

Coming to America

A new student gets to experience school in a different country

Sitting at a football game, having multiple variations of Philadelphia Cream Cheese at the store, and listening to our history teachers speak English are all things most students at Fairbury are used to. For one student this year this is all new.

Exchange student, Linda Krumme, attends American History, Chemistry, Algebra II, and English. She says her favorite class is Algebra II. Along with her required supplies for each class she carries her translation book to each block.

"I've never been to a football game before," Krumme said this when listening to a group of peers talking about how excited they were for the first home game. This changed when her host parents took her to a Huskers game in Lincoln at

Memorial Stadium. "It was amazing to see all the people, so many and so crazy," she said.

Football isn't the only thing that has amazed Krumme. "You have so many flavors of Philadelphia (cream cheese); there is vegetable, strawberry, chocolate and so many more. We just have original. Pringles here have so many more colors too, we only have red, green, and black," she said. These were things she noticed while walking through the grocery store.

Krumme plays on the volleyball team. She doesn't play sports in Germany, but decided to try it here. She picked the number 13 because of a famous soccer player in Germany, Michael Ballack, with the same number.

Krumme's favorite color is blue,

she likes vanilla ice cream, and she plays the flute. She lives in Porta Wesfalica, Germany; but has been to Spain, France, Austria, Switzerland, Luxemburg, and now America. She speaks German, Latin, and English.

"You speak so fast and use so many words I don't know," she said. This is what she says is the hardest part of speaking English.

Krumme still has a lot of things to learn and experience while staying in America. She hopes to have fun and make some great friends. No matter how much she gets to do this will be a once-in-a-lifetime event.

- Jo Shinn



Linda Krumme, the foreign exchange student from Germany, is amazed by the football games and the cream cheese variety here in Fairbury. /katie ehle

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