

Charger Students of the Month – March, 2010

Kayla Bess was selected as the female Charger of the Month for March. Kayla is the senior daughter of Bill Bess of Gleneden Beach, Oregon and John and Malinda Melcher of Basco. At Illini West Kayla is a member of the Band, Dance Team, Drama Club, early morning Chorus, FBLA, Math Team, National Honor Society, Quiz Bowl, SADD and Student Council. During this school year, Kayla was named an Illinois State Scholar and was a member of the West Central Conference Band. As a junior, Kayla was a member of the Youth Leadership Academy. Away from school, Kayla is a member of the Carthage Presbyterian Church and the church choir. Kayla is also a member of Girl Scout Troop #5054 and has received the Girl Scout Silver Award. Kayla's future plans include attending Illinois Wesleyan University, majoring in pre-medicine.

Joe Frakes was selected as the male Charger of the Month for March. Joe is the sophomore son of Keith and Beverly Frakes of Carthage. While a student at Illini West, Joe has been a member of FFA, International Club, Key Club and the musical production. As a freshman, Joe received the Greenhand Degree in FFA. Joe will be attending the Illinois Electric and Telephone Cooperative Youth Day in April in Springfield. Away from school, Joe is a member of the Mt. Pleasant Christian Church where he is an active deacon and participates in the Christmas and VBS programs. Joe's future plans include attending a two year college and then transferring to a four year university with an undecided major. Joe would also like to pursue flying and obtain a pilot's license.