



# The Eagle's Wing

Keota Jr./Sr. High School Student Newspaper



## WHAT'S GOIN ON?

### EAGLEROCK! 2014

**By Grant Hill**  
 "Practice makes perfect!" EagleRock! Director, Jane Edwards, said when asked how her group prepares for performance season. This year, Keota High School's show choir, EagleRock!, mixed things up a bit by bringing in a professional choreographer and opening up the group to eighth graders. Junior Maggie Baker said, "I feel that our group has really improved our dancing this year. Even with a high number of young kids in our group, I feel that we are really doing awesome!" Senior Emily Baetsle said, "This year is going well; I think that having L.D. Kidd come to choreograph some of our songs this year has helped bring a new twist to our group's style."

In this year's program, EagleRock! performs "Everyday," "Orange Colored Sky," "The Power of One," "I Wanna Dance With Somebody," "Dance With Me Tonight," and "Tonight."

So far this season, EagleRock! has been busy with performances at West Branch, State Show Choir in Keota, West Liberty, and at Central Lee. At West Branch, EagleRock! won first place in the 1A Division and the People's Choice Award. The group received second place in the 1A division at West Liberty.

Members include four seniors: Emily Baetsle, Kayla Baker, Brittany Baumert, and Katrina Weber; seven juniors: Maggie Baker, Elijah Banks, Grant Hill, John Mather, Sloan Ott, Nate Owen, Hannah Reed; four sophomores: Megan Adam, Megan Hill, Abby Schulte, and Grace Shemanski; eight freshmen: Bianca Cardona, Avery Conrad, Maddie Johnson, Raigan Sprouse, Elise Swanstrom, Jacob Wickenkamp, Maleah Miller, and Mallory Woltering; and eight 8th graders: Kylie Beinhart, Lexi Black, Ben Shemanski, Marty Baker, Nick Ives, Riley Conrad, Grace McHugh, and Olivia Sieren.

Coming up on the schedule for EagleRock! is Cedar Rapids Jefferson on March 15 and West Delaware on March 22. Then they are off to perform at Universal Studios in Florida March 28. Come out and support this talented group of students!

## 2013-14 EAGLE'S WING STAFF

Emily Baetsle, Maggie Baker, Erin Chalupa, Desi Hesseltine, Grant Hill, Justin Hultman, Sierra Lyle, Miranda Romoser, Maitland Sieren  
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## LUKE CONTINUES TO SHOOT FOR THE STARS



**By Maitland Sieren**

Luke Joseph Lyle was born on June 9, 1995. Welcoming him home were his parents, Jared and Angela Lyle, and his two older siblings, Gabrielle and Ethan. Later down the road, his three other siblings, Sierra, Mariah, and Cael, joined Luke and their growing family.

When Luke was younger, his

favorite birthday memory was "going to the Williamsburg Pool and André had trouble swimming," he recalls. Luke's favorite summer activity is going to the Iowa State Fair with his family. Something Luke admires about his parents is how hard-working and caring they are.

His favorite childhood memory is playing backyard football games with random kids in the neighborhood. Luke's favorite junior high memory is his teams in basketball and football going undefeated.

Three words Luke uses to describe himself are hard-working, easy-going, and outgoing. His biggest pet peeve is when people "chomp" on their food. In his free time, he enjoys playing sports and hanging out with his friends. Young Luke used to imagine himself in the

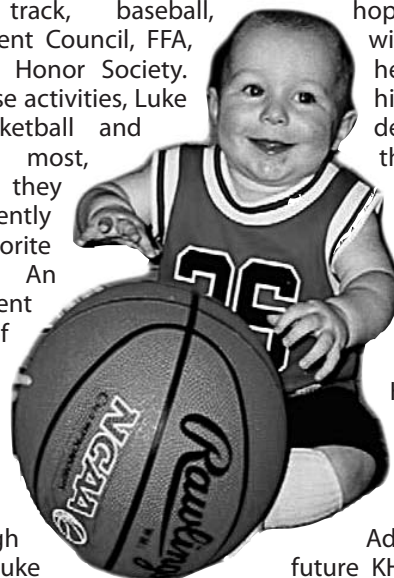
NFL when he grew up.

While in high school, Luke has been involved in football, basketball, track, baseball, Speech, Student Council, FFA, and National Honor Society. Out of all these activities, Luke enjoyed basketball and football the most, because they have consistently been his favorite growing up. An accomplishment he is proud of is winning the SICL title for three years in his high school career.

After high school, Luke plans to go to Des

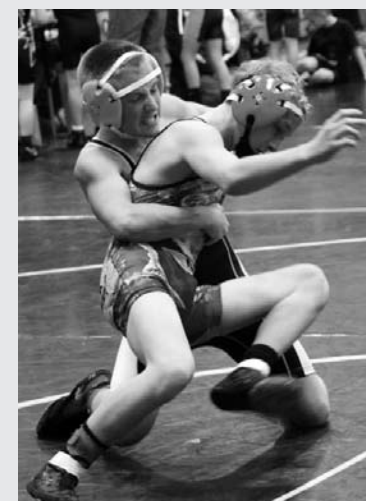
Moines Area Community College and then transfer to Iowa State for Liberal Arts. In ten years, he hopes to be settled down with a good job that he enjoys. He believes his hard-work and dedication will get him there. One other thing he hopes to accomplish in his lifetime is to go skydiving.

Luke will miss being with his friends every day when he graduates from Keota High School. However, he hopes people will remember him as a good role model for the underclassmen. Advice Luke wants to give future KHS seniors is: "Enjoy it, because your senior year flies."



## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

### Keota's SK Wrestler



Above: Nick Ives wrestles at the Savage Wrestling Tournament in Sigourney. He went on to win first place in his weight bracket that day.

**By Emily Baetsle**

The lone SK wrestler from Keota has been busy. Nick Ives, Keota 8th grader, loves to wrestle and went 12-9 in his regular season this year. After the regular season was over he started wrestling at tournaments and went 17-14, which was better than last year's record. His coaches are Gary Jarmes and Logan Mork.

When asked if he thought he improved on anything this season, said, "Since I am a little heavier this year it was a little more challenging." His favorite thing about wrestling is wrestling with his friends. There are 18 Junior High SK wrestlers. He said the hardest thing about wrestling is having to practice with the high school.

Nick's advice for kids who might go out for wrestling is, "Everyone loses sometimes, so don't take it heart."

When I asked him what he is looking forward to for next year, he said, "It will be a little more challenging, but also more fun."

## KEOTA WINS DISTRICT CHAMPS!



The Keota fans came out to support our Eagles Thursday night, Feb. 27 at the Keota vs. BGM game held at Mid-Prairie High School. The KHS boys basketball team won the game 57-52 to become District Champions. The boys head to Oskaloosa on Sat., March 1, to face Van Buren and a chance to go to the State Championship.

## HOBBS NEWS REVIEW



Keota girls' basketball coach, Jenny Hobbs, has had the opportunity in the boys' post season to broadcast live on the radio. She broadcast the Keota games on Tues., Feb 25 at BGM, on Thurs., Feb 27 at Mid-Prairie and also on March 1 at Oskaloosa. The games are streamed live on KCII radio and will later be on the internet. When asked how she enjoyed commenting, she replied, "I love doing it and it's a lot of fun."



The boys huddle up with head coach Dan Stout during the BGM game.



(Left to right) Koltion Greiner, Luke Lyle, and Isaiah Hahn are playing defense against Montezuma on Tues., Feb. 25. The boys won the game 48-33.



The student section goes crazy at the game against BGM on Thurs., Feb. 27.



The student section is all fired up at the Montezuma game on Tues., Feb. 25.



Nate Owen goes up to jump the ball at the BGM game.



Koltion Greiner goes for a layup against BGM as the Keota crowd looks on.

## BLAST FROM THE PAST

### How will Seniors respond the second time around?

**By Desi Hesseltine**

This week, we asked a Senior the same 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...

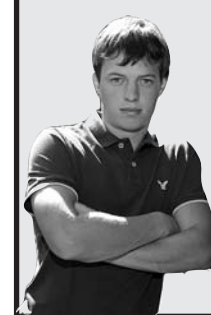
**Q: What is your favorite band and why?**

**Derek Berg**

**7th:** Guns and Roses, because I like all their songs.



**12th:** I would have to say the same thing as a 7th grade, because their music is timeless.



**Koltion Strand, 7th**  
 LeBron James, because he is my favorite basketball player.

## Question of the Week: Who's your style icon? By Sierra Lyle



**Ms. Hobbs, Teacher**  
 Julia Roberts in Pretty Woman.



**Koltion Greiner, 12th**  
 Erik Church, because he is my man crush.



**Tristan Roehrig, 11th**  
 Si Robertson.



**Abby Schulte, 10th**  
 Rachel Green from Friends.



**Jace Uphold, 9th**  
 Mr. Ortiz.



**Dakota Slaughter, 8th**  
 My big brother, Boom.

