

From the desk of Superintendent Mr. Mikal Shalikow

On behalf of the Elba Public School Board of Education, Elba Staff and all of our highly qualified teachers, I would like to welcome everyone to the 2013-2014 school year. The Elba Public School Teachers, Staff and Students are already in full swing for the 2013-2014 school year. I am very excited to start a new school year. This year has brought many new faces both as teachers and students to Elba.

The Elba Public School is continuing to offer excellent educational opportunities for all of the students. In addition to all the core academic subjects we have unique opportunities for all our students in the area of Agricultural Education, Technology Education, Industrial Education, Visual and Performing Arts, Business Education, Foreign Language, Advanced Placement and a variety of classes offered for College Credit. Each of the last (3) years we have had students graduate from Elba with 12-18 college credit hours that they were able to transfer to a college of their choice.

I am looking for a very successful 2013-2014 school year. We have many opportunities to allow our students to get involved in extra curricular activities. This year the Elba School Board has approved (3) new opportunities for our students. At the September board meeting the board authorized the start of an Elba Trap Team, Elba Power Lifting Team and a joint venture for an Elba and St. Paul Bowling Team. I am looking forward to seeing these programs develop and I know these programs will be successful.

FFA News

By: Kayla Safarik

The Elba FFA was involved in many events. Over the summer, members painted Don Gorecki's barn, sold popcorn at North Loup's Popcorn Days, attended leadership camp and exhibited projects at the fair. At the Howard County Fair several members showed livestock and many projects were displayed. September 11th, twenty-three students went to Husker Harvest Days where they learned a variety of things. Students saw power line safety demonstrations, different styles of combines and even the Nebraska State FFA Officers. The chapter also rouged a sorghum field for John Dvoracek. Members rouged about 120 acres of sorghum to prepare for the sorghum field day that was held on September 16th at Farwell. The chapter will also be holding their annual labor auction on September 26th, at the Elba Fire hall at 7:00 pm. This is during the Elba Fire and Rescue hamburger Feed. September 30th, students will be going to IMPACT, a leadership workshop at Hastings Community College. The Elba FFA Chapter is off to a great start for this year and is very thankful to everyone who supports the chapter. They are planning for another exciting and successful year.

From The Desk of Erin Ackerson

Welcome back everyone! I am very excited to see all the students and many new ones. I am always amazed by how different each school year can be. I am also very happy to work with our new staff and thrilled to see new things coming from their students. My office has already been buzzing with college representatives phone calls and anxious seniors making future plans, monitoring academic progress, attendance issues, and many of the day-to-day activities. All of this is to prepare for another successful year. So many activities and events are starting to appear on our calendar and they are constantly changing. The Elba Public School master calendar is now available on our website for everyone to view. It will be important to keep an eye out for announcements and letters sent home. However, please feel free to call anytime with questions. I can't wait to visit with you all again and to discuss any issues that I can assist with.

Some reminders: Please contact the office as soon as possible when your child will be missing school and if it is for medical purposes, obtain a note from their doctor for documentation purposes. Additionally, academic eligibility started the week of August 27th. If a student is failing only one class or has 3 or more D's, then a letter will be sent home and the student will be serving time during lunch. However, if two or more classes are failing, then a letter will be sent home and that student will not be able to participate in any school related activities for that week. Your student(s) grades are available to view at any time using the PowerSchool portal on our website. If you have any questions about eligibility, please contact Mrs. Ackerson.

Seniors: Mr. Wray and I are the senior class sponsors and have daily contact with the senior class during their Healthy Living class. We have already discussed community service hours for graduation, scholarships, FAFSA and financial aid, graduation preparation, college fairs, college and career preparation and many other important dates. Please talk to your seniors and ask about these important events that they are working so hard for.

MAPs Testing: The week of September 30 - October 4 is designated for our MAPs testing for grades 3rd through 11th. The MAP test is an assessment used to measure all students' academic performance in the areas of Reading, Mathematics, Language Usage, General Science and Science Concepts. We will take this assessment again in the spring to track growth. Attendance is extremely important during this week so please make sure your student is well rested and prepared to do their best and if all possible avoid making appointments during this time. Your support and cooperation is much appreciated.

Important Dates:

Sept 27: October ACT test registration deadline
Sept 27-29: Junk Jaunt
Sept 27: No School
Sept 30-Oct 4: MAP testing Grades 3rd - 11th
Sept 30 - FFA Impact Day
Oct 2: ASVAB testing 11th graders 8:00-11:00am
Oct 5: Harvest of Harmony Parade
Oct 9: Josten's Rep visit 12:05-12:30
Oct 9: College Fair @ St. Paul 11th & 12th graders
Oct 11: No School
Oct 17: Parent-Teacher Conferences 4:00-7:30pm
Oct 18: End of 1st Quarter & No School
Oct 21: County Government Day @ St. Paul
Oct 25: No School
Oct 30: Courage Retreat @ St. Paul 8th & 7th graders
Oct 30-Nov 3- National FFA Convention
Nov 1: Blood Drive @ Elba Community Hall 11:00-5:00pm

A Little About Two of Our Five New Teachers

Welcome Stacy Burns!

Stacey Burns is a married mother of three children - Cameron, in fifth grade, Katie, in third grade, and Aidan, who is first grade. Katie has cerebral palsy, so Mrs. Burns jokes that her daughter comes with a "wheelchair attachment"! Her husband is a network administrator, but don't get his mild manner wrong, he was a paratrooper for the United States Army for eight years, and jumped out of planes and helicopters with a computer strapped to his back! Originally from Vancouver, Canada, Mrs. Burns moved here with her husband ten years ago to be closer to his family, from Nelson, Nebraska.



As a music teacher, it's no surprise that Mrs. Burns will listen to anything - but loves jazz - and that her favorite singer is Ella Fitzgerald. Of course, her playlists also include Queen and Miranda Lambert. She has played piano and trumpet since she was little, then added saxophone in elementary school, and only recently learned guitar in college. Mrs. Burns is also a skilled vocalist, and has sung with three professional choirs in Vancouver. Last year, she also had a role in the GILT play "A 1940s Radio Christmas Carol" and was the on-stage accompanist as "Toots".

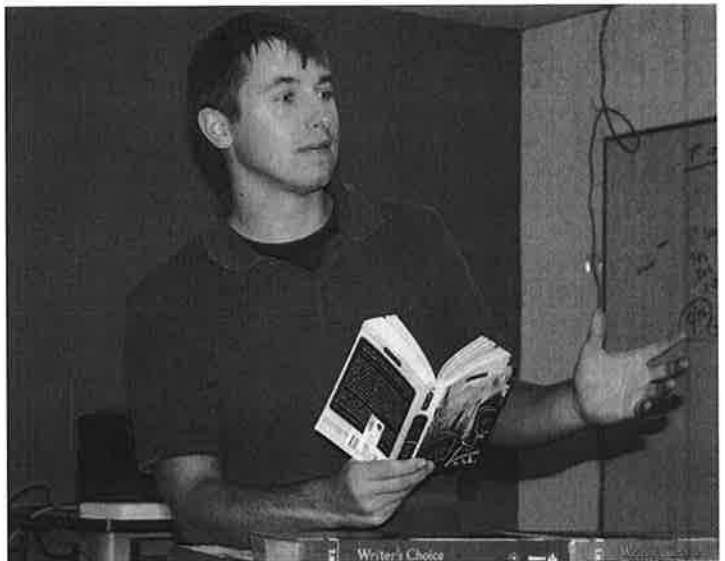
She is very excited to join us in Elba and looks forward to a great year with our wonderful musicians!

Welcome Craig Hall!

Hello to all. My name is Craig Hall and I am the new 7-12 English teacher at Elba Community Schools. Originally being from a small, rural, Nebraska town has me especially excited for my first teaching position in Elba. While teaching English, I will also be serving as the Speech coach, Freshman class sponsor, and the head of National Honor Society.

Before coming to Elba, I attended the University of Nebraska at Kearney. While at UNK, I spent my first two years majoring in Sports Communication. This allowed me to write articles for the school newspaper as well as host my own live sports talk show on the school radio.

After my sophomore year at UNK, I decided that the journalism business wasn't for me, so I switched my major to Language Arts/Education. Through my classes I found my passion and what I wanted to do after graduating, teach high school English. While studying English I found several interests in literature including: detective novels, Edgar Allan Poe short stories, British literature, and Western Civilization literature. I hope that these interests can permeate my English classes and excite the students in them.



Again, it is great to be Elba and I look forward to having a great year!

National Guard

Hi, I'm Chad Comeau. I'll be going to Fort Benning Georgia for six months after graduation on a vacation that I will tell you more about. Elba Public Schools had two seniors last year, Kyle Janc and David Greydanus, enlist in the ARMY National Guard, I've recently joined the Nebraska ARMY National Guard (A.N.G). In order to be accepted into the A.N.G you need to take a test called the ASVAB, and the better you do on this test the more jobs you are eligible for. I have decided to be trained as an infantryman. The A.N.G has over 1,000 jobs to choose from.

You get paid while you're training to do something you want to do. After you get done with training for the Guard, they will pay for your college tuition if you want to go.



While I'm finishing my senior year, I get to go to Kearney for what is called Recruit Sustainment Program (RSP). RSP Happens one weekend a month. We do drills to get ready for basic training, and I get paid while I'm there. I'll be going to Fort Benning Georgia for six months after graduation. If anyone's interested in joining the Nebraska ARMY National Guard or just want to see what it's like, let me know or call SSG James Dinville @ 308-440-1734 or go to www.NationalGuard.com to learn more.

WEIGHT CLASS

LBS	KG
97	44
105	48
114	52
123	56
132	60
148	67,5
165	75
181	82,5
198	90
220	100
242	110
275	125
308	140

Weight classes for Powerlifting. You are in the weight class above your actual weight.

Powerlifting

By: Christian Lewis

The Elba Powerlifting team is starting to lift in the mornings on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:45-7:30. We are still looking for participants since we only have three dedicated members at the current time. Our team as of right now consists of veterans Dakota Reinert, and Christian Lewis, and a newcomer Lane Koperski. A Powerlifting team can consist of both boys and girls and can be in grades 7-12. Junior High has their own division so they don't have to worry about getting bested by upperclassmen.

There are three different lifts you do at a Powerlifting meet. These lifts are Bench, Deadlift, and Squat. You are compared to others in your weight class and ranked by how much you can lift compared to them. At the end of the day, the person who has lifted the most amount of weight total out of the three lifts combined wins the competition in their weight class.

You get three attempts each lift. You are allowed to go up each attempt but never down in weight. The same procedure happens with the second attempt. At the end of the meet they give out trophies or medals to each of the different competitor teams: All Male, All Female, and Co-op, both genders. They give medals to the top three to five lifters in each weight class. Right now, we know there will be a meet in December in Lexington, and official dates will come soon.

Science News!

The newest development in the science classroom is in biology; this is the first class to use iBooks on iPads! It has certainly taken patience to get used to this new technology but students are adept at utilizing their textbook on the iPad instead of a heavy book. There was a learning curve for the teacher as well; all ancillary materials are online instead of a filing cabinet full of workbooks and masters. Mrs. Paulson is pleased with the progress that has been made in this area.

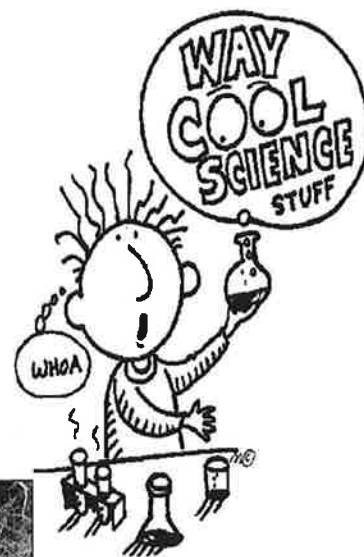
Another new development for the 2013-2014 school year is a student independently taking a class. Christian Lewis was unable to be in the chemistry classroom first period due to his college English class. He is independently getting credit for chemistry by meeting with Mrs. Paulson daily but guiding himself through the materials. Fortunately he is able to attend class on Mondays and Fridays when Mrs. Paulson schedules labs so he is able to get that hands-on experience in the lab.



Biology Class Gets Technical

From a Student's Point of View

This year at Elba our Biology class doesn't have to deal with the struggles of carrying a heavy old book around! We get the privilege of being the first class in Elba to have our textbooks on our iPads that the school has purchased for their students. The "books" include videos of topics and step by step figures of topics, such as the steps in the water cycle. Having textbooks on our iPads has its ups and downs like most other things. What I like about it is that an iPad is way lighter than a regular textbook and is more up to date. The down sides include that we can only see a small portion of the books, because screens have limited visual space and we can't view 2 pages at once like books. The electronic books are also kind of difficult to search for information in, but I think it is just going to take some time for us to get use to the new way of learning. Every day we are discovering something new that our fancy "books" can do!



Elba Yearbooks

There are still some extra 2012-2013 yearbooks for sale, so if you would like your own copy, contact the school and ask for one, they are \$30 each.

This year our yearbook will once again feature personal pages for the high school students. So if you or your child has any pictures that you would like on his/her page, just send them either with your kid, or email it to Mr. Miller at mlmiller@esu10.org.



Blood Drive

By: Lane Koperski

Donating blood gives you a good feeling because with the one donation, you can help three different people. The worst part for me was the finger prick and then having the needle in my arm while I was giving blood. I was fortunate to get to help set up at the last blood drive, and it was a great learning experience.

When you donate for the first time the registration process takes longer than if you have donated before. The reason for this is because your information is not in the system so you have to enter your information. The first time I donated blood it seemed I spent more time at the computer than I did giving blood.

At the last blood drive held at the Elba Community Center, we collected 30 units of blood. This is the largest amount of blood collected at one time in Elba. The next blood drive will be held on Nov. 1.

Several of the teachers donated blood at the last blood drive; they were Mr. Hall, Mr. Shalikow and Ms. Shaw. This also was the first time for Mr. Hall, and he had a good time and will be donating again. One thing that really shocked me was that when I made one phone call, four people showed up within five minutes of each other.

Two of these donors gave double red, when both blood and plasma are extracted from your body. Then the blood and plasma is separated from the blood platelets, and the plasma is put back in to your body. Then more blood and plasma are pulled out of your body, and the process starts again. This process takes twice as long compared to giving non-separated blood.

The Red Cross staff showed up around 7:45 and by 9:00 there were people donating blood. Clean-up started around 3:30 and was finished by 4:00. A lot of first time donors showed up. One of the reasons I like donating blood is because one of my aunts has had cancer three times, and giving blood is the least I can do to help someone in need.

Letter From the Editor

By: Mike Miller

Teachers are no different than everyone else, which is we take time out of our busy day to tell others about how great **our kids** and grandkids are. I remember a recent lunch period, when I was telling fellow teachers about my grandson wanting to buy his mom a tractor sprinkler (with his own money) so she wouldn't have to keep going out to move the sprinkler (well I guess you had to be there). But this leads me to my point, this happened to be the same day one of our former students (Laura Gorecki) had presented to the student body about her trip to Chile. I asked Mr. Wray if he was giving himself a pat on the back, since he was a big part of her success, especially in the Ag area, which is her major at UNL. He replied no, but the buttons on his shirt were having trouble holding in his swelled chest. I think what we were both most proud of was not just her accomplishments, but also the message she shared with the students at the end of her presentation. She told the student body that she wasn't special; she was given this opportunity because she took the steps to apply. Telling the students to continue to try and not think they can't do something,

The funny part of this story is Laura has the drive and determination to be a success, with or without most of her teachers, even though we would all like to take a little credit for students like her. I have had many other students through the 14 years that I have been here at Elba Public School, that I would like to take some credit for their success. Many of them like Laura, are going to be a success with or without our help. But what really amazes me is some of the students that we find out later, that we really did have an impact on their lives, it is often the last kid you would expect. What I have learned is we need to be excited about all our successes, a success for one student might be returning a kick for a touchdown (way to go Ben), for another it might be a 70 on a spelling test. I for one enjoy being a part of all our little successes that happen each day and to every one of **our kids**.

P.S. It's nice to get a few big successes to treasure and get us through the tough days.

Elba Fire & Rescue

Annual Hamburger Feed

Thursday Sept. 26th

Serving 5:30 to 8:00 pm



At The Elba Firehall

Free Will Donation

Homecoming Week

"Brand the Bison"

Monday Oct. 14



Super Hero – Dress up as superheroes

Tuesday Oct. 15

Thrift Shop – Dress up in clothes from Salvation Army or thrift store

Wednesday Oct. 16

Twin Day – Dress up as a twin!



Thursday Oct. 17

Class Color Day – Dress as your class color



Central City – Friday October 18th @ 7 pm

Class Colors

Staff – white

Elementary – orange

7th grade – red

8th grade - blue

Freshmen – purple

Sophomores – black

Juniors – camo

Seniors - green



Junk Jaunt

September 27th- 29th

Visit the St. Joseph's church of Elba!!

Come on over to the St. Joseph's church this junk jaunt weekend and check out the treasures you may find. The site will be open from 7 A.M. to 5:30 P.M. on Friday the 27th, and 7 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. on Saturday the 28th. There might be table space to rent. Also if there are any students that need community service time, we could use the help.

Contacts are Wendy Dzingle (308) 863-2170 or Julie Dush (308) 968-3421

Elba Post Prom Committee

Will be serving

Village Maker Pie and Meat Sandwiches

during the Junk Jaunt at the

Elba Community Building

Hours:

Thursday 4 pm to 8 pm

Friday 8 am to 8 pm

Saturday 8 am to 4 pm

Join us for some great pie and help support the Post Prom Committee.

If anyone could help by working a few hours, please contact Kathy Gorecki or Robyn Dvoracek.



MR. & MRS. WRAY'S REMODELING SALE!

This Junk Jaunt get your collectables, woodwork, chrome leg chairs, couch, table & chairs from Gene and Mayre Wray. All of these are available for your purchase at 1818 M St. in Ord.



Strike Gold!
At the Elba Junk Jaunt
September 27-29, 2013

Strike big with Elba's Famous Enchilada's
at the Community Center
Friday/Saturday 10-6
Past Junk Jaunt T-Shirts and Elba Cookbooks

Elba Post Prom Committee
Selling Village Maker pies and pork sandwiches.

***Find the golden corn at one of the vendors
and claim your price at the Community Center***

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO HELP!
Either helping sell enchilada's and need baked goods.
Contact Judy Dugan at 863-2389

People, Food, and Deals
are worth the weight
in Gold!



Sportsman's Wild Game Feed

Where: The Elba Community Center

When: Saturday, October 26th @ 6:00 pm

Bring Your Favorite Fish, Wild Game Dish, Salad or Dessert



Lemonade & Coffee Will Be Provided
There Will Be Games, Raffles, Drawings & Auctions

For More Information Contact Tony @ 754-8222

Sponsored By The Elba Horseshoe Club, Community Foundation
& The Elba Fire & Rescue Department

Annual FFA Labor Auction



Thursday, September 26th



Starts at 7:00 pm


**At the Elba Firehall in conjunction with the
Elba Fire & Rescue Hamburger Feed**

Serving 5:30 to 8:00 pm



October 2013

- All meals served with milk
- Lunch comes with fruit and vegetable bar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	Long John Breaded Beef Sticks, Mashed Potatoes, Dinner Roll/Jelly	1 Scrambled Eggs/Toast Crispito, Peanut Butter Bar	2 Sausage/Toast Soft Shell Taco, Cookie	3 Chef's Choice Chicken & Biscuit, Fruit in Jell-O	4 Pancake Italian Dunkers	5
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	Glazed Donut Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes, Dinner Roll/Jelly	8 Breakfast Burrito McRib on a Bun Sweet Potato Fries Cookie	9 Sausage Cheese on a Bun Chili Cheese Fritos, Cinnamon Sticks	10 French Toast Goulash, Warm Bread	No School	No School
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	Long John Breaded Beef Patty, Mashed Potatoes, Dinner Roll/Jelly	15 Coffee Cake Hamburger on a Bun, Brownie	16 Scrambled Eggs/Toast Chicken Fajita Cookie Bar	17 Pancakes Spaghetti & Meat Sauce Warm Bread	No School	No School
27	28	29	30	31		
	Cinnamon Roll Popcorn Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Dinner Roll/Jelly	22 Breakfast Burrito Chicken Patty on a Bun, Cookie	23 Sausage/Cheese on a Bun Corn Dog, Baked Beans,	24 French Toast Pizza, Brownie	Muffin Mummy Worms, Bits & Pieces, Bug Juice	