



## Hats "On" for Peyton



Winners of Heavenly Hat Contest (L-R) Athena Love, Emily Peirce, and Mariah Heckathorn.

By: Heaven Zevenbergen

Students of Elk Point-Jefferson's Middle School hosted a Heavenly Hat Day fundraiser for Payton Hand, a young leukemia survivor. The event was held on Thursday, October 18. In order to wear a hat to school on this day, students had to pay \$1. Students were also allowed to bring their own beverages or snacks on Heavenly Hat Day for the cost of \$1 each. All of the money was donated to help Payton and her family.

When students wore a hat, they had the chance to compete in the Heavenly Hat Day competition. The competition consisted of three categories: Classy, Funny, and Unique. Each winner of these three categories received a \$5 gift certificate to Edgar's.

Winner of the title Most Classy Hat was Mariah Heckathorn. The Funny category was won by Emily Peirce. Athena Love took the prize for Unique hat.

Behind all of the fun and games of this dress-up day, there

was a deeper purpose that the students of the middle school were focusing on. Payton Hand is the 12 year old daughter of former EPJ student Amy Wohler. Payton was diagnosed with Philadelphia Chromosome Leukemia on February 10, 2011. After being given a discouraging prognosis, Payton fought back and overcame the odds. As of September 4, 2012, she is officially on the road to recovery. She is now moved in to the Ronald McDonald House where she continues to fight the constant side effects from the many treatments she has had to go through.

All of the students who participated in Heavenly Hat Day helped Payton and her family in the recovery of possibly the greatest battle of their lives. Students had the opportunity to partake in a fun-filled day while knowing they were helping and supporting a strong, young girl who has been on the journey of her lifetime and finally made it through.

### Husky Events This Week

- Thursday (10/25): Teacher In-service - 12:30 dismissal  
Volleyball at Vermillion 5:00
- Friday (10/26): Grades 6-8 Halloween Dance 7:00-10:00  
All State Chorus in Rapid City
- Saturday (10/27): All State Chorus in Rapid City  
Elementary Honor Choir in Rapid City
- Tuesday (10/30): Volleyball Districts 5:00

## Swabbing for Safety

By: Alex Lawler

The Masons based in Elk Point recently provided a great opportunity in security for local parents and their children. During the October 15 and 16 parent/teacher conferences from 4:00-8:00 P.M., parents were welcome to bring their children to the lunch room area to receive their own identification cards.

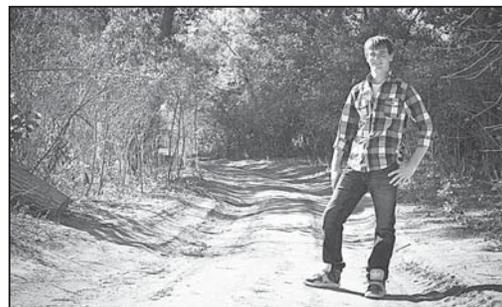
With volunteer help from high school students, the child had his or her basic information such as name and address formatted to a small card, and more personal identifying details including the names of friends and other facts were burned onto a disc for the parents to keep. Fingerprints

were also scanned and imprinted on the card. If a child were to go missing or become lost, the disc could be given to the police for help with identifying children and issuing Amber Alerts.

After the cards were made, there were also qualified volunteers that took dry DNA samples such as hair follicles for the record. With the Elk Point Masons running the process and senior Joshua Dossdall setting up and running the equipment, things ran smoothly and parents were given peace of mind. Other high school students assisted, including sophomore Meghan Schenk, who said that "it was cool to work with the newer technology, and nice to help out."

## Senior Spotlights

This week our spotlights shine on Trevor Scott Heeren and Drew Thomas Koontz. Trevor and Drew are two of the 65 talented seniors who will graduate this May. EPJ wishes both Trevor and Drew a bright future filled with opportunities.



### Trevor Heeren

**Parents:** Scott and Penny Heeren  
**Sibling:** Josie  
**Birthdate:** May 12, 1995  
**Future Plans:** Iowa Army National Guard as a Black Hawk Mechanic; I plan to do ROTC at BHSU  
**HS Activities:** cross country and track  
**Little-known Fact about Me:** I have never seen *Titanic*.  
**Famous-person Crush:** Andrea Russet  
**Role Model:** my grandpa Kenny Beller  
**I've Always Wanted to Visit:** Australia -- to see the wildlife and to swim in the ocean  
**Age I'd Love to be Forever:** 17. Senior year is easy and fun. Life is easy until next year.

**Advice for Underclassmen:** On your way to lunch, stay out of the upperclassmen's way.  
**FAVORITES:**  
**Quote:** "Be who you are and say what you feel, because those who mind don't matter, and those who matter don't mind."  
 -Dr. Seuss  
**School Memory:** The Thursday before every homecoming, going out to the park is always a blast.  
**Movie:** *Project X*  
**TV Show:** *The Inbetweeners*  
**Food:** hot wings  
**HS Class:** Anything with Mr. Nolz  
**Song/Artist:** Tyga, B.o.B., Hoodie Allen  
**Sports Team:** The Steelers

## 2014 East Coast Trip Set



Travelers on the 2012 East Coast Trip pause for a moment at the Iwo Jima Memorial.

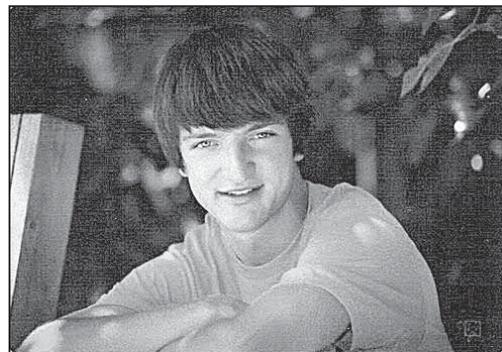
The memories of the 2012 East Coast Trip linger while plans are being made for the 2014 trip. A meeting for interested sixth through twelfth graders and interested adults is set for Monday, November 5, in the high school vocal room at 7:00 P.M. Once again the trip will begin in Washington, D.C., before heading to Philadelphia and New York City. Participants pay for their own trips. Money from fundraisers is used to pay for bus transportation to the airport as well as night's lodging and supper prior to the trip. Any leftover funds are given to students to help pay for their lunches. If you have any questions, please contact Patty Skinner, trip coordinator, at 356-2674 or muppet@iw.net.

## EPJ Volleyball Players of Tomorrow



Little Huskies Camp participants pose after a fun day of learning fundamental skills

Elk Point-Jefferson high school volleyball players lent a hand to younger players as they successfully hosted their annual Little Huskies Volleyball Camp on Monday, October 8. The camp is meant to develop the volleyball skills for the future players of EPJ. Coach Aubrey Helling directed the camp with the assistance of the current high school players. The morning session started at 9:00 with grades ranging from 4<sup>th</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup>. The first session mostly introduced the fundamental skills of volleyball like passing, setting, serving, and spiking. Starting at noon, the afternoon session extended the same fundamental skills. The second session was open for the junior high volleyball players in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades. Finally, no camp would be complete without the addition of a few fun games. In total, 57 girls attended the camp, and each participant received a t-shirt for her involvement.



### Drew Koontz

**Parents:** Bill and Kelly Koontz and Dianna Koontz  
**Siblings:** Tyler, Trevor, and Olivia  
**Birthdate:** January 5, 1995  
**Future Plans:** Air Force/BHSU  
**HS Activities:** show choir, hockey for Sioux City Metros  
**Role Model:** my dad  
**Hobbies:** gaming and having fun  
**I've Always Wanted to Visit:** Alaska  
**Advice for Underclassmen:** Have fun! These four years go by fast.

**FAVORITES:**  
**Quote:** "You miss 100% of the shots you don't take."  
 -Wayne Gretzky  
**School Memory:** going to state for hockey in junior year  
**TV Show:** *The Walking Dead*  
**Song/Artist:** Jason Aldean  
**School Lunch:** chicken fried steak  
**Holiday:** Thanksgiving  
**Class:** Nutrition and Wellness  
**Color:** Blue