



## Dakota Navrkal Honored as March Student of the Month



By: Cheyenne Steemken

Senior Dakota Navrkal was recently named Elk Point-Jefferson's March Student of the Month.

Dakota is a hard-working student who has been involved in many activities throughout his high school career. Some would say that his most impressive accomplishment is that he has not missed a single day of school in his entire educational career. Dakota has played football and basketball since his freshman

year, lettering in both sports his sophomore through senior years. Among his sports honors, he has earned the Most Improved Player of the Year in football and the Mr. Defense award in basketball.

Aside from playing sports, Dakota has served on Student Council for two years. As a senior, he was inducted into the National Honor Society. Since his freshman year, Dakota has consistently earned a place on the Honor Roll. Additionally, he was a Homecoming attendant his junior and senior years.

Dakota has been involved in many civic activities throughout high school as well. He has helped with the local salt drive and served at the community Friends Feast. During the flooding, he even helped sand bag and build levees to help flood victims.

Dakota is a great choice for March Student of the Month. He is caring and compassionate in all that he does, and he works hard and takes pride in his accomplishments. Congratulations to Dakota for this honor.

## EPJ Cantors at Canton

Choir students from the 7th and 8th grade attended the annual Junior High Choral Festival on March 25. The festival, held in Canton this year, included choir students from Elk Point-Jefferson, Dakota Valley, Beresford, Canton, and Harrisburg.

This year, an astounding 225 students sang in the choir. Choirs at these schools had been preparing six songs for the festival. Of these six songs, one was performed only by the girls, and one was performed only by the boys.

Students traveled to Canton Monday afternoon to practice

with the rest of the schools. Kaye Waltner, the choir director at Freeman, directed the choir this year. That night, the students performed in the Junior High Choral Festival Concert, presenting all six songs for the audience. Along with the junior high students' performance, the Freeman High School Boys' Octet performed. High school male students from Freeman assisted the middle school boys with their song. The choir gave a great performance, and choir members look forward to attending the festival again in the future.

## Seniors Play Dress-up



Senior models participating in the ESA Benefit Tea include (from left) Anna Chicoine, Lindsay Johnson, Audrey Truhe, Katie Zeller, Kelsey Abbey, Haylee Erickson, and Hannah Klinkhammer.

By: Amy Zeller

Modeling dresses and drinking tea have never proved to be more constructive than during the afternoon ESA Tea held in the EPJ Commons on March 23. The event not only allowed the women spectators to enjoy tea and sandwiches in the presence of marvelous dresses, but the event also contributed to worthy fundraisers like After-Prom and the ESA Scholarship.

A ticket to the event promised hot tea, sandwiches, music, a chance to win a prize, and a style show. Attendees were invited to wear their best tea hats and bring their favorite teacups. After being seated at festive

tables and served refreshments, guests were entertained with the style show. Seven senior girls volunteered to model two or three of their previously-worn ball gowns or short dresses for the crowd's entertainment.

Mary Schuh announced the girls as they made their way through the guests to show off their dresses, the crowd applauding each model admiringly.

Next on the agenda was the drawing. Cora Brandon, Christina Brandon, and Patty Skinner each won a flower planted inside a teacup to bring home. Above all, every attendee spent the afternoon enjoying each other's company while also supporting a worthy cause.



Jordan Brandon takes home a grand prize chocolate bunny after the Student Council-sponsored Easter Egg hunt held during homeroom on Thursday, March 28.

## Middle School Announces Quarter 3 Honor Roll

Elk Point-Jefferson Middle School recently posted the Quarter 3 Honor Roll. To earn a spot on the A Honor Roll, a student's grades must average 3.5-4.0 GPA with no grade lower than a B. To make the B Honor Roll, a student's grades must average 3.0-3.49 with no grade lower than a C. An asterisk denotes all A's.

### 6th grade A Honor Roll:

Meghan Brewer\*, Brianna Chicoine\*, Katherine Chicoine, Brooke Crabtree, Anna Jallow, Kody LaFleur, Lukas Larson, Athena Love, Karly Marx, Ally Nearman, Sklyer Oberg\*, Jady Reed, Connor Taylor, Hannah VanKirk, Tyler Walsh

### 6th Grade B Honor Roll:

Parker Berghult, Zach Branson, Callie Chicoine, Will Dennison, Logan Desmond, Karson Hall, Quintin Jansen, Emma Kelly, Trevor Nilson, Matthew Roberts, Kendrya Seyb, Caden Stabe, Nathan VonHaden, Anthony Woody

### 7th Grade A Honor Roll:

Elsie Aslesen\*, Wendy Bernard, Elyssa Collins\*, Catherine Corio, Logan Donelan, Jill Donnelly\*, Preston Fejfar, Aubrie Franken, Alex Grashoff, Peyton Hall, Caleb Hanson, Nathan Harvey, Jess Huber\*, Breanna Hutcheson\*, Presston Kollbaum\*, William Kolleck, Tyler Leif, Addison Ludwig, James Miller, Susan Miller, Eric Nelson\*, Matthew Noteboom, Erin Schuldt, Trinity Smith, Morgan Swanson, Journey Umphress, Jordan VonSeggern, Taylor Welch, Zed Zevenbergen

### 7th Grade B Honor Roll:

Aaron Corbin, Hunter Ewing, Hunter Goehring, MaKenzie Gunn, Jessica Hansen, Drew Johnson, Easton Keuck, Ethan Marx, Jared Merkley, Spencer Nilson, Emma Prouty, Taylor Trudeau, Noah VonSeggern, Kennedy Westcott, Victoria Wriedt

### 8th Grade A Honor Roll:

Matthew Ambrose, Brady Bosse\*, Dylan Colt, Emily Crabtree, Emma Dawdy, Kylee Donnelly\*, Rachel Geary\*, Elena Giorgio\*, Jack Grassel, Kim Hansen, Mariah Hecka-

thorn, Alyssa Hurley, Lynsey Klunder, Aaron Koupal\*, Emily Mickelson\*, Alexa Montagne, Alex Norby, Emily Pearce, Vanessa Perez, Daniel Petra\*, Katelyn Richards, Raquel Rosenbaum, Morgan Smith, Bradie Timmins, Erin Weightman, Emma Wilkinson

### 8th Grade B Honor Roll:

Tiffany Bonham, Grace Boone, Kelsey Campbell, Katie Carter, Cassie Elkins, Collin Elkins, DJ Hartsock, Destiny Love, Kristen Pyle, Katie Reynolds, Karlee Shatswell, Cody Siemers, Howard Smith, Alex Wu

## Senior Spotlights

This week our spotlights shine on Kelsey Therese Abbey and Thomas Michael Frisbie. Kelsey and Thomas are two of the 65 talented seniors who will graduate this May. EPJ wishes both Kelsey and Thomas a bright future filled with opportunities.



### Kelsey Abbey

Parents: Larry and Cammy Abbey

Siblings: Lori and Kim Abbey

Birthday: December 16, 1994

Future Plans: study forensic accounting

HS Activities: volleyball, band, jazz band, choir, show choir, track

Hobbies: soccer, solitaire, softball

Little-known Fact about Me: I don't like chocolate.

Famous-person Crush: Matt Anderson

Role Model: Chris Tomlin

I've Always Wanted to Visit: Japan - because Tokyo is an amazing and bright city

Age I'd Love to be Forever: 23 - still young, but not too young

Advice for Underclassmen: Make the best of high school; it goes by fast. Stay busy and involved in school.

FAVORITES:

Quote: "Dream as if you will live forever."

School Memory: State Volleyball 2010

Superhero: Iron Man

Movies: Bruce Almighty; The Proposal; Star Trek

TV Shows: Bones; Glee

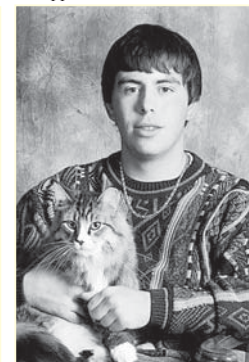
Authors: Stephen King, Dan Brown, Edgar Allan Poe

Food: pineapple

HS Class: Miss Ahmann's math classes

Song/Artist: B.o.B

Holiday: Independence Day



### Thomas Frisbie

Parents: Tom Frisbie; Melissa and Tony Donnelly

Siblings: Liz Frisbie; Jake, Jason, Jared, Tascha Donnelly

Birthday: April 4, 1995

Future Plans: attend School of Mines and Technology majoring in material engineering

HS Activity: baseball

Little-known Fact about Me: I love peanut butter and just eat it by itself.

Role Model: James Franco

Hobbies: playing video games and riding dirt bikes

I've Always Wanted to Visit: Germany - because it's German

Age I'd Love to be Forever: 21 - because you can do just about anything you want

Advice for Underclassmen: Do homework in study hall and at home, not just in home room.

FAVORITES:

School Memory: when we got to play dodgeball in the wrestling room

Superhero: Hulk

Movies: MacGruber; I Love You, Man

TV Show: Lost

Book/Author: Scorpions by Walter Dean Myers

Food: chicken lo mein from King Sea

HS Class: P.E.

Song/Artists: Rick Ross, Waka Flocka Flame, Nas

Sports Team: Steelers

School Lunch: buffalo chicken pizza

Holiday: Christmas

## Husky Events This Week

Thursday (4/4): Optimist Jazz Festival at Brookings  
Pre-school Screening  
Friday (4/5): Chili Cup 6:30-10:30  
Saturday (4/6): State Destination Imagination at Pierre  
Tuesday (4/9): Track at Canton 4:00  
7/8 Track at Dakota Valley 4:00  
Wednesday (4/10): Band/Vocal Large Group Contest at Vermillion

### Later This Month:

Friday and Saturday (April 12-13) - All School Play  
Saturday (April 20) - Prom