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Donnelly to be Honored as KSFY Scholar of the Week



Taylor Donnelly, a senior at Elk Point-Jefferson High School, will be honored as the Touchstone Energy Scholar of the Week for the week of October 11. Watch for her feature airing on KSFY on the Thursday, October 11, evening news, with a follow-up airing the next morning.

Since 2002, Touchstone Energy Cooperatives and KSFY Television have paired up to honor high school seniors on their achievements. Touchstone Energy looks for students who shine both in the classroom and in the community. They seek candidates who embody the four pillars of Touchstone Energy: integrity, accountability, innovation, and commitment. Taylor was interviewed by a KSFY news crew to obtain the footage for the spot.

When asked how she felt about the award, Taylor responded saying, "It's such an honor to be presented with this award. It shows that hard work really can pay off. I'm very thankful to Touchstone Energy, KSFY, and the teachers and staff that helped to make it happen."

EPJ students and staff will be proudly watching the Thursday KSFY news broadcast to see Taylor honored. If you miss the broadcast, you will be able to watch Taylor's spot via a link in the *Special Features* section of the KSFY homepage once it has aired.

MS Citizens of the Month

Each month, EPJ middle school staff selects two outstanding individuals to honor with the title Citizen of the Month. Eighth graders Kylee Donnelly and Elena Giorgio are the two honorees for the month of September.

Kylee Donnelly is the daughter of Chuck and Lori Donnelly. She has three sisters, Jenna, Taylor, and Jill. Kylee is active in several school sports including cross country, basketball, and track. When she is not busy with school activities, you can find Kylee riding horses and spending time with her family and friends. She is also active in the 4-H rodeo program. Other interests include running and skiing. Kylee is also involved in her church, participating in CCD and serving at mass.

When asked about her role models, she named her sisters, saying, "They have taught me a lot and always brighten my day." Kylee says that some of her favorite things about EPJMS include the great teachers as well as the Mini Courses held in the fall of each year.

Elena Giorgio is the daughter of Amy and John Giorgio. Her siblings are Katherine, Matthew, and Sophia. Elena is busy throughout the school year participating in volleyball, track, band, jazz band, drumline, and student council. She is a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, attending CCD as well as serving at mass. Outside of school, Elena participates in Girl Scouts and the North High Volleyball League. When she is not busy with school or other activities, she likes to read or spend time with family and friends. Elena identifies her role models as "anyone who has gone to the Olympics because anyone who works that hard to get there deserves a medal." When asked what she likes about EPJMS, she said that she enjoys the friendly environment as well as the extracurricular activities it provides.



Middle School Citizens of the Month for September (L-R) Kylee Donnelly and Elena Giorgio

Youth Football Program: Encouraging Young Players

With the arrival of fall, football season is in full swing for the Elk Point-Jefferson Huskies. On Friday, September 28, the high school football team held a clinic for students in grades K-5 at the high school football field. The team helped the young Huskies learn important skills such as catching, throwing, tackling and blocking. The football players felt that it was their responsibility to give back to the community which supports them at every game. They realized the best way to do this was to help teach the youth who will one day have their chance to play on the field.

Another football program that was hosted on the same weekend was the Punt, Pass, and Kick Program. The NFL-sponsored program was a free event for all boys and girls ages six through fifteen. There were four different age groups, with a boys and girls division in each. Each competitor was allowed to have one punt, one pass, and one kick. They were then given a score based on distance and accuracy. The scores of all three activities are totaled into one final score. First place winners in the boys division include Evan Fornia, Landon Geary, Ethan Hammit, and Hunter Goehring. Top winners in the girls division include Samantha Ehlers, Madison Hammit, Meghan Brewer, and Elsie Aslesen. The top finishers received medals, and the first place finishers in each division have the chance to compete in a national event. A complete list of all placings will be published in next week's Husky page.

Both of these activities are helping to prepare the young Huskies for a bright future of football and fun.

Senior Spotlights

This week our spotlights shine on Audrey Anna Truhe and Kristen Nicole Rarrat. Kristen and Audrey are two of the 65 talented seniors who will graduate this May. EPJ wishes both Audrey and Kristen a bright future filled with opportunities.



Audrey Truhe

Parents: Ann and Jim Truhe
Sibling: Justin
Birthday: September 9, 1994
Future Plans: to attend college and major in nutrition and health science
HS Activities: volleyball, basketball, track, play, yearbook, and National Honor Society
Little-known Fact about Me: I would rather eat dessert than an actual meal.
Famous-person Crush: Channing Tatum
Role Model: my mom - she is the strongest person I know.
I've Always Wanted to Visit: Hawaii - I love summer and tropical places.

Advice for Underclassmen: Have fun! High school can be stressful, but if you try to make it fun, you will have a blast!
FAVORITES:
Quote: "All our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them." - Walt Disney
School Memory: making it to state volleyball 3 years in a row
Superhero: Batman
Movie: *Bridesmaid*
TV Show: *That 70's Show*
Food: steak and potatoes
Class: US History with Mr. Nolz
Song/Artist: "God Bless the Broken Road" - Rascal Flatts



Kristen Rarrat

Parents: Patty and Joe Rarrat
Siblings: Jonathan, Kyle, and Thomas
Birthday: May 31, 1995
Future Plans: attend SDSU and become a large-animal veterinarian
HS Activities: choir and show choir
Little-known Fact about Me: I like to ride horses; I've been to State Science Fair every year but one.
Role Model: my mother
I've Always Wanted to Visit: Hawaii and Europe
Advice for Underclassmen: Use your study hall because math and study hall usually

cancel each other out.
FAVORITES:
Quote: "Only a life lived for others is a life worthwhile." - Albert Einstein
School Memory: when Joe sang to Hannah in elementary school
Superhero: Human Torch
Movies: *Flicka*, *Broken Bridges*, *My Girl*, *P.S. I Love You*
TV Show: *True Blood*
Book/Author: *Water for Elephants* - Sara Gruen
Food: Ollie's pizza
Song/Artist: "Wanted" - Hunter Hayes
Sports Team: Dallas Cowboys
Holiday: Christmas
Color: Orange

USD Dental Hygiene Program Makes Successful EPJ Debut

By: Amy Zeller

After the USD Dental Hygiene Department received a grant for a new outreach dental screening program from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, EPJ helped to kick start the program on September 4 as one of the first area schools to be included. However, the program will be ending its debut at EPJ on October 4 in order to continue serving area schools. Their next move will be to Alcester-Hudson, where their mission of bringing preventative dental care to all kindergarten through high school children will carry on.

Darlene Bogenpohl, a registered dental hygiene instructor

and the advisor for the program, said the program was a definite success. She not only appreciated EPJ's support from the faculty, but she was also thankful for the great accommodations provided. "I look forward to coming back next year," she said.

Bogenpohl was accompanied by students from USD Dental Hygiene Department to aid with dental care Tuesday through Thursday each week. Approximately four EPJ students, ages ranging from kindergarten through high school, were served each day. Most commonly, the group performed cleanings, fluoride treatments, and sealants.

Husky Events This Week

Friday (10/5):	BSC Cross Country at Dell Rapids 3:30 Football at Wagner 7:00
Saturday (10/6):	7/8 BSC Volleyball at EPJ 9:00 Volleyball at Akron-Westfield 5:30 Band at USD Dakota Day 10:00
Monday (10/8)	NO SCHOOL - NATIVE AMERICAN DAY EPJ Volleyball Camp 4th-6th 9:00-11:00 7th-8th 12:00-2:00 JV Football with Canton 4:00 Volleyball with South Sioux City 5:00
Tuesday (10/9):	7/8 Volleyball at Akron-Westfield 4:00 7/8 Football at Canton 4:00

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