



The Eagle's Wing

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KHS SPEECH

Speech Students Host Soup Supper and Festival of Trees

By Miranda Romoser
On Sat., Dec. 7, the KHS Speech Students took part in a Soup Supper and Festival of Trees at Lagos Acres. This was a fundraiser for the speech program, organized by coaches Gina Bennett and Mike McNurlen. The speech students helped out by serving and greeting those who came to help support. The trees were decorated by people in the community and parents of the speech students. The event was a success and the students appreciate everyone who came out to support them.

FFA COAT DRIVE

Donate your used coats and hoodies



Keota FFA students are holding a Coat Drive from Dec. 17-20 in the student lounge before and after school. Staff, students, and the community are invited to donate their used, clean coats and hoodies. Donations will be delivered to area children in need. As an added incentive, each item a student brings will earn them an entry into a drawing for one of three gift cards.

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BLAST FROM THE PAST

How will Seniors respond the second time around?

By Maitland Sieren

This week, we asked Seniors a question they were asked in *The Eagle's Wing* when they were in 7th grade. Let's see how their responses have changed over the years...

Katrina Weber

Q: What is your favorite reality T.V. show and why?



7th: *America's Next Top Model*, because I like Tyra and all the tall, pretty girls.

12th: *Tia and Tamera*, because I used to watch them on *Sister Sister*.



Cara's hard work will pay off in the future



By Sierra Lyle

On May 7, 1996, Cara Lynn Hahn was born to her proud parents, Matthew and Janie Hahn. Her three older siblings, Noah, Gabe, and Callie, welcomed her into their growing family. Her younger brother, Isaiiah, later joined the family.

Called "dog" by her siblings, Cara always enjoyed going camping at Lake Rathbun with her family. Her favorite family memory was going to Jamaica for her aunt's wedding.

As a young girl, Cara always imagined herself as a veterinarian. While her love of animals has not disappeared, her interests have changed. Cara has been involved in many different things during her stay at Keota High School. Those include FFA, Speech, Cheerleading for S-K Wrestling, Student Council, Yearbook, and being the KHS Boys' Basketball Manager. She says her favorite activity is FFA, because they have always gone on lots of fun trips.

Cara has always admired her parents for their hard work ethic. Working on the farm has taught her that hard work pays off in the end.

Cara's most proud moment was when she was on the winning State 4-H Livestock Judging team

in 2012. Her most memorable moment in junior high was winning the Keota Junior High Track meet her eighth grade year. Her favorite memory from high school was going to the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis.

In her spare time, Cara enjoys hanging out with her friends. The accomplishment she is most proud of is that she has always made studying and getting good grades a priority. Two things that bother her about herself are that she is always running late and she bites her nails.

Cara plans to attend Iowa State and major in Dietetics. In ten years, she hopes to have a steady job and be living in a city. She believes her outgoingness and drive will help her achieve these dreams. Her lifetime goals would be to get married, make some money, have a nice home, and own a Range Rover.

The three words Cara uses to describe herself are outgoing, optimistic, and open-minded. She hopes people remember her as a nice, fun person.

So what is Cara's advice to future seniors? "Don't stress out. It'll all be over before you know it."



HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas at KHS

By Desi Hesseltine

Students are getting into the holiday spirit this week at KHS. On Thurs., Dec. 19, there will be an Ugly Christmas Sweater contest. The top two people from Jr. and Sr. High will be awarded prizes.

On Fri., Dec. 20, the Student Council will sponsor a Christmas movie in the small gym. Air mattresses, blankets, and pillows will be allowed, along with food and drinks. Items that have the potential to scratch the floor are not allowed.

Finally, Y.E.L.L. is sponsoring a door decorating contest. Each class will be decorating their homeroom door during Eagle Advisory this week. Doors will be judged by Principal Seid on Thursday.

Watch for next week's special Christmas edition to see pictures of all the festivities!

KHS DANCE TEAM



Dance team members prepare for their first performance of the season on Fri., Dec. 6. Pictured from left to right, front to back, they are: Erin Chalupa (9th), Megan Hill (10th), Maggie Baker (11th), Mallory Ladehoff (12th), Bekah Fagen (10th), Abby Schulte (10th), Kylie Beinhart (8th), Olivia Sieren (8th), Brianna Duwa (7th), Lexi Black (8th), Jolie Altenhofen (7th), and Grace McHugh (8th).



By Maggie Baker

Two Fridays ago, the Keota Dance Team kicked off its season during the half-time of the boys' Varsity game against Lynnville-Sully. They performed to Avicii's "Wake Me Up," choreographed by senior member Mallory Ladehoff. This past Friday night, the group performed to a remix of LaRue's "Bulletproof," also choreographed by senior Mallory Ladehoff.

Sponsor Angela Conrad stated, "I know the girls have been working very hard, and I think that hard work has paid off. The home crowd truly enjoys seeing our local talent in action!"

You can expect to hear about the group's upcoming performances throughout the basketball season, as well as the team's upcoming Mini Dance Camp.

JUNK OR JEWEL?

Sam's Speedy Beige Beast



By Justin Hultman

This week's Junk or Jewel is a 2003 Ford F-150 pickup. If you have read previous issues, Sam Ollinger's vehicles are listed about two or three times a year. He paid three thousand dollars for this piece of gold, when his 1993 Plymouth Caravan shucked out. Since he hasn't had this truck for very long, he doesn't have any good or bad memories. When I asked Sam if there were any specialties, he quoted, "It has a nice bed cover, but that's about it." With a top speed of 163 miles per hour, you will most likely get left in the dust. This meat wagon is powered by a 5.4 liter Triton, a very strong running Ford engine, which passes everything but the gas station.

This one is for you to decide. Is it a Junk or a Jewel?

Winter Sports Kickoff



Senior Luke Lyle shoots for three at the Lynnville-Sully game on Fri., Dec. 6. The boys kicked off their season with a bang, edging out their long-time rival, 54-51.

By Justin Hultman

On Friday Dec. 6, the boys' finally got to play the one and only Lynnville-Sully. It was a tight stretch throughout the whole game, but the team finally got on top during the fourth quarter. The final score was Keota 54, Lynnville-Sully 51.

On Tuesday the 10th, the boys went on the road to Belle Plaine. They gave the team a run for their money and were up by one at halftime. During the second half, the boys played lock down defense to hold Belle Plaine to only scoring six in the third quarter, while Keota scored twenty. With the final score at Keota 68, Belle Plaine 52, the boys jumped to a 2-0 start on the season.

Derek Berg, a senior forward, stated, "It was nice to beat a team like

Lynnville-Sully the first game of the season. If we play defense in the first half like we do in the second half, we should be pretty lethal."

The girls got to take on the Belle Plaine Plainemen on Dec. 10, where they showed how strong of a team they are. Brooke Sieren led the team with 19 points, while Madison Sieren added 10, Sierra Lyle had 8 on the night, Callie Greiner had 5, and Madison Sheetz and Kelsi Sieren both tacked on 4 points each. The Eagles outscored their opponent every quarter of play to roll to a final score of 50 to 34. The win against the Plainsman moved the Eagles' record to 3 wins and 2 losses. "We played together and finally ran our offense successfully," stated Sierra Lyle.

LEGO LEAGUE



Pictured are the 8th grade ELP students. From back to front, left to right, they are: Grace McHugh, Turner Klein, Jack Eakins, Luke Greiner, Hunter Wilson, Riley Conrad, Logan Sieren, Marty Baker, and Nick Ives. Not pictured: Johnathan Holderness, manager.

By Emily Baetsle

On Dec. 7, 2013, the 8th grade ELP students went to Ottumwa to compete in Lego League. They have been working on the project since the beginning of the school year. This year's theme was "Nature's Fury."

There were three parts of the project. First, they had to identify a natural disaster that they wanted to research. Then they had to invent something that would help people stay safe before, during, or after a natural disaster. The teams chose floods as their natural disaster and called themselves the Floodbusters. They performed a skit for the judges based on the "Mythbusters" theme. Their invention was a flood wall that rises automatically as flood water rises.

The second part of the competition involved building a robot that would maneuver through an obstacle course. Some of the obstacles included rescuing people and pets, moving an ambulance from one place to another, and transporting people and supplies to a safe place. The team did really well in this portion of the competition, scoring the fourth highest out of the 41 teams there.

The final part of the competition was a team building exercise, where the judges scored the group on how well they worked together as a team. Mrs. Conrad, ELP teacher, commented, "It was an exciting day. The kids did really well, especially considering it was their first year to compete. I was very proud of them for a job well done."

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Question of the Week: Christmas Day or Christmas Eve - which one is better and why? By Maitland Sieren



Ms. Lenius, Teacher
Christmas Eve, because that's when all my family gets together.



Justin Hultman, 12th
Christmas Day, because I get to open my presents that I already know about.



Bailey Beinhart, 11th
Christmas Eve, because I would stay up all night waiting for Santa.



Megan Hill, 10th
Christmas Eve, because that's when we open our presents.



Maddy Johnson, 9th
Christmas Day, because I can open my presents.



Madison Myers, 8th
Christmas Day, because you can stop waiting for what you got.



Frankie Johnson, 7th
Christmas Eve, because I'm excited about my presents.