



NH Hosts Breakfast for New Students



Sophomore John Schuh (left) and Junior Cody Reed (right) welcome new student Ahmari Hansen at the Natural Helpers' breakfast.

By: Heaven Zevenbergen

Natural Helpers provided a breakfast for all new high school students during the first full week of school. On Wednesday, August 29, the group offered food and a good start to the morning to make sure all new students were getting to know the school and their classmates. The goal was to make sure all new students were feeling comfortable with their new environment at Elk Point-Jefferson school.

Natural Helpers, formed in 2008, is a group whose overall mission is to help those in the school and community and to help provide a safe environment for all. In the past, the group has assembled semester exam care packages, helped with the community's Friends Feast, taught lessons to middle school students on subjects such as tobacco use and bullying, and raised money for

various people and foundations.

The team's leader, Mrs. Christine McMeekin, says, "This year, we're trying to do a better job of advertising who we are and who is in the group so that people know who to turn to for help. The Natural Helpers really want people to become comfortable and build a kind, caring school environment." This school year, the Natural Helpers will be heard and seen more often than before to let students know that there is always someone who cares about them and is willing to help.

This year's Natural Helpers team consists of seniors Taylor Donnelly and Matt Lehman; juniors Cody Reed, Heaven Zevenbergen, Conner Kneip, and Amy Zeller; sophomores Bobby Ortiz, John Schuh, Maria Corio, and Katherine Giorgio; and freshmen Tristen Gill, Keegan Mahin, Alicia Nelson, Keegan Donelan, and Payton Donnelly.

Homecoming 2012: The Husky Circus is in Town

By: Alex Lawler

It's the time of year when school children get to dress up and parade around for candy and prizes. No, not Halloween—it's Homecoming! With a theme of *A Three-Ring Homecoming*, the school is hoping to bring in a swarm of happy spectators.

Throughout homecoming week, EPJ sponsored its traditional dress-up days. Monday was Circus Performer Day. Students were encouraged to come dressed as anyone you might find performing in a circus. Tuesday was Clown Day. All clowns were welcome to attend! Wednesday, students could dazzle for Star of the Show Day, dressed as movie stars, famous athletes, heroes, and more. Thursday was the annual Class Color Day. Seniors wore black, juniors wore pink, sophomores wore orange and freshman wore red. Middle school students wore their home room T-shirts, and elementary wore blue. Teachers were encouraged to wear the color of the class they represent. Thursday afternoon brought the Picnic in the Park for high school students (cost of \$2) and the High School Talent Show from 1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Thursday night is Coronation at 7:00 in the middle school gym-

nasium, where the Homecoming King and Queen will be crowned. Freshmen royalty attendants are Payton Donnelly and Jared Hueser. Sophomore royalty includes Maria Corio and John Schuh. Junior royalty consists of Keely Bertram, Cody Reed, Amy Zeller, and Alex McLaury. Senior royalty includes Kelsey Abbey, Blake Donnelly, Haylee Erickson, Bryce Kelly, Caitlin Davis, Dakota Navrkal, Katie Zeller, and Matthew Lehman. First grade royalty attendants are Madison Buenger, Aiden Zach, Sarah Ambrose, Jacob Gale, Aynslee Goetzinger, and Kaleb Lane.

Friday is Husky Spirit Day. All students and staff are encouraged to wear school colors of blue, black, and silver. Both middle and high school students will be constructing and decorating floats during the morning in preparation for judging prior to the parade, which begins at 1:00 P.M. This year, the parade will be led by Parade Marshals John Curry and Bob Schmitz.

The Homecoming football game against Platte-Geddes will start at 7:00 P.M. To end the festivities, there will be a High School Homecoming Dance Saturday night from 8:30-11:30 P.M. in the high school commons area.

The Husky: Bigger and Better



Husky staff members include back row (L-R) Jenny Dailey, Denielle Minor, Stacie McLaury, Amy Zeller, Matt Lehman, Alex Lawler, Kelley Jorgensen. Front row Cheyenne Steemken, Heaven Zevenbergen, Angelica Perez, Maria Corio, Conner Kneip, Taylor Donnelly, Patty Miller.

It's back, it's bigger, and it has great stories. What is it? The Elk Point-Jefferson High School newspaper. EPJ newspaper staff has begun the school year on a positive and promising note. With an extended slot in the paper, the team is ready to work. The advisor for the program is Lori Hawley. Co-editors are seniors Taylor Donnelly and Matthew Lehman. The rest of the members are split up into two teams. Every week the teams rotate so that everyone has a chance to participate. Each person provides a different contribution to the team. The layout and design technicians include Conner Kneip, Amy Zeller, Stacie McLaury, and Angelica Perez. Photographers are Kelley Jorgensen and Jenny Dailey. Finally, reporters/writers include Alex Lawler, Patty Miller, Cheyenne Steemken, Maria Corio, Denielle Minor, and Heaven Zevenbergen.

Senior Spotlights

This week our spotlights shine on Matthew Erick Lehman and Taylor Christine Donnelly. Matthew and Taylor are two of the 65 talented seniors who will graduate this May. EPJ wishes both Matthew and Taylor a bright future filled with opportunities.



Matthew Lehman

Parents: Jefferson and Kristi Lehman

Sibling: Joshua

Birthday: November 12, 1994

Favorite Quote: "The more you sweat in practice, the less you bleed in battle." - Armed Forces Motto

Future Plans: I want to join the South Dakota National Guard and attend USD for advertising or contemporary media.

High School Activities: Cross Country, Jazz Band, Pep Band, Co-editor of the Husky

Role Models: my dad, JFK, and Martin Luther King, Jr.

Movie: Batman movies - all of them! and *The Avengers*

TV Show: *Teen Titans* and *Samurai Jack*

Book: *Boot Camp* by Todd Strasser

Food: pizza with pepperoni and green olives

HS Classes: Band and Spanish

Song/Artist: "Good Old-fashioned Lover Boy" - Queen

Little-known fact about you: I lived in Japan when I was very young.

Famous-person Crush: Anne Hathaway as Catwoman

Place you have always wanted to visit: I want to visit Spain or go back to Japan for a visit.

Advice for Underclassmen: If you're going to play an instrument in band, play trombone!

Favorite School Memory: winning a signed picture of Hines Ward in 5th Grade

Superhero: BATMAN!

Sports Team: Pittsburgh Steelers

Hobbies: fencing, listening to Elvis music, collecting comics, playing video games



Taylor Donnelly

Parents: Chuck and Lori Donnelly

Siblings: Jenna, Kylee, and Jill

Birthday: July 28, 1994

Favorite Quote: "Dream what you want to dream, go where you want to go, be what you want to be, because you have only one life and one chance to do all the things you want to do."

Future Plans: major in dietetics at an out-of-state school

High School Activities: Cross Country, Dance, Cheerleading, Musical/Play, Newspaper, Show Choir, All-State Chorus

Role Model: my sister Jenna because she has an amazing heart, has always made mature decisions, and is my best friend

Little-known fact about you: I never crawled as a baby. I went from scooting to walking.

Famous-person Crush: Chris Pine

If you could be any age forever, what age would it be? 29, because you're not 30 yet.

You're more mature than you were in your early 20's, but you still know how to have fun.

Advice for Underclassmen: Don't make it a goal to be popular. Be there for anyone in need and you'll make some amazing, true friends. And smile...school isn't that bad!

Favorite School Memory: Cross country--being cheerleaders with my running buddies at State Cross Country, sword fighting with Stacie at meets, and eating everything possible with the team after a hard practice.

Superhero: Catwoman

Sports Team: Broncos!

Husky Events This Week

Thursday (9/13):	7/8 Volleyball w/Akron-Westfield 4:00 7/8 Football @ Akron-Westfield 4:30 Homecoming Coronation 7:00
Friday (9/14):	Homecoming Parade 1:00 Football with Platte/Geddes 7:00
Saturday (9/15):	Homecoming Dance 8:30
Monday (9/17):	BSC Golf @ SF Christian 9:00 X-Country @ Alcester-Hudson 4:00 7/8 Football w/SF Christian 4:00 Volleyball @ Tea 5:00 JV Football w/Lawton-Bronson 6:30
Tuesday (9/18):	7/8 Volleyball w/Beresford 4:00 Volleyball w/Beresford 5:00