is able to receive the anthology book free and to receive a Writing Achievement award.

The requirements of this essay contest are that their work must be original, no longer than 250 words and the topic of their choice.

Those being selected to have

their work published are: Emily Elfers, Kattie Jenik, Sydney Sundstrom, Jakob Church, Francisco Fernandez, Travis Rogers, Payton Beims, Clay Cassaw, Hannah Stafford, Journey Lee, Lane Hobbrock, Justin Pacheco, Carl Fabre, Hannah Wolff, Carol Eve Harris, Garrett Brunk, Kylie Sherlock, McKenzie Taylor, Blake Meyer, Nicky Easter, Cade Bracelin, Ashlee Orth, McKenzie Taylor, Erik Nelson, Dallas Reed, Tanner Gilliland, Mariah Beikman, Kyler Zweygardt, Echo Jones, Kyla Bandel and Matt Howell.

Throughout the next few months, as space allows, look for the works of these students.

# College offers grant competition

All Kansas high school students have the opportunity to receive a \$5,000 grant from McPherson College to pursue their entrepreneurial dreams. But these young entrepreneurs will need to hurry; there's less than a month before submissions are due on Jan. 25.

"We're putting our money where our heart is," said Kori Gregg, executive director of entrepreneurship at McPherson College. "Encouraging the development of young entrepreneurs in Kansas - both in the commercial and social arenas."

On Nov. 14, the college announced its first-ever Jump Start Kansas competition. The challenge will award two grand-prize grants of \$5,000 to a Kansas high school student or team of students who present the best entrepreneurial idea - one in the area of commercial entrepreneurship and one for social entrepreneurship. What's more, the grants come with no stipulation that the high school students attend McPherson College. Students can enter with their ideas between now and Jan. 25 by

visiting <http://blogs.mcpherson.edu/entrepreneurship/jumpstart-kansas>.

The application process is easy: merely complete the online application and tell McPherson College in 750 words (or less) about the idea. An independent panel of entrepreneurs, community members and faculty will judge the entries and select five in both the commercial and social entrepreneurship categories as finalists.

Those finalists will attend a pitch competition on Feb. 15 for their shot at the top prize of a \$5,000 grant to develop their idea, as well as a \$20,000, four-year scholarship to attend McPherson College. The other eight finalists will also receive a \$4,000 scholarship to McPherson College. All told, the college's financial commitments total more than \$100,000.

"We consider it an investment," Gregg said. "The students who will take part in this competition are exactly the kind of students we're looking to continue their education as an entrepreneur at McPherson College."



A PROTECTIVE ENTRY way has been added at the Good Samaritan Village. The remodeling is coming along on schedule with the expected finish date of Feb. 1.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

## Eighth Grade Essays

Where It All Starts

By Lane Hobbrock

Junior high football is where it all starts. It's where you learn the basics of football before you get into high school. It's a chance to taste the excitement and adrenaline before you get under the "Friday night lights."

If you're in junior high football, Thursdays are normally the highlight of your week. Thursdays are game days. Everyone wears their game jerseys to school and is either very excited or very nervous.

No matter what position you have, your responsibility is always great. If you're an offensive lineman, your responsibility is to get your blocks and protect the quarterback. If you're a running back, your responsibility is to gain yards and most of the time to block also.

The game of football is a team sport. You need to work together to succeed. You have to give 110% to every play. You can't put off one play, because in the end that one play might have won the game.

Football is really the only sport you can blast a kid sky high and get away with it. It's a sport that can test your manhood and at the same time, take it away from you. Football puts your mental toughness, willpower, and strength to the test. You have to give the game everything you got and if you do so, you'll be successful. So next time you're out on the gridiron and you blast a kid six feet in the air, I promise it'll be the best feeling of your life.

## Young wrestlers compete at tourney

There were 13 St. Francis wrestlers who competed in the Atwood Tournament on Saturday. The team brought home six first place medals.

"It was a good tournament for our kids and we had two who competed in their first tournament - Dawson Rose and Javier Yanez, and they wrestled well," said Dylan Loyd, coach.

6 and under: Dawson Rose, 43 pounds won by forfeit, lost by fall, lost 6-8 decision, third place; Javier Yanez, 52 pounds, won 15-9 decision, lost by fall, lost 6-8 decision and lost by fall, fourth place; Preston Witzel, 55 pounds, won by fall, won by fall and won 10-2 decision, first place; Brayden Kaup, 58 pounds, lost by fall, lost by fall, won by fall, third place.

8 and under: Brody Kaup, 58 pounds, won by fall, won 9-0, lost 9-6 decision, second

place; Adam Krien, 76 pounds, won 7-2 decision, won by fall, won by fall, won 12-6 decision, first place; Shadryon Blanka, 80 pounds, won 10-0, won 9-0, won 8-7, first place; Rylan Doyle, 110 pounds, lost 0-9 decision, lost 1-8 decision, second place.

10 and under: Conner Keller, 76 pounds, won by fall, won by fall, first place; Cody Baxter 82 pounds, won by fall, won by fall, lost by fall, second place; Tayten Weeter, 82 pounds, won by fall, won by fall, first place.

12 and under: Luke Lampe, 120 pounds, lost 4-8 decision, won 15-1 decision, won 9-0 decision, second place; Trayton Doyle, 215 pounds, won by fall, won by fall, first place.

There will be some kids' wrestling Thursday night in Atwood at the high school duel 9-0, lost 9-6 decision, second

## Club Clips

On Jan. 10, a meeting of the Tuesday Club was held at the Cheyenne Manor with 12 members present. Hostesses were Dorothy Carpenter and Virginia Cooper.

Business meeting was conducted by the president. The November and December meetings had been cancelled due to inclement weather. The yearly contribution to the St. Francis Public Library

will be paid. A Christmas donation was given to the food pantry. Bills were approved.

The evening program on hand-crafted soaps was given by Angie Berens.

The next meeting will be Feb. 14 with Mary Lee and Wanda as hostess.

Meeting was adjourned by the collect.

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