



Pierce and Perez Named MS Citizens of the Month



By: Maria Corio

EPJ Middle School staff awarded Vanessa Perez and Emily Peirce the honor of being November Citizens of the Month. Vanessa is the daughter of Alvaro Perez and Melissa Bates. Her siblings include Angelica, Mario, Brianna, Gabriela, Alejandra, and Alejandro Perez, and Isabella and Dylan Delgadillo. Vanessa's school activities include vocal and science fair. Vanessa's accomplishments include great things such as being a quiz bowl champion this year and taking part in honor choir four times in the past several years.

Outside of school, Vanessa stays active by helping at the Immanuel Lutheran Turkey Dinner, helping with the Christmas play, helping her stepmom at the South Sioux City Community Garden, and babysitting. In her free time, Vanessa enjoys writing stories and drawing. She says her role models would have to be her older sisters, parents, and teachers. When asked what she loves most about EPJ, Vanessa responded

saying, "I love the whole mood of it. We are a school like no other; it is always busy and cheerful."

Emily Peirce is the daughter of Ken and Angela Peirce. She has two brothers, Jordan and Jacob, and a sister, Elisabeth. Emily has a great interest in music, being involved in band, vocal, and jazz band. She loves participating in homeroom decorating and Battle of the Homerooms.

Outside of school, Emily is involved in 4-H. You can often find Emily helping out at her church, Sunday School, VBS, and working in the nursery every other week with her youth group as well as attending AWANA. She also babysits her younger siblings and the children in the nursery on Sundays. Her role models are her parents and grandparents.

In addition to Emily and Vanessa, six other students were honored as Students of the Week. These students include Tiffany Bonham, Sean Schmidt, Dylan DeBuhr, Collin Elkins, Tim Mingo, and Morgan Smith. Congratulations to all students honored during the month of November.



Middle School Citizens of the Week for November pictured back row (L-R) Tiffany Bonham, Sean Schmidt, Dylan DeBuhr, Collin Elkins. Front row (L-R) Tim Mingo, Emily Peirce, Morgan Smith, Vanessa Perez.

Middle School Participates in KMEG's Coats for Kids

By: Stacie McLaury

As one can already tell, the weather outside has changed quite quickly. As the winter and holiday season begins, everyone starts to think of others, and what they could do to help.

The middle school students of Elk Point-Jefferson aren't just thinking about it, they are acting on it. The students teamed up with KMEG's Coats for Kids program and started donating gently-used coats. This event was sponsored by the Middle School Student Council members.

Every homeroom started gathering coats on November 27 and continued until December 7. The individual homerooms competed against each other to see who could collect the most coats for this program. Prizes are given for

first, second, and third places.

Every winter the middle school homerooms compete against each other in what is called The Battle of the Homerooms. Their hard work gathering these coats will help them get a head start on this Battle. The homeroom that gathers the most coats will receive twenty bonus points that will go towards their score in The Battle of the Homerooms. The second place homeroom will receive ten bonus points, and third will receive 5 bonus points. These students have worked hard at gathering coats for other kids that may not have one. They are battling not only against each other, but also the against the cold that some kids would face without this program.

Souls for Soles a Success

By: Taylor Donnelly

The Soles for Souls project reached its end with 848 pairs of shoes being sent to a donation processing center in Sheldon, Iowa. Many National Honor Society members met at the home of NHS Secretary Taylor Donnelly, where the shoes were being stored in an open shed. Each member participated in rubber-banding the pairs of shoes together, boxing each pair, and keeping the total count of the pairs. With the total reaching 848 pairs of shoes, this was no small task, but the students worked hard to get the job done within an hour.

The NHS members are proud of their project and their hard work, but are mainly proud of the EPJ community for making it successful. Rita Ahmann,

the advisor for the EPJ chapter, stated, "I was extremely pleased at the outcome of the project! After having the collection two years ago, I wasn't sure how many shoes would be contributed this time around. I was also amazed at how quickly the students boxed up the shoes. When I saw the mound of shoes, I thought we'd be there all night! In an hour, we were finished. Thanks to all who contributed and who helped transport and box the shoes. Thanks to Lori and Chuck Donnelly for housing and delivering the shoes for us!"

The boxed shoes will be sent to a non-profit processing center that provides work opportunities for disabled adults while at the same time sending thousands of pairs of shoes to third-world countries each day.



A few of the Soles for Souls volunteers package shoes for shipment. Pictured (L-R) Gabriela Perez, Stacie McLaury, Alex McLaury, Taylor Donnelly.

Senior Spotlights

This week our spotlights shine on Wyatt Michael Crow and Bryce Cameron Kelly. Wyatt and Bryce are two of the 65 talented seniors who will graduate this May. EPJ wishes both Wyatt and Bryce a bright future filled with opportunities.



Wyatt Crow

Parents: Michael Crow and Loria Fry
Sibling: Ava
Birthday: August 14, 1994
Future Plans: attend Minnesota State University, majoring in aviation to become a commercial pilot

HS Activities: Band, Jazz Band
Role Model: my dad

I've Always Wanted to Visit: Australia
Age I'd Love to be Forever: 4--no work, no school, and no responsibilities

Hobbies: automotive restoration, music
Advice for Underclassmen: Do your best and you will get rewarded.

FAVORITES:
Quote: "Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail" - Ralph Waldo Emerson
School Memory: all of the early years playing football at recess

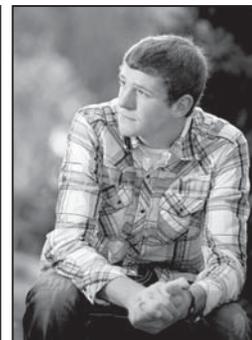
Movies: *Supertroopers*, *The Hangover*, *Drive*

Food: Chinese food
HS Classes: study hall, P.E., and Band

Song/Artist: The Rolling Stones, The Doors, and The Beatles

Sports Team: Denver Broncos
School Lunch: chicken fried steak

Holiday: Christmas
Colors: black, blue



Bryce Kelly

Parents: Barry and Tracey Kelly; Lisa and Ted Tullberg
Sibling: Brendan
Birthday: May 3, 1995
Future Plans: play college basketball and pursue a degree in criminal justice

HS Activities: football and basketball

Little-known Fact about Me: I really, really like to shop.

Famous-person Crush: Hayden Panettiere

Role Model: Dwight Howard

I've Always Wanted to Visit: The Bahamas

Age I'd Love to be Forever: 18--so I can play high school sports forever

FAVORITES:

Quote: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." - Philippians 4:13

School Memory: 7th Grade when the lunch lady dressed me up as the Easter Bunny

Superhero: Batman

Movies: *That's My Boy*, *The Ugly Truth*, *Happy Gilmore*, *Billy Madison*, *Hitch*

Book: *The Rebounder*

Food: seafood

Song/Artists: Kid Cudi, Usher, David Guetta, Chris Brown, Train

TV Show: *Storage Wars*

Sports Team: UNC Basketball, Nebraska Football, Chicago Bears, and OKC Thunder

School Lunch: buffalo chicken wrap

Favorite Car: 2013 Chevy Camaro ZL1 Convertible

Holiday: Christmas

Attention 2011-2012 Graduates

It's time to claim your \$300! All 2011-2012 graduates who applied for the Community Commitment Fund Scholarship last spring will need to send in a report card and a copy of their second semester registration to receive the money. Students must have completed at least nine credits in order to be eligible for the money. A check will be sent directly to the student in late January or early February. Send report card and registration documents to the following address:

Elk Point-Jefferson School
Attn: Christine McMeekin
P.O. Box 578
Elk Point, SD 57025.

Husky Events This Week

- Thursday (12/13): 5-8 Music Concert 7:00
- Friday (12/14): After-Prom Tailgate 5:00-8:00
Girls and Boys Basketball with Sioux Falls Christian 4:00
Boys Little Huskies perform at halftime
- Saturday (12/15): JV Boys Basketball at Wakonda 9:00
Wrestling at EPJ 10:00
- Monday (12/17): JV Wrestling at McCook Central 5:00
- Tuesday (12/18): Girls Basketball at West Central 5:00