

TRIM LINE



Christian Grashorn (12)

Grashorn helps in an assembly line to pack senior boxes for the elderly in the community.



Cutler McArthur (11)

"I believe it's an amazing way to help the community! It helps people in hunger and contributes to the cease of poverty."



Alexander Loyd (12)

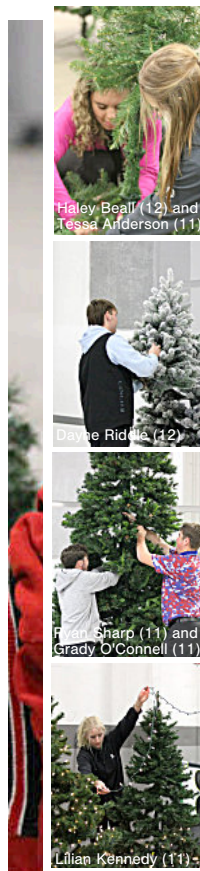
"My takeaway from this opportunity was to appreciate what I have. I believe it is beneficial because it gives food to the less fortunate."



Isabelle Mellman (12)

"I love the Food Bank and want to go back again. I've also missed going, as my family and I went a lot during COVID."

Volunteer work is the heart of NHS, from working at the Weld County Food Bank, playing with little kids, to even making hearts for Valentine's day; each individual has to volunteer their own time to make the effort. On December 4, 2024, NHS took a field trip to Island Grove to help a local organization set up for an event. Members set up Christmas trees and strung lights. This volunteer activity benefited a local organization who was holding an event for foster children in Weld County. Junior Evelyn Gavette said her favorite part of the field trip was, "Getting to help other people enjoy the Christmas spirit," and that it, "Took a lot of time and work but overall it was good, since it helped people enjoy Christmas." Many members of NHS described the field trip as a nice way to help the community, which has always been and always will be, the main goal of the program as a whole.



FOSTER TREES

ACTIVITIES



Wreaths Across America

Members placed wreaths on Veteran graves on December 16th, 2023.



Setting Up Christmas Trees

Members set up and decorated Christmas for a local organization at Island Grove on December 4th, 2023.

OPERATION DROP OFF

Each holiday season, NHS wraps presents for a community effort to give to families. National Honors Society Advisor Amy Ross said, "The present wrapping is a part of Operation Drop Off, where NHS raises money to buy families in our community Christmas presents every year. This year, we focused on 15 families that could benefit from having a little extra under the tree. We bought and wrapped presents for everyone in each of the 15 families under the age of 18. This is part of our service pillar for NHS."



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Bagging and Sorting

Juniors Lilian Kennedy, Evelyn Gavette, Kaylee Staudinger, and Mackinze Hays bag and sort sweet potatoes.



Stocking the Carts

Juniors Dayne Riddle, Grady O'Connell and Tessa Anderson smile as they stock shopping carts at the Food Bank.



Evelyn South (10)

"At the Weld County Food Bank, I enjoyed knowing that the work I was doing was going to be used to benefit those in need."



Callie Wakkinen (10)

"The Food Bank is always such a great experience and I think it really helps the community."



Juniors Catherine Montague, Cornella Brown and Mackinze Hays
Tree photos by Lila De Jager



Taylor Wiedeman (12) and Evelyn Gavette (11)



Fun With Festivities

Sophomores Brooklyn Tribbett and Chloe Crider laugh as the tree they are setting up tips to the side. When asked what her favorite part about this volunteer opportunity was, Crider said, "My favorite part would have to be seeing everyone working together to set up all the Christmas trees. One specific moment is when Brooklyn and I died laughing because we couldn't figure out how to put the Christmas tree together." Overall, Crider described the experience as meaningful and a very good way to help the local organization. Having fun while helping is definitely a plus when it comes to volunteering.

RECESS WITH THE LITTLES

A NEW FRIEND

Many describe playing with kids as fun and enjoyable, however teens hanging out with kids can also have different positive effects. Junior Zoe Hamilton believes, "That spending time with the younger generation is extremely important because I don't think they get as much attention as we did when we were younger. A lot of kids in the younger generation were given a phone or iPad to look at and are used to watching TV constantly so I don't think they had the kind of human interaction that we had." This positive impact on children is why NHS visits the elementary schools, they become a healthy role model to these kids.



Kaylee Staudinger (10)



Madison Crider (12)



Seniors Christian Grashorn, Alexander Loyd, and Jackson Tribbett



Sophomores Evelyn South and Aya Kinoshita

Kiauna Smith (11)

"My favorite part about playing with the kids was the nostalgia and memories that came back from when my friends and I used to play the same games. I had a lot of fun playing with the elementary kids because their imaginations have few limitations so they can come up with fun games out of thin air."



Juniors Zoe Hamilton and Kiauna Smith



Haley Beall (12)

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