



VonSeggern Chosen as High School Student of the Month

By: Kelsie Olson

Elk Point-Jefferson High School chooses one senior each month for the honor of Student of the Month. This month, the honor went to Jordan VonSeggern. Jordan is involved in many activities at school. His involvements include National Honor Society, Jazz Band, Concert Band, Marching Band, Concert Choir, Show Choir, Newspaper, Quad-State Honor Band, All-State Choir, Region I Honor Band, and past participation in the Show Choir Band. After school, he finds time to hold a job at Walmart. He has been work-



ing at Walmart for two years. He started off as a cashier, but he switched to working on the sales floor as a fabrics associate in early December. When he's not at school or working,

Jordan spends his free time doing homework and having a great time with friends and family. He also spends time making his community a better place. He helps with Con-

voy of Hope, Friends Feast, the library's Summer Reading Program, and other small community acts. Jordan's favorite part about high school is the freedom gained when moving from middle school to high school. He says, "You get more responsibilities, but a little challenge never hurt anybody. I once heard that pressure is what truly defines a person. Overall, I am enjoying my last months of high school that I'm sure I will want to relive someday." After high school, Jordan hopes to Achieve a masters degree in mechanical engineering at South Dakota State University.

Senior Spotlights

This week our spotlights shine on Preston Fejfar and Julissa Ayala. Preston and Julissa are two of the forty-eight talented seniors who will graduate this May. EPJ wishes both Julissa and Preston a bright future filled with opportunities.



Preston Fejfar

Parents: Steve and Michelle Fejfar
Siblings: Jessica Fejfar and Ashley Cloud
Birthday: March 1, 2000
Future Plans: Go to SDSU, major in duck hunting and Exercise Science
Activities: Football, Basketball, Track, Baseball, NHS
School Awards: 'A' Honor Roll
Community Activities: Over 80 volunteer hours
Kindergarten BFF: Joey Lemon
A Place I Have Always Wanted to Visit: Hawaii
FAVORITES:
Quote: "Life is 10% what happens to you and 90% how you react to it." - Charles R. Swindoll
School Memory: : Winning the battle for the paddle in football against Vermillion.
Superhero: Superman
Team: Dallas Cowboys, Minnesota Twins, and Nebraska Huskers
Food/School Lunch: Cheeseburger soup
Holiday: Christmas
Class: Any class with Mr. Nolz



Julissa Ayala

Parents: Martha Ayala and Eucario Ayala
Siblings: Diego Ayala Rodrigo
Birthday: April 12, 2000
Future Plans: My future plan is moving back to my hometown Reno, NV and going to college there to study psychology
Activities: I enjoy horseback riding and swimming
Kindergarten BFF: Jocelyn Franco
A Place I Have Always Wanted to Visit: Cancun, Mexico
FAVORITES:
Quote: "Don't trust everything you see, even salt looks like sugar." -Maryum Ahsam.
School Memory: My favorite high school memory was my freshman year when my friends and I had off-campus lunch. We went to burger king and my friend fell in a puddle of mud on the way back to school and she had to wear the ugliest nurse pants for the rest of the day.
Superhero: Superman
Book/Author: Go Ask Alice, by Beatrice Sparks
Food: Sushi
Holiday: Christmas
Class: My favorite class is Nutrition and Wellness with Mrs. Derby because I get to learn new recipes and it's a lot of fun

Lunch Menu

Thursday, February 15:

Home-style tater hot dish with a dinner roll or cheeseburger

Friday, February 16:

Teriyaki chicken sandwich or pizza

Monday, February 19:

Home-style cheeseburger soup with a dinner roll or crispy chicken sandwich

Tuesday, February 20:

Soft shell taco or mini corn dogs

Wednesday, February 21:

Breaded beef patty with a dinner roll or chicken nuggets with a dinner roll

Thursday, February 22:

Epic Meltdown: nacho grilled cheese sandwich or home-style chicken ranch pasta with a dinner roll

Ready, Set, Imagine!

By: Josh Lehman

The middle school Destination Imagination team recently participated in the ICY day event. Caleb Niles, Anne Quam, Jacob Peirce, Jack Heckathorn, Patrick Kastning, and Abby Olson represented Elk Point-Jefferson Middle School. Several students from the elementary went as well. The ICY day event was an instant challenge day. This means they gave the teams a situation, and the students had to use improv to solve the problem. Chal-

lenges ranged from having to build something to acting out a five-minute play. Abby Olson, a member of the middle school Destination Imagination team, had this to say, "We had a great time at the event and are super excited for our first competition. DI is one of my favorite things to be in and I wish it got more recognition." The DI team has several more competitions ahead. EPJ thanks Tri Valley for hosting the ICY day event, and wishes our DI team the best of luck in their next competitions.

Middle School Student of the Month

By: Meghan Brewer

Two students have been chosen as the middle school students of the month. This month, they are Addison Butler and Ashlee Faust. Addison Butler is the daughter of Robert Butler and Amy Butler. She has two siblings: Seth and Kylie. Addison participates in many school activities. She is involved in basketball, softball, volleyball, golf, band, jazz band, and vocal. Outside of school, Addison enjoys hanging out with her friends and spending time with her niece. She loves to play the saxophone and participate in sports. Addison has experience in babysitting, as well as lending a helping hand at a local café. Addison said her parents are her role models because they helped make her the person she is today. She said that the thing she enjoys most about EPJ Middle School is being with her friends while at school.

Ashlee Faust is the daughter of Brent Faust and Eva Olson.



She has four siblings: Elizabeth, Alexis, Callie, and Eliza. Ashlee is on the PowerPoint committee at school. Her interests include reading, listening to music, and watching movies. Ashlee said her role models are her mom and her big sister Alexis. When asked what she enjoys the most about EPJ Middle School, Ashlee said, "The teachers are really nice and take a little time to get to know you! They believe in you and try to get you to put your best foot forward." Congratulations to Addison Butler and Ashlee Faust on this accomplishment!

Watch Out, Jazz Is Back

By: Jordan VonSeggern

Jazz night was held on February 6th, 2018, this year in the Elk Point-Jefferson middle school gym. The concert festivities included a performance from the middle school jazz band, the high school jazz band, and the show choir's competition set. The middle school jazz band is comprised of twelve members ranging from sixth through eighth grade, with Chance Forna, Claire LaFerrier, Addison Butler, Jacob Peirce, and Izzy Curry soloing throughout the songs "Cruisin'," "Lil' Darlin,'" and "Rock this Town." The middle school and high school jazz bands combined for "Synonymic Bossa" with Josh Lehman and Addison Butler soloing in the piece. The high school jazz band

includes twenty-one members with Sydney Bosquet, Emma Prouty, and Emma Robinson soloing throughout "Bumper to Bumper," "All Blues," and "Will You Walk with Me?" The finale of the concert featured James Miller singing "Mack the Knife" with the jazz band. The high school and middle school jazz bands collaborated for a combined piece after the middle school finished playing their three pieces. The show choir performed their set entitled "Run Away with Me" after the middle school jazz band's performance which included six songs and a fun variety of dancing and singing. Morgan Swanson, James Miller, and Eric Nelson soloed throughout the show choir set. The show choir will be performing this set at their remaining competitions.

Husky Happenings

Thursday, February 15:

- 6:00 Science Fair

Friday, February 16:

- 5:00 After Prom Tailgate Supper
- Basketball Double Header with Tea

Saturday, February 17:

- Girls Edgar's Basketball Tournament
- 9:00 8th Grade Boys Basketball Conference Tournament at Canton
- 9:00 7th Grade Boys Basketball Conference Tournament at Lennox
- 10:00 Varsity Region Wrestling at McCook Central High School

Monday, February 19:

- 4:30 7th and 8th Grade Boys Basketball with Canton
- High School Boys Basketball with West Central

Tuesday, February 20:

- 7:00 Girls Varsity Region, Location TBD

Thursday, February 22:

- 7:00 Girls Varsity Region, Location TBD



Happy Valentine's Day!



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