



Horton Hears a Husky

By: Maria Corio

Friday, March 1, was celebrated at EPJ as Read Across America Day. For sixteen years, the National Education Association has been celebrating reading through Read Across America Day, a signature program of NEA. Students everywhere have been encouraged to pick up a book and start reading.

Elk Point-Jefferson has taken hold of this opportunity and proudly participates in Read Across America Day each year, normally on the day before Dr. Seuss's birthday the second day of March. However, this year the event had to be scheduled on the first of March due to the second being on a Saturday.

EPJ is one of the many schools across the nation that celebrate Read Across America Day by dedicating an hour of the school day to reading. Students

in kindergarten through 5th grade dressed in pajamas on the day of the event in order to be cozy when reading their favorite books.

Guest readers also came into classrooms during the day to read stories to the students. Some of these volunteers included community members such as Tony Stokely, Pastor Erik Olson and Pastor Dave Bambas. School personnel also volunteered to help including Superintendent Brian Shanks, Principal Travis Aslesen, and Principal Doug Brusseau.

EPJ librarian Mrs. Deedra Holdhusen took delight in the event saying, "This is a great opportunity for students to see adult members of our community enjoying books."

EPJ has long carried on NEA's mission of reading by participating in Read Across America Day and hopes to continue the tradition in the years to come.

Koontz Competes at State Hockey Tournament



By: Cheyenne Steemken

Drew Koontz, senior at Elk Point Jefferson High School, recently competed in the Iowa State Hockey Tournament the weekend

of February 22-24 in Ames, Iowa.

This was Drew's second year competing at State and his first time at State as solely a varsity player. Drew has been playing hockey for the past fourteen years, since he was just four.

This year was a tough season for the team. They had a record of 12-13-0-2. The road to state was a hard one, too; Drew's team, the Metros, had to compete against their rivals, Lincoln. The Metros were able to beat them 4-1 at regions and moved on to the Iowa State Tournament.

Although Drew is sad not to be playing hockey any more, he says, "It's a great team-oriented sport that is fast paced and physical."

Senior Spotlights

This week our spotlights shine on Samuel James Viereck and Nathen Lee Rauch. Sam and Nathen are two of the 65 talented seniors who will graduate this May. EPJ wishes both Sam and Nathen a bright future filled with opportunities.



Samuel Viereck

Parents: Bob and Julie Viereck

Siblings: Josh and Collin

Birthday: September 29, 1994

Future Plans: attend college at SCSU

HS Activities: golf and basketball

Little-known Fact about Me: I aspire to be a rap star.

Famous-person Crush: Katy Perry

Role Models: my parents

I've Always Wanted to Visit: the South Pole to see if any elves live there

Hobbies: sports, friends, having fun chilling

Age I'd Love to be Forever: 20

Advice for Underclassmen: Get the hard classes out of the way for senior year; trust me.

FAVORITES:

Quote: "I want it all, but I know I don't need it."

School Memory: football games

Superhero: Batman

Movie: *The Sandlot*

TV Show: *Duck Dynasty*

Book/Author: *Boxcar Children* series; *Inheritance* series

Food: hot wings

Song/Artist: Incubus/Drake

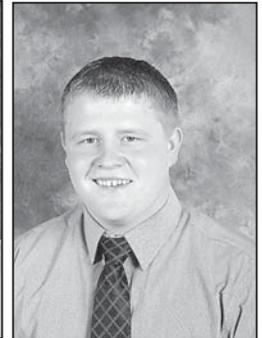
Sports Teams: Denver Broncos; Oklahoma City Thunder

School Lunch: chicken nuggets

Holiday: Christmas

Color: purple

Favorite Place: anywhere with friends



Nathen Rauch

Parents: Willie Rauch; Misty and Fred Braun

Siblings: Cole, Riley, and Cody Braun and Kaila Rauch

Birthday: April 1, 1995

Future Plans: study engineering at SDSU

HS Activities: football and baseball

Hobbies: ping pong

Little-known Fact about Me: I have been hooked by two fishing hooks.

Famous-person Crush: Megan Fox

Role Model: Daniel Tosh

I've Always Wanted to Visit: Florida Keys

Age I'd Love to be Forever: 17--so I can stay in high school

Advice for Underclassmen: Use your study hall.

FAVORITES:

Quote: "It's just a job. Grass grows, birds fly, waves pound the sand, I beat people." - Muhammad Ali

School Memory: Buckley's birthday party when Brock found a super sneaky sniper spot

Superhero: Batman

Movie: *The Dark Knight Rises*

TV Show: *Tosh.O*

Book/Author: *The Hunger Games*

Food: Asian Zing Wings

HS Class: Foods and Cultures

Song/Artist: Fleetwood Mac

Sports Team: UNL; Green Bay Packers

School Lunch: buffalo chicken pizza

Color: blue

Job Shadowing gives Juniors Chance to Explore Careers

By: Amy Zeller

When students in the class of 2014 were given the opportunity to experience their career ambitions first hand through job shadowing, students rose to the occasion. Every junior student stepped up to make his or her debut appearance in a selected profession. As the junior class's graduation date is slowly nearing on the calendar, students are reminded to start preparing themselves for their futures.

Job shadowing is a learning experience, and it allows students' ambitions to become reality. After shadowing a choir teacher, Jade Rosenbaum learned how much of an impact teachers have on their students. She said, "It really makes a difference when you audition students for the choirs."

Sometimes a job shadow is a large deciding factor in choosing which occupation a student wants to pursue. This was true in Emma McInerney's case. After learning about the jobs of both cardiac

and pulmonary nurses through her shadowing experience, she finalized her choice to pursue nursing over education. She said, "I loved following these nurses!"

Other students marveled at the reality of what their career choices entail. Alex Lawler recalled, "The experience was an eye-opener into the world of psychology, as we were allowed to sit in on therapy and see firsthand what a psychologist does."

Another beneficial aspect of job shadowing is that the experience may open doors for students in their desired field of study. Stacie McLaury even managed to land a job! Stacie shadowed a variety of chefs at Kahill's Steak-Fish and Chophouse. The restaurant then offered her an employment opportunity as a hostess.

Whether a student ventures for a job in engineering, health sciences, or business, job shadowing allows the student to see a glimpse of what his or her future may look like in the coming years.

Casting Candidates for *The Election*

By: Patty Miller

It's that time of the year again! The Elk Point-Jefferson drama department is working on its spring production entitled *The Election*. The show is a comedy about a student body presidential election that takes place because the original president resigns in disgrace.

The stars of the play are Seth Petra playing the role of Mark Davenport, Rebecca Smith as Christy Martin, Nathan Ambrose as Karl Merrivether, Kelley Jorgensen as Gina McMaster,

and Taylor Donnelly as Kyli.

This play features an ensemble of actors who play multiple characters. These actors are Audrey Truhe, Haylee Erickson, Chelsea Weidner, Gabriela Perez, Anna Chicoine, Lindsey Johnson, Alex Lawler, Ian Grassel, Heaven Zevenbergen, Denielle Minor, Ulrike Hovland, Bryce Taylor, Meghan Schenk, Leona Rodenkirchen, Alicia Nelson, Briley Weidner, and Keegan Mahin.

The cast will rehearse regularly in preparation for the upcoming performance on April 11-12 in the Middle School Gym at 7:30 P.M.



Volunteer reader Craig Nearman reads to kindergarten students during Read Across America Day.

Ring Around the World

By: Kelley Jorgensen

Last Christmas my family took a trip to Sanibel Island, Florida. The first morning we were there, my friend Gabi and I went to collect sea shells on the beach. It was a chilly morning, but we went out anyway.

We would bend down, pick up a handful of shells, and sort the good from the bad. I bent down and picked up a handful, but as I was coming up to sort them, I watched my class ring fall into the water! Panicked, I searched for it, but it was hopeless. I was afraid it was lost forever.

After searching for more than an hour, we finally gave up, and I had to tell my parents what happened. Luckily, I had insurance on the ring. The Jostens insurance policy allows one replacement ring. I called them as soon as we were home to place my order. They sent the replacement ring just in time for my senior pictures. I was thrilled when my ring came in the mail, and by the time school started in August, I had completely for-

gotten about the whole ordeal.

One year later, Mona Fennel, the EPJ high school secretary, called me into her office. She told me there had been a call for me earlier in the day and gave me the number to call back. Then Mona asked me if I had been to Florida lately. I was so confused. I called the number, but with the different time zones, they were closed. I decided to have my mom call.

The next morning, my high school counselor Mrs. McMeekin pulled me out of first period English because I had a call waiting. I answered the phone, and the woman on the other line asked me if I had lost something. I said, "Yes! My class ring!" She had me describe the ring, and I asked how she found me. She said, "When they brought it in, we Googled your name and EPJ. We found your senior spotlight on your school's website." I gave her my address, and I received my ring within a week!

This experience shows that humans are good, that miracles can happen, and that the Internet isn't all that bad.

Husky Events This Week

- Thursday (3/7): State Girls Basketball at Watertown
- Friday (3/8): Grades 6-8 Wing Dance 7:00-10:00
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- Saturday (3/9): Westwood Show Choir Invite
State Girls Basketball at Watertown
- Monday (3/11): Kindergarten Registration 6:30
BSC High School Quiz Bowl at Tri-Valley at 3:30
- Tuesday (3/12): State Science Fair at Brookings
End of Third Quarter
- REMINDER: Teacher In-service on March 14
12:30 dismissal