



Hoffman Honored as December Student of the Month



Senior Alex Hoffman was chosen as Elk Point-Jefferson's December Student of the Month. Hoffman is a hard-working student who is appreciated by the staff and students of EPJ for his varied involvement in school activities. He has held an office position on student council all four years of high school and is currently the president of his senior class. Hoffman is also active in EPJ's sports programs. He has been involved in football, basketball, and track for his entire high school career. He has also lettered in each sport. In addition to sports, he has participated in One Act Play and Oral Interpretation. He was on EPJ's conference quiz

bowl team, and he has been a member of National Honor Society since his junior year. Hoffman has been on the school newspaper staff since his junior year, currently serving as co-editor. He also helps throughout the school with Little Husky activities and tutoring.

Hoffman said that his favorite year of high school was his junior year because it was the first year he really stepped

out of his box and took part in One Act Play and Oral Interpretation for the first time.

He enjoys the early spring season of the school year because of all the energy the students have with the year winding down. Outside of school, Hoffman is involved with his church in CCD and Y discipleship.

Hoffman plans to attend the University of Nebraska-Lincoln to further his education by studying law.

As an extra reward for being selected Student of the Month, Hoffman has exclusive use of a preferred parking spot during January and will be recognized at Senior Awards Night later in the school year.

Mennenga Hits 1,000



By: Andrew Flannery

Not often on the basketball court do athletes reach the milestone that senior McKenzie Mennenga achieved on January 9 at the game against West Central. Mennenga reached the 1,000-point mark for her career at Elk Point-Jefferson.

Moving to Elk Point-Jefferson school during her sophomore year, Mennenga immediately became a major contributor to the success of the girls' basketball team, and she has remained so for the duration of her time here.

Mennenga commented about the accomplishment: "At first I was shocked when they announced I had scored my 1,000th point. I didn't think I was that close to it yet."

She also recognized the

role of her coaches and teammates in her success. She said, "It was a huge accomplishment, because hard work truly does pay off. It is a pretty special deal for athletes to reach their 1,000th point, and I'm proud of it, but I thank my teammates and coaches who helped me get there. If I go down in EPJ history as one of the

all-time leading scorers, I will feel very blessed to have been given the opportunity I had with the past teams and the team now. Without any of them, I wouldn't have been able to do it."

When asked how she felt about her time here at EPJ, she said, "I love EPJ basketball and the school district in general. I want to say thank you to my family, coaches, teammates, the school, and the community for all the support because, without them, I wouldn't accomplish the goals I strive for."

It takes a very special talent for an athlete to reach this milestone, and a career like Mennenga's will not soon be forgotten at EPJ. Congratulations, McKenzie, on such an outstanding achievement and an even more outstanding career!

Senior Spotlights

This week our spotlights shine on Rebecca Lynn Brewer and Nicholas Duane Huber. Becca and Nick are 2 of the 58 talented seniors who will graduate this May. EPJ wishes both Becca and Nick a bright future filled with opportunities.



Rebecca Brewer

Parents: Tim and Nicole Brewer

Siblings: Meghan, Ashley, and Courtney

Birthday: July 6, 1998

Future plans: I plan on going into the medical field.

Activities: soccer, basketball, track and field, National Honor Society

Hobbies: hunting and fishing

Famous-person crush: Adam Levine

First crush: Andrew Teply

Kindergarten BFF: Josie Heeren

A fun fact about me: I love rings.

Role model: my mom

Pet peeve: when people hit you with their laptop bags in the hallway

Best thing about EPJ: the teachers and their support

A place I have always wanted to visit: Paris

If I could change one thing about EPJ it would be: starting a soccer program because soccer is a great sport

If I could be any age forever: 21--hopefully I will have a good job and will be living independently

FAVORITES:

Quote: "Believe in yourself! Have faith in your abilities! Without a humble but reasonable confidence in your own powers, you cannot be successful or happy." - Norman Vincent Peale

School memory: In middle school, I opened my locker just as Justin Broekemeier walked up. I hit him in the head with my locker door and he fell to the floor.

Superhero: Batman

Movie: *Jupiter Ascending*

Songs: "My House" and "Five More Hours"

Team: Michigan Wolverines

Food/school lunch: buffalo chicken pizza and chicken fried steak

TV shows: *Grey's Anatomy*, *Revenge*, and *Scandal*

Holiday: Christmas

Class: Teacher Assistant with kindergarten



Nicholas Huber

Parents: Leonard and Michelle Huber

Sibling: Jess

Birthday: September 16, 1997

Future plans: work for a year or two to save money for school

Activities: school mascot

A fun fact about me: I enjoy classical music.

First crush: Nurse Joy

Kindergarten BFF: Andrew Teply

Pet peeve: losing something important

The best thing about EPJ: I'm almost graduated.

If I could change one thing about EPJ it would be: the dress codes about hats because I enjoy hats

If I could be any age forever: 4--preschool was awesome

FAVORITES:

Quote: "Peace will always make a bigger impact than conflict."

School memory: my first detention

Superhero: Hulk

Book/author: *The Pillars of the Earth*

Team: Gryffindor

Food: Chinese

Holiday: Halloween

Mark Your Calendar:

February 8: Early Dismissal at 12:00 for Parent-Teacher Conferences
Conferences from 1:00-8:00

February 12: No School

February 15: No School

Silvestri in the States



By: Bradie Timmins

During the 2015-2016 school year, EPJ has had the opportunity to host Irene Silvestri, an exchange student from Vicenza, Italy. For both semesters, Silvestri will be staying with Amy and John Giorgio and their four children. Although she would be

in her third year of high school in Italy, Silvestri will complete her American studies taking a mixture of sophomore, junior, and senior level classes.

Back at home in Italy, her school year is comprised of shorter, five-hour school days with one fifteen minute break and no lunch break. The school week is six days long. She says that one of the hardest adjustments is shifting her schedule to eat earlier in the day since lunch is provided at school here.

Along with getting used to a different schedule, Silvestri has stepped outside of her comfort zone by being involved in band, vocal, and Destination Imagination.

She also participated in the school musical this past fall.

Another interesting challenge she has faced when communicating with other students is saying words such as "yep" with the right vowel tone. She said that her English teacher in Italy would chastise her for not using the proper British English she had been taught to use.

In addition to the changes at school, living in the Midwest has been quite different. In Vicenza, there is hardly any open space, which is very different from living outside a small South Dakota town. One of the things she enjoys about staying in the area is being able to see the stars at night. Compared to the Italian cli-

mate, the extreme South Dakota winters have been a bit of a shock. Silvestri recently experienced the coldest temperature she has ever experienced: approximately negative thirty degrees Fahrenheit. Luckily, she is enjoying the snow.

For anyone considering becoming an exchange student, Silvestri has some good advice: "pack less than you need because you will buy more than you need." She also advises potential exchange students to "be ready to face changes; there will be a lot. Welcome them when they come. If you do, you will have the opportunity to view a totally different world." EPJ students and staff welcome Silvestri to the Husky family.

MS Announces Quarter 2 Honor Roll

To earn a place on the A Honor Roll, a student must earn a 3.5-4.0 grade point average with no grade lower than a B. To earn a place on the B Honor Roll, a student must earn 3.0-3.49 with no grade lower than a C. An asterisk denotes a 4.0 GPA.

6th Grade A Honor Roll: Bailey Berghult*, Joseph Bonham, Addison Butler, Elizabeth Connelly, Quinn Connors, Leila Croy, Ashlee Faust, Cade Fennel, Rilee Fetterman, Landon Geary*, Madison Hammitt, Sydney Herry, Kylie Hinds, Nora Kastning, Cannon Kempf*, Claire LaFerrier*, Ella LaFerrier*, Emily Langle, Nikolas Langley, Noah Larson*, Jacob Lichtenberg, Zoie Miller, Alanis Nuno, Abigael Olson, Brady Quiett, Taryn Rupp, Julie Sundheim, Nicole Wriedt*

6th Grade B Honor Roll: Evan Hall, Elise King,

Martina Moreland, Matthew Norby, Madison Stark, Augustine Stokely, Landon Watterson

7th Grade A Honor Roll: Samuel Aslesen*, Kalla Bertram, Nathan Buenger, Jeff Chicoine, Sean Coyle, Isaac Dennison, Madalyne Derochie, Alexis Faust, William Geary*, Tyler Goehring, Benjamin Hanson, Daniel Harvey*, Koltan Jansen, Sophia Johnson, Abigail Kastning, Mackenzie LaBrune, Tyler LaFleur, Trinity Love*, Shandie Ludwig, Lucas McInerney, Megan Mickelson, Darrin Quiett, Emma Scarmon, Addison

Stabe, Mackenzie Stone, Skyler Swatek, Mila Vermilyea, Christian Welch

7th Grade B Honor Roll: Quinton Dickey, Penny Fisher, Robert Kaske, Drake Peed, Anne Petra, Jaley Reed, Riley Schmitz, Regina Steckelberg, Lani Stokely, Brooke VanRoekel

8th Grade A Honor Roll: Bethany Bentz, Sydnie Boone, Sydney Bousquet, Katelyn Chytka, Jennica Colt, Elizabeth Contreras, Carlie Corder*, Kelsey Curry, Dee Dee Cross, Kenna Corry, Calli Davis*, Riley Donnelly, Kyra Fennel, Hana

Fetterman, Matthew Giorgio*, Adam Grashoff, Emily Henze, Cody Holler, Jack Johnston, Lily Kempf, Casey Kneip, Joshua Lehman*, James Lichtenberg, Caleb Mahin, Bryce Moore, Christopher Nelson*, Kelsie Olson*, Elisabeth Peirce*, Emma Robinson, Madison Rupp, Trysten Rupp, Robin Stark, Kacie Stepp, Will Suing, Brody Weavill, Kaili Weightman

8th Grade B Honor Roll: Dameon Abraham, Vitali Boyok, Bryce Densberger, Ethan Hammitt, Miles Herrierty, Jordan Niles, Adan Nuno

Husky Happenings

Thursday, January 28: 5-8 Science Fair

Friday, January 29: Girls and Boys Basketball at Tri-Valley - 4:00

Saturday, January 30: Wrestling at Parker -10:00
C Boys Basketball with SC North - 10:30
7/8 Boys Basketball at Canton - 9:00
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Dak XII Girls Basketball at Dakota Valley

Monday, February 1: 7/8 Boys Basketball with Vermillion - 4:30
JV/MS Wrestling at Alton, IA - 4:45
Jazz Night

Tuesday, February 2: 7/8 Boys Basketball at Lennox - 4:30
Wrestling Quad with Garr, M-F, EPJ, WS - 5:00
Pep Band at Wrestling

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