



# THE HUSKY

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## Student of the Month



By: Jady Reed

Morgan Swanson, a senior here at Elk Point-Jefferson, was selected to be January's student of the month. Morgan is highly involved in the community. Morgan partakes in many other activities including cheerleading, theater, National Honor Society, Youth Disciple, show choir, and all-state choir. Along with being immensely involved with extracurricular activities, Morgan has achieved numerous honors including the A/B honor roll, honor study hall, and senior privileges. She has also earned many leadership titles here at EPJ. These include show choir president, captain of the cheerleading team, sec-

retary of the National Honor Society, and a mentor within the freshman mentor program. Morgan volunteers her time by working concessions, helping out with the salt drive, working the Friends' Feast, and preparing meals for those who cannot afford them. Morgan works as a lifeguard throughout the summer at the Elk Point Community Pool. In Morgan's free time, she enjoys spending time with family, being outdoors, reading books, and listening to music. After graduation, Morgan plans to attend Minnesota State University in Mankato to pursue her journey as a pediatric nurse. Congratulations Morgan!

## Senior Spotlights

This week our spotlights shine on Wendy Rebekah Jean Bernard and Kennedy Taylor Westcott. Wendy and Kennedy are two of the 48 talented seniors who will graduate this May. EPJ wishes both Wendy and Kennedy a bright future filled with opportunities.



### Wendy Bernard

**Parents:** Peter and Phyllis Bernard  
**Siblings:** Andrew and Samuel Bernard  
**Birthday:** November 18, 1998  
**Future Plans:** To be working with something in visual communications with computers  
**Activities:** I like drawing and watching DIY videos on YouTube and doing some things related to my career field.  
**School Accomplishments/Awards:** B Honor Roll  
**Kindergarten BFF:** Abby Howe and Kennedy Westcott  
**A Place I Have Always Wanted to Visit:** Hawaii  
**Public Service/Community Activities:** Serving at church  
**FAVORITES:**  
**Quote:** "Put your heart, mind, and soul into even your smallest acts. This is the secret of success." -Swami Sivananda  
**School Memory:** Having such fun teachers  
**Superhero:** Batman  
**Book/Author:** Crank, by Elen Hopkins  
**Team:** Kansas City Chiefs  
**Food:** Chicken Nuggets  
**Holiday:** Christmas  
**Class:** Web Design  
**Show:** NCIS

### Kennedy Westcott

**Parents:** Nicole and Jason Westcott  
**Siblings:** Brooke Westcott  
**Birthday:** September 21, 1999  
**Future Plans:** Take a year off then go to college at WIT to become a surgical technician.  
**Activities:** Dance  
**School Accomplishments/Awards:** MVP Award at dance  
**Kindergarten BFF:** A boy named Casey  
**A Place I Have Always Wanted to Visit:** Australia  
**FAVORITES:**  
**Quote:** "Always remember to celebrate life." -Bratley Merch  
**School Memory:** Homecoming week  
**Superhero:** The Hulk  
**Movie:** Divergent  
**Team:** Chicago Bulls  
**Food:** Spaghetti  
**Holiday:** Christmas  
**Class:** English  
**Show:** Law and Order- Special Victims Unit.

## Graduating Early

By: Peyton Hall

Jill Donnelly and Elyssa Collins met all the requirements of the Elk Point – Jefferson School Board in order to graduate a semester early. Along with their stellar grades, the two had been active in their community. Donnelly and Collins both had different reasons to graduate earlier than the rest of the remaining class. Rather than sit in the classroom and earn an extra few credits, Donnelly and Collins made the deci-

sion to explore the real world to see what it has in store for the both of them. Donnelly is still a full time student, as she is taking four online courses while on the go. Collins is working and saving towards college this coming fall. Both Donnelly and Collins will be attending graduation on May 12<sup>th</sup>, walking the stage and receiving their diplomas. The student body will miss seeing them daily but wishes them the best of luck in their future!

## Winter Welcov Wonderland

By: Joshua Lehman

On December 16, members of the Elk Point- Jefferson high school band put on a performance at the WelCov Assisted Living. Emma Scarmon, Kelsie Olson, McKenzie Jordan, DeeDee Cross, Abby Kastning, Katherine Chicoine, and Calli Davis played a series of Christmas themed songs around the fireplace. Several groups performed including a trombone quartet, a trumpet duet, a clarinet duet, a flute trio, and a piano solo.

The dining room and halls were filled with residents listening to the bands, including a few who came just for the performance. The band's director, Mr. Schmeling, accompanied the bands as they played. Playing at the nursing home has been a tradition for Mr. Schmeling and the high school band. Mr. Schmeling and the band hope to continue the tradition for years to come. The band's performance at the WelCov is the gift that keeps on giving.

## All-State Band Auditions

By: Jordan Von Seggern

The 2017 All-State Band auditions are this Saturday, January 13<sup>th</sup>. The South Dakota All-State Band consists of eighty-eight members. It is a prestigious group to be a part of which sets a member apart from the rest of the musicians in high school. This year, the Elk Point-Jefferson high

school band will be taking eleven high school students to Lincoln High School in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. All of these students have been putting in a countless number of hours towards their auditions. The students auditioning will leave at 7:40 am on Saturday, and the auditions will run all day, beginning at 9:30 in the morning and going until 3:45

in the afternoon. The results for the auditions will be released no later than the following Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup>. Any student who makes it in after auditions will receive his or her respected instrument part's music. They will then begin to practice and get ready for the concert on March 24, 2018.

### Lunch Menu

**Thursday, January 18:**  
Epic Meltdown: Meatball Grilled Cheese Sandwich OR Teriyaki Chicken Sandwich

**Friday, January 19:**  
Hot Dog OR Pizza

**Monday, January 22:**  
Sloppy Joe OR French Toast Sticks and Sausage

**Tuesday, January 23:**  
Home-style Golden Macaroni & Cheese and Dinner Roll OR Chicken Nuggets

**Wednesday, January 24:**  
Breaded Beef Fingers & Dinner Roll OR Crispy or Spicy Chicken Sandwich

### Husky Happenings

**Thursday, Jan. 18:**  
4:00 G & B Basketball w/ Akron-Westfield

**Friday, Jan. 19:**  
4:30 7th/8th Grade Boys Basketball @Lennox

**Saturday, Jan. 20:**  
10:00 Wrestling @Tri-Valley  
2:00 G & B Basketball w/ Dell Rapids

**Tuesday, Jan. 23:**  
4:00 G & B Basketball @Lawton-Bronson  
9:00 Region 1 One Act Play Competition @Vermillion  
5:30 Dakota XII Triangular @EPJ

## Middle School Students of the Month

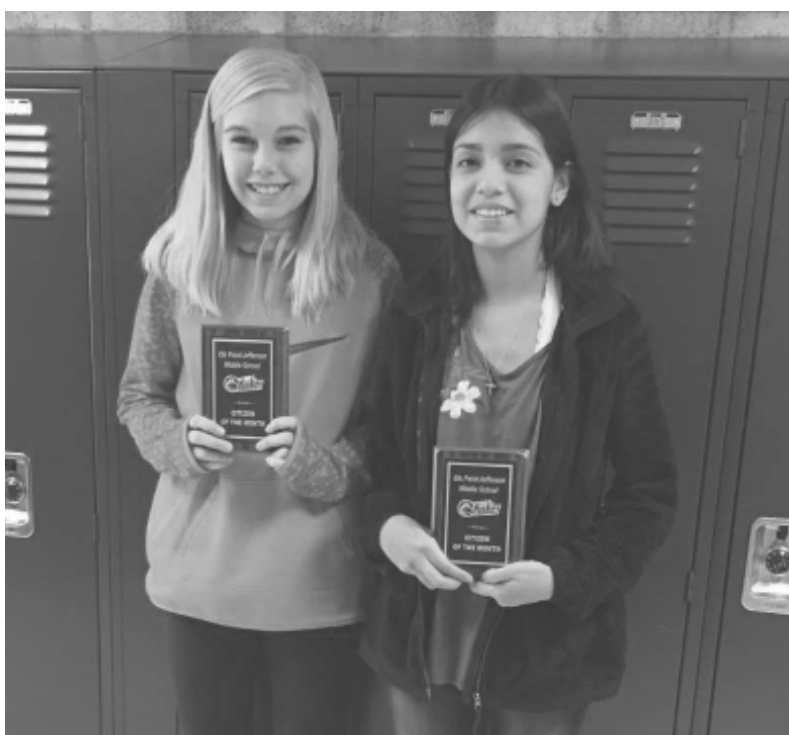
By: Karson Hall

The month of January brings in two new middle school students of the month! This month they are Zoie Miller and Rosie Calamanco. Zoie Miller is the daughter of Tamzin Gonzales and Andrew Miller. Zoie has five siblings: Kiana, Chance, Levi, Taya, and Elia. During school, Zoie is involved in volleyball, band, vocal, and track. She is an active participant at Riverledge Church as a daycare leader. Outside of school,

Zoie loves babysitting, being outside, and riding four-wheelers. Zoie is interested in scrapbooking with her grandma and being outdoors. Her role models are her mom and dad. When asked what she enjoys the most about the middle school, she replied, "I enjoy the teachers and the way they help us and how they interact."

Rosie Calamanco is the daughter of Lucy Calamanco and Humberto Garcia. Rosie has three siblings:

Lily, Iggy, and Betty. Inside of school, Rosie participates in band and plans on doing track. Every Sunday, she attends Sunnybrook Church. She is interested in reading, free-writing, and basketball. Her role models are her mom and dad and her older sister. When asked what she liked the most about middle school, she replied, "I enjoy the library, and Mrs. Irlbeck is my favorite teacher." Congratulations Zoie and Rosie!



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