



## Ludwig in the Limelight

By: Meghan Brewer

The volleyball season has begun, and spectators can see that our Elk Point-Jefferson volleyball team sports many talented players. One of those players received a very prestigious award for her volleyball skills this summer. Addison Ludwig will represent EPJ on this year's cover of the Power Promotion Ace Preview Magazine. Addison is a senior this year and has been starting varsity since her sophomore year of high school. To be a candidate for the magazine, you must first be nominated by the state. Addison was nominated, and

then head coach Traci Kollbaum sent in her stats to the state. Addison was chosen along with 26 other girls from South Dakota to be on the front cover of the magazine.

Addison will be featured in her own section in the magazine, which will contain a picture of her and a little bit about her volleyball career throughout high school. Addison wrote her own paragraph in which she said, "My favorite part about the game of volleyball is the excitement you get with your teammates on and off the court after a great play and the bonds you form throughout the season."

## Senior Spotlights

This week our spotlights shine on Peyton Lynne Hall and Tianna Lea Stokely. Peyton and Tianna are two of the 48 talented seniors who will graduate this May. EPJ wishes both Peyton and Tianna a bright future filled with opportunities.



*Peyton Hall*

**Parents:** Karissa & Jason Hall  
**Siblings:** Karson, Larkin, & Jeslyn Hall  
**Birthday:** August 8, 1999  
**Future Plans:** Attend college to become a dermatologist  
**Activities:** Boys' basketball and football manager  
**Hobbies:** Anything with my dog Peri and sleeping  
**Role Model:** My grandma, Audrey  
**A Fun Fact About Me:** I have been deaf since age 4.  
**First Crush:** Mackintyre McDill-Garton  
**Famous Person Crush:** Justin Bieber  
**Kindergarten BFF:** Alyssa Martin  
**A Place I Have Always Wanted to Visit:** Greece  
**If I Could Be Any Age Forever:** 5, so I could live with my mom forever!  
**FAVORITES:**  
**Quote:** "Don't let your happiness depend on something you could lose" - unknown  
**School Memory:** Boys' basketball in Chamberlain  
**Superhero:** Wonderwoman  
**Book/Author:** *Thirteen Reasons Why* - Jay Asher  
**Movie:** *Lovely Bones*  
**Song/Musician:** Rascal Flatts or Sugarland  
**Team:** Huskers  
**Food:** Watermelon  
**Holiday:** Black Friday (shopping!)  
**Class:** Current Events with Mr. Haberling



*Tianna Stokely*

**Parents:** Teri & Tony Stokely  
**Siblings:** Lani, Augustine, & Macy  
**Birthday:** February 24, 2000  
**Future Plans:** Join the Air Force. Attend college at SDSU  
**Activities:** Volleyball, track, and boys' basketball manager  
**Hobbies:** Hunting, star gazing, cloud watching, and long walks on the beach  
**Role Model:** My mom  
**A Fun Fact About Me:** I loveeeee chocolate milk  
**First Crush:** Austin Finstad  
**Famous Person Crush:** Shemar Moore  
**Kindergarten BFF:** Cheyenne Jones  
**A Place I Have Always Wanted to Visit:** Puerto Rico  
**If I Could Be Any Age Forever:** 26  
**FAVORITES:**  
**Quote:** "Wherever you fly, you'll be best of the best. Wherever you go, you will top all the rest. Except when you don't. Because, sometimes, you won't." -Dr. Seuss  
**School Memory:** State science fair when Addi and I were presenting to the judges, and Addi spit her gum out towards the judges on accident.  
**Superhero:** Captain America  
**Book/Author:** Nicholas Sparks  
**Movie:** *Grown Ups 2*  
**Song/Musician:** Laffy Taffy  
**Team:** Denver Broncos  
**Food/School Lunch:** Michelle Fejfar's chicken enchiladas/Spaghetti  
**Holiday:** Christmas  
**Class:** Biology/Anatomy  
**Other:** I love dressing my dog and painting his nails ;)

## Gettin' Salty

By: Will Suing

On Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup> the Elk Point-Jefferson Activities Boosters Club held their annual salt drive fundraiser. With 80 volunteer students and 13 trucks and trailers, they were able to sell 4,080 bags total.

The booster club uses the raised funds for a plethora of activities. Not only do they help school sports and activities buy new equipment, but they also help out with the East Coast Trip, Ladies Night Out, and Chili Cup Fundraiser.

The EPJ Boosters want to thank the community for their support, especially those who provided trucks and trailers. The salt drive is a great fundraiser that will hopefully have continued success in the years to come.

## Reading in Style

By: Jadyne Reed

Eighteen years later, the library welcomes new carpet to the facility. The new carpet features "a cooler, more modern pattern," says Deedra Holdhusen, EPJ's school librarian.

The carpet is composed of an "optical illusion" that allows the carpet to appear three-dimensional when looking at it from certain areas. The new carpet consists of Husky colors, mainly blue with black accents, replacing the "boring, institution-

al" brown carpet that previously occupied the library. The floor has already attracted much attention as it has received many compliments from students.

In addition to this update, the library has been gradually accepting new additions over the last couple of years. Such additions include: new furniture for the children and new tables and chairs for older students. The library is expecting more sets of tables and chairs soon, filling up space in certain sections of the library.

## Lunch Menu

**Thursday, August 31:** Home-style Tater Hot Dish and Dinner Roll or Hot Dog

**Friday, September 1:** Crispy Chicken Sandwich or Pizza

**Tuesday, September 5:** Home-style Cheeseburger Soup or Chicken and Waffles

**Wednesday, September 6:** Breaded Beef Patty or Chicken Nuggets

**Thursday, September 7:** Home-style Chicken Ranch Pasta or Mini Corndogs

## New Faces to EPJ

### Mrs. Nielson

By: Anna Jallow

There are many new faces that have been brought to the Elk Point-Jefferson School. One of those new faces is Katie Nielson, the Speech-Language Pathologist in the elementary school.

Neilson grew up in and attended her first year of high school at Brookings, South Dakota. Neilson then had moved to Mitchell, South Dakota where she finished her high school career. After graduating high school, Neil-

son attended the University of South Dakota where she graduated with her Bachelor degree in Science. Soon after graduating from the University of South Dakota, she moved on and attended the University of Missouri for graduate school. Neilson now has a Master's degree in Health Science in Communication Science and Disorders

Neilson's response to why she wanted to become an elementary teacher was, "I'm the Speech-Language Pathologist for ages birth

to twenty-one, so I love the ability to work with such a variety of students! No two days are the same!"

In her free time, she loves to go on road trips with her husband, Stephen, sing, and play board games with friends.

We are excited to welcome her to the Elk Point-Jefferson School District!



### Mrs. Toupal

By: Karson Hall

Mrs. Toupal is the new first grade teacher this year.

After graduating from Yankton High School, she went to South Dakota State University for her undergraduate degree. Then, Toupal decided to attain her master's degree from the University of South Dakota.

Prior to coming to Elk Point, Toupal taught in Beresford through the PDC program at USD.

She is currently married to her husband, Alex, and enjoys spending time with her family and friends. Some of her hobbies include traveling, reading, camping, and doing crafts.

EPJ welcomes Mrs. Toupal and wishes her the best of luck this year!



### Ms. Fallesen

By: Karly Marx

Out of all the new faces here at EPJ, one is the third grade teacher, Ms. Fallesen.

She grew up in Wayne, Nebraska, where she also attended high school. Right after graduation, she went into the Army. After finishing training, she attended the University of South Dakota for her undergrad and master's degree. Ms. Fallesen graduated this August with a master's in Elementary Education and a specialization in Science, Technology, and Math.

"I became a teacher because I enjoy helping others and seeing them understand how to do the problems themselves after I've helped," says Ms. Fallesen.

In her spare time, she likes to watch movies and go hiking with her Si-



berian Husky named Nike. We are all excited to welcome Mrs. Fallesen to EPJ!

## Husky Happenings

**Thursday, Aug. 31:** Golf Quad at The Bridges 4:00  
Volleyball with Dakota Valley 5:00

**Friday, Sept. 1:** Football at Flandreau 7:00

**Monday, Sept. 4:** Show Choir Rehearsal 9am - 4pm

**Tuesday, Sept. 5:** Cross Country at Canton 4:15  
7/8 Football at Ponca 4:30  
7/8 Volleyball with Vermillion 4:30  
Volleyball at West Central 5:00  
JV Football at Akron-Westfield 6:00