



# EAGLE UPDATE

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## DATES TO REMEMBER



Jan. 3  
**NO SCHOOL**  
Teacher Inservice



Jan. 4  
School Resumes  
8:15 a.m.



Jan. 12  
School Board Mtg.  
7:30 p.m.  
in ITV room



Jan. 19  
FCCLA District  
STAR



Jan. 29  
NVC Basketball  
Tourney at West  
Boyd Schools

# BUILDING BRIDGES

*The loud crashes coming from the Introduction to Engineering classroom were the culmination of a project on truss bridges and tower design.*

*We started the block with a discussion on different types of bridges then went into more detail on truss bridges and how they carry loads. A computer software program was utilized to design and analyze truss bridges. The students were then tasked with using the software to design a bridge based on certain requirements and write a proposal as if they were a contractor vying for a job.*

*The capstone project was to build a truss tower from balsa wood that had to be less than 10 in. tall and a base no larger than a 4 in. square. They were surprised to find that a well designed tower could hold more than 2000 times its own weight. To help put it in perspective, imagine an average high school student (150 lbs) holding a 150 ton truck!*



*Tre Henkenius adds weights to test the strength of his tower.*



## FFA Congratulations!

-Congrats to Brett Kinney and Juliana Dunn. Brett was the District X champion FFA Creed Speaker and Juliana was the runner – up Jr. Public Speaker. Both of these students will be representing Elgin FFA at the State FFA Convention next April. As a chapter, Elgin was 4<sup>th</sup> overall in the sweepstakes, meaning that the rest of the teams and speakers from Elgin did very good missing qualifying for State by 1 or 2 places!!! There will be a complete write up this week on the website and in the newspaper.

– Mrs. Schwartz



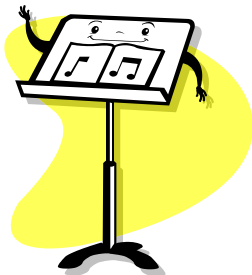
# Noteworthy News

By Mrs. Deb Jones

Last November was a busy time for the music department. We had deadlines for the **UNK at Kearney Honor Choirs** in which we needed to prepare audition music to record on CDs. Elgin Public had a third of the students in choir made audition tapes – that was fantastic! There were over 850 tapes sent in for the judges to listen to and decide which students to place in each of the three choirs. Students are competing for spots from all classes of schools – A, B, C and D – against each other.

The results are in and 5 students will represent Elgin Public Schools! Ashlyn DeWald and Juliana Dunn were chosen to sing in the Women’s Choir. Three students were chosen for the Festival Choir: Christina Getzfred, AJ Braband and Allen Miller. The clinicians for the event are Dr. David Bauer – UNK, Terry Barham – Emporia, Kansas and Mark Harmon – Fremont, Nebraska.

Congratulations to all of you! They will rehearse with the choirs all day and conclude with a concert on Monday, January 24, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. in the Health/Sports Complex on UNK campus. There will be an admission charge for the concert. It will be a great musical experience for these students and hopefully they can come back to the Elgin choir with some positive things to share.



Where can you find over 600 youthful voices making music together? At the **Boone Central Choral Clinic** on Monday, January 17, 2011. They will rehearse songs, which each individual choir has prepared ahead of time with the clinician during the day. They will perform these songs on the concert that evening at 5:30 p.m. There will

also be performances by small groups from individual schools. The clinician this year is Mr. Joel Johnston. The students are sure to have a wonderful musical experience. It will be a concert you won’t want to miss. So.....drive over to Albion on January 18<sup>th</sup> for an evening of music!



## Don’t Throw Away That Empty Printer Cartridge! Bring it to school!

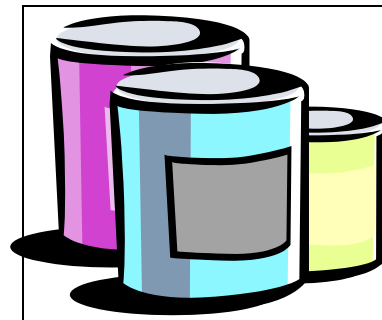
Empty inkjet cartridges can be recycled and remanufactured. Our school will receive \$2.00 for each cartridge turned in. Bring in your empty cartridges (use a Ziploc bag to avoid ink spills) to the office recycle bin.

## **BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION**

**We still collect BoxTops For Education and Campbell’s Soup UPC Labels. BoxTops and Labels can be dropped off at the school at anytime. Thanks!**

*We cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can build our youth for the future.*

*Franklin D. Roosevelt  
32nd President of the United States*



## FOOD DRIVE PLANNED IN JANUARY

The first grade class with the help of the high school Student Council will be having a food drive in January. We will be collecting food for the local food pantry in celebration of our 100th day of school.

After the holidays, the food pantry has a real need to restock their shelves in order to feed less fortunate families. This is a great opportunity for us to help them. Anyone wanting to donate can bring food to the office or first grade room. Thanks for all your help.

*Nine-tenths of education is encouragement.*

*Anatole France  
French Writer*

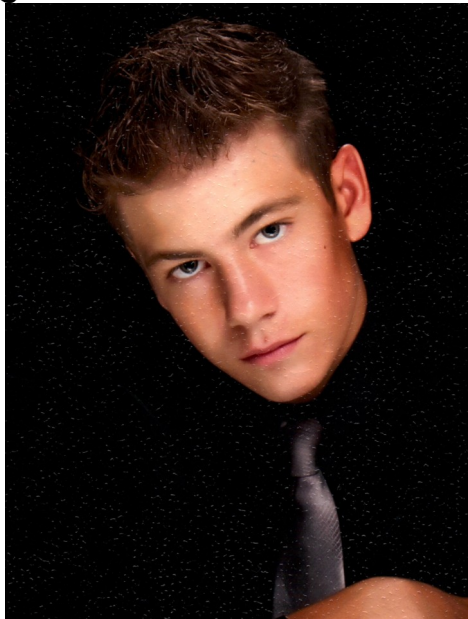
## ACTIVITIES CALENDAR ON WEBSITE

Do you want to know what time the concert starts or if the ballgames have been postponed?

Check out the Activities Calendar on our website, [www.elgineagles.org](http://www.elgineagles.org). This easy-to-use tool:

- provides up-to-date school activities and events
- allows you to view and print a daily, weekly or monthly list of calendar events
- includes a search option to find a specific event
- sends you e-mail reminders for events you select





*Sebastian Janssen*

Full name: Sebastian Thomas Janssen  
Parents: Dana Janssen and Janelle Janssen  
Brothers: Harley  
Sisters: Samantha  
Pets: too many to name them all  
Favorite school subject: speech class  
Favorite teacher: Mr. Jones  
Activities: wrestling, football, track, FFA, FCCLA, One-act, speech, annual  
Greatest honor during school: Wrestling state qualifier  
Favorite activity: Wrestling, because all the chicks dig it  
Most educational experience: When the CCDC crew would come and speak with us.  
Most inspirational person: my father  
Favorite color: green  
Favorite thing to do in spare time: hanging out with friends  
Pet peeve: People who whine all day long.  
If you could go back in time where would you go: to the 60's for the parties  
Favorite saying: "Are you Kidding me?"  
Something most people don't know about me: I used to have blond hair.  
Favorite movie: "Boondock Saints 2: All Saints Day"  
Dream car: 1967 Shelby GT 500  
Favorite food: chicken noodles and mash potatoes  
Favorite school lunch: Breakfast pizza  
Favorite pop: Orange Fanta  
Favorite TV show: "Bones"  
Favorite type of music: rock  
Future plans after graduation: undecided

Full name: Christina Marie Getzfred  
Parents: Tony and Denise Getzfred  
Brothers: Anthony & Joseph  
Sisters: Jessica  
Favorite school subject: history  
Favorite teacher: Mrs. Walsh  
Activities: Choir, One-act, speech, FCCLA, track, volleyball  
Greatest honor during school: winning science fair  
Favorite activity: Speech because I like to go to the competitions  
Most educational experience: science fair  
Most inspirational person: mom  
Favorite color: green  
Favorite thing to do in spare time: read  
Pet peeve: reading out loud  
Something most people don't know about me: I hate black olives  
Favorite movie: "The Nightmare Before Christmas"  
Favorite food: watermelon  
Favorite school lunch: Chicken Fajita  
Favorite pop: Mountain Dew  
Favorite TV show: "Secret Life of an American Teenager"  
Future plans after graduation: Attend school and become an art teacher



*Christina Getzfred*

# Administratively Speaking . . .

By Steve Dennis  
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Life is full of fastballs, change ups and curve balls. Just because you are from a small rural community you are not impervious to rules and regulations which have been enacted to guide, protect and ensure our safety. You must be aware of them.

There was an article in the Friday, December 10, 2010 Omaha World-Herald that reinforced the importance of being aware of current regulations and corresponding consequences. Hunting in rural Nebraska has been a long honored tradition. A boy from a school in the western part of the state was doing so and left a shotgun under the seat of his vehicle at school. Another student saw the gun and reported it to school officials. Per Board Policy, as required by the Student Discipline Act, the student was expelled for at least one calendar year. According to the article, "The student has been described as a good kid who, unfortunately, messed up." In light of what has happened at some schools having a weapon on school grounds cannot be tolerated. This is something everyone needs to be aware of.

As you travel around today the use of cell phones is a common occurrence. At a recent conference I attended school attorney Karen Haase spoke of the repercussions that may result with student use of cell phones primarily through the sending or receiving of inappropriate photos or text messages. The scary part was because of age discrepancies in high school students. Some of the older students may be charged as an adult. This has resulted in students being required to register as a sex offender.

I felt I would be remiss if I did not share this newspaper article and workshop information. We need to make informed decisions. Just like with anything in life there are always consequences for the choices we make. As parents, staff and community it is our responsibility to guide our students in making good choices.



## Wolfpack Volleyball Awards

On Tuesday, November 30<sup>th</sup> the Wolfpack Fall Sports Teams had their End of Season Banquet. At the banquet post season honors were announced. Volleyball post season honors are as follows:

**Letter winners:** Michelle Bauer, Jessica Heithoff, Briann Grosserode, Carey Eischeid, Brea Shrage, Lauren Selting, Ashley Bode, Marin Heithoff, Chelsi Mescher.

Team Voted Awards:

**Most Improved:** C -Team- Brandi Baker, JV- Corin Pelster Varsity- Chelsi Mescher

**Best Offense:** C-Team- Madi Voborny, JV-Casey Pelster Varsity-Michelle Bauer

**Best Defensive:** C-Team-Sydney Schumacher, JV-Courtney Schumacher, Varsity-Carey Eischeid

**Hustle Award:** C-Team-Sydney Schumacher, JV-Courtney Schumacher, Varsity-Jessica Heithoff

**Most Valuable Player:** C-Team-Madi Voborny, JV-Stephanie Bode and Courtney Schumacher. Varsity-Michelle Bauer.

**Wolfpack Award:** C-team-Devon Baum, JV-Olivia Borer, Varsity-Jessica Heithoff.

All Conference Awards went to Chelsi Mescher-Honorable Mention, Carey Eischeid and Jessica Heithoff-2<sup>nd</sup> Team and Michelle Bauer-1<sup>st</sup> Team.

In the Lincoln Journal Star, All-State Class C2 Honorable Mention went to Jessica Heithoff and Michelle Bauer

Michelle Bauer received 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All Area in Class C in the Norfolk Daily News and Carey Eischeid was Honorable Mention.

The Omaha World Herald named Michelle Bauer, Jessica Heithoff, and Carey Eischeid as Honorable Mention.

Congratulations to all of the girls.

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rom the Principal's desk . . .

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## NeSA

The Nebraska Department of Education is in the process of transitioning into standardizing assessments for all schools in reading, math, science, and social studies. Reading, math, and science will be assessed in full during the 2011-2012 school year. Social studies is beginning to develop their assessments now.

Last year, the NeSA-R (reading) was reported for all schools. Elgin Public Schools scored every well. We were all very excited about our successes! Looking into the testing that will take place this year, we want to make sure students have every opportunity to test well again.

The most important tool in students testing well is learning. Students and teachers deserve many compliments for their work, as their efforts were showcased in our NeSA-R scores last year. Teachers do a great job of preparing students in the classroom and students do their part by being present each day and completing assignments. As a school, we want to make sure we are allowing students to show their knowledge through these tests.

We will be posting testing schedules and notifying all involved of the necessary details as the testing dates get closer. The windows for testing are as follows:

NeSA-W (writing) grade 4 & 8: January 24<sup>th</sup> to February 8<sup>th</sup>

NeSA-W 11th grade online pilot: January 31<sup>st</sup> to February 11<sup>th</sup>

NeSA-R\*, NeSA-M\* (math) and NeSA-S\* (science) field test: March 28<sup>th</sup> to May 6<sup>th</sup>

\*Grades 3<sup>rd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>

It is my goal that each student has an understanding of the test and is comfortable. The tests are important, but if students are able to focus on the content, they will do great. Teachers will continue to prepare students, students will continue to work hard, and the school will make the necessary preparations to promote success. As parents, there are a few simple things you can do to ensure that your student has the best chance to show their knowledge through these tests:

Sleep at least eight (8) hours the night before the test.

Eat a protein as part of breakfast.

Talk about the tests with your students.

It is my intention that parents and students understand the purpose of the tests. If you have any questions, please contact me. I look forward to another great testing season at Elgin Public Schools!



*Happy Holidays!*  
*School resumes January 4<sup>th</sup>*



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