



The Eagle's Wing

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STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Getting to Know Mr. Seid



Photo by Desirae Hesseltine

By Desirae Hesseltine

The beginning of this school year brought a new principal to Keota Jr./Sr. High School, and he has big dreams for our future.

Fifteen years ago, Mr. Steve Seid became a principal. After teaching for four years, he wanted to get a larger perspective on education and the process. Also, he wanted to have a greater potential of making a positive impact on teaching and learning.

"My greatest inspiration was my junior high principal," Mr. Seid said. "He was a good role model and encouraged me to become what I am today."

Mr. Seid's educational background is impressive, including an undergraduate degree from Simpson College and his Master's and Specialist's degrees from Drake University. Before coming to Keota, Mr. Seid was an Interim Superintendent at Clarke Community School District in Osceola.

Looking back on his high school career, Mr. Seid describes himself in one word: "involved." He was involved in baseball, basketball, and track. An interesting fact about him that many may not know is that he ran in the Drake Relays in college.

When asked what he thought about his high school teachers, Mr. Seid said, "Looking back, they had a bigger impact on building my future than I realized at the time."

When asked what his primary goal is for Keota, he said, "For every student to reach their academic and social potential." In addition, he would like to see Keota become a model school district, one in which other schools look up to and want to come to for their education.

Mr. Seid says he has enjoyed being in the classrooms most so far at KHS, because he still considers himself a teacher and he enjoys watching student-teacher interactions. His least favorite thing so far is the amount of study halls. "I wish we had fewer," he said.

If he could change anything about his job, it would be to be in his office as much as he finds necessary and to be in the classrooms even more. He describes his administrative style as "collaborative and approachable."

Mr. Seid plans on getting to know the Keota community by meeting with parents, community leaders, and community members. During the week, he lives in Keota, but on the weekends and holidays he goes back to Des Moines. He has four children and is also a grandpa.

Overall, Mr. Seid is really proud to be here and is looking forward to a great school year. "The students and staff are exceptional," he said.

Senior Spotlight: Shannon Strives For Excellence



By Justin Hultman

Shannon Deane Kelley was born on October 7, 1994, to Mike and Diane Kelley. She received her favorite birthday present on her fourth birthday when her brother, Cullen Kelley, joined the family. Her favorite thing to do is play video games with Cullen.

Shannon's favorite family activity is during the holidays, when she gets to see all three sides of her grandparents. Mike Kelley, her father, is who she admires the most, because "he will do anything to make me happy," Shannon says with a smile.

As a child, Shannon imagined herself as a model or a C.S.I. investigator. The two words that Shannon thinks fit her best are eccentric and compassionate. She says graduating high school will be her biggest accomplishment thus far.

While attending Keota High School, Shannon has participated in cheerleading, yearbook, and volleyball. "Honestly, I'm more into music than athletics," she stated.

Her favorite class in high school

was Mrs. Knutson's parenting class, because "it taught me skills that I can apply later on in life." Her hobbies include some of the skills she learned while taking Mrs. Knutson's classes, including sewing and making blankets. She also enjoys writing, "chilling," and "going out" in her free time.

When asked what she will miss most about KHS, Shannon responded, "I will miss Brittney Weber, Hannah Hopp, Jasmine Schutte, and Jazmyn Holderness."

"I will also miss many of the teachers, especially Mr. and Mrs. Snakenberg, Mrs. Conrad, Mrs. Detwiler, Mrs. Baker, and Mrs. Knutson," she said.

Shannon is looking forward to a bright future ahead. Ten years from now, she hopes to be married with kids, working as a nurse, have her own photography business, and living in a nice house.

In order to make these dreams



come true, she plans to attend either Kirkwood Community College or Indian Hills Community College next fall for nursing and photography.

We wish Shannon the best of luck in her future endeavors.

FALL PLAY

Tickets Available for One Act Plays

"Maid to Order," "Imperfect Proposal," and "Match(dot) Comedy"

Tickets are now available for Keota High School's upcoming fall play. This year's program will consist of three One Act Play performances, titled, "Maid to Order," "Imperfect Proposal," and "Match(dot) Comedy." Performances will be Thurs., Oct. 24 and Sat., Oct. 26 at 7:30 p.m. Adult tickets are \$7.00 and student tickets are \$5.00. Tickets are available at the high school office or by calling 641-636-3491.

JUNK OR JEWEL

Sloan's Mang Stang



By John Mather

This week's Junk or Jewel is Sloan Ott's 1996 Mustang GT. Sloan bought this puppy from its previous owner (Garrett "Gucci" Wright) in the summer of 2013 for a whopping \$950.

This baby has a 3.8 Liter V6 and is packing some serious muscle. Its top speed is 120 mph and he found this out when he was making his favorite memory in it, which was not getting pulled over. It has fog lights, a sweet after market radio, and a sweet sound system. Sloan says he is happy with it as long as it doesn't fall apart.

So it's time for you to decide. Is the Mang Stang Junk, or is it a Jewel?

CYM Travels to St. Louis



Photo by Emily Baetsle

CYM members who attended the summer mission trip to St. Louis were: (front row) Kelsi Sieren, Sierra Lyle, Madison Sheetz, Linda Werger, Bree Reed, Mariah Lyle, Megan Hill; (second row) Pastor Sheldon, (third row) Grace Shemanski, Raigan Sprouse, Miranda Romoser, Ryan Chalupa, Hannah Reed, Emily Baetsle; (back row) Jeff Sprouse, Ben Ahrens, Grant Hill, and John and Cindy Snediger.

By Emily Baetsle

On August 1-4, the Community Youth Ministry (CYM) took a mission trip to St. Louis, Missouri. The primary purpose of the trip was to help a local church that needed a few extra

hands.

The youth group started out at the Epiphany United Church, where they cleaned up the garden area and pulled weeds. On Saturday, they traveled to the Salvation Army to clean

their sanctuary, which included sanitizing toys and cleaning vents. They finished up by pulling more weeds and cleaning the outside of the Salvation Army facility.

On Saturday evening, the group attended a Catholic Mass at the St. Louis Basilica. Then on Sunday morning, the group attended a Sunday School for teens and ate breakfast. After Sunday school, they capped the trip off with a visit to Six Flags for the afternoon.

The CYM members who attended were: Ben Ahrens, Bree Reed, Emily Baetsle, Grace Shemanski, Grant Hill, Hannah Reed, Kelsi Sieren, Madison Sheetz, Mariah Lyle, Megan Hill, Miranda Romoser, Raigan Sprouse, Ryan Chalupa, and Sierra Lyle. The leaders were: Pastor Sheldon, Linda Werger, Jeff Sprouse, and John and Cindy Snediger.

Participants had many great things to say about the mission trip. Grant Hill said his favorite part of the trip was "seeing how much of a difference we can make in a community if we work together." Sierra Lyle said, "I thought it was a really great experience and I got to know everyone better. I like helping people in need - it was a great experience!"

The youth group is looking forward to next summer's mission trip - which is already in the planning stages.



Photo by Emily Baetsle

Mariah Lyle, Raigan Sprouse, Benny Ahrens, and Megan Hill pose for a picture after cleaning up the outside of the Salvation Army.



Photo by Emily Baetsle

Hannah Reed, Mariah Lyle, Raigan Sprouse, Jeff Sprouse, Sierra Lyle, Kelsi Sieren, and Megan Hill clean up the sidewalk at the Salvation Army in St. Louis.

SK Cheerleaders



Photo by Seeley Photography

The 2013 SK Cheerleaders are (back to front, left to right): Erin Chalupa, Madison Denny, Callie Greiner, Karah Appleget, Sydney Davis, Sierra Davis, Alison Schroeder, and Kacey Kranston. They are coached Jenny Thompson.

By Erin Chalupa

This year the SK program has an awesome group of cheerleaders supporting them! There are three seniors this year: Karah Appleget, Madison Denny, and Sydney Davis. Juniors this year are Callie Greiner and Kacey Kranston. Sierra Davis is the only sophomore, and Erin

Chalupa and Alison Schroeder are the freshmen.

These girls love to support the football players towards a victory every Friday night. They also like to keep the crowd pumped up and excited for the game.

They hope to see you all at the next football game!

Cross Country



Mallory Ladehoff, Madison Sieren and Sierra Lyle in the IMS Cross Country meet on Aug. 27.

Grant Hill, junior, runs in the IMS meet on Aug. 27.

Jason Ree, freshman, in the BGM meet Sept. 23.

Mariah Lyle, sophomore, in the IMS Cross Country meet on Aug. 27.

Gabriela Villagrana, sophomore, gives it her all at the BGM meet on Sept. 23.

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(Right) Ryan Chalupa, sophomore, runs in the IMS Cross Country meet on Aug. 27.

(Left) Emily Baetsle, senior, and Brianna Reed, junior, run alongside each other in the IMS Cross Country meet on Aug. 27.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK: What football team do you like most: Iowa, Iowa State, or UNI? By Miranda Romoser

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| <p>Ms. Hobbs, Science Teacher Iowa State, because I'm a state fan for life because I sacrificed sweat, tears, and blood for the Cardinal and Gold.</p> | <p>Emily Baetsle, 12th Iowa, because my parents are Iowa fans.</p> | <p>Maggie Baker, 11th Iowa, because my parents are Iowa alumni.</p> | <p>Ryan Chalupa, 10th — Iowa.</p> | <p>Bianca Cardona, 9th Iowa, because I like their colors.</p> | <p>Logan Sieren, 8th Iowa State, because I am planning on going to college there.</p> | <p>Addison Sprouse, 7th Iowa State, because they try and never give up.</p> |
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