



## Book Fair Shoots for the Stars

By: Cheyenne Steemken

This week the Elk Point-Jefferson library hosted its annual Scholastic Book Fair. Encouraging all young readers to participate, this year's theme declared that "Every Reader is a Star." The book fair typically happens the week of parent-teacher conferences and raises funds for new books and materials for the library.

Students were able to preview books during their regularly-scheduled library time the week prior to the fair. Sales officially took place on October 15 and 16, coinciding with parent-teacher conferences.

The library staff is very excited about the outcome of the book fair, and head librarian Mrs. Deedra Holdhusen says, "The book fair provides parents



Students previewed books at the Scholastic Book Fair the week of October 8-12.

with a great opportunity to encourage their children to read, with lots of great books to keep them reading for fun at home." The book fair always has a little

bit of everything, including fiction and nonfiction books on a wide variety of subjects as well as school supplies such as fun pencils and erasers. Additionally, it carries many activity books and posters as well. Book fair has something for everyone, ranging from pre-K to adult.

Readers can still order books on the online book fair, available by accessing the school's site at <http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/elkpointjeffersonsch>. Sales through the online book fair continue until October 25 and will bring additional funds to the EPJ library. All books ordered online will be shipped directly to the school free of shipping charges. The book fair is a great event that encourages young readers to practice their reading skills while at the same time helping to support the local library.

## Student Teacher Mr. Kramer Takes the Baton



USD student teacher Mr. Kramer works with band student Ely Buehner during a morning practice session.

By: Taylor Donnelly

Mr. Tom Kramer is a student teacher from USD who teaches with Mr. Aaron Schmeling in EPJ's band department. The life of a student teacher is complicated, as Mr. Kramer explains. He says that juggling his classes, trying to build up his resume, and teaching the EPJ students can get crazy at times, but it is worth it.

Kramer had always considered being a teacher, but it wasn't until his high school band teacher and his college professor encouraged him that he finally decided to pursue that career.

Teaching majors are required to take certain classes, observe a classroom for thirty hours a semester, and design a week-long unit to teach the students. Mr. Kramer gives the students private lessons, helps conduct the marching band, and assists Mr. Schmeling with his duties.

Kramer has a very fun but professional relationship with Schmeling. They had known each other prior to Kramer's student teaching appointment because they had played in a trombone ensemble together.

Kramer has also grown close to his students. He explains the moments that still make him laugh which includes "watching Stacie McLaury dance or march...or march dance" and "Seth Petra walking up to me at the first home football game and saying 'Mr. Kramer, I have ants in my saxophone.'"

Kramer is enjoying his time here, but he is also excited to start his career. He believes that being a band instructor is the best, because unlike other teachers who only have the students for a year, he will have them for many years and will be able to watch them grow as people and in their musical ability.

By: Patricia Miller

The Elk Point-Jefferson Booster Club is an organization that helps raise money for activities that are a part of the Elk Point-Jefferson School. The Booster Club participates in many fundraisers throughout the school year.

The largest fundraising activities are the Salt Drive and the Booster Golf Tournament. During the salt drive, Elk Point and Jefferson community members buy salt from the Booster Club for their water softeners. Booster Club members, assisted by students, deliver the salt to each customer's house, into basements, or next to water softeners.

The Booster Golf Tournament is an event in which the community businesses sponsor each hole, with different activities at each hole. The money that the organization raises is used for

## Regional Student Council Conference

On October 9, student council class presidents Hannah Klinkhammer, Cody Reed, Maria Corio, Sammi McInerney, along with council president Nick Weis, attended the Region Student Council Workshop in Harrisburg. Principal and council advisor Travis Aslesen escorted the five students to this region meeting, the first one EPJ has ever attended.

At the conference, the students discussed ideas with other area council members and met the individuals who make up our Region Council.

In a nod to the recent film "The Help," the theme of the workshop was "You is Kind, You is Smart, You is Important." The council members attended three different workshops based on the individual parts of this theme. In the "You is Kind" workshop, they were given a presentation on cyber bullying. Next, in the "You is Smart" workshop, council members learned techniques to use their time wisely. The "You is Important" workshop showed members how to get students more involved in school by doing small things like spicing up posters and creating a Facebook or Twitter account to post upcoming council events.

When asked how they felt about the meeting, council members said they felt it was very fun and a great opportunity to get some new ideas to bring home. The council hopes to be able to attend future meetings as well and give other council members the opportunity to be a part of something bigger.

## Senior Spotlights

This week our spotlights shine on Autumn Kathanna Moe and Skylar James Petrick. Autumn and Skylar are two of the 65 talented seniors who will graduate this May. EPJ wishes both Autumn and Skylar a bright future filled with opportunities.



### Skylar Petrick

**Parents:** Jessica Chicoine and Steve Petrick  
**Siblings:** Garret, Callie, Ruben Chicoine  
**Birthday:** July 26, 1994  
**Future Plans:** I am going to be a chef.  
**Little-known Fact about Me:** I like to spend summer at the lake.  
**Role Model:** my stepdad Ruben  
**I've Always Wanted to Visit:** Japan  
**Age I'd Love to be Forever:** Twenty-four is a good age--you feel grown up without being too old.  
**Hobbies:** video games, working  
**Advice for Underclassmen:** Don't slack off and wait until the last minute for homework.  
**FAVORITES:**  
**Quote:** "The only source of knowledge is experience."  
- Albert Einstein  
**Superhero:** Batman  
**Movie:** *The Losers*  
**TV Show:** *Pawn Stars*  
**Book/Author:** *The Inheritance Cycle* by Christopher Paolini  
**Food:** sweet and sour chicken  
**HS Class:** history  
**Song/Artist:** "Iron" - Woodkid  
**Sports Team:** Green Bay Packers  
**Holiday:** 4th of July  
**Class:** history  
**Color:** blue



### Autumn Moe

**Parents:** Mike and Julie Hartsock  
**Siblings:** Shantel Contreras, John Piper, D.J. Hartsock  
**Birthday:** November 13, 1994  
**Future Plans:** go to college for something in the health care field  
**HS Activities:** cheerleading during freshman and sophomore year  
**Little-known Fact about Me:** I had my first surgery at a week old.  
**Role Model:** my mom  
**I've Always Wanted to Visit:** Hawaii  
**Age I'd Love to be Forever:** Twenty-five-- it's not too old or too young.  
**FAVORITES:**  
**Quote:** "We can't help everyone, but everyone can help someone." - Ronald Reagan  
**Superhero:** Kamdyn Arthur Krull  
**Movie:** *The Lucky One*  
**TV Show:** *Weeds*  
**Food:** chicken Alfredo  
**HS Class:** Mrs. Baagoe's classes  
**Song/Artist:** Hunter Hayes  
**Sports Team:** Green Bay Packers  
**School Lunch:** chicken fried steak  
**Holiday:** summer vacation  
**Color:** baby blue

## Booster Club Supports EPJ

various extra-curricular activities and school related events. A few of these include sponsoring the Children's Theater in the spring, helping support the band and choir trip, providing middle-school Citizen of the Month saving bonds, giving t-shirts to any new students or teachers, and supporting the Little Husky Wrestling program.

This organization sponsors scholarships and grants as well. The scholarships are given to four students, two boys and two girls, who participate in school and community volunteer activities, show academic excellence, and are involved in extracurricular activities. The grants that the Booster Club sponsors are given to students and teachers. Teachers may apply for grants to purchase items that help students in the classroom, while students use them for extra-curricular activities not provided by the school.

### Husky Events This Week

Thursday (10/18):	Football at BonHomme 7:00
Friday (10/19):	NO SCHOOL Volleyball with Ponca 5:00
Saturday (10/20):	JV Volleyball Tournament at EPJ 9:00 State Cross Country at Huron
Monday (10/22):	7/8 Football with Tea 4:00 7-12 Choral Concert 7:00 END OF FIRST QUARTER
Tuesday (10/23):	First-round Football Playoffs Local Oral Interpretation Contest 8:30
REMINDER:	Early release for Teacher Inservice October 25 -- 12:30