



Curry Named Student of the Month



By: Dalton Croy

Skylore Curry was recently named Elk Point-Jefferson's February Student of the Month.

Throughout her high school career, Skylore has been involved in numerous extra-curricular activities. She has been a part of the volleyball and basketball teams since her freshman year. She is a member of National Honor Society. She joined the yearbook staff in her sophomore year and is currently serving as editor.

Skylore has earned a number of honors during her career as well. Not only has she lettered in academics, but also in track, basketball, and volleyball. Skylore was named the Junior Varsity Basketball MVP her sophomore year.

Outside of school, Skylore is very involved in her community. Throughout her high school career, she has added several community service jobs and civic activities to her resume. She has helped with the Edgar's Basketball Tournament her freshman, sophomore, and junior years, as well as concessions for volleyball and basketball. When Dakota Dunes was struck with flooding, she helped with flood relief. She dog sits, volunteers at the soup kitchen, and helped sew walker bags for the local nursing home as well.

After graduating from Elk Point-Jefferson this spring, she plans to attend Morningside College.

As a show of appreciation for her academic success and community involvement, she has earned a prime parking spot for use during the month of March and class memorabilia which she will receive at Awards Night this spring.

Music in March

By: Elena Giorgio

Music is everywhere: in computers, on TV, and at school. March is National Music in our Schools Month, a reminder that music is a very important part of every child's education. Schools across the country aim to keep music programs in our schools available to all students.

Mrs. Cheryl Tatro, Elk Point-Jefferson's elementary music teacher, has many activities planned for National Music in our Schools during March.

The third grade class created lunch menus with musical terms on them. Also, posters will display responses to a survey taken by EPJ faculty members about their favorite types of music, what instruments they played when they were in school, and if they still play those instruments.

Students will write about music as well. First graders will be writing about their favorite songs. Second graders will be writing about why they love music. Third graders will be writing what the world would be like without music, and fourth graders will be writing a thank-you letter to administration for the

opportunity to study music.

During "Mystery Song Monday," a song will play over the intercom. If a student can name the composer and title, he or she will win a prize. Elementary students will take part in "Showcase Your Talents" to display their skills on their choice of instruments during the third week of March.

At the end of the month, Mrs. Tatro plans to invite musicians from the University of South Dakota to perform for students and staff.

Begun in 1973, National Music in our Schools Month strives to support the importance of music education for all children and the idea that schools should be a place where all students have access to music. Music is a way for children of all ages to express themselves and build self-esteem. Music also builds teamwork, higher-order thinking skills, and responsibility. Mrs. Tatro's goal is to set a strong foundation for young musicians and to teach them how to appreciate music and the arts so that they will choose to stay involved when they have the choice.

Senior Spotlights

This week our spotlights shine on Amy June Zeller and Andrew Michael Flynn. Amy and Andrew are two of the 47 talented seniors who will graduate this May. EPJ wishes both Amy and Andrew a bright future filled with opportunities.



Amy Zeller

Parents: Tim and Tammy Zeller

Siblings: Ashley and Emily

Birthday: April 24, 1996

Future Plans: study history/political science and travel

HS Activities: Student Council, Natural Helpers, newspaper, NHS, volleyball, basketball, and CCD

Famous-person Crush: Tobey Maguire, the REAL Spiderman

Role Models: my sisters and family

I've Always Wanted to

Visit: each of the 7 Wonders of the Ancient World, especially the Lighthouse of Alexandria

Advice for Underclassmen: "Don't take life too seriously, you'll never get out of it alive." - Elbert Hubbard

FAVORITES:

Quote: "Any moment might be our last. Everything is more beautiful because we're doomed. You will never be lovelier than you are now. We will never be here again." - Achilles from *Troy*

School Memory: teaching Dillon to tie his shoes

Superhero: Captain America
Movie: *The Last Samurai* and *The Shawshank Redemption*

TV Show: *Prison Break*
Book Genre: Historical Fiction

Holiday: 4th of July

Food: puppy chow

Pets: my cats, of course



Andrew Flynn

Parents: John and Julie Herry; Stacy and Susan Flynn

Siblings: Sydney and Ryan Herry; Alexis, Jordan, and Taylor Flynn

Birthday: September 20, 1995

Future Plans: attend the University of South Dakota
HS Activities: football and basketball

Little-known Fact about Me: I've caught 500,000 pounds of salmon in my life.
Famous-person Crush: Kate Upton

Role Model: my grandpa, Dave Girard

I've Always Wanted to Visit: the moon

Age I'd Love to be Forever: 23; I'll be an adult, but I'm still young.

Advice for Underclassmen: Have fun in high school; it goes by too fast!

FAVORITES:

Quote: "If you can dodge a wrench, you can dodge a ball." - Patches O'Houlihan
School Memory: the sprint to lunch while avoiding Mr. Aslesen

Animal: 3-toed sloth

Sports Team: EPJ Huskies

Movie: *Step Brothers*

TV Show: *Cops*

Book/Author: *I Spy*

Food: steak

Color: blue

Song/Artist: Kendrick Lamar

Holiday: Christmas

McLaury Paged to Pierre



By: Stacie McLaury

Being chosen as a Senate Page to the 2014 legislative session is an honor and experience EPJ senior Alex McLaury will always remember.

The legislative session began on January 14 and ends on March 14. It is broken into five terms which are each two weeks long. During each term, there are approximately ten pages working with the senators. When asked about the main job of a page, Alex responded, "Taking care of the senators' needs."

A typical day in the life of a page starts with answering telephones at 7:45 A.M. Then it is on to various committee meetings. "A lot of these meetings were very interesting," commented Alex, "but I thought the ones dealing with appropriations were boring and dry." He added, "Even the people in the meetings knew that!" During these meetings, the pages were re-

sponsible for delivering messages, making copies, and running various other errands.

In the afternoon, pages are assigned to floor duty. Here they do many of the same duties as they perform during the committee meetings.

"Listening to the discussions about the bills," said Alex, "was the most interesting part of being on the floor." The Senate and the House each had their own pages. Alex said, "All of the senators were great. Even though we were only there for two weeks, we definitely got attached. I didn't want to go." When asked who the most interesting person in the Senate was, Alex said that was Senator Kirkeby. "He was a good guy," stated Alex. "He was the easiest senator to talk to."

All of the pages were supervised by Phyllis Perkovich, who really took care of them while they were in Pierre. "Phyllis was awesome! She was like a grandmother to us. She looked out for us," said Alex. Phyllis is in charge of getting out all the information to the pages before they arrive, setting up housing for them, and assigning duties the two weeks they are working.

Becoming a page is actually a very simple process. Alex's interest in becoming a page was sparked last year when senior Joseph Lyon served. After visiting with Joe, Alex thought it sounded

All-School Cast Announced

Auditions were held on February 20 and 24 for the upcoming play entitled *Hydrangea Albright: Comedy or Tragedy*.

This spring's comedy is about a theatre that accidentally hires two different playwrights to write a play about *Hydrangea Albright*, a young girl whose family is cursed with bad luck. One playwright sees her story as a tragedy filled with disappointment and sadness, while the other playwright sees *Hydrangea's* story as a whimsical comedy in which failure leads to new opportunity.

The episodic tale starts with a curse created by her great-great-grandfather and works its way through several generations of Albrights. Directed by Kirsten Colt, the

cast includes students Andrew Flannery, Ian Grassel, Emily Pierce, Alicia Nelson, Alex Lawler, Bryce Taylor, Kerrey Jorgensen, Caleb Ambrose, Irene Williams, Matthew Ambrose, Daniel Petra, Keegan Mahin, Kristin Leitru, Jimmy Smith, Briley Weidner, Chyenne Markee, Peyton Swanson, Samantha McInerney, Bradie Timmins, Jenny Dailey, Keely Bertram, Katey Carter, Connor Pedersen, Ulrike Hovland, Denielle Minor, Emma Dawdy, and Meghan Schenk.

Stage management and crew members include Jalissa Connors, Shannon Hennessey, Elysia Buehner, and Keegan Mahin. Rehearsals begin the first week of March, and the play will be performed on Friday and Saturday, April 11 and 12.

fun. Mr. Haberling, the government teacher at EPJ, also encouraged Alex to apply.

Attending Boys State this past summer and seeing how things work in the government added to his interest. "Boys State is basically a mock up of the legislative sessions. This really got me interested," he said.

To apply, Alex needed a senator's signature along with Mr. Aslesen's and Mr. Shanks's signature and letters of recommendation from

both administrators. "It was all done with one piece of paper," said Alex. An email telling him he had been selected arrived three weeks later.

Overall, serving as Senate Page was an experience Alex will remember all his life. His advice to anyone considering it is to apply. "It was a great experience. I met and worked with some great people those two weeks," said Alex. "Get involved and learn about our government."

Husky Events This Week

- Thursday (3/6): Region 4A Boys Basketball 7:00 #2, #3, and #4 Seeds
- Saturday (3/8): SF Washington Show Choir Competition in Sioux Falls Region 4A Semi-Final Boys BB 6:00
- Monday (3/10): 2:25 School Dismissal Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:00-8:00 Dakota XII 7/8 Quiz Bowl at Tri-Valley 3:30
- Tuesday (3/11): Dismiss at 2:25 Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:00-8:00 Region 4A BBB Championship 7:00
- Wednesday (3/12): Region I Instrumental Solo/Small Ensemble Contest