



## Student of the Month



By: Karson Hall

Each month the EPJ staff chooses a senior to be named "Student of the Month." The students that are chosen are very involved inside and outside the school walls. This month, the staff chose Elsie Aslesen.

Aslesen is involved in many extracurricular activities. She starts for the girls' basketball team and runs track. Aslesen is also the senior class secretary in student council, and she is in the National Honor Society. Aslesen is also the editor of the yearbook. During all this, she also takes time to mentor freshmen on how to be successful in high school.

Aslesen excels in

all the activities that she is involved in. Throughout the course of her high school career, she has lettered in basketball, track and field, student council, National Honors Society, band, and vocal.

School is also a priority for Aslesen. Her hard work has paid off. She's been on "A" honor roll and receives honor study hall. Aslesen has also earned an academic letter every year.

Aslesen spends most of her free time playing basketball and hanging out with her friends and family.

After high school, Aslesen plans on attending Concordia to major in Biology and play on the basketball team. EPJ wishes Elsie the best of luck!

## Meeting with the Mentors

By: Jill Donnelly

A student's freshman year is often filled with many ups, downs, and new experiences. The transition between middle school and high school can be tough and intimidating. Luckily, high school counselor, Mrs. McMeekin, has set up a mentor program for these freshmen.

Twelve upperclassmen have volunteered to be mentors for the freshman. One or two mentors were assigned to a group of freshmen from a particular homeroom. The freshmen and their mentor meet during homeroom twice a month to discuss a topic that Mrs. McMeekin has assigned. These topics cover some of the most common problems that freshmen have. Throughout this semester some of the topics will include: dealing with stress, studying for semester tests, and talking to teachers.

The objective of the freshman mentor program goes beyond informing the freshmen about the basics of high school, though. The mentors should be role models, and the mentees should see their mentor as someone they could go to if they needed help. Mentors encourage the young students to be themselves and to not be afraid of what others think of them.

So far this year, the program has been a success. Mrs. McMeekin describes what success means to her: "As long as we help just one student, that is a success." Hopefully this rewarding program will continue to help students in the years to come.

## Marching Down Main

By: Josh Lehman

The EPJ band marched in the Dakota Days Parade on October 7th. Bands from all over the region, including the USD marching band, performed.

The band is led by Mr. Schmeling, who has been teaching band at EPJ for over seven years. Brianna Chicoine kept the band in step and moving as the band's drum major. The band played two songs, "Burn," by Ellie Goulding and "Vehicle," by The Ides

of March. The EPJ drumline performed drum cadences between each of the songs.

As the band marched down Main Street, they made their way to the judges' table, where they would be graded and ranked on their performance. The band received 2nd overall and 2nd in their division.

Mr. Schmeling was very pleased with the band's performance, and looked forward to the next competition at SDSU's Hobo Days. To improve the band's performance

at the next competition, Mr. Schmeling implemented more movement to the song "Burn" to complement the band's sound.

Congratulations to the EPJ Marching Band for an outstanding performance.

## Saving the Soles

By: Noah VonSeggern

For many years now, the Elk Point-Jefferson National Honor Society has been collecting pairs of shoes during this time of the year. The shoes collected between October 9 through October 25 will be given to people in need.

The Soles4Souls organization is driven by the desire to put shoes on those who don't have any. Soles4Souls is located in Nashville, Tennessee, and has distribution centers located around the country. Soles4Souls has delivered shoes to over 300 million people around the world. Cur-

rently, Soles4Souls is running a campaign to aid those in the path of the recent devastating hurricanes both in the United States and in other countries.

EPJ National Honors Society is always striving to better the community, and partnering with Sole4Souls is one way they can accomplish that goal. In an effort to collect as many shoes as possible, NHS is awarding the homeroom with the most pairs of shoes with a breakfast pizza. Shoes are also being collected in the elementary and middle school.

This collection goes beyond the school, though. Drop-off boxes have been

placed in churches and daycares in both Elk Point and Jefferson. This is a great opportunity to clean out your closets and give your unworn or lightly used shoes a new life. Any donation would be much appreciated.

## Husky Pups are Howling

By: Kelsie Olson



The week of October 9th, the Elk Point-Jefferson football cheerleaders--Deidre Cross, Morgan Swanson, Kacie Stepp, Elisabeth Peirce, Abaiah Zevenbergen, Zariah Zevenbergen, Ann Petra, and Jess Huber--put on a Little Huskies Cheer camp for the junior kindergarten through 6th grade students.

This cheer camp is one of the two or three that the

cheerleaders hold each year. The kids are taught cheers that they can use at school events and games. The cheerleaders split off into groups to teach their own group of kids and teach them cheers. They also get to play introductory games to get to know each other.

The camp is a great opportunity for the kids and the cheerleaders to learn leadership skills. They have opportunities to be more social and get closer to the

kids they don't talk to a lot.

When they aren't learning cheers. They get to play games and do a craft. Last year, the cheerleaders helped the kids make personalized megaphones.

The kids show off what they learned at a football game at the end of the camp. They performed last Friday at the last home game against the Vermillion Tangers.

### Lunch Menu

**Thursday, Oct. 19:**  
Taco Burger or Pizza

**Friday, Oct. 20:**  
No school

**Monday, Oct. 23:**  
Orange Chicken over Rice or BBQ Rib Sandwich

**Tuesday, Oct. 24:**  
Super Nachos or Grilled Chicken Sandwich

**Wednesday, Oct. 25:**  
Italian Dunkers with Marinara Sauce or Cheeseburger

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### Husky Happenings

**Thursday, Oct. 19:**  
Football playoff game at Sioux Valley 7:00

**Friday, Oct. 20:**  
No school  
Volleyball with Madison 7:30

**Saturday, Oct. 21:**  
State Cross Country in Rapid City  
Fall Festival Prom Fundraiser at Jefferson City Park 3-8pm

**Monday, Oct. 23:**  
All Choir Concert in MS gym at 7:00

**Tuesday, Oct. 24:**  
6th grade basketball in MS gym at 6:00  
Volleyball with Flandreau Indian at 7:30