The Cozad Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks Lodge, Number 2250 has selected Lexington's Mackenzie McKeone and Rachel Jack of Eustis/Farnam as the recipients of the Elks Teens of the Month honors.

The pair of students have maintained superior academic portfolios at Lexington and Eustis/Farnam throughout their high school careers.

Mackenzie is the daughter of Tod and Michele McKeone. McKeone maintains a 4.34 GPA at Lexington High School. She has been a honor roll student throughout her high school years, Freshman through Senior year.

Being very active in extracurricular activities keeps the schedule very full for Mackenzie. She has been a member of the Softball, Basketball and Track teams since her freshman year and has earned letterwinner status as a varsity contributor throughout her storied athletic career as a Minutemaid. In 2011, McKeone was named to the GNAC Basketball All-Tournament team and was honored as a member of the GNAC All-Academic Team in 2012 and 2013. As a result of her accolades in athletics, Mackenzie was inducted into the L-Club as a freshman and has been a member for the past four years. Doing her best to promote school spirit, McKeone has been a member of the Pep Club since her freshman year.

Shining in the fine arts has been a mainstay on Mackenzie McKeone's schedule, as she has been a member of the Lexington High School Marching Band all four years of high school and has been a three year standout on the Lexington High Flag Corp. As a result of her involvement in numerous school activities while maintaining a high level of excellence in the classroom, Mackenzie was inducted into the Lexington High School National Honor Society her Junior year and is currently still a member of the elite group.

Along with her very busy schedule, McKeone also makes times to volunteer throughout the Plum Creek City. She has helped out at the Lexington Blood Mobiles, Meals on Wheels and numerous activities hosted by the YMCA.

"Fun loving and gregarious, Mackenzie exhibits an inclusive attitude in the classroom and on the playing field, as she is sensitive to others needs and responds accordingly," expressed Lexington teacher/coach Sam Jilka. "Her embracing smile and energizing laughter is a gift she shares, touching the heart of people in establishing relationships. The maturity and healthy sense of self that she displays are equally impressive."

Rachel Jack is the daughter of Rod and Janelle Jack. Rachel has an impressive 92.6 GPA at Eustis/Farnam High School. She has been an honor roll student throughout her high school campaign in Eustis.

Rachel Jack is currently the Senior class Vice President at Eustis/Farnam that has been in leadership roles throughout her tenure. She was inducted into the National Honor Society in 2012 and has continued to exceed the elite requirements to be a member of the elite group.

Jack has been active in Volleyball, Track and Softball during her years as a Eustis/Farnam student.

Where Rachel Jack stands out the most is in the extracurricular activities such as quiz bowl, speech and mock trial. In speech, Jack competes in Extemporaneous Speaking and is a member of the Eustis/Farnam Oral Interpretation of Drama (OID) team. Rachel is a two-time qualifier for the State Speech Meet and a three-year letterwinner.

She was a lawyer in 2012 on the award-winning E/F Mock Trial team. Stepping into the limelight, Rachel has been involved in the Eustis/ Farnam Play Production as an actress all four years of high school. She earned outstanding performer honors in 2013 as a member of the Spring Play in Eustis.

Finding time during her busy schedule, Rachel Jack has been a member throughout her prep years as a: L.Y.C.E., Luther League and Legion Auxiliary member. She is also deeply involved in 4H.

"Rachel consistently goes above and beyond to challenge herself and be an active member of our school," stated Eustis/Farnam teacher Kandra Auwerda. "She always has a positive attitude in everything she does. I wish I had more students with her work ethic and dedication."