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Brown’s road to recovery

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One weekend at the Brown family’s property, Doug Brown, a government and psychology teacher, was trimming tree limbs at lake behind his house to get a better view from his deck when tragedy strikes.

The last limb that Brown decided to cut off had fallen and knocked his ladder off balance sending him plummeting to the ground.

“I remember it being a peaceful sort of fall and I just kept asking myself why I didn’t drop my chainsaw instead of holding on to it for dear life,” Brown said.

At the hospital Brown learned that he had broken his arm and shattered his ankle from the fall. He had to go through two surgeries to repair his injuries, one on his arm and one on his heal.

“I am told that I will know when it rains now because of how much metal and pins I have in me now,” said Brown.

Brown had to try and keep himself from getting down and depressed since it could not be as active as he normally would be. Many faculty member and former students would go and take Brown food and help him with things that needed to be done around the house.

“Kevin Crean would come by every week, we would sit down and drink coffee and he would ask me if I needed anything,” Brown said.

Brown is slowly starting to wean himself off the crutch’s so he will be able to walk again soon enough.

“I have started walking on my foot a little bit and will probably just be using one crutch soon, then hopefully none. Once I am use to that I will most likely be able to lose the boot then I will just be dealing with swelling and bruising,” Brown said

With Christmas being his goal date to be back to normal, Brown returns to school to be with his students and fellow staff members.

“I like to be there at the beginning of the year so I can learn the culture of each of my classes and what rules need to be set and how much fun we will be able to have,” Brown said

Many students and teachers are glad to help him out whenever they can see he is having difficulty or cannot complete a task.

Even though he cannot do as much stuff as he would usually do, Brown does not let his injury get in the way of his responsibility to teach his students and keep them paying attention.