



We DI'd It



EPJHS DI Team took the second place trophy at State DI Competition. Pictured above (L-R) are Erin Weightman, Jess Huber, Mariah Heckathorn, Destiny Love, and Katey Carter.

By: Elena Giorgio

On March 14, three Elk Point-Jefferson Destination Imagination teams competed at the regional level at Tri-Valley High School. The elementary team, consisting of Leila Croy, Kasey Kneebone, Abby Olsen, Aiden Clercx, and manager Rachel Croy, won second place. The middle school team, made up of Kasey Stepp, Kelsie Olsen, Mackenzie Jordan, Trinity Love, Bethany Bentz, and manager Carrie Stepp, took fourth place. The high school team of Katey Carter, Destiny Love, Jess Huber,

and Mariah Heckathorn, along with manager Christy Heckathorn, won first place. First and second place winners in each respective division moved on to compete at the state level on March 28 in Huron, SD.

After two weeks of polishing their performance, high school DI members traveled to Huron for the state competition. The elementary team was unable to travel to the state competition due to scheduling conflicts. At state, the high school DI team earned second out of four other teams.

Each team competes in two different portions of the

competition. The first part is the main challenge, which includes one problem the team chooses ahead of time. Each team performs an original scripted skit, created only by team members. This year, the high school team had to tell a fairy tale with a character who had a phobia while using functional artwork that helped the character to overcome the phobia. The skit also had to include an illusion that made the impossible seem possible.

The second part is the instant challenge, which is presented to the team the day of the competition. In two to five minutes, each team solves a multi-part problem that is solved by a structural building or told through improvising skills. The instant challenge accounts for 25% of the collective score and is a big factor in setting one team apart from the others.

During the season, the team won a Renaissance Award for their creative use of recycled materials, including a dress made out of plastic bags, and other props and backdrops made from junk metal and scraps. Over the years, the team has won

various special awards for their outstanding design creativity and for exceeding the challenge requirements.

DI member Jess Huber says, "The impossible can always be achieved with imagination... and duct tape." Christy Heckathorn, team manager says, "For me as a team manager, it's been fun to watch them learn to work together as a team. They have learned to use each other's strengths and talents in a positive way, and that has made them a very competitive team. Being a DI team manager is very unique in that I can't direct them or tell them what to do; they have to figure things out through trial and error themselves, but that's the beauty of the whole DI process!"

Heckathorn also mentioned that competing in DI has provided a unique experience that has encouraged teams to look outside the box, think on their feet, and solve problems in a unique and creative way.

Even though the high school team wasn't selected to compete at Globals in Knoxville, TN, this year, they have gone to globals two other times in the past six years.

Senior Spotlights

This week our spotlights shine on Drew Marie Keuck and Calvin Dayton Johns. Drew and Calvin are two of the 56 talented seniors who will graduate this May. EPJ wishes both Calvin and Drew a bright future filled with opportunities.



Drew Keuck

Parents: Shauna Hovey and Aaron Keuck

Siblings: Easton Keuck, Jaylee Keegan

Birthday: July 26

Future Plans: attend USD to become an occupational therapist

Activities: volleyball, yearbook, NHS

Hobby: paint

Role Model: my aunt Karen-she's a hard worker

A Fun Fact About Me: I love giraffes!

First Crush: A.J. Boulware

Famous Person Crush: Zac Efron

Kindergarten BFF: Tori Johnson

A Place I Have Always Wanted to Visit: Italy

If I Could Be Any Age Forever: 23--because you are just experiencing the real world. It would be a perfect time to travel the world.

FAVORITES:

Quote: "Everything happens for a reason."

School Memory: When we were at recess, the boys would play football and never let the girls touch the ball. One day, a boy passed it to me, and I scored a touchdown. It was the coolest thing ever!

Superhero: Wonder Woman

Author: Sarah Dessen

Movies: *Footloose* (both versions); *The Day After Tomorrow*

Musicians: Rascal Flatts because they sound the same in concert

Teams: basketball- L.A. Lakers; football- Bears

Food/School Lunch: pasta

Holiday: Thanksgiving

Class: English

Favorite Cartoon: *Dragon Tales*



Calvin Johns

Parents: Ron Johns; Eileen Bailey

Siblings: Bailey Johns

Birthday: March 23

Future Plans: something to do with video games

Hobbies: video games (playing and collecting)

Role Model: myself

First Crush: Orange Crush

Famous Person Crush: Jack Black

Kindergarten BFF: I can't decide...

A Place I Have Always Wanted to Visit: Japan

If I Could Be Any Age Forever: 21--so I could do anything I want

FAVORITES:

Quote: "If history is to change, let it change. If the world is to be destroyed, so be it. If my fate is to die, I must simply laugh."

-Magus (Chrono Trigger)

Superhero: Deadpool

Book/Author: Edgar Allan Poe

Movie: *You Don't Mess with the Zohan*

Musicians: Bowling for Soup

Food - pizza

School Lunch: my lunchbox

Holiday: 4th of July

Favorite Class: Kendo classes

Favorite Game: No More Heroes

Juniors Jump into Job Shadowing

By: Alex Hoffman

What do you want to do when you grow up? Students hear this question all the time as they go through school, from kindergarten to the moment they make the final decision. As students get older, the question becomes more ominous. The realization of choosing a job that could decide the rest of a person's life is very scary.

The juniors at Elk Point-Jefferson every year have a chance to select a career of their choice and ask a practitioner of that job to observe what he or she does all day; the experience is called job shadowing. The students begin by contacting a person they hope to shadow, and if the person agrees, they set a day to observe that specific job.

A variety of careers were shadowed this spring, ranging from florists to lawyers, doctors to veterinarians, sports

managers to teachers, engineers and many, many more.

The best part about job shadowing is the fact that it gets the students some exposure to a professional setting before they have to select their careers. They will know more about what to expect, and they will have an understanding of whether they like the job, whether they are suited for the job, or whether they will have the skills the job requires. The experience is also tied to the English III curriculum. Students learn how to write formal letters, they write a paper about the experience, and they research aspects of the chosen job to practice their formal research skills.

One of the best results of the shadowing experience is that the students are excited to learn more about their potential career paths. Any time students are excited to learn, the opportunity is a good one.

MS Takes State Science Fair by Storm

Elk Point- Jefferson Middle School takes science very seriously. At the local edition of the science fair in January, each top placer in his or her respective division earned the right to attend the South Dakota State Science Fair held on the South Dakota State University campus in Brookings on March 24.

EPJ middle school students created and presented all the projects. The students were then graded on their board presentations, background knowledge, and ability to follow the guidelines.

This year's winners took home eleven honors. Seventh graders Elisabeth Peirce and Sydnie Bousquet earned the ASM Materials Education Foundation Award sponsored by SDSU Division of Research and Economic Development for their project in Energy and Transportation, Junior Division.

Connor Taylor earned 1st place, the team of Bryce Moore and Chris Nelson received 2nd place, and Anne Petra took 3rd

place in the Junior Chemistry and Biochemistry Division.

Next in Earth Planetary Weather and Environmental Sciences Junior Division, 8th graders Dalton Monahan and Lucas Larson earned 2nd, and 6th grader Ben Hanson followed in 3rd place.

In the Junior Energy and Transport division, the aforementioned team of Elisabeth Peirce and Sydnie Bousquet earned 2nd place, and 8th grader Skyler Oberg took 3rd place. The Junior Food Sciences Division saw the 7th grade team of Matthew Giorgio and Joshua Lehman earn 1st place.

Sixth grader Shandie Ludwig took home two honors, earning special recognition from the SDSU Ag- Bio Ambassadors and an award from the SDSU Department of Health and Nutritional Sciences as well.

Elk Point- Jefferson has a reputation for a large showing at the State Science Fair, and this year's thirteen award winners keep the expectations high for years to come.

HS Announces Quarter 3 Honor Roll

To earn a place on the A Honor Roll, a student must earn 3.5-4.0 grade point average with no grade lower than a B. To earn a spot on the B Honor Roll, a student must earn 3.0-3.49 grade point average with no grade lower than a C. An asterisk denotes a 4.0 GPA.

9th Grade A Honor Roll: Elsie Aslesen, Elyssa Collins, Jill Donnelly*, Cash Hemmingson, Jess Huber, Makyla Jacobs, Matthew Noteboom, Morgan Swanson, Noah Von-Seggern, Victoria Wriedt

9th Grade B Honor Roll: Wendy Bernard, Aaron Corbin, Catherine Corio, Logan Donelan, Hunter Ewing, Preston Fejfar, Brianna Fuehrer, Alexander Grashoff, Peyton Hall, Caleb Hanson, Nathan Harvey, Isaiah Jallow, Addison Ludwig, James Miller, Susan Miller, Eric Nelson, Erin Scholdt, Trinity Smith, Taylor Stark, Tianna Stokely, Jordan VonSeggern, Taylor Welch

10th Grade A Honor Roll: Brady Bosse, Dylan Colt*, Emily Crabtree, Emma Dawdy, Kylee Donnelly*, Collin Elkins, Rachel Geary*, Elena Giorgio, Mariah Heckathorn, Alyssa Hurley, Lynsey Klunder, Aaron Koupal*, Emily Mickelson*, Alexa Montagne, Alexander Norby, Emily Peirce*, Daniel Petra, Katelyn Reynolds, Katelyn Richards, Raquel Rosenbaum, Morgan Smith, Bradie Timmins, Erin Weightman*, Emma Wilkinson.

10th Grade B Honor Roll: Taylor Branson, Katelyn Carter, Jackson Grassel, Destiny Love, Kristin Pyle, Sophia Salem, Karlee Shatswell,

Howard Smith, Alexander Wu

11th Grade A Honor Roll: Rebecca Brewer, Justin Broekemeier, Payton Donnelly, Andrew Flannery, Alexis Flynn, Morgan Flynn, Abigail Girard, Lorin Gregg, Frederikke Harbo, Alex Hoffman, Jared Hueser*, Victoria Johnson, Cody Kneip, Kelly Kramer, Keegan Mahin, Samantha McInerney, McKenzie Mennenga, Michael Murphy, Tania Nuno, Brooks Rich, Madalyne Scholdt, Andrew Teply, Brooke Westcott, Irene Williams, Christopher Wiseman

11th Grade B Honor Roll: Angel Abraham, Bethany

Dennison, Lauren Dossdall, Caitlin Fonia, Josie Heeren, Kristen Leitru, Bailey Lynch, Alicia Nelson, Jessica Riley, Kelsey Rosenbaum, Peyton Swanson, Bailey Weavill, Briley Weidner

12th Grade A Honor Roll: Amanda Barnes, Jalissa Connors, Maria Corio, Jenny Dailley, Jessica Fejfar*, Conner Finken, Lukas Forsling, Katherine Giorgio*, Alicia Gregg, Alyssa Gregg, Amber Hanson, Shannon Hennessey*, Damian Hilton, Ulrike Hovland*, Calvin Johns, Kerrey Jorgensen, Drew Keuck, Brandon Koupal*, Chyenne Markee, Samantha Merkhley, Denielle Minor, Hannah

Correction

Last week's Husky page inadvertently omitted Matthew Noteboom's name as one of the six members of the Conference Quiz Bowl Team. The Husky staff wishes to apologize for the error.

Husky Happenings

Friday, April 10:

Girls Golf at Beresford 3:00
7/8 Track at Vermillion 4:00

Saturday, April 11:

Math Contest at Vermillion

Monday, April 13:

Board of Education Meeting 7:00

Tuesday, April 14:

Girls Golf at Dakota Valley 3:30
7/8 Track at Dakota Valley 4:00
Track at Canton 4:00

North, Hunter Paulsen, Abel Sanchez, Meghan Schenk*, John Schuh, James Smith, Miranda Stabe, Bryce Taylor, Jacob White, Jr.

12th Grade B Honor Roll: Blake Bertrand, Justice Bertnson, Dalton Croy, Cody

Davis, Kyle Fowler, Jacob Herrity, Zach Hurley, Chris Johnson, Jami Johnston, Kayla Kayl, Conner Martin, Alexis Nuno, Robert Ortiz, Connor Pedersen, Jordan Peirce, Ben Roberts, Sam Schindler, Al-lison Targonski, Nick Watkins

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