



Geary Honored as KSFY Scholar of the Week

By: Morgan Smith

Rachel Geary, a senior at Elk Point- Jefferson High School, has been chosen as the Touchstone Energy Scholar of the Week for the week of March 19th through the 25th. This award gives recognition to seniors in the area for their achievements throughout their high school career.

Geary was nominated for the award by her principal, Mr. Travis Aslesen, because of her outstanding grades and extracurricular activities; he says, "Rachel is another great selection for the KSFY Scholar of the Week honor. Her tremendous effort in the classroom taking rigorous coursework as well as her involvement with activities such as basketball manager, 4-H, teacher assistant, etc. have all been excellent examples of her serious purpose and maximum effort. Great job Rachel!"

Throughout high school, Geary has been involved in a number of activities both in and out of school such as 4-H, teen leaders, track, boys basketball manager, state science fair, Science Olympiad, yearbook, National Honor Society, Y-Disciple, and participating in local math contests-- all while maintaining a high GPA. All of Geary's hard work and dedication to her studies has paid off as she has earned the title of being her graduating class's salutatorian.

Along with an interview that will air on TV, she also received a \$100 check from the Union County Electric Cooperative to go towards her college education. Be sure to catch her interview which will air on KSFY on March 20th. Congratulations to Geary for receiving this award and for all of her accomplishments throughout her high school career.

Reading With the Cool Cat



By: Dylan Colt

On March 2, the Elk Point-Jefferson Elementary school celebrated 'Read Across America Day.' This is a special day commemorating the birthday of Dr. Seuss, with the main purpose of encouraging young children to read.

This year the students were able to dress up in their comfiest pajamas and wildest costumes. The students were also treated to a special guest reader, Miss South Dakota Julia Olson.

She read books to junior kindergarten through 5th grade.

Miss Olson says that the best part of being Miss South Dakota is being able to get in her car and drive across the state to visit schools and talk to young kids. Having this experience of traveling across the state and meeting with young kids will help Olson next year as she fulfills her dream of becoming a teacher.

Elk Point students were very excited to have Miss South Dakota read to them as a highlight in a very special day.

Senior Spotlights

This week our spotlights shine on Katelyn Marie Carter. Katelyn is 1 of the 45 talented seniors who will graduate this May. EPJ wishes Katelyn a bright future filled with opportunities.



Katelyn Carter

Parents:

Patrick Carter and Sandra Simmons

Siblings:

Travis and Tyler Carter

Birthday:

January 8, 1999

Future plans:

Attend Saint Cloud University, get rich

Activities:

choir, show choir, theatre, dance, destination imagination, oral interp

Hobbies: finding the best

memes, eating

Role model:

Connor Pedersen

A fun fact about me:

I'm really bad at thinking of fun facts about myself.

First crush:

Jack Grassel

Famous-person crush:

Brendon Urie

Kindergarten BFF:

Jordan and Noah VonSeggern

Pet peeve:

being interrupted

A place I have always

wanted to visit:

every Disney Park

The best thing about EPJ:

The personable teachers who take the time to actually get to know their students

If I could change one thing about EPJ:

We should get an auditorium because the gymnasium doesn't cut it.

If I could be any age forever:

25 because I can still be on my parents' insurance

FAVORITES:

Quote:

"Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around every once in a while, you could miss it." - Ferris Bueller

School memory:

Performing in show choir, plays, and musicals

Superhero:

Mermaid Man and Barnacle Boy

Movie:

Les Misérables

Song/musician: Panic! at the Disco and Fall Out Boy

Team:

Ha...! dont watch sports

Food/school lunch:

Pizza and Donuts

Holiday: Christmas

Class: Choir

TV show:

Orange is the New Black

Branson 'Mount's Up



By: Alyssa Hurley

Senior Taylor Branson has recently signed to Mount Marty College to continue her career in softball.

Branson has been playing the sport of softball since she was in first grade. She started out playing coaches pitch and t-ball from first grade to fifth grade. She then began playing softball in fifth grade and has been playing it ever since.

Branson says, "I like the game, and I was not ready to stop playing after this year. I knew that playing softball in college was something that I have wanted to do since my freshman year of high school. So all throughout high school, I have worked on bettering myself so I could keep playing." Their practices will start the first week in September with the guidance of their coach, Tate Bruckner. She says, "I am so excited to be able to continue to play the game that I have learned to love. It will be an exciting experience and I can't wait to start." Branson plans to major in nursing at Mount Marty College next year.

Congratulations to Taylor Branson signing to Mount Marty College; the Elk Point- Jefferson community wishes you luck next year.

7th Grade Season Wraps Up

The 7th grade boys basketball team completed a very successful season on February 20th. The team showed hustle and toughness throughout the season. They had the smallest roster of all the teams they faced this season.

The seven boys played against teams that had 20-30 kids to choose from, and they backed down to none of them. This included a dominant performance against Ponca where only five players were available. These boys were the first players on the court for every morning practice and they were eager to face any

challenge thrown their way.

The 7th grade team finished with a record of 11-5. The biggest win was probably against Lennox in the Conference Tournament. There were also three very hard fought games against Vermillion. "I know the whole team is looking forward to facing them again next year," stated Coach Scarmon, concerning his team's "go get 'em" attitude.

Team members include: Quinn Connors, Cade Fennel, Landon Geary, Ethan Kelly, Canon Kempf, Noah Larson, and Jacob Lichtenberg.

Lunch Menu

Thursday, February 2:

Lasagna and Bread Stick or Grilled Chicken Sandwich

Friday, February 3:

EPJ Buffalo Pizza or Taco Burger

Tuesday, February 7:

Homestyle Chili & Crackers or Pork Fritter Sandwich

Wednesday, February 8:

Chicken Nuggets and Dinner Roll or Country Fried Steak Patty and Dinner Roll

Rhythm in Red



By: Will Suing

Elk Point Show Choir had a contest, known as "Rhythm in Red," on Saturday, February 25th in Vermillion South Dakota. The Show Choir performed five pieces including their all girls piece, "Holding Out For a Hero," that ties in with their superhero theme which they portray throughout the show. They practice singing, dancing, and pit, otherwise known

as the show choir band. Mrs. Schmeling, the vocal teacher and show choir coach at Elk Point-Jefferson, says, "They have a lot of fun practicing for the contests." After the pieces Momentum placed 2nd in Class "A." Mrs. Schmeling also says, "They have a good looking future, with a lot of talent." The students and staff of EPJ wish the show choir the best of luck on the rest of their season and at state show choir in Aberdeen on April 8th.

In last last week's edition of *The Husky*, the sixth grade Earth Science category winners were listed as Life Science and the Life Science winners were not listed. In the 7/8 Earth Science category, there was a tie for 2nd place and only one project was listed. The following place winners were affected:

6th Grade Earth Science

3rd Place Braden Evans-Raber

2nd Place Sophia Giorgio

1st Place Brandon Nuss

6th Grade Life Science

3rd Place Paetyn Cole

2nd Place Hunter Sharkey

1st Place Jacob Peirce

7/8 Grade Earth Science

2nd Place Tie: Julie Sunheim and Cade Fennel & Noah Larson

The Husky regrets the error.

Science Fair Correction

Husky Happenings:

Thursday, March 9:

State Girls Basketball at Brookings

Friday, March 10:

State Girls Basketball at Brookings
End of 3rd Quarter

Saturday, March 11:

State Girls Basketball at Brookings

Monday, March 13:

Kindergarten Registration 6:30
Board of Education Meeting 7:00

Tuesday, March 14:

USD Coyote Jazz Fest

Thursday, March 16:

State A Boys Basketball at Sioux Falls

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