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DISTRICT CHAMPIONS, STATE - 4TH PLACE



HIGH SCHOOL'S

September 29th - 30th 2023

FRIDAY:

2:00 PM HOMECOMING PARADE

5:30 PM ALUMNI TAILGATE PARTY - VICTOR FIELD (food provided)

7:00 PM HOMECOMING FOOTBALL GAME

SATURDAY TURKEY FESTIVAL 5K

7:30 AM CONTACT: ELDON PARKS & REC 573-392-2156

10:00AM TURKEY FESTIVAL PARADE

10AM-4PM TURKEY FESTIVAL

ALL DAY ELDON GOLF CLUB WILL BE HOSTING AN ALUMNI GOLF TOURNAMENT. ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO THE ELDON **MUSTANGS BOYS & GIRLS GOLF TEAMS.**

1:00 PM TOUR OF EHS BEGINS AT THE OLD GYM

7:00 PM ALUMNI REUNION STREET PARTY AT LE FOR PURCHASE AT MUSIC 7:00PM - 11:00PM

For more information contact

Wendy Winters - (573) 392-8010 ext. 1009 wendy.winters@eldonmustangs.org

LETTER FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

I am so glad you are reading the eighth edition of the Maroon & Gold! Our goal is to keep our patrons connected with what is happening in the school and with Eldon Alumni. I know we all have some great memories of our school. It could be your favorite teacher, your best friend that you haven't seen for years, your coach, your bus driver, or the cook that made you smile. We want to do our best to remember those days but also focus on the great things that are currently happening. In order to accomplish this, we need you to send us ideas about who to interview for our stories. I believe the Maroon and Gold is going to be the venue that allows Eldon Alumni to stay connected. Send your information to wendy.winters@eldonmustangs.org or mail it to her at 101 South Pine St. Eldon, MO, or call Wendy at 573-392-8010 ext. 1009



Another idea I want you to consider is coming back home. We continually strive to make our school and community one of the best places in the state. I believe you and your family will make an economic impact on our community. You will help us build an even better community that has a great infrastructure, great schools and great people. I feel blessed to live in Eldon, I know you will, too.

We are including information about some job opportunities in the area. Please take a look at them and see if any of them fit your needs.

I hope you enjoy the Maroon and Gold! Matt Davis EHS'95

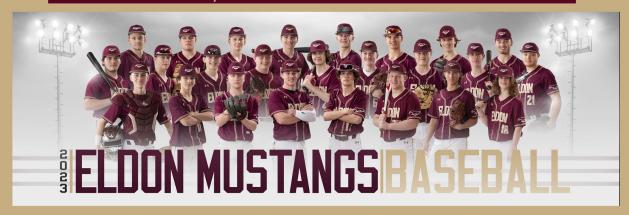
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CLASS 4, DISTRICT 9 CHAMPIONS



EHS STUDENTS SCORING 30+ ON THE ACT



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MADDOX BERLENER



JASON EDWARDS



DAKOTA FORRESTER



ADYSSON GERBER



ETHAN HANKS



IRIS HENG



ZOE MARTONFI



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STUDENTS ENTERING THE MILITARY



KYLE CONNER Army Band



NICKY MARTONFI NAVAL ACADEMY



KILLIAN WILSON Marines

ELDON TOWN PLAN

GRO ELDON'S PLAN TO ACHIEVE COMMUNAL PROSPERITY



Members Since 2020

Prepared by: The GRO Eldon Core Leaders GRO Program Coordinator: Matt Davis Technical Support Provided by: Innovation Economy Partners



GRO ELDON

WHAT IS GRO?

Growth In The Rural Ozarks (GRO) program launched in 2016 to help Missouri towns design and launch community and economic development initiatives that bring sustainable local prosperity. The GRO program has grown over the years to include nine communities and tap into the knowledge of more local leaders.



KEY FOCUS AREAS FOR GRO

COMMITTED LEADERSHIP

- Governance &
- Action & Accountability
- Posource Developm

ENGAGED CITIZENS

- Community Outreach &
 Programming
- Academic & Experiential Learning
- Community Support
 Services

VIBRANT PLACE

- Quality & Affordable
 Housing
- Public Spaces &

 Experiences
- Town Infrastructure
- RESILIENT ECONOMY
- Create it: Entrepreneurship
 and Innovation
- Grow It: Expand local
- Attract It: Bring in new businesses

COMMUNITY COLLABORATIONS

PERIODIC CONVENINGS FOR GRO COMMUNITY LEADERS TO SHARE, LEARN, AND COLLECTIVELY EVOLVE.

- HOUSING
- RURAL HEALTH
- COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
- ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
- CHAMBER CONSORTIUM
- BUSINESS SPEAKER EVENT

WHY DID ELDON JOIN GRO?

Eldon has a small-town feel with a drive for continuous improvement. Many towns can be resistant to change, but Eldon is constantly improving. We joined the GRO family to bond the businesses, city, and schools together. We are creating a united vision and working toward making that bond a reality.

OUR VISION

Together We Rise!

INITIAL ASSESSMENT & FINDINGS

OUR COMMUNITY'S VOICE

Our big observation: The residents of Eldon continue to express very positive views of the community. The residents very much appreciate the progress that is being envisioned, planned and executed in the community. The number one focus for the community needs to be around investing in placemaking improvements so that the community can be attracting to young families.

THE ASSETS THAT WE NEED TO BUILD ON



- We embrace our youth and educate them to become active members of the community in hopes for them to continue as leaders of the town.
- There are several originations and projects for the community to get involved and have a voice.
- We are proud to help each other and be citizens of Eldon.
- We have a beautiful park and recreational facilities including a golf course and bowling alley. Soon to be coming is the Rock Island Trail.
- School district has several opportunities available to help our students thrive. We have a very active chamber of commerce vested in the businesses and community.
- Have been working in the past 5+ years in identifying afforadable housing.
- We have medical and dental practionars easily avaliable along with local pharamcy.

GRO INITIATIVES

2023 OBJECTIVE

The number one goal for the Eldon team is to focus and execute on a small set of priorities.



WINS TO DATE

Heart of the Program: A Strong Leadership Team

GRO Program sits on the shoulders of strong inspired and inspiring local leaders who are committed to seeing their community thrive. We thank you for your commitment and your leadership!

- Mara Clement
- Linda Conner
- Matt Davis
- · Bill Foglesong
- Megan Hees
- Matt Kostelnik
- Reagan Limbach
- Todd Rader
- Erin Rohwer
- Linda Scrivner
- and many more...

Strengthening Eldon's Infrastructure

The city has undertaken several different projects this year: Lining sewer pipes, ordering equipment to refurbish wastewater treatment, and refurbishing concession stand at Apperson Park.

The city also received a \$750,000 grant to repair stormwater drain next to High School.

New Factory in Eldon!

Quaker Window Products is building a \$65 million campus along in Eldon.
This summer the company started constructing in its third phase. This third phase involves a new 250,000-square-foot commercial window and door facility. Bringing more than 150 jobs to Eldon!

Rock Island Depot

The Rock Island Depot depot was originally the place where products were unloaded from trains and carted to the local shop owners.

The new depot is constructed in the same location to welcome visitors from the Rock Island Trail and usher them to downtown Eldon amenities. Leaders in Edon have spent over eight years working toward initiating the

construction of the depot..

GRO Eldon's Biggest Win!

Eldon has made tremendous strides in the last 2 years in methodically creating an environment where the City Hall, the School District, and the Chamber are working very closely. This synergy positions Eldon very well for collectively driving impact.



GRO ELDON'S PROJECTS

OUR ELDON LOCAL LEADERS ARE FOCUSING ON THESE FIVE EFFORTS TO BETTER ELDON'S PATH TO PROSPERITY. LEARN MORE ABOUT ELDON'S PROJECTS AT WWW.GROOZARKS.COM

CONTACT LEADERSHIP: MATT DAVIS MATT.DAVIS@ELDONMUSTANGS.ORG

GRO FOCUS AREA: COMMITTED LEADERSHIP

PROJECT: SUSTAINABLE LEADERSHIP

LEADERS: Megan Hees, Student Intern

LEAD ORGANIZATION: The Eldon School District, Eldon City Hall, and The Eldon Chamber of Commerce

OVERVIEW: This will be a coordinated effort across our major local organizations: City Hall, Schools, Chamber, etc.

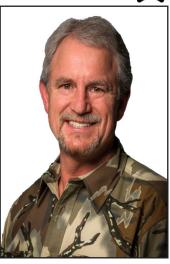
Conduct the following efforts to drive community engagement: Communication (social media, press, newsletters); Inperson events; Monthly social gatherings, etc. Team will also be launching a monthly video series. 2023 GOAL: Conduct a more concerted effort to inform the local citizens about all the efforts that are currently underway in Eldon.

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The Herbert Family: Proud Alumni Making a Positive Impact

The Eldon Alumni Magazine is thrilled to showcase the remarkable achievements and contributions of the Herbert family, proud Eldon High School alumni who have left an indelible mark on their community and beyond. From educational leadership to political campaigning, from healthcare administration to pursuing dreams in nursing and fostering positive change, the Herbert family exemplifies the values and spirit of Eldon High School.

Michele Campbell Herbert, a shining example of Eldon High School's educational excellence, has been making a difference in the lives of students for decades. After marrying Mike Herbert in 1993, Michele pursued her passion for education, earning a Bachelor of Elementary Education from Central Missouri State University. Her commitment to continuous learning led her to achieve a Master's Degree from Lincoln University in 2000 and an Education Specialist degree from William Woods in 2013. Throughout her career, Michele has been dedicated to the Eldon School District, working at South School for over 15 years in various roles, including first-grade teacher, second-grade teacher, speech implementer, reading teacher, and

literacy coach. Presently, she serves as the Principal at South Elementary School, an accomplishment she has proudly held for eight years. Mrs. Herbert is the best living example of the school's mission as she encourages rigorous learning of her students and staff, collaborates with aspiring teachers to generate lessons with relevant life applications, and cultivates personal and meaningful relationships with staff, students, and community members.

As Michele recalled her favorite high school teachers she remembered recognizing through them the positive

student impact a dedicated teacher can make. She also loved her time hanging out with special friends and the camaraderie built playing in the band. Michele cherishes the memories of her time as a supportive parent cheering on her two daughters participating in athletic events while proudly wearing the maroon and gold of Eldon.

As she looks to the future, Michele remains committed to her community and hopes to continue her journey of lifelong learning and contributing to the growth and success of her cherished hometown.

Mike Herbert, a 1985 graduate of Eldon High School, has had a remarkable career in public health. After earning a BS in Business Administration from the University of Central Missouri in 1991, Mike spent 30 years serving the public, including 25 years with the Missouri Department of Health & Senior Services, where he served as a Disease Investigator and later became the State's STD/HIV Director.

Upon retirement from the state in 2017, Mike joined the local health department, the Miller County Health Center, where he currently serves as the Administrator. His work in public health has had a direct impact on friends, family, and neighbors, emphasizing the significance of community partnerships to improve health and wellness.

Beyond his professional achievements, Mike is a devoted Kansas City Chiefs fan. For over three decades, he and his family have united to support the team, attending games and even meeting legendary figures like Lamar Hunt. As his wife and daughters have grown into avid fans, Mike continues to cherish their shared passion for the Chiefs. As a family they travel each year to an away game to spur their team on to victory on the road.



The Herbert Family at a Kansas City Chiefs football game in 2020.

With his daughters now grown, Mike looks forward to getting back into fishing while remaining an avid supporter of Eldon and its endeavors.

The couple's oldest daughter, Halle Herbert, had an active and successful tenure during her time at EHS. Involved in numerous extracurricular activities, including FFA, NHS, DECA, and Student Council, Halle graduated Summa Cum Laude in 2017. She pursued a Bachelor of Science in Political Science with a minor in Sociology from Missouri State University, completing her degree in just two years. Following her graduation, Halle embarked on a remarkable journey in politics and public service. She played a crucial role in a gubernatorial campaign for the State of Missouri, worked on Capitol Hill for

United States Congressman Blaine Luetkemeyer, and was the Political Director for a United States Senate Race. Presently, Halle serves as the Legislative Liaison for the Missouri Department of Public Safety. As she charts her course in public ser-Halle remains deeply connected to her roots in Eldon, drawing



Halle in front of the United States Capitol building in 2021.

inspiration from her community and the values instilled in her during her upbringing. With a passion for running and staying active, she uses the resilience learned from her high school sports coaches to propel her forward in both her personal and professional life.

Their youngest daughter, Anna Herbert, a graduate of Eldon High School's Class of 2020, also shone brightly during her time at EHS. Actively involved in track and field, basketball, band, and other school organizations, Anna's dedication and hard work earned her recognition as Academic All-State for Track and Field.

Following her high school graduation, Anna



Halle and Anna compete at an EHS track meet in 2017.

Herbert cont.

pursued her education at SBU and later transferred to MSU, where she plans to continue her studies in pursuit of a nursing degree. Her aspiration to work in the healthcare industry stems from her desire to assist individuals during their most vulnerable moments, making a positive impact on the lives of others.

As she embarks on her journey toward becoming a nurse, Anna enjoys spending time with family, playing pickleball, and traveling with friends. Her determination to make a difference in people's lives and her commitment to continuous growth reflect the core values instilled in her during her time at Eldon High School.



Michele with a student at Pre-School Graduation.

The Herbert family stands as a testament to the transformative power of Eldon High School, where they cultivated their values, passions, and ambitions. From leadership in education to nursing, from politics to public health, and from fostering community connections to championing Chiefs fandom, each member of the Herbert family contributes to the spirit and success of Eldon. We are proud to feature the Herbert family in this edition of the Eldon Alumni Magazine and celebrate their ongoing contributions to the world around them.







MUSTANG EXCELLENCE - 2023

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT IN THE TOP 20% OF THE STATE!

1ST PLACE AT STATE: FFA VET SCIENCE TEAM

1ST PLACE AT STATE:FFA AGRICULTURAL ISSUES FORUM TEAM

1ST PLACE AT STATE: SKILLS USA HEALTH KNOWLEDGE BOWL TEAM

PROPOSITION MUSTANGS PASSED WITH 81% COMMUNITY SUPPORT

SPEECH AND THEATRE -DUO INTERPRETATION: NATIONAL FINALIST

EHS JAZZ BAND EARNED A1RATING AT UCM JAZZ FESTIVAL

2023 TEAM INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY STATE CHAMPION IN THE CNC WOODS DIVISION

TWO EHS SENIORS SIGNED TO PARTICIPATE IN COLLEGIATE SHOOTING SPORTS

ONE MISSOURI SCHOLARS 100 RECIPIENT

EHS SCHOLAR BOWL: TOP 8 IN THE STATE

BRENT KELL INDUCTED INTO MISSOURI BASKETBALL COACHES HALL OF FAME

FBLA CHAPTER OF THE YEAR GOLD LEVEL

ELDON SCHOOL DISTRICT TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT EARNED THE 2023 FLEETEXCELLENCE AWARD

12 STUDENTS COMPETED AT THE MONASP STATE ARCHERY TOURNAMENT

EHS MARCHING BAND-CMU BAND DAY:1ST PLACE CLASS 4BAND & AMP; OVERALL OUTSTANDING DRUM MAJORS

EHS MARCHING MUSTANGS: UCM HOMECOMING PARADE GRAND CHAMPIONS

3 EHS STUDENTS PERFORMED WITH THE STATE FFA CHOIR AT THE STATE FFA CONVENTION

EHS CONCERT BAND-3 ENSEMBLES, 2 SOLOS EARNED A GOLD RATING AT MSHSAA STATE CONTEST

EHS CONCERT BAND EARNED AN EXEMPLARY RATING AT THE MSHSAA STATE LARGE ENSEMBLE FESTIVAL

1ST PLACE:ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE, 2ND PLACE STATE: JUNIOR SCIENCE AND HUMANITIES SYMPOSIUM

MISSOURI JUNIOR ACADEMY OF SCIENCE: 1 RATING ADVANCED EHS STUDENT TO STATE MJAS COMPETITION

1ST PLACE IN ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE : JUNIOR SCIENCE AND HUMANITIES SYMPOSIUM

2 STUDENTS PLAYED IN THE NATIONAL FFA BAND AT NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION IN INDIANAPOLIS

ELDON LEAP: FTC ROBOTICS SEMIFINALIST ALLIANCE SELECTION AND 3RD PLACE DESIGN AWARD

CHAMBER CHOIR RECEIVED AN EXEMPLARY (1) RATING AT MSHSAA STATE LARGE GROUP MUSIC FESTIVAL

7TH AND 8TH GRADE CONCERT BAND AND CHOIR EARNED AN EXEMPLARY (1) RATING AT THE CMU MUSIC FESTIVAL

EHS SENIOR SELECTED FOR THE MISSOURI YOUTH PORK AMBASSADOR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

EHS SENIORS EARNED \$966,000 IN COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

THREE EHS SENIORS ENLISTED IN THE MILITARY

SIX EHS STUDENTS GRADUATED WITH THEIR ASSOCIATE OF ARTS DEGREE

VOLLEYBALL: 4TH IN STATE. TWO PLAYERS EARNED ALL-STATE HONORS

CROSS COUNTRY: TWO STATE MEDALISTS

GIRLS GOLF: ONE STATE MEDALIST

GIRLS BASKETBALL: DISTRICT PLAYER OF THE YEAR, ONE ALL-STATE HONOR, AND ONE ATHLETE SIGNED TO PLAY AT COLLEGE.

WRESTLING: THREE DISTRICT CHAMPIONS AND TWO STATE MEDALISTS.

ONE WRESTLER: FIRST ALL-TIME IN FOUR STATE CATEGORIES AND THIRD ALL-TIME IN WINNING PERCENTAGE.

ONE WRESTLER: THIRD ALL-TIME IN WINS. FOURTH ALL-TIME IN FALLS. AND 5TH ALL-TIME IN WINNING PERCENTAGE.

BASEBALL: DISTRICT CHAMPIONS, MOST WINS IN SCHOOL HISTORY, ONE ALL-STATE HONORS, ONE PLAYER SIGNED TO PLAY AT COLLEGE.

CHAD HINDS: TRI-COUNTY CONFERENCE COACH OF THE YEAR

BOYS GOLF : CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS, DISTRICT CHAMPIONS, AND 3RD PLACE AT STATE, TWO STATE MEDALISTS

BOYS TRACK: THREE STATE MEDALISTS AND ONE ATHLETE SIGNED TO THROW AT COLLEGE

GIRLS TRACK: CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS, DISTRICT CHAMPIONS, AND 2ND PLACE AT STATE

ONE ATHLETE WON 3 INDIVIDUAL EVENTS AT THE STATE MEET AND PLACED 3RD IN ONE. THE 4X400 PLACED 8TH IN STATE.

TROY ALBRECHT WAS ROBOTICS MENTOR COACH OF THE YEAR

NEWSPAPER IN EDUCATION: STATE CHAMPIONS

MUSTANG LEGACY CONTRIBUTORS

Visionary \$25,000 and up

Rita Bass
Eldon Quarterback Club
Jonathan Grantham
Cole Hamels
Kent Kehr
Carl Mosher
E.J. Pyle

Cornerstone \$2,500 and up

Eldon Athletic Booster Club Peter & Barbara Gattermeir Jeff & Amy Hargroves Scott & Lisa Harrison Ingrid Haas & John Groves Jim & Judy Lincoln Nates Concrete Pumping LLC Tony & Renee Pace

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John Caine Family
Capital Region Medical Clinic
-Eldon
Central Bank of LOTO

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Class of 1955 Class of 1961 Class of 1964 Class of 1965 Class of 1966 Class of 1968 Class of 1972 Class of 1974 Class of 1982 Class of 1983 Class of 1985 Class of 1988 Class of 2001 Kenneth & Treva Crismon Dale & Pauline Currence Devine & Ass. Real Estate Travis Dinwiddie Jay & Stacey Dunham Krik & Robin Earleywine Eldon Community Foundation Eldon Friends of Music Eldon Lions Club **Fldon Warriors** Wanda Robbins Enloe Fendorf & Phillips -Grads of 1915-1980 David & Maryann Frank Friends of Deb Geritz Friends of Eddie Winters Vonda Greenwalt Billy Paul & Robin Griffith Scott & Michele Griswold Willard & Jerri Haley Matt & Ashley Hanks & Family Gerald J. Harms Sr. Peggy Harrison Tony & Ila Jean Hartfield Bill & Sheri Harvey & family Carl & Ruth Hees

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2016 Alumna Holly Enowski

Empowering Communities and Fighting Hunger



Photo by Marshall Meadows

In the heart of Missouri, a dynamic force for change is making waves in the fields of community development, hunger alleviation, and agriculture advocacy. Meet Holly Enowski, a driven and multi-faceted young professional whose commitment to bettering communities has been an inspiration to many. With a deep-rooted connection to her farming heritage and a fervent drive to create a positive

impact, Holly's journey is one that exemplifies dedication, passion, and resilience.

Holly's story begins in the rural outskirts of Eldon, Missouri, where she grew up as a proud farmer's daughter. Her upbringing instilled in her a strong sense of responsibility towards community and a love for agriculture. This foundation led her to pursue a degree in Science and Agricultural Journalism, with minors in International Agriculture, Business, and Agricultural Economics, from the University of Missouri.

Not content with just one academic achievement, Holly furthered her education by earning a Masters of Business Administration from Washington University in St. Louis. Armed with a unique blend of knowledge in both agriculture and business, she was well-prepared to take on the challenges that lay ahead.

Holly's journey towards making a tangible difference was catalyzed by a pivotal moment – an encounter with 'the Buddy Pack Bully.' She witnessed an older student stealing a Buddy Pack from a grade school student who was in need of the food that the school had sent home with him and this infuriated her and sparked a fire to take action to meet the needs of those facing food insecurity. This marked the beginning of her decade-long dedication to addressing food insecurity at local, national, and global levels.

Her brainchild, the community service initiative named "Hungry for Change," has become a beacon of hope for those battling hunger. Through this program, Holly equips and empowers individuals of all ages to join the fight against hunger. With a commitment to service, she dedicates over 250 hours each year to this cause, making a significant impact on countless lives.

Holly's commitment to achievement



Holly's fifth grade class of 82 students from her summer internship in Kenya in 2016

started in high school where she was active in band, FFA, FBLA, and DECA. She was guided and empowered by her endearing instructors: Coach Campbell, Mr. Biddle, Mr. Reichel, Mr. Schmidt, Mr. and Mrs. Haley, Mrs. Henderson, Mrs. Rohwer, Bandman, and Mrs. Hanks. Holly showcased her talent through competition at the national level in FFA, FBLA, and DECA and reining as drum major in band. She credits her high school involvement as the foundation to her impressive journey.

However, Holly's journey wasn't confined to the local stage. Her dream of becoming Miss Missouri began early, stemming from her victory as Miss Miller County Teen in 2012. She turned this aspiration into reality, showcasing her marimba talent and earning prestigious awards at Miss Missouri pageants. Her consistent placements in the top five, including a first runner-up in 2023, underscore her unwavering dedication and growth on this path.

When she's not dazzling audiences on stage, Holly finds solace and joy in her passions and hobbies. Her connection to her family's farm, kayaking at the Lake, and enjoying local delicacies like Arris Pizza are all part of her vibrant life. Yet, her commitment extends beyond personal enjoyment. Holly coordinates the Missouri Youth Institute, a conference aimed at educating high school students about global challenges and food insecurity – a program she initiated while still in high school herself.

As Holly stands at the crossroads of her journey, her accomplishments thus far are merely stepping stones towards an even brighter future. Currently working with Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems Funders, she's



Holly with her pageant titles.



Photo taken by JC Productions and Pageants Live

Holly was named first runner up in the 2023 Miss Missouri pageant.













Enowski cont.

actively involved in organizing events and agricultural programming. Her dedication to the University of Missouri's College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources' International Programs Office speaks to her unwavering commitment to education and growth.

Holly's vision for the future is characterized by her passion for combating hunger and fostering economic development. Yet her aspiration to become Miss Missouri remains steadfast, driven by a desire to represent her community on a statewide platform.

As we follow Holly's journey, it's clear that her story is one of inspiration, empowerment, and relentless pursuit of positive change. With each step she takes, she leaves an indelible mark on the communities she touches, reminding us all of the power of dedication and the profound impact of a single individual. To learn more about Holly's journey and her ongoing work, follow her online at @hollyenowski and visit her website at www.hollyenowski.com.



Holly after being named EHS Homecoming Queen in 2016.



Holly with her high school sweetheart and current boyfriend Joey Hanes before Prom in 2016.

From Classroom Comrades to Miss Missouri Contenders



Christina Beard crowning Holly in Kansas City as her successor to Miss Kansas City International on September 3rd, 2023

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Holly and Christina in the EHS Jazz Band in 2016.



2016 FBLA OFFICERS. Pictured left to right: Bri Henderson, Holly Enowski, Christina Beard.

A Journey of Music, advocacy and Acheivement.



Photo by Matt Boyd Photography

Christina Beard's melodies resonate far beyond the notes she plays. A private music teacher and owner of Christina Beard's Music Studio, Christina's dedication to her craft, her advocacy for autism acceptance, and her musical talents have made her a cherished member of both the local community and the broader stage.

A graduate of Eldon High School's Class of 2016, Christina's journey into the world of music and advocacy began early. Her alma mater played a significant role in shaping her path. During her time at EHS, she wasn't just a student; she was a musical force. From band to jazz band and chamber choir, Christina's commitment to her musical pursuits was unwavering. Her involvement extended beyond the realms of music, as she engaged in clubs like FBLA, honing her leadership skills and volunteering for her community.

While reminiscing about her EHS days, Christina's eyes light up with memories of Friday night football games, halftime performances with the Marching Mustangs, and the exhilarating spirit of homecoming week. Her dedication to music and community involvement was recognized with numerous accolades, including top ten rankings each year, participation in the National Honor Society, and standout performances at the Missouri State Music Contest.

One standout memory was the creation of a winning video she created for the Eldon Mustang Cookie Company, a venture that ultimately benefited the special education class with a generous grant. Such experiences enriched Christina's high school years, fostering personal growth and a sense of purpose.

Christina's journey continued at Drury University, where she earned a Bachelor of Arts in Music and a minor in Communication in 2020. However, her learning wasn't con-

fined to the classroom. Her involvement in the Miss Missouri Scholarship Organization provided her with opportunities for personal growth, skill development, and connections that have shaped her advocacy and ambitions.

As a tireless advocate for autism acceptance and inclusion, Christina's passion stems from her personal experiences. With a brother diagnosed on theautism spectrum, her advocacy is rooted in genuine understanding and love. Through her initiative, "Autism Through a New Lens," she spreads awareness, educates communities, and fosters a more inclusive society. From interactive school presentations to working with disability nonprofits and lobbying for meaningful legislation, Christina's advocacy extends far beyond her music.

While advocacy is her mission, music remains her heart and soul. Proficient in playing the fiddle, flute, piccolo, piano, guitar, and singing, Christina's love for music is infectious. Her dream of becoming a professional fiddler has been nurtured since childhood, and she envisions herself performing in Branson or recording music

"I hope to inspire others to go after impossible dreams."

in the vibrant Nashville scene.

In the heart of Eldon, Christina Beard's Music Studio isn't just a place for music lessons—it's a haven where passion, advocacy, and dreams converge. Through her dedication to music, her advocacy for autism acceptance, and her unwavering commitment to her community, Christina Beard is a living embodiment of the power of music to inspire, heal, and connect. As her journey continues, her story serves as a testament to the boundless possibilities that emerge when passion and purpose intertwine.



Christina playing piccolo during the Marching Mustangs Friday night halftime show.



Performing on the fiddle for her talent at the Miss Missouri 2023 competition.



Christina representing Who's Who in FBLA at the 2016 National Leadership Conference opening ceremony.

Celebrating the Legacy...



Celebrating the Legacy of Coach Cloyce Klein: A Lifetime of Dedication to Education and Athletics The life of Cloyce Klein is synonymous with education, athletics, and community service. With roots deeply entrenched in the Eldon School system, Coach Klein's story is one of unwavering dedication, countless victories, and a profound impact on generations of students. This article pays tribute to a man whose name echoes through the halls of Eldon schools and whose influence extends far beyond the courts and fields he coached on.

Cloyce Klein was united in marriage to Lora in September of 1974, marking the commencement of a shared adventure with his patient bride that would shape the lives of countless individuals. Both had called Versailles home, but they quickly established a firm foundation in the Eldon community. A love for teaching and learning was clearly a familial trait, as their two children, Missy and Matt, followed in their parents' footsteps, dedicating their careers to education.

Coach Klein's journey in education culminated at Central Missouri State University-Warrensburg, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Education. His passion for teaching led him to Eldon, where he completed his student teaching and later returned to teach physical education and coach multiple sports. His career path saw him transition from California, MO to Eldon, with each step reinforcing his commitment to the students and the community he served.

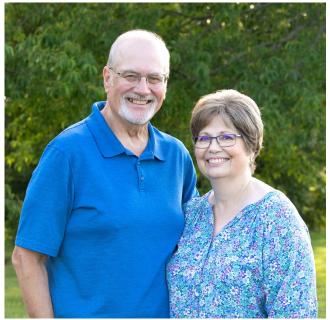
For nearly four decades, Coach Klein devoted his heart and soul to the Eldon School District. His coaching prowess extended across various sports, seamlessly transitioning from one season to the next without pause. Early mornings, late nights, and intense game days became his norm, all made possible through the unwavering support of his beloved wife, Lora. Their enduring partnership became an integral part of his journey, a testament to the resilience required to nurture both a family and a community.

Coach Klein's achievements over the years are a testament to his dedication and expertise. He achieved presidency in the Missouri Basketball Association and received accolades such as the Tri-County Basketball Coach of the Year in 1994 and 1999, as well as District 9 Basketball Coach of

the Year in 1999. His influence stretched beyond sports, as he became an active member of the Eldon community, serving in various capacities within city government and public services. In 2016 he was honored with the prestigious title of Eldon Citizen of the Year for his unwavering dedication to the community.

Perhaps one of the most endearing titles Coach Klein earned was simply "coach." His impact reached far beyond the courts and fields, shaping the lives of countless young athletes. He proudly served as the head boys' basketball and track and field coach and later as the Athletics Director for Eldon Middle School. Under his guidance, Eldon's Aquatic Center earned recognition as one of the premier pools in Missouri. The pinnacle of recognition came recently with the naming of the middle school basketball court in his honor - a fitting tribute to a man who poured his heart into every game and practice as coach and athletic director.

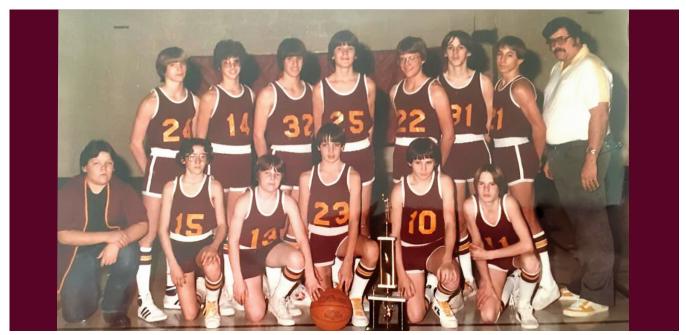
Coach Klein's favorite memories reflect the profound connections he forged with his players. He fondly recalls the players who embraced a winning attitude, the exhilaration of football district championships, and the joy of witnessing players grow through the fundamentals he instilled. His impact was not only felt during games but in the jokes he shared, the nicknames he playfully bestowed, and the genuine camaraderie he



Cloyce and Lora.

fostered.

The words of player Shane Matzen describe "Coach" perfectly, "I owe so much to Coach Klein. For winning the unforgettable game in the old gym on a Saturday morning against Jefferson City, and for the five years Coach used to pique my interest in coaching by having us high school players coach the 6th grade intramurals. I recall the time he called me at school on the day after my team lost in districts just to see how I was doing, he was still "my coach". This action touched me greatly. He gave me a start in the



1981-82' 8th grade boys basketball team. Coach Klein's first year coaching at EMS.

coaching profession and my boys benefitted from my efforts due to the inspiration I took from him. A visit to Eldon is not complete without a visit with Coach Klein"

As he reflects on his storied career, Coach Klein's heart is filled with gratitude for the countless lives he touched and the enduring relationships he cultivated. Today, his pursuits are centered around spending quality time with his wife, children, and cherished grandchildren, creating new memories that continue to enrich his life.

In the annals of Eldon's history, Coach Cloyce Klein's legacy stands as a beacon of dedication, mentorship, and community spirit. His story is a testament to the power of education, athletics, and the enduring impact one individual can have on a town and its people.



Coach Klein with Mike and Jim McDevitt after Mike placed 4th in the triple jump at the 1997 State Track meet in Jefferson City, MO.



Coach Klein in the huddle with the team at a home game during the 1995 - 1996 basketball season. Allen Schwantes, Dale Dinwiddie, and Jason Vore are seated on the bench.



Front row: Justin Klein, Lydia Klein, Makenna Klein, Cloyce Klein, Lora Klein Back row: Wanda Klein, Adrienne Klein, Matt Klein, Melissa Marriott, Ryan Marriott, Joscelynn Marriott, Ernestine Hardin, Genevieve Marriott.

CLASS 4, DISTRICT 10 CHAMPIONS, TRI-COUNTY CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS STATE GOLF - THIRD PLACE



2022-2023 ALL-STATE ATHLETES



LUKE BARCHENSKI GOLF 15TH



JASPER DEGRAFFENRIED SHOT PUT - 4TH



HUNTER HEES BASEBALL



HALEY HENDERSON BASKETBALL **VOLLEYBALL**



TEAGEN HULL GOLF - 14TH



XC - 2ND
TRACK & FIELD
300M HURDLES-1ST
1600M - 1ST
3200M - 1ST
TRIPLE JUMP - 3RD



JACI MUELLER **VOLLEYBALL**





WILL RICHARDSON High Jump - 7th



AUSTIN RUSH DISCUS - 4TH



SYDNEY SEARCY Wrestling - 5th



JESIAH SIMMONS Wrestling - 2ND



AVERY WELLS Golf - 5th







The Norris Henley Family

Celebrating 75 years of Community



Norris and Dianne Henley with daughter, Lynne Millard.

In the heart of Eldon, Missouri, where the threads of history and community intertwine, resides a couple whose journey has not only shaped their lives but also left an indelible mark on their hometown. Dianne and Norris Henley, beloved alumni of Eldon High School, embody the spirit of dedication to family and community.

Their story began within the hallowed halls of Eldon High School, where Norris Henley, a member of the Class of 1964, embarked on a path that would forever tie him to his alma mater. His dedication to sports, marked by his participation in the football, basketball, and track teams, left an imprint of school spirit on his heart. Likewise, Dianne Henley, who graduated in 1965, was

a dedicated cheerleader and demonstrated her musical talent. Back then, cheerleading was the only avenue for girls to partake in organized athletic activities.

Their journey of love and partnership began after both pursued higher education in Warrensburg. Following college and a two-year stint in the army, they exchanged vows in 1969. From that point forward, Eldon became the canvas upon which they painted their lives. They put down roots, with a brief sojourn to North Carolina during Norris's military service, and have since remained integral to the community's fabric.

The Henleys' commitment to Eldon echoes through their roles as business owners, parents, and community figures. The proud parents of three children—Lynne, Matthew, and Michael—their legacy extends through the generations. Lynne, an Eldon High School graduate of 1990, taught 3rd grade in the Eldon school district for seven years and is now pursuing course work to earn the title of Graduate Gemologist, a testament to the family's enduring connection with jewels. She is married to Robert Millard, a 1988 Eldon graduate who works as an Account Executive for Dell. Their three girls attended Eldon Schools until the family moved to Jefferson City. Matthew, a member of the Class of 1994, has ventured into the world of software



Dianne and Lynne always ready with a smile.

development and consulting in Kansas City, and is now part owner of 23Global, a computer software development company. His wife Lindsay is a teacher at the Highlawn Montessori School. The couple have two daughters. Michael, who graduated in 2001, serves as the production manager for Adient Eldon. He is married to Kyle Grimes/Henley, a 2003 Eldon graduate who is employed by a real estate agency. Their two children attend Eldon Schools and will someday be

distinguished alumni as well.

Notably, the Henleys' life investments aren't confined to the family tree—it extends to their business, Henley Jewelers, Inc. A mainstay in Eldon for 75 years, their enterprise is a symbol of craftsmanship and community support. The sentiment, "You cannot retire!," is the cry of their customers as they continue to brighten lives with their beautiful creations.

Norris's recollection of being part of the first undefeated Eldon High School football team evokes memories of triumph and unity. The games, the bus rides, and the cheering—the shared experiences created bonds that have stood the test of time. Dianne's memory of



Norris working on a watch.

being part of the first freshman class in the 'new' high school building is a testament to the pride they have in the school's growth over the years.

Beyond their professional and family life achievements, the Henleys are avid golfers and passionate about fishing for crappie. They find solace in their family farm, a retreat where nature and togetherness intertwine. Dianne's dedication to teaching yoga and water fitness highlights her commitment to



Lynne identifying jewels for her gemologist degree.

Henley cont.

wellness and community engagement.

As they reflect on their journey, Dianne and Norris express gratitude for the opportunity to meet new people daily and uncover the stories that draw newcomers to Eldon. Their aspirations for the future are simple and yet profound: to witness the success and happiness of their children and grandchildren, and to see the legacy of Henley Jewelers carried forward by the third generation.

In a world that constantly evolves, Dianne and Norris Henley remain constants, pillars of a community they have helped shape and a legacy they have built with unwavering devotion. Their story is a testament to the power of commitment, family, and the enduring bonds of alma mater and hometown alike.







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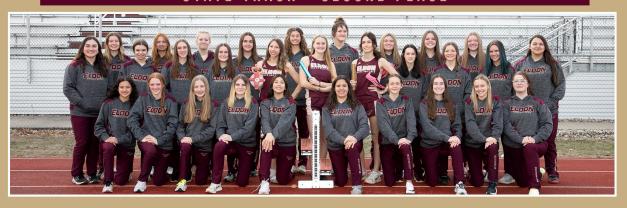


Photo taken in 1946 of Mr. Strother and Norman Henley in California, Missouri, where Norman learned the trade.



Back row: Lindsay Henley, Ella Henley Jeremiah Heckman Matt Henley, Robert Millard, Kyle Grimes-Henley, Michael Henley, Pat and Bob Millard. Front row: Dianne Henley, Ava, Grace, Mia and Lynne Millard, Graham Henley

2023 CLASS 3, DISTRICT 7 CHAMPIONS, TRI-COUNTY CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS STATE TRACK - SECOND PLACE



2022-2023 STATE QUALIFIERS



ANDREW BEANLAND TRACK & FIELD



EVAN BEANLAND Track & Field



JALEN BECKMANN Track & Field



HEATHER BRADFIELD CROSS COUNTRY



OLIVIA CHAPMAN Wrestling



DANIELLE CLIFTON GOLF



CORIN DAVIS Track & Field



JONATHON ETZEL Wrestling



JASON EVERS Track & Field/Wrestling



TALON HULL Golf



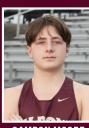
TINLEY HULL



ZACH HULL Golf



DELANEY MCGHAY Track & Field



CAMRON MOORE Track & Field



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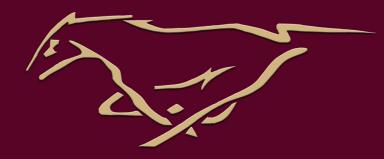
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DAKOTA SIELING



LEANDRA WILSON SANCHEZ - TRACK & FIELD



Grow Your Own

Continuing the Tradition

2015 Alumna Adrianne Barry



Adrianne teaching math to her second grade class at South Elementary.

Adrianne Barry, a passionate second-grade teacher at Eldon South Elementary, has deep roots in the Eldon community. Having spent her entire K-12 education as a Mustang, Adrianne's journey from student to educator is a testament to her unwavering commitment to her alma mater.

After graduating from Eldon High School in May 2015, Adrianne pursued her love for music and elementary education at the University of Central Missouri. Over the course of three years, she immersed herself in her studies, laying the foundation for her future career. In May 2020, Adrianne proudly earned her Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education degree from Central Methodist University. Eager to make a difference in the lives of young learners, Adrianne joined Eldon South Elementary in August 2020. Her dedication to professional growth led her to embark on a Master's program in

Reading Instruction during the same school year, which she commenced in January 2021. Recognizing her exceptional skills and passion for teaching, Adrianne transitioned from a reading para to a 2nd-grade teacher in August of that year.

Adrianne's commitment to her students and her craft is evident in her pursuit of further education. In April 2022, she proudly graduated from William Woods University with a Master of Education in Reading Instruction. Her relentless pursuit of excellence did not go unnoticed, as she was honored with the prestigious 2023 New Professional of the Year award for the Eldon School District at the end of her second year of teaching.

Reflecting on her time as a student at Eldon High School, Adrianne fondly recalls her involvement in various extracurricular activities. She was an active



One of Adrianne's senior photo's taken at Victor Field.

"Once a Mustang, Always a Mustang!"



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member of FFA, marching and concert band, jazz band, yearbook, and the National Honor Society. Homecoming and Courtwarming days held a special place in her heart then, and as a teacher, they continue to be her favorite days of the year. The energy and camaraderie displayed during these events embody the spirit of being a Mustang, creating lasting memories for all involved.

What truly makes Adrianne's journey remarkable is her return to the same building and district where she was once a student. Working alongside her former K-12 teachers is a humbling experience for her, as she recognizes the honor of "continuing the tradition" of being a Mustang. Adrianne's deep connection to the community and her role as an advocate for growth allow her to shape the lives of new generations of Mustangs, ensuring that the legacy of excellence endures.

Beyond her teaching career, Adrianne finds solace and inspiration in her faith and family. These pillars have played a significant role in shaping her character and values. In her free time, she indulges in crafting, reading, and cherishing moments with her loved ones, including her family, friends, and pets.

Looking ahead, Adrianne's goal is to continue her journey as an educator, nurturing and supporting the next generations of Mustangs both within the classroom and the community. Her unwavering dedication and passion for teaching serve as a guiding light for her students, empowering them to reach their full potential. As she continues to make a positive impact on the lives of her students, Adrianne embodies the true spirit of being a Mustang, inspiring others to embrace their own journey of learning and discovery.



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