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SPORTS NEWS

JV Basketball is Heating Up



Coach Larry Lyle talks to the boys during a time out at the Lynnville-Sully game on Fri., Jan. 17.



Avery Conrad goes for the jump ball at Lynnville-Sully on Fri., Jan. 17.



The JV girls playing at English Valleys on Thurs., Jan. 23.

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The JV Eagle Boys and Girls Basketball Teams have been in full swing throughout the last few weeks.

The JV boys have started off with a bang by maintaining a record of 9-0. The high average scorers on the team include freshman Jacob Wickenkamp with 10 points, sophomore Zach Mousel with 9 points, and freshmen Avery Conrad with 8 points and Cole Stout with 6 points. Following them are sophomores Paden Uphold and Tyler Verstraete with an average of 5 points each and Nate Sieren with a 4 point average. Rounding out the team are sophomore Ryan Chalupa and freshmen Jason Ree and Jace Uphold.

Their coach, Larry Lyle, commented, "This is a fun group to work with because they play well together as a team and work hard in practice to get better every day."

The JV girls have started out a little slower, with a record of 3-6. Nevertheless, their coach, Jeff Sprouse, has full confidence in his team. "Our team has a losing record; however, we have been in every game because of our team's defense. Our biggest challenge has been scoring. We have had a little challenge making shots at the rim. The girls have been working very hard to correct this. This group works extremely hard and will continue to get better as they get older." The defense is doing outstanding this season, averaging 25.3 points a game to their offenses' 20.1 points a game.

Team members include freshmen Erin Chalupa and Raigan Sprouse, sophomores Cortney Hyman, Mariah Lyle, Abby Schulte, and Grace Shemanski, and juniors Bree Reed and Hannah Reed. Look for updates on how these teams round out their season!

Bones is Breakin' Into Her Future



By Sierra Lyle

Kelsi Rose Sieren, aka "Bones," was born on May 23, 1996. Her parents, Kenny and Kathy Sieren, and two older siblings, Brandi and Casey, welcomed her with open arms. Kelsi loved playing cards and hanging out at the cabin with her family as a young girl.

Always participating, Kelsi has been involved in many activities since she was a freshman. Her long list includes: basketball, volleyball, track, softball, speech, drama, National Honor Society, CYM, Silver Cord, FFA, 4-H, D.A.R.E. Role Model, and Student Council. Her favorites were basketball and volleyball because "they are team sports with lots of action." While sports are important to Kelsi, she feels her greatest achievement would have to be performing at All-State Speech her sophomore year.

Kelsi has had many fond memories during her attendance at Keota High School. Her favorite memory is T.P'ing and the Homecoming activities during her senior year. Out of all her classes, she enjoys P.E. for the fun games and its different atmosphere. Kelsi loves being outdoors and getting active. Her fondest memory of junior high was going undefeated in softball and taking home first place at the E.V. tournament.

While normally a relaxed person,

Kelsi does have some pet peeves. She dislikes it when people receive things that they have not worked for and when people are constantly on their cell phones.

Her family has always taught her not to cut corners; instead, do things fully. Kelsi says while it may be harder now, it will pay off in the long run. Her responsibilities have especially helped her come into this mindset. At home, Kelsi has helped with housework, farm work, and of course, she stays on top of her own homework. These have helped her manage her time and it has taught her the value of teamwork.

As a child, Kelsi always imagined herself as a Veterinarian. Though her plans have changed, she has not veered too far off of her original idea. She now plans to attend Iowa State University and major in Ag Studies. In ten years, Kelsi hopes to be working in the Ag field close to her hometown. Three goals she hopes to achieve are having her own family, owning a home, and having an enjoyable career.

When Kelsi leaves Keota High School, she hopes that people remember her as someone who likes to put a smile on people's faces and as a good friend to everyone. When asked which three words described her best, Kelsi replied, "Kind, diligent, and quiet." Kelsi advises future KHS seniors to not take high school for granted. "It goes too fast."



WHAT'S GOIN' ON?

The Scarfheads Invade KHS Once Again



Mrs. Swartzendruber's Sociology class is pictured in their white scarves for Scarfhead week. Pictured from left to right are: (back) Nate Owen, Jazynn Holderness, Hannah Hopp, (middle) Sloan Ott, Brittney Weber, (front) Delilah Kramer.

By: Miranda Romoser

During Homecoming week, the Sociology class also participated in Scarfhead week. The purpose of this project was to try to get the students to understand what it felt like to be a victim of discrimination or segregation. The students in Sociology were given a white scarf to wear around their neck during school hours. When coming and leaving the school, it had to be wrapped around the top of their head and worn like a bonnet. They were given a total of twenty rules that they had to follow from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. every day for a full week. Some of the rules included: no cutting through Ms. Hobbs' room or the library to save time, no locker trips, they had to wait in the back of the line at lunch, no magazines or newspapers could be read during study hall, only water fountains built into the wall could be used, and only the bathrooms constructed in the original high school building could be used. If students were caught not following the rules they were automatically deducted 5 points.

When I asked Hannah Hopp and Brittany Weber what they thought about this project, they commented that the hardest part was using the stairwells with the younger kids and not using a cell phone or iPod at all during the day. Delilah Kramer, Sloan Ott, and Nate Owen all disliked standing at the end of the lunch line behind the Jr. High kids. Jazynn Holderness commented that she disliked the limitation on jewelry.

Throughout this whole project they couldn't complain to any teacher or fellow classmate about their day or week; they only could complain in their journals in class.

Ms. Swartzendruber commented, "It was a success for the guidelines that they had to follow. There are limits to what you can ethically do in the rules. We could have treated them more harshly to get the point across, but we can't because of that is considered unethical treatment. Overall, they got the idea of what it feels like to be treated differently."

THE RESULTS ARE IN!



The Choral Reading group presented "Noah's Ark" during the Large Group Speech Home Presentations on Tues., Jan. 21. Pictured from left to right are: (back row) Grant Hill, Mallory Ladehoff, Ryan Chalupa, Maggie Baker, Kolton Greiner, Luke Lyle, Bekah Fagen, Bree Reed; (front) Kelsi Sieren, Cortney Hyman, Cara Hahn, Tyler Verstraete, Mariah Lyle, Grace McHugh, and Abby Schulte. This group turned in a Division I performance at Districts and will be moving on to State on Feb. 8.



The One Act presented "Clara's on the Curtains" during Home Presentations on Jan. 21. Pictured from left to right are Brooke Sieren, Hannah Reed, and Alyssa White.

By Emily Baetsle

On Sat., Jan. 25 the Large Group Speech students traveled to Wapello to compete at District Contest. In order to move on to compete at State, a group must have a rating of I, and in the One



Callie Greiner and Sierra Lyle performed "Night Mother" during Home Presentations on Tues., Jan. 21. This dynamic duo will be moving on to State Speech Contest on Feb. 8.

Act a group has to get at least two Division I ratings.

The groups all did a great job at Districts and many advanced to the next level of competition. Those that will be moving on to State are: "Angel Peterson," "Night Mother,"



Readers Theatre presented "How Angel Peterson Got His Name" during Home Presentations on Tues., Jan. 21. Pictured above from left to right are: Isaiah Hahn, Zach Mousel, Tyler Verstraete, Paden Uphold, and Nate Sieren. This talented group of sophomores will also advance to State Contest on Feb. 8.

"Secret Origin of the Mojo Man," "Scooter Thomas," Sierra Lyle and Callie Greiner Improv, and "Noah's Ark" Choral Reading.

Coach Gina Bennett commented, "Michael McNurlen and I couldn't be more proud of our speech team!

They all stepped up to the plate and gave their very best. That's all we ask and they delivered."

The Division I teams will be traveling to State contest on Sat., Feb. 8 at Lin-Mar in Cedar Rapids. We wish them the best of luck!

EAGLEROCK! TAKES THE STAGE

By Emily Baetsle

On Sat. Jan. 18, EagleRock! was on their way to compete at the West Branch Show Choir competition. On the way there, the bus driver, Tom Woltering, had pulled over to the side of the interstate to clean the snow off the wiper blades, and while cleaning them one of the wiper blades broke off. So they made a quick stop at Walmart to pick up a new pair of wiper blades.

As they got back on the interstate nearing the Solon exit, the Keota bus quickly became part of a 30 car pile-up. Mrs. Edwards reported, "Tom slowed down and headed for the side of the road. I watched a car go over the guard rail, then closed my eyes and prayed for my kids' safety and Tom's driving abilities! The semi driver that was fishtailing to hit us jack-knifed his rig away from us and into another semi."



EagleRock! takes the stage after a bit of an adventure earlier in the day.



This picture was taken by Brittany Baumert from inside the school bus. These semi drivers later told Mrs. Edwards they had swerved to avoid hitting the bus.

"After all the collisions had stopped, other drivers came up to us asking if all the kids were okay and saying how they had swerved to miss us!"

Although Mrs. Edwards' truck and trailer didn't fare so well, the bus escaped without a scratch and all the kids were okay. After all the debris was cleared, the students unpacked their equipment from the damaged trailer and loaded it into the school bus for the short drive on to West Branch. The EagleRockers rallied together and ended up putting on the performance of a lifetime at 2:00 that day. They received the People's choice award and the First Place Class 1A trophy.

Keota hosted State Show Choir on Mon., Feb. 3, then will perform on Sat., Feb 8 at West Liberty at 5:00 p.m. Be sure to come out and support this fabulous group of students.

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Question of the Week: What motivates you in life? By Emily Baetsle



Ms. Hobbs, Teacher
Making my family proud.



Justin Hultman, 12th
Seeing how far people have gotten.



Miranda Romoser, 11th
Furthering my goals and succeeding in my goals to have a future.



Alyssa White, 10th
Food.



Avery Conrad, 9th
Seeing my future.



Luke Greiner, 8th
Sports, Family and Friends.



Carly Jaeger, 7th
People who succeed in life.