



Students Shine in Seussical the Musical



EPJ Fall Musical opened on Friday, November 15. *Seussical the Musical* delighted audiences with a familiar story set to contemporary music. The story was based on two popular children's books by Dr. Seuss entitled *Horton Hears a Who!* and *Horton Hatches the Egg*. It followed Horton the Elephant (played by Bryce Taylor) on his journey to save the inhabitants of tiny Whoville. Guided by the Cat in the Hat (Alex Lawler), the audience was led through a colorful journey to save JoJo (Destiny Love) and her Whoville family from destruction. The play ran for two nights and was directed by Kirsten Colt. Pictured above is the cast and crew.

Huskies Fight Hunger

By: Heaven Zevenbergen

The Elk Point-Jefferson High School Student Council is hosting its annual Thanksgiving Food Drive from November 12 through 22. The contest for the food drive is between high school home-rooms, and the winners are determined by the total weight of the food that is donated.

First and second place winners will be rewarded with breakfast pizza, while fifth place winners will receive doughnuts.

Any non-perishable food item can be donated, and a cash donation can also be

made. Every dollar donated is equal to one pound of food. All donations will be given to the local food pantry.

Alex McLaury, president of the student council, says, "We hope this food drive will be beneficial to the food pantry and will provide any food that families will need for this upcoming holiday."

The holiday season is the season of giving, and the food drive is one way EPJ students can give to others in the community.

Hanson and Collins named Middle School Citizens for October



By: Maria Corio

Every month EPJ honors two exceptional middle school students with the award of the EPJ Activities Boosters Citizens of the Month. The award for the month of October was proudly given to Caleb Hanson and Elyssa Collins, both eighth graders at EPJ.

Caleb is the son of Angie and Scott Hanson. Other family members include his two brothers, Ben and Levi. Caleb is involved in an impressive number of activities in school including football, basketball, track, choir, band, pep band, drum line, jazz band, and Science Olympiad.

Outside of school, Caleb stays just as busy playing baseball, attending CCD at St. Joseph Catholic Church, fishing, and hunting deer. Caleb's work experience includes working on the farm, rousing, guiding pheasant hunts, mowing lawns, and detassling. In his free time, Caleb enjoys playing

sports with his friends, hunting, and listening to music.

Caleb says he has numerous role models in his life including his dad, Coach Knippling, and Kevin Durant, because, as he says, "They all taught me the importance of hard work."

Elyssa Collins is the daughter of Albert and Michelle Collins. Elyssa's siblings include Mick Blackwell and Braelyn Collins. Elyssa stays busy playing volleyball in school and playing softball out of school. Elyssa is a member of the Buchanan Avenue Baptist Church and participates in the church's youth group.

In her free time, Elyssa enjoys drawing and helping others. Both of these activities are sure to help Elyssa with her current job, babysitting.

Elyssa's role models are her parents; she says, "They always encourage me to do my best and to keep going."

When asked about the best part of EPJ Middle School, both students responded saying they love the size of the school. Caleb said that because of the school's small size, he is able to know everyone on a person level. Elyssa enjoys the small-town size as well, saying it makes it easier to encourage kids, it builds trust, and it makes for a great education system.

EPJ is happy to name both Caleb Hanson and Elyssa Collins as Citizens of the Month for October. Also honored during the month were Citizens of the Week Wendy Bernard, Isaiah Jallow, Susan Miller, Cecil Gylfe, Tori Wriedt, and Drew Johnson. Congratulations to all who were honored in October.



Middle School Citizens of the Month for October include back row (L-R) Wendy Bernard, Caleb Hanson, Elyssa Collins, and Isaiah Jallow. Front row (L-R) Susan Miller, Cecil Gylfe, Tori Wriedt, and Drew Johnson.

Senior Spotlights

This week our spotlights shine on Alex Michael Lawler and Alex Richard McLaury. Alex and Alex are two of the 48 talented seniors who will graduate this May. EPJ wishes both Alex and Alex a bright future filled with opportunities.



Alex Lawler



Alex McLaury

Parents: Michael and Kathy Lawler

Siblings: Allison Lawler

Birthday: April 23, 1996

Future Plans: Ph.D in psychology, minoring in both business and journalism

HS Activities: school musical, all-school play, newspaper

Hobbies: reading, writing, playing music too loud, ice skating, Netflix

Role Model: Misha Collins

I've Always Wanted to Visit: Dublin, London, Paris, Madrid, or Rome

Age I'd Love to be Forever: 25--everything is legal (age-wise), you're out of college, and you have an even mix of fun and responsibility

Advice for Underclassmen: Don't conform to fit into a group. Be different. Make your own group.

FAVORITES:

Quote: "Humanity takes itself too seriously. It is the world's original sin. If the caveman had known to laugh, history would have been different." - Oscar Wilde

Superhero: Batman

Movie: anything with explosions and/or stupid jokes

TV Shows: *Adventure Time*, *Cash Cab*, *Family Feud*, *World's Worst Tenants*, *Ellen*, *Hell's Kitchen*, *Doctor Who*, *Supernatural*, *Teen Wolf*

Authors: J. K. Rowling, J. R. R. Tolkien

Food: Italian, Chinese

HS Classes: finance and psychology

Song/Artist: Florence and the Machine, OneRepublic

Holiday: Halloween

Parents: Kim and Jean McLaury

Siblings: Robyn, Bobbie, and Stacie

Birthday: August 7, 1995

Future Plans: attend the United States Air Force Academy and study medicine/engineering

HS Activities: student council, National Honor Society, band, oral interpretation, cross country, track, and wrestling

Little-known Fact about Me: I am the young twin and the youngest of the family.

Famous-person Crush: Mila Kunis

Role Models: my parents

I've Always Wanted to Visit: Australia--I want to scuba dive on the Great Barrier Reef.

Hobbies: wakeboarding, scuba diving, frisbee golfing

Age I'd Love to be Forever: 28--you are still young enough to do activities, and you can have a family.

Advice for Underclassmen: Always be willing to meet and socialize with new people.

FAVORITES:

Quote: "Once you have wrestled, everything else in life is easy." - Dan Gable

School Memory: winning the talent show sophomore year, and state wrestling

Superhero: Iron Man

Movies: *Forrest Gump*, *Cast Away*, *Anchorman*

TV Show: *The Big Bang Theory*

Sports Team: Vikings

Actors: Tom Hanks, Will Ferrell

Middle School First Quarter Honor Roll

To earn a place on the A Honor Roll, students must earn a 3.5-4.0 grade point average with no grade lower than a B. To earn a spot on the B Honor Roll, students must earn 3.0-3.49 with no grade lower than a C.

A HONOR ROLL

6th Grade: Damian Abraham, Collin Becker, Sydney Boone, Sydney Bosquet, Katelyn Chytka, Jennica Colt, Elizabeth Contreras, Carlie Corder, Kelsey Corio, Kenna Curry, Calli Davis, Bryce Densberger, Madison Dillon, Riley Donnelly, Kyra Fennel, Hana Fetterman, Matthew Giorgio, Adam Grashoff, Ethan Hammit, Emily Henze, Miles Herrity, Lily Kempf, Casey Kneip, Josh Lehman, James Lichtenberg, Caleb Mahin, Grayson McCuin, Bryce Moore, Christopher Nelson, Jordan Niles, Adan Nuno, Kelsie Ol-

son, Elisabeth Peirce, Emma Robinson, Madison Rupp, Trysten Rupp, Kacie Stepp, Will Suing, Brody Weavill

7th Grade: Parker Berghult, Meghan Brewer, Brianna Chicoine, Katherine Chicoine, Brooke Crabtree, Aubrie Franken, Anthony Gehrig, Karson Hall, Anna Jallow, Kody LaFleur, Lukas Larson, Athena Love, Karly Marx, Ally Nearman, Skyler Oberg, Emma Prouty, Jady Reed, Matthew Roberts, Caden Stabe, Connor Taylor, Nathan Vankirk, Nathan Vonhaden, Zedekiah Zevenbergen

8th Grade: Elsie Aslesen, Wendy Bernard, Elyssa Collins, Aaron Corbin, Catherine Corio, Logan Donelan, Jill Donnelly, Hunter Ewing, Preston Fejfar, Alexander Grashoff, Peyton Hall, Caleb Hanson, Nathan Harvey, Jess Huber, Breanna Hutcheson, Drew Johnson, Addison Ludwig, James Miller, Susan Miller, Eric Nelson, Matthew Noteboom, Erin Schuldt, Morgan Swanson, Journey Umphress, Jordan Vonseggern, Noah Vonseggern, Taylor Welch, Victoria Wriedt

B HONOR ROLL

6th Grade: Bethany Bentz, Nicholas Bradshaw, Kobe

Harkness, Jack Johnson, Mackenzie Jordan, Justin Jutila, Megan Oliver, Rian Quam, Robin Stark

7th Grade: Zachary Branson, Callie Chicoine, Lidia Conway, Will Dennison, Logan Desmond, Emma Kelly, William Kolleck, Kendra Seyb, Jacob Speirs, Tyler Walsh, Anthony Woody

8th Grade: Jessica Hansen, Isaiah Jallow, Easton Keuck, Presston Kollbaum, Tyler Leif, Ethan Marx, Jared Merkley, Trinity Smith, Taylor Stark, Tianna Stokely

Husky Events This Week

Friday (11/22):	7/8 GBB at Vermillion 4:30
Monday (11/25):	National Honor Society Induction 7:00
Tuesday (11/26):	7/8 GBB with Irene-Wakonda-Centerville at 4:30 7/8 Wrestling at Canton 4:30
Wednesday (11/27):	Early Dismissal for Thanksgiving at 1:45