



## Student of the Month

By: Mariah Heckathorn

Emily Mickelson has been named the March Student of the Month. Each month, EPJ high school staff chooses a well-rounded student who sets an example for other students to be the student of the month. Mickelson easily surpasses the standards set by the Elk Point-Jefferson school system.

Mickelson shows great success in the classroom. She has maintained a 4.0 GPA all throughout high school which puts her in the running for valedictorian. Along with four years on A honor roll, Mickelson has also earned honors study hall and academic letters every year.

While maintaining her grades, Mickelson is involved in a multitude of activities. She is an active member of Student Council, National Honor Society, and Natural Helpers. Mickelson

has also been a member of the yearbook staff for the past three years. Along with these activities, she sings in the choir and plays clarinet for the band. Mickelson has earned letters in band, choir, and student council.

After school, Mickelson stays busy year-round with volleyball, basketball, and track. Her dedication has earned her numerous letters in these sports as well. Mickelson has received several honors throughout her basketball career at EPJ. In her sophomore and junior years, she was respectively named the JV basketball Ms. Hustle and JV basketball Ms. Defense. This year, Mickelson was honored with academic all-state and the coaches' award in basketball.

Mickelson makes time in her busy schedule to give back to her community. She habitually helps serve at Friend's Feast and in the



concession stand. Mickelson also lends a helping hand at the Edgar's basketball tournaments and the annual salt drive. As an active member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Mickelson takes part in the Y-Disciple program ,doing community service

around the region.

After high school, Mickelson plans to major in exercise science at the University of South Dakota. Then, she plans to go on to graduate school for occupational therapy.

To further award Mickelson for going above and beyond, she is bestowed the best parking spot in the lot for the entire month of March. Her picture is displayed in the

common trophy case, as well. Along with these honors, Mickelson will be recognized on senior night. *The Husky* staff congratulates Mickelson on all her achievements and wishes her the best of luck in her future endeavors.

## Senior Spotlight

This week our spotlights shine on Adam Earl Bradshaw and Timothy Clayton Mingo. Adam and Timothy are two of the 45 talented seniors who will graduate this May. EPJ wishes Adam and Timothy have a bright future filled with opportunities.



**Adam Bradshaw**

**Parents:**

Robert Bradshaw

**Siblings:**

Nicholas Bradshaw

**Birthday:** June 11, 1999

**Future plans:** Go to Black Hills State University for exercise science and possibly become a physical therapist

**Activities:** Golf

**Hobbies:** Weight lifting

**A fun fact about me:** I enjoy playing ultimate frisbee and frisbee golf

**Kindergarten BFF:** Pete

**Pet peeve:** People chewing with their mouths open

**A place I have always wanted to visit:** Paris, France

**The best thing about EPJ:**

The teachers because they put in the time to help you out

**If I could change one thing about EPJ it would be:**

The lunch items because they are not appealing to me

**If I could be any age forever:** 21, because you have more freedoms

**FAVORITES:**

**School memory:** 8th grade graduation was cool

**Superhero:** Superman

**Movie:** *Mighty Ducks*

**Song/musician:**

"Photograph" by Nickelback

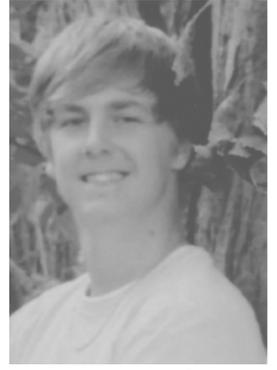
**Team:** Detroit Redwings

**Food:** Shrimp alfredo

**Holiday:** Christmas

**Class:** English

**TV show:** *Walking Dead*



**Timothy Mingo**

**Parents:**

Tim & Barb Mingo

**Birthday:** April 6, 1999

**Future plans:** Join the United States Air Force

**Activities:** Baseball, wrestling, golf, choir

**Hobbies:** Hunting, fishing

**A fun fact about me:** I can walk on my hands

**First crush:** Miss Witte

**Famous-person crush:**

Kate Upton

**Kindergarten BFF:**

Dylan Debuhr

**Pet peeve:** When people come to school with bed head

**A place I have always wanted to visit:** Florida

**The best thing about EPJ:**

Getting out at 3:07

**If I could be any age forever:** 24

**FAVORITES:**

**Superhero:** Batman

**Author:** Gary Pauken

**Movie:** *Step Brothers*

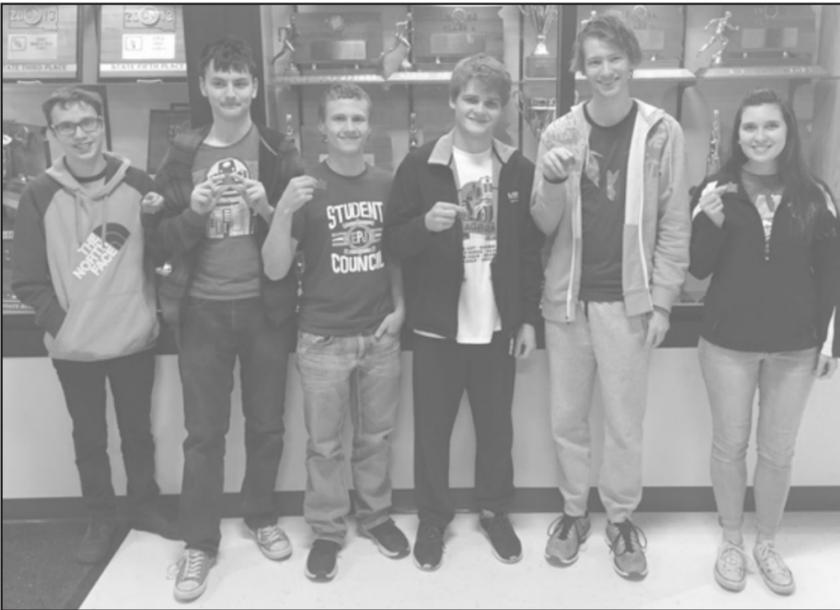
**Musician:** Luke Bryan

**Holiday:** Thanksgiving

**Class:** P.E.

**TV show:** *Walking Dead*

## Megaminds go to Madison



Quiz Bowl team champion members are pictured above: (L-R) Skylar Oberg, Nathan VonHaden, Josh Lehman, Dylan Colt, Matthew Noteboom, and Morgan Smith

By: Josh Lehman

The Elk Point-Jefferson Quiz Bowl team won first place at the Dak XII Championships for the first time in ten years on Monday, March 20th. The team was made up of Captain, Dylan Colt and other team members including Morgan Smith, Matthew Note-

boom, Skylar Oberg, Nathan VonHaden, and Josh Lehman.

All 12 schools in the Dak XII sent teams to the competition, a rare occasion according to team driver and number one fan, Mr. Aslesen. The team ran an undefeated streak from round 1 to round 9, leaving them tied with Vermillion high school go-

ing into the last two rounds. The team got their first loss in round 10, losing by only a point. They all agreed that "Champions bounce back" and went into the last round with determination and an unstoppable will to win.

After winning their final round, the team waited in the cafeteria, discussed the

day, and waited for the scores to be announced. When the dust was settled and the scores were tallied, the director announced that the winner of the Dak XII Quiz Bowl Championships was Elk Point-Jefferson High School. The team was elated and accepted their medals with pride.

Dylan Colt, senior and team captain, had this to say about the team's victory, "I'm extremely happy with the way the team performed. It was a long, grueling, arduous, competition, but we remained sharp and consistent throughout the whole tournament. Our first loss came in the second to last round, and the team was pretty bummed, because we thought we had lost the whole thing. But we rallied and just remembered what TA told us coming into the competition 'Eye of the Tiger, Brain of the Elephant'. All in all, the competition was a huge success."

Elk Point-Jefferson's staff and students congratulate the Quiz Bowl team on their success!

## Destination: Knoxville

By: Alyssa Hurley

On Saturday March 25, State Destination Imagination took place in Pierre, South Dakota. Two teams from EPJ attended.

One team consisted of middle school students including Abby Olson, Nora Kastning, Patrick Kastning, Caleb Niles, Jack Heckathorn, Anne Quam, and Jordan Swanson. Their team name is "Those Weirdos Over There," and their advisor is Marcee Irlbeck. Their specific challenge was Challenge A: Technical. The Technical Challenge prompts students to complete tasks by using engineering, research, strategic planning and related skills. The students had to design and build a stage on which the acts will take place and that will move a team member from one location to another, along with other required elements. They placed first overall in their middle level division. They also placed first in the instant challenge for the

whole Challenge A category which included elementary, middle, and senior levels. "Those Weirdos Over There" will now head to Global Destination Imagination in Knoxville, Tennessee May 24-27.

The other team that qualified for the state competition was an elementary team named "The Stars" advised by Crissi Marx. The team consisted of Thomas Hemmingstad, Austin Clercx, and Gracey Marx. They chose Challenge C: Theatrical. This Fine Arts Challenge has students flex their acting and creative muscles as they experiment with different types of artistic media and theater arts, write scripts, and design props. The team placed 4<sup>th</sup> in their division.

One other team participated at the regional tournament, but did not advance on to the state tournament unfortunately. This team, "The Huskies," was advised by Mariah Heckathorn. The team consisted of elementary students Aiden Jansen, Aidan

Clercx, and Kasey Kneebone. They performed in the Challenge E: Improvisational at the regional tournament. The Improvisational Challenge is all about spontaneity and storytelling. Teams receive topics and produce skits right on the spot. The team placed 4<sup>th</sup> in their division at the regional competition.

Senior Mariah Heckathorn received the Destination Imagination Outstanding Senior for the state of South Dakota. She was recognized at both the state and regional tournaments and also received a scholarship for all of her hard work. Heckathorn has participated in Destination Imagination for nine years. Heckathorn commented on her DI experience, "DI has impacted every aspect of my life. I can confidently say I am who I am today because of DI. I strongly encourage everyone to give DI a try, at least for a season or two. It teaches kids valuable skills such as problem solving, time management, and team work.

Although my high school DI career has come to an end, DI will continue to impact me for the rest of my life."

Congratulations to the teams who participated at the state and regional tournaments. Also, best of luck to the middle school team heading to the Global Tournament.

### School Board Member Election

Tuesday, April 11th

Support EPJ by voting!



## Chili Cup Fundraiser

Saturday, April 18th  
The Pointe Event Center

Admission: \$5

Doors open at 6:30pm  
Live Auction at 8:30pm

Proceeds go to the  
EPJ Education Foundation

### Husky Happenings:

Thursday, April 6:  
Optimist Jazz in Vermillion

Friday, April 7:  
7/8 Track Quad at EPJ 4:00

Saturday, April 8:  
Chili Cup Fundraiser  
State Show Choir in Aberdeen  
WING Dance

Monday, April 10:  
Board of Education Meeting 7:00

Tuesday, April 11:  
7/8 Track at DV 4:00  
HS Track at Canton 4:00

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