



THE HUSKY

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Little Husky dancers show their moves, entertaining the basketball crowd at the Elk Point-Jefferson vs Beresford game on Friday, February 8.

Little Dancers Make a Big Impression

By: Taylor Donnelly

"Okay guys, the t-shirts are going to be here tomorrow... and they're pink!" An uproar of cheering filled my ears as I looked across all forty smiling faces of little girls. This was just one of the memories that I'll cherish from the 2013 EPJ dance camp.

I first thought of the idea of holding a dance camp when basketball season started. In years past, the dance team has performed during halftime of some of these games, but this year there wasn't a dance team to perform. I knew three things. One, the crowd enjoys having entertainment during halftime. Two, little girls love to dance.

And three, I love to dance. Combining the three ideas wasn't much of a challenge. Then I realized that I could use the camp as a fundraiser for my upcoming mission trip to Guatemala.

I set up a date with athletic director Jeff Zeller, I designed t-shirts, and I found volunteers to help. Soon the registration forms came pouring in, which put

my organizational skills to the test. Forty girls, varying from pre-kindergarten to fifth grade, showed up to practice from 3:15 to 5:00 on February 5th and 7th.

These girls made amazing progress in the short time that we had together, and we had a blast. Since they were little girls, it did get crazy at times, but I was very proud of their hard work.

The performance was held on February 8th during the halftime of the JV girls game against Beresford. The girls danced to the songs "Call Me Maybe" and "Gangnam Style." Another moment I'll never forget was when the crowd cheered as the girls "boogied down" to the "Gangnam Style" dance.

Although these moments are special to me, the most rewarding part of the camp was when some of the girls came up to me after the performance asking if I'd do another camp next year.

Lastly, I would like to give a big thanks to my volunteers Gabi Perez, Jessica Riley, Maggie Christensen, Denielle Minor, Heaven Zevenbergen, Kerrey Jorgensen, and Jalissa Connors for their amazing help. I would also like to thank my mom, Jeff Zeller, and all the girls' parents for helping me make the dance camp a success.

Senior Spotlights

This week our spotlights shine on Rebecca Sue Smith and Nathan D. Ambrose. Rebecca and Nathan are two of the 65 talented seniors who will graduate this May. EPJ wishes both Rebecca and Nathan a bright future filled with opportunities.



Rebecca Smith



Nathan Ambrose

Parents: Jim and Amy Smith
Siblings: Jim and Howard
Birthday: January 28, 1995
Future Plans: double major in theater and business; then, after college, I plan to move to Seattle to make a name for myself.
HS Activities: plays, musicals, choir, yearbook
Famous-person Crush: Ian Somerhalder
Role Model: my grandpa Howard Staber who built a successful business out of nothing
Little Known Fact About Me: I'm obsessed with certain time periods, lost ancient cities and civilizations.
Hobbies: Twilight Fan Fiction, baking, and makeup
I've Always Wanted to Visit: Mykonos, Greece-- I love the sea, beaches, and white and blue buildings.
Advice for Underclassmen: Don't give up if you actually want to be someone when you grow up.
FAVORITES:
Quote: "Truth is treason in an empire of lies." - Ron Paul
Movie: *Rock of Ages* and *Harry Potter*
School Memory: Junior Prom and every theater production
TV Shows: *Grey's Anatomy*, *Ancient Aliens*
Food: cheesecake
Books: *Wuthering Heights*, *Jane Eyre*, *Chronicles of Narnia*
Musical Genres: Classic Rock and Indie
Sports Team: Seattle Seahawks
School Lunch: Hawaiian Chicken Wrap
Color: glitter

Parents: Jon and Angie Ambrose
Siblings: Caleb, Matthew, and Sarah
Birthday: January 10, 1995
Future Plans: attend USD and study computer science, multimedia, or computer programming
HS Activities: jazz band, show choir, band, choir, theater/drama
Hobbies: card games, video games, music, and movie making
I've Always Wanted to Visit: every tropical area of the world
Age I'd Love to be Forever: 17 -- because it's the age before adulthood and the most fun time ever!
Advice for Underclassmen: Use your time wisely; it is something that shouldn't be wasted.
FAVORITES:
Superhero: Sonic the Hedgehog and Link (Legend of Zelda)
Movie: *Star Wars* series and *Harry Potter* series
Food: Anything with steak (chicken fried . . . Salisbury . . .)
HS Classes: Band, Economics, and Probability & Statistics
Musical Artists: Crush 40, Newsboys, and Go Fish, Michael W. Smith, "Weird Al" Yankovic
School Lunch: chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes
Sports Team: Team USA
Holiday: Christmas
Color: yellow

MS Donates to Food Drive

By: Patricia Miller

Each year the students in EPJ Middle School participate in an event in which each home-room tries to collect the most donated items for a food drive. The Have a Heart Food Drive challenges the Elk Point-Jefferson Elementary and Middle Schools to give generously for a good cause. Students have a chance to compete for a prize as well.

The competition is split into three divisions, JK through second grade, third through fifth grade, and sixth through eighth grade. Angie Langle, middle school math teacher and one of the organizers of the food drive, said, "The Middle School Student Council would like to

thank all the students who helped make this year's Have a Heart Food Drive a great success!"

Winners for each division have been named. The winner from the JK through second grade division is Mrs. Johnson's first grade class. Mrs. Nearman's fourth grade class won the third through fifth grade division, and Mr. Clerks's seventh grade won in the sixth through eighth grade division.

This year, students collected 1,425 items that have been donated to the local food pantry. As a reward for their achievement, the winners of the food drive are given plaques that will be placed on display in the homerooms as well as ice cream sundaes as a treat.



Middle school students assisting with the food drive include back row (L-R) Addison Ludwig, Grace Boone, Morgan Smith, Preston Fejfar, Jackson Grassel, Collin Elkins. Front row Easton Keuck, Hunter Goehring, Taylor Welch, Spencer Nelson, Cecil Gylfe.

Elementary Honor Choir Performs at SDSU

By: Stacie McLaury

On February 7, select EPJ fifth and sixth graders were honored to sing in the Elementary Honor Choir in Brookings. The fifth graders who participated were Matthew Giorgio, Elisabeth Peirce, and Kacie Stepp. The sixth graders that attended were Hannah VanKirk, Trevor Nilson, and Aubrie Franken.

This year's Honor Choir was hosted at South Dakota State University. Over 600 students from all across South Dakota auditioned for a chance to sing with the Honor Choir, and roughly 170 were chosen from 45 schools across the state. In order to audition for a chance to be in the

Honor Choir, the students had to sing "My Country 'Tis of Thee" and three other vocal exercises.

For practice, the students had four rehearsals with the Elk Point-Jefferson choir teachers Dustin Rusche and Cheryl Tatro. They were also required to practice on their own to learn the music.

When the students arrived at SDSU, they rehearsed from 8:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. to prepare for the concert that would take place later that afternoon in the Performing Arts Center. The songs the Honor Choir performed were in multiple languages, including English, Hebrew, and German. The participants gave a great performance, and their hard work and preparation paid off.

Valentine Sweets for Students

By: Maria Corio

On Thursday, February 14, the Elk Point-Jefferson High School Student Council distributed almost 900 Valentine treats, a record high. Students and staff had the opportunity to buy a card and candy for fellow classmates and staff members during the week prior to the event. Members of the student council worked hard organizing and sort-

ing all the cards that were purchased. At the end of the day, the fundraiser brought in over \$220.

The council will use this money to fund future projects and activities. The treats brought joy to many students and staff members on Valentine's Day. After receiving his Valentines, EPJ junior Ian Grassel said, "It's a great way to show your appreciation to your friends and staff, and it was also a lot of fun."

Husky Events This Week

- Thursday (2/21): Girls Basketball District Championship 7:00
- Friday (2/22): No School - Winter Break
Boys Basketball at West Central 5:00
State Wrestling Tournament at Aberdeen
- Saturday (2/23): Vermillion Show Choir Contest
State Wrestling Tournament at Aberdeen
- Monday (2/25): No School - Winter Break
- Tuesday (2/26): Region Girls Basketball 7:00

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