



Lake Takes the Cake

By: Will Suing

Every year, the fourth through eighth grade classes have a geography bee. The students compete against their fellow classmates to become the class winner. They have to go through seven rounds of questions. In the first few rounds, the students are given two possible answers, giving them a fifty-fifty chance of getting the question correct. However, in the last few rounds, the questions are not multiple choice and the answer could be any location in the world. After the seven rounds, the student with the most correct answers in all seven rounds is the winner. They then move on to the schoolwide competition. The questions in the schoolwide competition have no options to choose from. This year, the winner of the school level Geo Bee was Ethan Pace. He is a fifth grader in Ms. Rieger's class. He now has to take the state qualifying test to see if he can compete for the state title in Aberdeen in early March. Elk Point-Jefferson wishes Ethan luck going into the big test.



A Musical Monday

By: Jadyn Reed

Twelve members of the EPJ band were selected to participate in the University of South Dakota's annual Quad State Honor Band Festival. The selected musicians were Sydney Bousquet, Brianna Chicoine, DeeDee Cross, Matthew Giorgio, Josh Lehman, Eric Nelson, Kelsie Olson, Elisabeth Peirce, Emma Prouty, Jadyn Reed, Jordan VonSeggern, and Noah VonSeggern. Each musician submitted a recorded audition, which was reviewed by a panel of judges. Seven of the members were selected to the symphonic band and five were selected to the concert band. The symphonic band was directed by Dr. LaCognata, the director of bands at the university, and the concert band was directed by Dr. Cranson, the director of athletic bands within the university. Each band practiced all day Sunday and through the beginning of Monday. The concert was held on the 29th in the Aalfs Auditorium where each band performed for the public. The symphonic band performed "An American Elegy," a beautiful composition dedicated to those affected by the Columbine shooting. The concert band performed a set with an American theme, which included American compositions such as "Kentucky 1800" and "The Nathan Hale Trilogy." The 20th Annual Quad State Honor Band Festival was a grand success, and the USD Department of Music is already planning the event for next year.

Husky Happenings

Thursday, February 8th:

4:30 7/8th Grade Boy's BB w/ Dakota Valley

Friday, February 9th:

NO SCHOOL

4:00 GBB & BBB @Beresford

Saturday, February 10th:

Chili Cup Fundraiser @The Pointe Golf and Event Center

Monday, February 12th:

4:00 GBB & BBB w/ Viborg-Hurley

Tuesday, February 13th:

4:30 7/8th Grade Boys BB @Vermillion

Lunch Menu

Thursday, February 8th:

Taco Burger or Pizza

Friday, February 9th:

No School

Monday, February 12th:

Orange Chicken over Rice or Hot Dog

Tuesday, February 13th:

Super Nachos or BBQ Rib Sandwich

Route to Success

By: Kelsie Olson

On January 27th, 2018, Elk Point-Jefferson's Momentum Show Choir traveled to Sioux Falls Roosevelt High School for their first show choir competition of the year. The group prepared for their show and went through both vocal and choreography warm-ups. After warm-ups, they performed their show for this year. The show's theme is Run Away with Me. The set includes "Jet Set" from the musical *Catch Me if You Can*, "The Walker" by Fitz and the Tantrums, "Run Away with Me" from the musical *The Unauthorized Biography of Samantha Brown*, "Route 66" by Bobby Troupe, and "Life is a Highway" and "Me and My Gang" by Rascal Flatts. After the performance the group received a critique from one of the judges. EPJ placed third in the open class small category. Their next performance is at Jazz Night on February 6th at EPJ and the next competition will be Vermillion's Rhythm in Red on February 24th.



Show Choir

Senior Spotlights

This week our spotlights shine on Elsie Aslesen and Susan Miller. Elsie and Susan are two of the forty-eight talented seniors who will graduate this May. EPJ wishes both Elsie and Susan a bright future filled with opportunities.



Elsie Aslesen

Parents: Travis and Janna Aslesen

Siblings: Sam and Abby

Birthday: February 7th, 1999

Future Plans: I am going to Concordia University-Nebraska next year where I'll major in Biology. After college, I plan on becoming a physical therapist.

Activities: Basketball, Student Council, NHS, Natrual Helpers, Freshman Mentors, Character on Track

School Accomplishments/ Awards: A Honor Roll, Student of the Month, Voted by my teachers into Character on Track, AP Biology Scholar, 2017 Homecoming Royalty Member

Public Service/ Community Activities: Helping coach sister's 6th grade basketball team. helping paint the school's weight room, Vacation Bible School leader

Kindergarten BFF: Jess Huber

A place I've always wanted to visit: NBA finals

FAVORITES:

Quote: "No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted." -Aeson

School Memory: Eating white carrots with Morgan Swanson.

Superhero: Hulk

Book/Author: *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak

Team: Concordia Bulldogs

Food: Chicken nuggets

Holiday: Thanksgiving

Class: Anatomy



Susan Miller

Parents: Dennis and Diana Miller

Siblings: Amanda, Patricia, and James Miller

Birthday: June 4th 1999

Future Plans: Go to college at WITCC for two years to get my associates degree then move to Iowa City, IA and get a job there and live there for the rest of my life.

School Accomplishments/ Awards: A Honor Roll, academic lettering

Public Service/ Community Activities: Friends Feast in the fall

A Place I Have Always Wanted to Visit: Italy

FAVORITES:

Quote: "Hope is the thing with feathers that perches in the soul and sings the tunes without the words and never stops at all" -Emily Dickinson

Book: Harry Potter series by JK Rowling

Food: Spaghetti and meatballs

Holiday: Christmas

Class: Culinary Classes

SDSU Honors Recital

By: Eric Nelson

On Sunday, January 28th, I was able to take part in the South Dakota State University (SDSU) Senior Honors Recital. This annual recital hosts a large assortment of musical talents varying from instrumental to choral solo performances which are submitted by high school seniors who are applying for an SDSU music scholarship. This performance is an auditioned event which begins with seniors applying and them sending in recordings of themselves performing their music. The top recordings are then selected for the event. The recital is a celebration of high performing standards and recognizing musical talent. The event also functions as each student's scholarship audition, determining what he or she will receive in scholarship money if the student attends SDSU for his or her post-secondary education. I was very excited to be selected to be a part of this event. This year, the music department at SDSU received so many high quality recordings that they decided to host two recitals instead of just one. I participated in the first of the two, where I sang an Italian Aria titled "Non Posso Disperar." I decided to use this song for my performance because I am very familiar with it and I have done well with it. I sang this piece for last year's Choir Solo/Ensemble Competition where I received a superior rating as well as for my audition for South Dakota Honor Choir in which I was accepted as well. Before the recital, we were given a presentation on SDSU's music program, and we were pulled out individually to practice our pieces in the recital hall. When it came to the recital, all of the performers performed their songs well and showed the audience why they were chosen to be a part of the event. The performances were followed by a small get together with the performers, their families, and the professors. Overall, it was a rewarding experience and I am very grateful to have been a part of it.

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