



MS Students of the Month

By: Joshua Lehman

Every month, the EPJ Middle School awards two exemplary students the title of Student of the Month. As one of the students of the month, you can go to the front of the lunch line during the month you were awarded. September's students of the month were Canon Kempf and Nora Kastning. Nora Kastning is the daughter of Jami and Michael Kastning. Nora is involved in volleyball, basketball, track, and softball, as well as Science Olympiad and singing at church. One of Nora's favorite things to do is



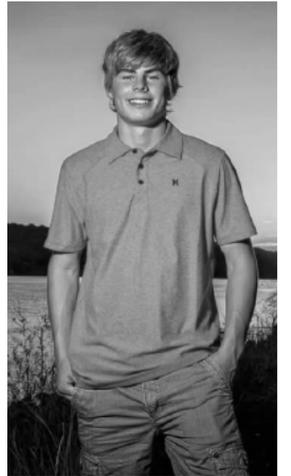
camping. Nora's role model is her dad "because of how much he has accomplished and what he has taught me."

Nora's favorite thing about EPJ Middle School is all of the opportunities students have in classes and activities. Canon

Kempf is the son of Chad and Lisa Kempf. Canon is in vocal, basketball, baseball, and track. Canon loves playing basketball with his siblings, Lily, Easton, and Hudson. He also enjoys hunting and fishing with his dad. Canon says that his dad and his grandpa are his role models. Canon's favorite thing about EPJ is the great teaching staff. Congratulations to Canon Kempf and Nora Kastning for being awarded EPJ Middle School's September Students of the Month.

Senior Spotlights

This week our spotlights shine on Ethan Gregory Marx and Morgan Ashley Swanson. Ethan and Morgan are two of the 48 talented seniors who will graduate this May. EPJ wishes both Ethan and Morgan a bright future filled with opportunities.



Morgan Swanson

Ethan Marx

Parents: Mike & Dawn Swanson
Siblings: Peyton, Jordan, & Gunner
Pets: Dozer & Bella
Birthdays: April 8, 2000
Future Plans: Attend college and pursue a career helping children
Activities: Flags, Show Choir, Theatre, Cheerleading, National Honor Society, All State Choir
Accomplishments/Awards: Honor Roll
Community Activities: Youth Disciple
Kindergarten BFF: Addison Ludwig & Jill Donnelly
A Place I Have Always Wanted to Visit: Europe
FAVORITES:
Quote: "Never be afraid to try something new. Remember amateurs built the ark. Professionals built the Titanic" -Unknown
School Memory: Eating white carrots with Elsie Aslesen at lunch time in elementary school.
Superhero: Captain America
Book/Author: Perfect Chemistry Series by Simone Elkeles
Team: Kansas City Chiefs
Food/School Lunch: Chicken Alfredo
Holiday: Easter

Parents: Greg & Crissi Marx and Corri & Seth Rubida
Siblings: Karly, Gracey, Tesley, Aspen, & Willow
Birthdays: June 10, 1999
Future Plans: Attend college
Activities: Football, Wrestling, Track, Student Council
Accomplishments/Awards: Honor roll
Community Activities: Youth Disciple
Kindergarten BFF: All the girls
A Place I Have Always Wanted to Visit: Mexico
FAVORITES:
Quote: "If you ain't first you're last" -Ricky Bobby
Book/Author: Watch the movies; they are better
Team: Nebraska Huskers
Food/School Lunch: Chef Joe's sloppy joes
Holiday: Christmas
Class: Shop class

Magnificent Musicians

By: Eric Nelson

Every year in October, the state of South Dakota puts together a concert where high school singers and instrumentalists perform as part of an elite choir and orchestra. These musicians must audition, and selection is very selective. For the choir, many schools from across the state are allowed to bring a set number of quartets. EPJHS is allowed two quartets, each consisting of one soprano, alto, tenor, and bass. Our "Quartet One" is composed of Elisa-

beth Peirce, Morgan Swanson, Eric Nelson, and James Miller; our "Quartet Two" is composed of Kelsie Olson, Katherine Chicoine, Benjamin Hansen, and Alex Grashoff. The orchestra has students from across the state prepare auditions to try to earn one of a very few spots in each of the sections; and this year, EPJHS is lucky enough to have Matthew Giorgio representing our school on mallets. EPJ congratulates these students on their accomplishments!

Refuse to Use

By: Will Suing

Last week, the Elk Point Jefferson School had an assembly about prescription drugs. Holly Kary, the speaker for the assembly, shared with the students some stories about her life and drug abuse's effect on it. Holly lives in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. After working with kids for twenty-five years at different schools, she retired in 2016. After retiring, she started to work against the growing drug epidemic. Ms. Kary travels around the

region talking to schools about her son's addiction to drugs. She wants to teach kids what prescription drugs can do to people. She told EPJ students what drugs can do, what you have to go through as a family, and what drugs can make you do. While we all know that drugs are bad for you, hearing from someone whose life has been directly impacted by drugs is truly an eye opening experience.

Serving Up the Competition



By: Megahn Brewer

The 7th and 8th grade volleyball teams recently ended their season. On October 7th, Elk Point-Jefferson hosted the Dakota XII Conference Middle School volleyball tournament.

Both 7th and 8th grade EPJ teams played very successfully. The 7th grade team defeated Canton and Vermillion to find their way into the championship match against Dakota Valley. These girls fought very hard; but unfortunately, Dakota Valley won.

The 7th grade placed second. The 8th grade had a very similar day. They defeated Canton and Vermillion also. EPJ played Dakota Valley in the championship. Dakota Valley took the first set, but EPJ fought hard to win the second set. The third set

was very intense, but Dakota Valley took a slight lead and eventually won the match. The 8th grade also placed second. These girls had very successful seasons. Both teams ended with a winning record.

Reading Round Up

By: Jady Reed

The book fair took place from October 10th to the 17th. Deedra Holdhusen, head librarian at the school library, said she was very excited for the event. According to Holdhusen, there are a few new favorite books amongst her younger students. These books include *Dogman: A Tale of Two Kitties*, *I Funny*, and *The Last Kids on Earth*. The book fair had incredible deals with some books costing only \$1.99 or less.

Despite the deals on the books, Holdhusen said that two of the most popular items sold were scented gummy bear erasers and bookmarks. Holdhusen states that the fair's main focus is the elementary students, but they also have books for adults and teenagers. Holdhusen says that the money from the book fair helps contribute to the library, allowing them to use the profits to make updates. Although the book fair is a great fundraiser, Mrs. Holdhusen believes that the

children's love of books is what's most important. "It's a really great opportunity for kids to have books in their home. If they have books in their home that they like, they're more likely to read." The book fair occurs multiple times throughout the school year. If you missed this great opportunity, remember to look ahead for future dates.

Lunch Menu

- Thursday, Oct. 26:** Home-style Tater Hot Dish and Dinner Roll or Hot Dog
- Friday, Oct. 27:** Beef and Bean Burrito or Pizza
- Monday, Oct. 30:** Home-style Cheeseburger Soup and Dinner Roll or Crispy Chicken Sandwich
- Tuesday, Oct. 31:** Soft Shell Tacos or Hot Ham and Cheese Sandwich

Husky Happenings

- Friday, Oct. 27:** All State Chorus and Orchestra at Sioux Falls MS Mini Courses and Quiz Bowl
- Saturday, Oct. 28:** All State Chorus and Orchestra at Sioux Falls
- Tuesday, Oct. 31:** Volleyball Regions at TBA 7:00
- Wednesday, Nov. 1:** Digital Safety Meeting 7:00

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