

# Eighth Grade Essays

## Showing My Heifer

By Garrett Brunk

Have you ever been drug half-way across a muddy old pen? I have and that is one of the worst parts about showing a heifer is to break them to lead. My name is Garrett Brunk and I have been involved in 4-H for seven years. My favorite project in 4-H is showing my heifer.

Showing cattle has always been a fun thing my family and I can do. This year we went to Rapid City, South Dakota, to buy a heifer at the stock show. While we were in Rapid City, we bought my heifer. I was so pumped. Then, we went to visit Mount Rushmore and Crazy Horse.

When all the spring shows are over, it is time to get ready for fair. We have to start clipping Reba a few days before the fair. That way by the time the show comes around, we can clip her one last time. I won the heifer show at the fair and proceeded to Goodland for the Tri-State Royal.

After that, we decided to go to Hutchinson and Wichita. Being in 4-H has taught me many responsibilities and has presented me with numerous opportunities. I have grown to love being around livestock and I can't wait to see what new doors will open for me in the future.

## The Legend

By Clay Cassaw

I'm going to tell about one of the world's best in motocross. He has broken almost every bone in his body to get to where he is today. His name is Travis Pastrana, the man who made freestyle motocross what it is today. Here is the story of his life.

Patrana started riding a dirt bike at age four and hasn't stopped since pushing the boundaries of what anyone can do. He started racing a week after he got his first dirt bike. The first time he raced he won big time lapping the person in last, which ultimately launch his motocross career.

One night Travis was driving with a friend and had a few too many beers. Travis lost control of

the car hitting a tree at 170 miles per hour. Travis was ejected from the car and was found in a field 200 yards away. Travis suffered major injuries, but managed to survive. His friend died later due to his injuries.

Travis has raced in rally car, freestyle, and in motocross. He was outstanding in all of them. He wanted to join NASCAR, but was unable to due to an injury. He is entering NASCAR in 2012.

That's just a little of Travis Pastrana's #199 crazy, fun life. Some people say he has 199 lives, but as long as he is alive he will be setting records and breaking them. Do you agree he is one of the best in the world?

## Spring Sporting Event

By Jakob Church

Have you ever participated in a track or field event? I feel many people get discouraged by the thought of "track". I believe students think in track all that is done is running. That thought is most definitely wrong.

There is some running involved to get you in shape, but running is not all you do. I believe track is based mostly on three types of athletes; long distance runners, sprinters, and throwers. Anybody can find an event to participate in if they are willing to work to perfect that event.

The first organized track and field events were held at the first ancient Olympic Games. These were held in Olympia, Greece, around 776 BC. However, there was only one event held which was

the stadion footrace. The second track event was the ancient Olympic pentathlon which is a five event competition including long jump, javelin throw, discus throw, stadion footrace, and wrestling. This made a huge jump towards modern day track and field.

Today there are many more events. On the track there are long distance runs as well as sprints and hurdles. On the field there are throwing events, and jumping events. I participate in shot put and discus. I enjoy both, but shot put is definitely my favorite.

I really enjoy track and field. I meet many people from other towns as well as get to spend time with friends on my team. I like it. Would you be willing to see if you enjoy track and field, too?

## Basketball

By Francisco Fernandez

I woke up on a Saturday morning in an admirable mood. I was very happy because my sister was going to buy me my basketball shoes. Basketball will always be my favorite sport. It is the sport I enjoy the most because I get a lot of exercise and I don't have to think much on the skills.

My sister got home at ten o'clock in the morning. I was so happy she had bought me new basketball shoes. When she came into my house, the first thing I did was try my shoes on. They were a little too small so she told me she was going to bring me some other ones that were a different color and the right size.

I was excited because I knew I would still love the shoes she bought me even if they were a different color. Now that I was going to get new shoes, I felt more interested in basketball.

We still have a week of football and I want to take my cleats off and wear my basketball shoes. I thought this was going to be a long school year. I can't believe how much time has quickly past from football season to basketball.

The thing I love about basketball and any other sport is it keeps me from doing sinful things which will get me in trouble. What is something you love so much you will work hard at it?

## Indian Football

By Carl Fabre

Indian football practice started two weeks before school started. The first practice was terrible because I was so sore. My neck was hurting. Every time I walked, it was like walking barefoot on nails. I told myself it's my first time playing football and I will get used to it.

Football is really not my sport, but I wanted to experience it. Football is an okay sport to me. Our first two games were successful because we won by a large majority of points. The third game didn't turn out as we had expected; we lost by one touchdown in second overtime. After that game, I felt something

I never felt before. I was about to cry after losing that game because we had all worked so hard and fell short in the end. Every time we have a football game, I don't really get excited and pumped like the other players do. I just sit on the bench and stare at the floor thinking about my job to help our team win.

If you don't like a sport, you should give it a shot and see how you like it. I guarantee you will have fun playing the game of football. I will never forget this amazing experience when playing with the St. Francis Junior High Indians' football team.

## August 2, 2004

By Carol Eve Harris

The crisis caused everyone to frantically run to the ER room. I was at home with my mom and sister cleaning the dishes. Then my next door neighbor rang the doorbell, and told us the horrible news. My dad was in the hospital. So we rushed to the hospital and found all my dad's friends there in the waiting room. Then dad asked to see my sister Krisy and me. We walked in the ER room and saw our dad lying there on the bed with oxygen and IV's.

The nurse came in and told us it was time for dad to be flown out to Swedish Hospital. When we got home, mom told us what happened. Dad was coming home from work, and there was a truck. He was going around the

truck at 58mph on his motorcycle. He was going up the hill and bam he hit the tailgate of the truck. He flew and shattered his pelvis and his right femur, while also breaking all his toes on his right foot. Then he broke four places in his back, and also shattered his knee. Dad had a concussion so some of his memory was lost.

It has now been seven years and my dad is back on his feet and even skateboards. Although he still goes in the hot tub everyday and go to his therapy. I have always wondered if my dad wouldn't have the great recovery he did or if he wouldn't have had his trust in God, where would I be right now?

## Public Notices

### Notice published for conservation meeting

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#### NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CHEYENNE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

To all qualified electors residing within the boundaries of the Cheyenne County Conservation District, notice is hereby given that pursuant to K.S.A. 2-1907, as amended, on the 30th day of January, 2012, at 6:30 p.m. an annual meeting of the Cheyenne County Conservation District will be held at the St. Francis High School Cafeteria, St. Francis, Kansas.

The meeting agenda shall include the following business items:

ONE:  
The supervisors of the Cheyenne County Conservation District shall make full and due report of their activities and financial affairs since the last annual meeting.

TWO:  
They shall conduct an election by secret ballot of qualified electors, there present, of two supervisors to serve for a term of three years from date of said meeting.

The term of Randy Rueb and Roger Orth is expiring.  
All in the county of Cheyenne in the State of Kansas.

By Spencer Schlepp

Chairperson  
Cheyenne County Conservation District

ATTEST  
Jeanne Dunn  
Manager/Secretary

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#### IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF KANSAS

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v. Case No. 11-4116-KHV-KGG

LESLIE JO MCKINNEY f/k/a LESLIE JO FRICK; RICHARD MCKINNEY; FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANK OF TOPEKA; and MIDWEST ENERGY, INC.

Defendants.

#### NOTICE OF SUIT

RICHARD MCKINNEY,

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Complaint has been filed in the United States District Court for the District of Kansas, by the United States, on behalf of Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, by and through the United States Attorney for the District of Kansas, praying for judgment against Defendant Leslie Jo McKinney f/k/a Leslie Jo Frick, the borrower, in the principal amount of \$42,616.51, which includes unpaid principal of \$39,090.03, advances of \$3,108.47, escrow of \$380.49, and late fees of \$37.52, and any other recoverable costs; plus \$3,887.39 interest, as of May 12, 2011, plus interest accruing thereafter at the daily rate of \$6.9367, and for foreclosure of a real estate mortgages executed on November 24, 2006, covering real property located in Cheyenne County, Kansas, described as:

Lots Nine (9), Ten (10), Eleven (11), and Twelve (12) in Block Thirty (30), in the original town, Now City, of Bird City, Kansas, according to the recorded plat thereof.

and you are hereby required to plead to said Complaint on or before January 26, 2012, in said Court at Topeka, Kansas. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said Complaint.

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Jan. 23, 7 p.m. The Idalia Homestead Memorial Building Committee will hold its annual meeting at the Homestead building. Idalia residents are invited to attend to become informed and to discuss the care and use of this important resource in our community.

Feb. 4, 9-11 a.m. Chuck Wright will again host a digital photography workshop at the Cornerstone Center. All interested photographers from beginner to advanced are invited to come discuss basic

camera set-up, basic exposure concepts, and special lighting situations. Bring your camera, questions, and photos to show off! For more information call Chuck at 354-7522.

Feb. 4, 7 p.m. Idalia residents are invited to a showing of the movie, "The Help," at the Cornerstone Center.

#### St. John news

Jan. 22, 12:30 p.m., St. John Church will hold its annual congregational meeting. Preceding the meeting will be worship at

10:30 a.m. and a potluck lunch at 11:30 a.m. All St. John members and friends of the church are invited to attend and participate in this meeting.

Jan. 29, 10:30 a.m. The 10:30 a.m. worship service will be a "5th Sunday" worship service in the Fellowship Hall. The theme will be, "The Value of Competition," 1 Corinthians 9:24-27. The annual Bible Trivia Football Game will be played.

The Men's Bible Study continues to meet at the church weekly

By  
Chuck  
Wright



on Thursdays, 7 a.m. All Idalia men are invited to join in a time of Bible study, discussion, prayer, and fellowship.

#### Idalia School News

Jan. 28, 9 a.m. - the league junior high basketball tournament will be held in the school gym.

Feb. 6. Idalia students will be participating in the "Knowledge Bowl," at High Plains School.

## Beecher Island News

By  
Bessie  
Dent



There were 49 at Sunday School. Caidence Allen gave her birthday offering. Next Sunday will be communion and annual

election of officers. Beulah Soehner took Ellen Mansfield out for dinner for her birthday on Saturday. Sunday

Jo Ellen and Steve Goodman, Monte and Gail Mansfield, Gary and Sharilyn Mansfield, Jeanne, Raygan and Jake Jackson were at the Mansfields to celebrate some more.

Donna Dodge spent Wednesday night with Violet Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Allen and Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Hurlburt and family were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Perry Allen and family in honor of Caidence's birthday.

Steve Sauer and Tahma of Texas and Mr. and Mrs. Perry Allen and Caidence were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Allen.

Ron Merrifield visited at the Bill Mansfields Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Strangways

visited Bettie May Welton Saturday.

Eunice Weed and Bessie Dent enjoyed lunch out Friday.

Elaine Crider and Betty Rogers visited Bessie Dent Wednesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Strangways, Trudie and Katie Wieser went to Brighton Wednesday.

The Beecher Island Helping Hand Club met with Teresa Allen Wednesday. The next meeting will be Jan. 18 with Kristy Hurlburt.

Joyce Brown and Riley took Bessie Dent out for supper Thursday.

## Public Notice

### Petition filed in court in the Guard estate

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#### IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF RAWLINS COUNTY, KANSAS Probate Division

In the Matter of the Estate of Joan W. Guard, Deceased.

Case No. 2012-PR-2

#### NOTICE OF HEARING

##### THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a Petition To Admit Foreign Will to Probate and Record has been filed in this Court by Harold L. Guard, Executor of the Estate of Joan W. Guard, Deceased, praying that: the foreign Last Will and Testament of Joan W. Guard, Deceased, dated July 13, 1984, be admitted to probate and record in this Court; no administration of the Estate is necessary; the Will be construed, and the following Kansas real estate owned by the Decedent, situated in Cheyenne County, Kansas:

An undivided one-fourth (1/4) interest in and to: the minerals, in, on and under the South Half of the Southwest Quarter (S 1/2 SW 1/4) of Section Twenty-Four (24), Township Three (3) South, Range Thirty-Eight (38) West of the Sixth P.M., Cheyenne County, Kansas, for a term of twenty (20) years from the date of July 13, 1998, said reservation being restricted to production only.

AND

An undivided one-half (1/2) interest in and to: her mineral interest in, on and under the Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4) of Section Six (6), Township Five (5) South, Range Thirty-Nine (39), West of the 6th P.M., Cheyenne County, Kansas, for a term of twenty (20) years from the date of July 13, 1998, said reservation being restricted to production only.

You are required to file any written defenses thereto on or before the 16th day of February, 2012, at 10:00 o'clock a.m., in the Rawlins County District Court in the City of Atwood, 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.

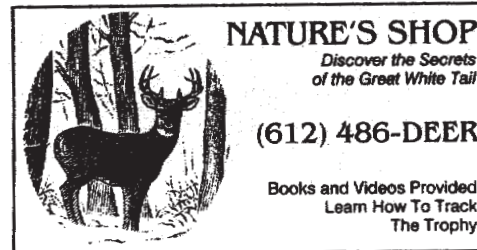
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