



EPJ Salutes Veterans



Kindergarteners practice the Pledge of Allegiance on Veterans Day.

On November 11, 1918, an armistice was signed to end the hostilities of World War I. Ever since this historic day, November 11 has become a national holiday dedicated in honor of all United States veterans. It is on this day that we remember the sacrifices our veterans and their families make to keep our country free.

The students and staff of EPJ honored this important holiday in many ways this year. High school students remembered Veterans Day by watching a video in their homeroom class. This heartrending film focused on the children of veterans and the sacrifices they make by being away from family members in the military for such long periods of time.

Kindergarteners were given the opportunity to learn about Veterans Day when school superintendent Mr. Shanks read a book to the class about the holiday.

Seventh graders also honored veterans by writing essays

for the Patriot Pen competition sponsored by the local Veterans of Foreign Wars, a nonprofit service organization that supports U.S. military veterans.

For the contest, students were asked to write essays about what they would tell the founding fathers of America if they could speak with them today. The essays were judged on knowledge of the theme, development, and the clarity of the stated ideas.

Out of these essays, three overall winners were chosen. This year's winners were Eric Nelson in first place, Jess Huber in second place, and Trinity Smith in third. These students were rewarded for their outstanding effort with a certificate, cash prize, and the chance to win a U.S. Savings Bond when judged at the regional and national levels. Local military veteran Matt Doslall personally presented the awards to the winners.

Lehman Named October Student of the Month



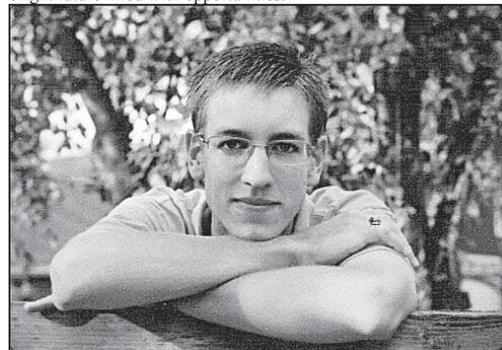
High school senior Matthew Lehman was recently named as October Student of the Month by the EPJ staff. During his high school career, Matthew has been involved in cross-country, fencing, Boy's State/Journalism City, talent show, Youth Business Adventure, newspaper staff, jazz band, pep band, concert band, theater, and Natural Helpers. He also serves as the president of the National Honor Society and is co-editor of the school newspaper.

Adding more to his resume, Matt also participates in civic activities and community service. He enjoys volunteering as a show choir instrumentalist and serving at the Music Booster Tailgates. He also mentors the youth chess group and plays trombone at the nursing home. He has been a math tutor, mass server, and has helped serve numerous times at Friends Feast. Along with volunteering, Matthew works a part-time job at Subway.

This award is proudly given to Matthew as he continues his hard work and success. He is sincerely committed to everything he does. He inspires others to keep trying and to never give up. He will be honored with his picture in the school commons trophy case and will have use of the Student of the Month reserved parking spot during all of November. He will also receive an award during the Academic Awards ceremony in the spring.

Senior Spotlights

This week our spotlights shine on Joshua Harold Doslall and Kody Milton Wagner. Josh and Kody are two of the 65 talented seniors who will graduate this May. EPJ wishes both Josh and Kody a bright future filled with opportunities.



Joshua Doslall

Parents: Matthew and Sarah Doslall

Sibling: Lauren

Birthday: June 6, 1995

Future Plans: Find a computer science college near home or join the Air Force

HS Activities: band, jazz band, show choir band, running scoreboards, lights and sound system

Little-known Fact about Me: I've never broken a bone, but I am very accident prone.

I've Always Wanted to Visit: Paris

Age I'd Love to be Forever: 21, because it's the age of legal adulthood, but young enough to still be a child

Advice for Underclassmen: Never procrastinate and always do your best at anything you do.

FAVORITES:

Quote: "Computers make it easier to do a lot of things, but most of the things they make it easier to do don't need to be done." - Andy Rooney

School Memory: I will never forget all the friends I have made and the fun times I've had within these walls.

Superhero: my father

Movie: Harry Potter movies

TV Show: Law and Order: SVU

Book/Author: Gary Paulsen

Food: buffalo chicken

HS Class: band

Sports Team: Huskies!

Holiday: summer break

Color: green

Hobbies: hunting, video games, hanging with friends

A Celebration of Education

The EPJ school district took great pride in education during American Education Week. American Education Week presents all Americans with a great opportunity to celebrate the availability of education in this country, and it honors everyone who works within the school systems.

The weeklong celebration from November 11-17 provided special observances for each day. To start off the week, Monday was Veterans Day, a day to honor the armed service veterans who have served the country. On Veterans Day, all high school students were shown a video on service men and women coming home to their families and friends to show how much of a sacrifice they made.

Tuesday was Parents Day. Parents Day is intended to show how much parents really do make a difference in a child's education. It should encourage parents to be

an important part of their children's education and to help them learn outside of the classroom.

On Wednesday, the school celebrated Education Support Professionals Day. This day honors the people who help keep schools running by keeping students safe, healthy, and ready to learn. Students were encouraged throughout the week to take time to write a thank-you card to a teacher or staff member who has impacted them. These thank-you notes were distributed on Wednesday.

Thursday was Educator for a Day, which taught how being an educator is almost never easy, especially with looming, across-the-board budget cuts that may affect classes and students. Friday was Substitute Educators Day. Friday informed students of how substitute teachers play a vital role in the educational community.



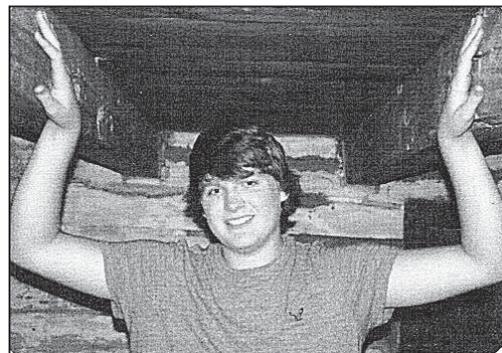
During American Education Week, VFW Commander Matthew Doslall awarded first place for the Patriotic Pen essay to seventh grader Eric Nelson.

Audio Picture Rocks the Vote

Support your local show choir through KSUX radio. KSUX and Pioneer Bank are holding a contest to identify the favorite show choir within 50 miles of Sioux City. The winning choir will receive \$1,000 and title of the Favorite Show Choir in the Siouxland area. First-round voting takes place in November from the 13th through the 19th. From the 20th-26th, the second round of voting will take place, and the 27th-30th will be the final round. Voters are allowed to vote once a day by clicking the "Show Choir" tab on the KSUX website. Make sure to vote for EPJ's local show choir Audio Picture, directed by Dustin Rusche.

Husky Events This Week

- Thursday (11/22): Thanksgiving Break
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- Monday (11/26): Little Huskies Boys Basketball 6:15-7:45 Grades 2-5
- Tuesday (11/27): 7/8 Girls Basketball with Tea 4:00 Early Bird Wrestling at Marion 5:00
- Wednesday (11/28): Little Huskies Girls Basketball 6:15-7:30 Grades 1-2
- Thursday (11/29): 7/8 Girls Basketball at Vermillion 4:00



Kody Wagner

Parents: Doug Wagner and Kerry Wagner and Tracy Lundstrom

Sibling: Dustin

Birthday: June 22, 1995

Future Plans: Art Institute for Cinematography

HS Activities: show choir

Little-known Fact about Me: I had epilepsy as a child.

Famous-person Crush: Olivia Munn

Role Model: Johnny Depp

Superhero: Rorschach

I've Always Wanted to Visit: Bolivia, for the beautiful landscape, rich culture, and ancient ruins

Age I'd Love to be Forever: 17, so I don't have to pay bills but can still buy whatever I want

Advice for Underclassmen: Don't get behind in class!

FAVORITES:

Quote: "When the going gets weird, the weird turn pro." - Hunter Thompson

School Memory: science labs in Chemistry

Class: sculpture, multimedia design

Movie: Moonrise Kingdom, Dark Knight Rises

Food: honey steak

Sports Team: Dolphins

Holiday: Christmas