



Breakfast with the Big Guy

On Saturday, December 1, the public was invited to enjoy a traditional Breakfast with Santa. Sponsored by the EPJ choir, Breakfast with Santa was a fun way of raising money for the Florida trip that the vocal class will be taking this Christmas season. The choir earned approximately \$900 during the morning event.

Choir members and their parents served breakfast from 8:00-11:00 to anyone who was a kid at heart. The breakfast featured pancakes, sausage, and a beverage.

Everyone was encouraged to take a professional portrait with Santa, provided by Peterman Photography. The event also featured a Christmas goodies bake sale, along with vendor stands by Pampered Chef, Thirty One, Scentsy, Norwex, and Kim's Creation Jewelry.

Dustin Rusche, high school vocal director, said, "It was a fun way to raise money for our trip, and I'm thankful to everyone who came."

Chicoine Named November Student of the Month



Senior Anna Chicoine has been awarded the Student of the Month for November. Selected by the staff, Anna not only has good grades, but she also has participated in a variety of activities throughout her high school years.

During her high school career, she has been in basketball, volleyball, golf, band, and vocal. Her leadership skills are evident as she served on the student council all four years of high school, this year as Vice President. She also serves as yearbook editor and is a member of National Honor Society.

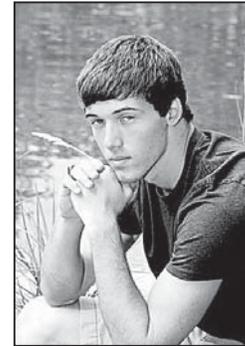
From freshman year to senior year, she has remained in band and has enjoyed music, but band is not the only thing she stuck with through all four years. With hard work, she also remained on the honor roll as well.

Anna is not only a great student in school, but she is also a great volunteer during her free time. She gives her time at the Siouland Humane Society and Friends Feast, and she helps with mass at her church. During the 2011 flood, she pitched in by assisting with sandbagging efforts. She has given her time to the Booster Club Salt Drive as well.

Anna makes time for her jobs, too. She has worked as a lifeguard and babysitter, and she has worked at St. Peter's Child-care and Preschool. Anna has obtained many skills and a high-quality education through her four years of schooling, volunteering, and working. Her future plans are to attend SDSU and major in pre-med/pediatrics. For her hard work, Anna will receive an award for the honor of being the November Student of the Month.

Senior Spotlights

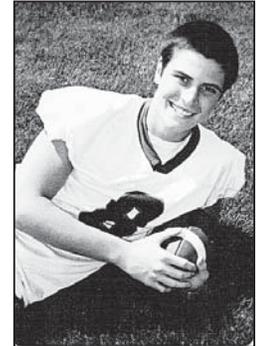
This week our spotlights shine on Brody Darrell Lee Elkins and Blake Donnelly. Brody and Blake are two of the 65 talented seniors who will graduate this May. EPJ wishes both Brody and Blake a bright future filled with opportunities.



Brody Elkins

Parents: Sheryl Elkins and Gale Ferdig
Siblings: Alex, Cassie, and Collin
Birthday: April 27, 1995
Future Plans: attend college to study exercise science
HS Activities: football and track
Role Model: my dad
Hobbies: fishing and hunting
I've Always Wanted to Visit: Alaska - to take a fishing or hunting trip

Age I'd Love to be Forever: 5 so I could have naptime and get snacks in school
Advice for Underclassmen: Respect your teachers, do all of your homework, and soak in all the great moments through high school.
FAVORITES:
Quote: "Do not dwell in the past, do not dream of the future, concentrate the mind on the present moment."
School Memory: The homecoming activities, Winter Melt-down, and East Coast Trip
Superhero: Flash
Movie: *The Longest Yard*
TV Show: *Ridiculousness*
Book/Author: Gary Paulson
Food: pizza
HS Class: World Geography
Sports Team: Iowa Hawkeyes
School Lunch: Buffalo Chicken Pizza
Holiday: Thanksgiving
Color: green



Blake Donnelly

Parents: Doug and Dena Donnelly
Sibling: Molly
Birthday: May 5
Future Plans: attend college and pursue the field of social work
HS Activities: football and basketball
Famous-person Crush: Rachel McAdams
Role Models: my parents
Hobbies: fishing, hanging out with my friends
I've Always Wanted to Visit: Jamaica
Age I'd Love to be Forever: 12 years old, so then I could still have all of the years of high school to look forward to
Advice for Underclassmen: Try to be the first person in line at lunch.
FAVORITES:
Quote: "Wherever you are - be all there" - Jim Elliot
School Memory: All of the good times my grade had at recess.
Superhero: Flash
Movie: *The Hunger Games*
TV Show: *SportsCenter*
Book/Author: *Infield Hit* by Thomas Dyard
Food: chicken alfredo
HS Class: US History
Sports Team: Kansas City Chiefs
School Lunch: chicken fried steak
Holiday: Thanksgiving
Color: navy blue

EPJ Presents Christmas Gifts to Angels in Need

The holiday season is approaching, and with that, the Husky Angel Tree returns. The Husky Angel Tree is a Christmas tree located in the EPJ high school commons which is organized and supported by Mrs. Jan Baagoe's Family Living Class and the high school student council. Its purpose is to help community families by providing clothing necessities for a cold winter season.

that the person purchasing for a "Husky Angel" knows what to buy. The gifts are then wrapped and distributed to the families by Christmas time. Mrs. Jan Baagoe's class completes the project by shopping for items on the wish lists that did not get purchased by a donor so that every child receives what he or she needs.

Donations are welcome from students, staff members, and members of the community who want to spread the holiday cheer to children. The Husky Angel Tree is a great way to give generously, and it sets the mood for a season of giving.



Students in Mrs. Baagoe's family living class have fun assembling the Husky Angel Tree. Pictured (L-R) Kelley Jorgensen, Tighe Brown, Kaylee Smith, Maggie Christensen, Ashley Gylfe, Sabrina Langley, Audrey Truhe.

Leona Welcomed at EPJ

Elk Point-Jefferson has been graced with the presence of a German native this school year. Leona Rodenkirchen from Alfter, which is near Bonn, is calling Elk Point her home until June. Leona is fifteen and has left behind her mom, dad, step-father and little brother Tim to spend one of her school years in the United States. Leona is part of the sophomore class at EPJ and is studying hard so she can skip 10th grade when she returns home.

Leona is enjoying her time with her host family, Dexter, Noreen, Kelley, and Kerrey Jorgensen. When asked what they like most about hosting Leona, Noreen commented, "She has added a fun, bubbly personality to our family." Dexter said, "I like that she can take a joke." Kerrey said she was really happy to get yet another new sister, as the Jorgensens hosted Juliette Dalschaert from Belgium last year. The Jorgensens' love to open their home to exchange students and hope to host another student in the future.

Since she arrived in the United States, Leona has toured Chicago, Minneapolis, the Black Hills, New York City, Washington, D.C., and Niagara Falls. Her favorite memory so far has been playing softball in the antique store in Keystone with Dexter, Kelley, Kerrey, and Gabi Perez.

Unfortunately for the Jorgensens, Leona's exchange program will end on June 14, and

at that time her mother and uncle will come to the United States and do some sight-seeing before escorting her back to Germany.

The Jorgensens are planning to show Leona a few more sights before her program time is done. Her host family will most certainly miss her and will be planning a trip to Europe to visit Leona and Juliette very soon.

Leona's favorite subject in school is Pre-Calculus, and her favorite school lunch item is Buffalo Chicken Wrap. She is in Honor Study Hall, has played on the volleyball team, was in the school musical, and is now learning to play basketball. She enjoys being in choir and has made lots of new friends.

When asked why she decided to become a foreign exchange student, she said, "I don't really know. I kind of wanted to go to Australia, and I was disappointed when I found out it was too expensive to go there. But America was my second choice, and I'm really glad I came here. I was lucky to get such a great host family."

Luckily, being homesick has not been a problem for Leona. She does miss her friends, family, and most of all her brother, but being super involved in school and having a very busy host family has not left much time to miss home. The Jorgensens, as well as the students at EPJ, are glad that Leona landed at Elk Point-Jefferson High School.

Texting and Driving: It Can Wait

The high school student council hosted Texting and Driving Awareness Week during the week of November 26-30. Each day, statistics or facts concerning the dangers of texting and driving were shared with students. Capping off the event on Friday, each homeroom watched a video which explained to students how dangerous texting and driving can really be. It reminded students that drivers may think they can do a good job of texting and

paying attention, but it actually takes away the ability to focus. Texting and driving is equivalent to closing your eyes for five seconds while behind the wheel.

Sophomore Jessica Fejfar said, "It's good that they're helping us to be more aware of how we can prevent being distracted behind the wheel and can be safe drivers." Staying focused and being careful when behind the wheel helps make the streets of Elk Point and Jefferson safe.

Husky Events This Week

- Thursday (12/6): K-4 Music Concert 7:00
7/8 Girls Basketball with Vermillion 4:00
- Friday (12/7): Girls and Boys Basketball at Canton 4:30
- Saturday (12/8): 7/8 Conference Girls Basketball 9:00
JV Girls Basketball at Homer 9:00
Wrestling at Akron-Westfield 10:00
- Monday (12/10): JV Wrestling at Sgt. Bluff-Luton 5:00
HS Music Concert 7:00
- Tuesday (12/11): 7/8 Girls Basketball with Lennox 4:00
Wrestling with Bon Homme 6:00