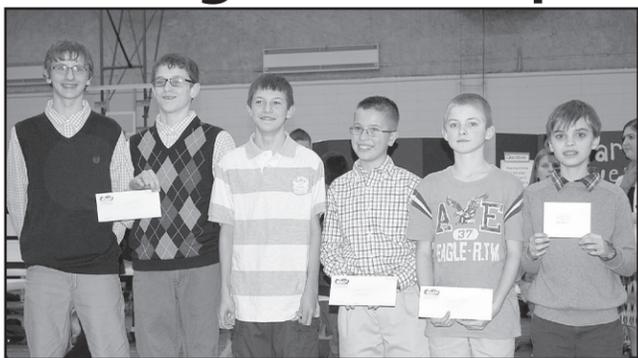




Young Minds Explore Science



Middle School Science Fair Overall Winners pictured (L-R) include Preston Kollbaum, Logan Donelan, Quintin Jansen, Connor Taylor, Caden Stabe, and Ben Hanson.

By: Heaven Zevenbergen

The annual Elk Point-Jefferson Middle School Science Fair was held in the middle school gym on Thursday, January 30, from 5:30 to 7:00 P.M. Fifth through eighth grade students had the opportunity to display over 150 different projects to their family, friends, teachers, community members, and this year's judges. Students from each grade showed their science fair boards in the categories of

Earth Science, Physical Science, and Biological Science.

Winners were awarded ribbons based on their placing, and the top four places in each category from sixth through eighth grade earned the opportunity to compete at the State Science Fair held on the campus of South Dakota State University in Brookings on April 1.

In eighth grade, first place winners included Jill Donnelly and Addison Ludwig in the Earth Science category,

Aaron Corbin and Jared Merkley in the Biological Sciences, and Logan Donelan and Preston Kollbaum in the Physical Science division.

Students who placed first in the seventh grade were Matt Roberts, Caden Stabe, and the team of Quintin Jansen and Connor Taylor.

Sixth grade students placing top in their categories were Casey Kneip, Elisabeth Peirce, and Austin Hand.

Fifth grade winners included Colton Jansen, Sophie Johnson, and Ben Hanson.

The Science Fair was organized and led by science teachers Angela Peirce, Nicole Pribil, and Mark Aisenbrey. Judges came from USD to select the winning entries. As in previous years, it was a great opportunity for students to show their achievements proudly while giving others around them the chance to see their hard work on display.

Top Sellers Catch Cash



As a reward for their hard work, top sellers in the junior class magazine drive were given the opportunity to try their luck at the Air Cash Machine on Tuesday, January 28. Five lucky juniors managed to make the top seller list. Jessica Fejfar was the top magazine salesperson overall.

The magazine drive is the primary Prom fundraiser, and proceeds are used to provide decorations, music, and food for the Prom.

Pictured above is Miranda Stabe, taking her shot at the free money. Other students invited to grab some cash are pictured below. The top five salespersons pictured below include (L-R) Maria Corio, Mark Holmes, Calvin Johns, Miranda Stabe, and Jessica Fejfar. Students averaged between \$10 and \$20 in their endeavor to capture a fortune.

The Air Cash Machine opportunity was provided by Great American Opportunities, the company through which magazine subscriptions are sold.



Air Cash Machine winners (L-R) Maria Corio, Mark Holmes, Calvin Johns, Miranda Stabe, and Jessica Fejfar.

Senior Spotlight

This week our spotlight shines on Sandra Jean Terrell. Sandra is one of the 47 talented seniors who will graduate this May. EPJ wishes Sandra a bright future filled with opportunities.



Sandra Terrell

Parents: Mark and Aliza Jutila

Siblings: Lida Conway, Nessa Conway, Justin Jutila, Sofia Jutila

Birthday: May 25

Future Plans: going into culinary arts

Famous-person Crush: Kellin Quinn

Role Model: my mom

I've Always Wanted to

Visit: Asia, Europe, and New York

Age I'd Love to be Forever: 18 so I could be an All Star Cheerleader for a whole bunch of teams and perfect my skills

Hobbies: cheerleading, cooking/baking

Advice for Underclassmen:

Take Spanish or French your freshman and sophomore years to get it out of the way.

FAVORITES:

Quote: "All our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them." - Walt Disney

School Memory: cheering with all the different cheerleaders throughout the years and being cheer captain my senior year

Animal/Pet: dogs

Movies: horror movies

TV Show: *Cheer Perfection*

Book/Author: P.C. Cast;

Elizabeth Chandler

HS Class: Clothing and

Crafts; Food and Cultures

Songs/Artists: Sleeping with

Sirens, Pierce the Veil, Falling in Reverse

Holiday: Halloween

Color: purple

Sports Team: Cheer Athletics

Cheetahs (All Star Cheer Team)

Quad State Honor Band Musicians Join Together Across Four States

By: Elena Giorgio

On January 26-27, thirteen high school band students from Elk Point-Jefferson had the honor to be a part of The University of South Dakota's Quad State Honor Band. Many students from South Dakota, Iowa, Minnesota, and Nebraska sent in auditions in early December, and 136 students were chosen.

Students are split into two different bands, Symphonic Band and Concert Band. Five students, Emily Peirce, Katherine Giorgio, Lauren Dossdall, Elysia Buehner, and Meghan Schenk, were a part of the Symphonic Band directed by David Holsinger.

Holsinger is a very successful composer who has twice won the prestigious Ostwald Composition Prize of the American Bandmasters Association and many other praiseworthy awards. Two of the 115 pieces written by Holsinger were performed by the Symphonic Band.

Steven Honomichl, Jade Rosenbaum, Ulrike Hovland, Tori Johnson, Cody Reed, Matthew Ambrose, Lynsey Klunder, and Elena Giorgio were a part of the Concert Band directed by Dr. Gary Reeves. The Concert Band also performed a piece by Holsinger, written

in honor of South Dakota. Rehearsals ran from Sunday afternoon through late afternoon on Monday, January 27. After long and worthwhile rehearsals, both bands performed on Monday night in Aalfs Auditorium.

Students said it was fun to meet new people from the area and catch up with students from other schools that they have seen at previous honor bands. They also said that all of the hard work paid off by getting to learn from the musician who wrote the song that they performed, which rarely happens.

From the Middle East to the Midwest



By: Elena Giorgio

Every year, Elk Point-Jefferson provides the opportunity for exchange students to enroll for one or two semesters. The student stays with a host family the entire year

and becomes part of that family. Hazar Abu Abdu is one of the exchange students at Elk Point-Jefferson this semester.

She was born in Gaza City in Palestine, which is part of the Gaza Strip. In Gaza City, her family includes a younger sister and two younger brothers.

Living in the Midwest is a big change for her, especially the experience of seeing snow for the first time. Speaking English all the time is also different for her. English is Hazar's third language after Arabic and Hebrew, which she can write and speak fluently.

School in Palestine is very different compared to American schools. Students do not

choose their classes or schedules; these things are chosen for them. Students stay in one classroom all day, and the teachers move instead of the students. Their school day starts at seven in the morning, but they get out of school around twelve in the afternoon. Also, there aren't as many activities provided through the school. Sports are only available through clubs and are not part of extracurricular school activities.

Hazar arrived in the United States on August 24, 2013. She and other exchange students from the same exchange program toured Washington, D.C., for ten days. From

Washington, she moved to Castlewood, South Dakota, where she stayed with her first American family as well as a German exchange student. The family had to move into a hotel after a fire that ruined their house. While living in a hotel, Hazar attended Deuel High School thirty minutes away from Castlewood.

At the end of the semester, she moved to Minnesota in hopes of finding another American family with which to live. After a few days in Minnesota, she moved to Elk Point. Although she stayed with Ron and Mary Beth Peter for almost two weeks, she needed to find a family

Correction: Raquel Rosenbaum's name was inadvertently left off the High School Quarter 2 Honor Roll last week. Raquel should have been named in the Freshman A Honor Roll List.

Husky Events This Week

- Thursday (2/6): NO SCHOOL-TEACHER INSERVICE GBB at Lennox 4:45
- Friday (2/7): BBB and GBB at Dakota Valley 4:00 7/8 Wrestling at Kingsley 4:00
- Saturday (2/8): Dakota XII BBB at Tea Area
- Monday (2/10): Jazz and Show Choir Concert 7:00 7/8 Wrestling at Yankton 4:30
- Tuesday (2/11): BBB and GBB at Homer 4:00

that had a high school student in order to be allowed to attend Elk Point-Jefferson School, so Hazar packed her bags for the third time and moved in with Amy and John Giorgio a few miles outside Elk Point. She hopes this will be her last move until she goes back to Gaza City. Traveling to a completely different part of the world, Hazar has adapted well. She says that it was difficult at first because she had unique experiences that most exchange students do not have. Coming here has made her face many difficulties, but her troubles have been dwindling through the five months she has been here. She says that change is not as hard for her now. Hazar says her first impression of the United States was very good, and it has only gotten better with time.