



## Prom 2013: Depths of Forever



Prom season officially got underway with the selection of the senior royalty candidates. Candidates pictured above include (back L-R) Brock Zeller, D.J. Borchardt, Taylor Buckley, T.C. Murray, (front L-R) Anna Chi-

coine, Gabriela Perez, Taylor Donnelly, and Tatum Adema. Juniors spent the week of April 15-20 preparing the gym for an underwater-themed extravaganza. Events begin on Saturday, April 20, at 6:30 P.M. with the Prom Ban-

quet held in the high school commons. Following the meal, the Grand March will begin at 8:35, followed by the crowning of the Prom King and Queen at 8:55. The Prom Dance will be held from 9:00-12:00.

## Hair, \$100; Dress, \$250; Prom Memories, Priceless

By: Heaven Zevenbergen

With Prom in the air, girls are busy finding the perfect dress and planning every detail accordingly. However, for some girls, the planning has been going on for many months. Many students spend an excessive amount of money on making Prom the perfect night of their year. Others choose to save their money with the hope that they will still make many memories during this special night.

Rebecca Sue Smith is a senior at Elk Point-Jefferson High School, and she has yet to slow down with her preparations for Prom. Last year, Rebecca spent \$1,450, includ-

ing a \$1,100 custom-made dress, on her Prom purchases. This year, however, she's choosing to save more of her money in order to put on the best graduation party she can. As of now, Rebecca has extensive plans for readying herself for Prom. In order to save money, she has cut back her spending by paying only \$477 on a dress and picking up extra shifts at work. When asked how she felt about spending so much money on Prom, Rebecca said, "Beauty is priceless." As Rebecca shows, some girls believe Prom spending has no limit. On the other side of the spectrum, Taylor Christine

Donnelly doesn't think Prom should be a top priority. This year, Taylor is spending less than \$75 on Prom. The money she is saving by borrowing a dress from a friend will go towards her fund for traveling to Guatemala and El Salvador this summer to work in an orphanage and take Spanish lessons. In Taylor's words, "Although I'm looking forward to my senior Prom, it's not the highlight of my year. I've realized I can put my money to better use." Prom has various levels of importance for different people, but no matter how much money or effort a person puts into Prom night, it is a night that will be remembered.

## State DI: Winning Pierre's Imagination



Members of DI team District 96 show off their props at State Competition in Pierre. Pictured (L-R) Cecil Gylfe, Ashley Gylfe, Jessica Gates, Kristin Marshall, and Nicole Rupp.

Four EPJ teams demonstrated their talent and creativity at Destination Imagination State Competition in Pierre on Saturday, April 6. Two EPJ teams earned top place at the state level, qualifying them for Global

Competition in Knoxville, Tennessee, on May 22-25. All the teams worked extremely hard throughout the year starting in October. Teams typically practice one to two times a week. The senior-level team called District

96 took first place in the senior division. The participants on that team are Kelsey Marshall, Jessica Gates, Nicole Rupp, Ashley Gylfe, and Cecil Gylfe. Team manager for District 96 is Arlinda Gylfe. Another first-place win went to the middle-level team called No Name Necessary. Jess Huber, Destiny Love, Bethany Dillon, Mariah Heckathorn, Katey Carter, and Erin Weightman make up this team. Their manager is Christy Heckathorn. This team also won a prestigious DaVinci Award, honoring their spirit of adventure. Other competing teams included the Fantastic, Fanatic, Furious, Frightful, Five, composed of manager Kim Quam and participants Mat-

## Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader?

By: Matthew Lehman

On April 5, fifth grader Joshua Lehman traveled to Northern State University in Aberdeen, South Dakota, with his parents to participate in the 2013 South Dakota State Geographic Bee. Josh earned this opportunity by winning the Geographic Bee at the local level earlier in March. The contest is open to all 4<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> graders. To help prepare for the event, Josh took practice geography tests, studied important land features, and memorized all 196 countries and capitals.

Josh's older brother Matt had this to say about Josh's work ethic: "I decided to challenge Josh by offering to buy him a giant world map that he can put in his room if he was able to learn and memorize all the countries and capitals. I never thought he would be able to do it, but three weeks later he named countries that I didn't even know existed. I'm proud of him, but I definitely learned never to make a bet with him again!"

At the competition, Josh faced seventy-four participants in a battle of geographical wits, but only ten participants made it to the final round. Although Josh didn't place, he was awarded a Certificate of Excellence and an experience he will always remember. "Not to forget," Matt adds, "a giant world map reminding him of the time he rose to the challenge."

## Senior Spotlights

This week our spotlights shine on Kiera Kintigh and Ryan Rosenbaum. Kiera and Ryan are two of the 64 talented seniors who will graduate this May. EPJ wishes both Kiera and Ryan a bright future filled with opportunities.



Kiera Kintigh



Ryan Rosenbaum

**Parents:** Tera Flannery and Matt and Jenna Flannery  
**Siblings:** Dale, Andrew, Brit-tany, Katie, Chris, Chris, and John  
**Birthday:** December 27, 1994

**Future Plans:** attend UNL to study accounting or animal husbandry; move to Texas  
**Little-known Fact about Me:** I'm Wiccan.

**Famous-person Crush:** Misha Collins and Benedict Cumberbatch

**Role Model:** my grandpa because he's gone through everything and is still going strong

**I've Always Wanted to Visit:** Italy

**Age I'd Love to be Forever:** 18- so I could be a "legal adult" forever

**Advice for Underclassmen:** Stay organized and actually do your homework.

**FAVORITES:**

**Quote:** "Family don't end with blood." -Bobby Singer

**School Memory:** Chelsea, Charlie, and I reading kids' books in the library during study hall

**Songs/Artist:** Gary Allan  
**Superhero:** Captain America

**Movies:** *The Avengers*; *The Nightmare Before Christmas*; *The Corpse Bride*

**TV Show:** *Supernatural*

**Book/Author:** Janet Evanovich; Edgar Allan Poe

**Food:** Chinese food

**Sports Team:** K State Wildcats

**Class:** English

**Holiday:** Halloween

**Color:** blue

**Parents:** Craig and Angie Rosenbaum  
**Siblings:** Caitlin and Kelsey Rosenbaum

**Birthday:** April 6, 1995

**Future Plans:** attend WITT and study automotive mechanics

**HS Activities:** golf

**Role Model:** myself

**I've Always Wanted to Visit:** Cancun, Haiti, Gala-pagos Islands, Paris, Iceland, Greenland, Canada . . .

**Age I'd Love to be Forever:** 21 - it sounds like a good age

**Hobbies:** car audio  
**Advice for Underclassmen:** Do not procrastinate.

**FAVORITES:**  
**Quote:** "Love all, trust a few, do wrong to none." - William Shakespeare

**School Memory:** friends in the graduating class of 2012 and 2013

**Superhero:** Iron Man  
**Movies:** *Project X*, *Ted*, *The Raven*, *The Avengers*

**TV Shows:** *That 70's Show*, *CSI*, *Family Guy*

**Food:** Oreos; buffalo chicken pizza; chicken bacon ranch pizza

**HS Classes:** electronics, math

**Song/Artists:** Tyga 187 album; Wiz Khalifa

**Sports Team:** New York Yankees  
**School Lunch:** buffalo chicken wrap

**Holidays:** Thanksgiving and Christmas

**Colors:** black, white, and orange

**Restaurants:** Applebee's and Buffalo Wild Wings

## Husky Events This Week

Thursday (4/18):	Track at West Central 3:45 7/8 Track at Canton 3:45 Teacher Inservice - 12:30 Dismissal
Friday (4/19):	Girls Golf at Beresford 4:00 7/8 Track at Beresford 4:00
Saturday (4/20):	Junior-Senior Prom
Monday (4/22):	Girls Golf at West Central 9:00
Tuesday (4/23):	Track at Dakota Valley 4:00 7/8 Track at Beresford 4:00