



# The Eagle's Wing

Keota Jr./Sr. High School Student Newspaper



## KHS SAYS FAREWELL TO DEPARTING STAFF MEMBERS

Steve Seid - Principal

Kayla Swartzendruber - Social Sciences



By Desi Hesseltine

As the school year comes to an end, many changes are happening at KHS. After just one year, Principal and Activities Director, Steve Seid has decided to resign and spread his wings to a different district. He will be moving back to Clarke Community Schools in Osceola to serve as their Superintendent. Mr. Seid is making this change because it is a positive move professionally and also to be closer to his family.

Mr. Seid's greatest concern when coming to KHS was being able to have the community and school get to know him on a professional and personal level, and he says the KHS community has been very welcoming in that aspect.

Overall, Mr. Seid's favorite part of being a member of KHS has been being involved with the student activities. He says something that has been unexpectedly rewarding in the last year is "the amount of success students have achieved in and out of the classroom."

While at Keota, Mr. Seid's proudest accomplishment has been getting to know the students and staff. Coincidentally, that is what he will miss most when he leaves KHS. One thing he won't miss is the random visits from the occasional mice.

After being asked if he thinks he's made an impact on students during his time as principal, he said, "I would like to hope so, by supporting them

academically and in extracurricular activities." After leaving KHS, Mr. Seid would like to be remembered as someone who made a positive impact on students and staff.

During his time at Keota, a lot has changed. Mr. Seid has observed a positive change in the concentration of student engagement while in the classroom setting. Also, the biggest change from the beginning of the school year to now has been getting to know the students and community on a higher level. When asked what qualities make someone a good principal, Mr. Seid responded, "Organized, student centered, approachable, and honest."

Mr. Seid's final words to the community are: "Once an Eagle, Always an Eagle." We can expect to see him at some games this winter.

Though his presence will be greatly missed at KHS, we wish Mr. Seid good luck and best wishes on his new journey.



By Maitland Sieren

When next August comes around, the KHS students will notice one smiling face is missing from their hallways. Ms. Swartzendruber, a second year teacher here at KHS, will be starting the next exciting chapter in her life. She is getting married in December, and has decided to move to Des Moines where her fiancé works for the legislature. "It is easier for me to switch jobs than it is for him," she said.

While teaching at KHS, Ms. Swartzendruber has noticed that the staff does an excellent

job of differentiating learning for students. She says the change of administration has been the biggest change she has seen since starting here. When asked what qualities she believes make a good principal, she responded, "consistency in policies and clear expectations."

Something unexpectedly rewarding during Ms. Swartzendruber's time here has been the staff, good friends, and the people. Her favorite part about teaching at KHS is that the students and staff have been very welcoming. Her proudest accomplishment has been the reading program she teaches. She is proud of the students getting higher scores and testing out of the program.

She will miss the students and staff at Keota High School when she leaves, but one thing she will not miss is "the never consistent temperature." When asked if she thinks she has made an impact on students here at KHS, she responded, "I think so, I gave high school students a chance to see if they wanted to major in

Social Sciences. Also, I am proud of my reading students because their scores have gone up."

Before she started teaching, the only thing Ms. Swartzendruber was a little worried about was classroom management. However, as time went on, she realized that experimenting with different teaching methods allows her to see what works best for herself and her students.

Ms. Swartzendruber hopes to be remembered as a respected, approachable teacher that required a lot from students. As her final farewell, she said, "I would like to thank the entire district and community for being welcoming and supportive. The school was an excellent match for starting my teaching career. I have learned a lot as an educator here and I will always value my experience here at KHS."

Though the students at KHS will miss her smiling face next year, we would like to wish Ms. Swartzendruber the best of luck. Her future students are getting a great teacher.

Chris Detwiler - Guidance Counselor



By Erin Chalupa

The Keota School's guidance counselor, Chris Detwiler, better known as Mrs. D., is resigning this year. Mrs. D. had been here for three years

and has become very close to most of the students. One of her many accomplishments at Keota was Eagle Advisory. Eagle Advisory is a program at the end of the school day for teachers to work with students individually.

One of the most rewarding things in Mrs. Detwiler's career is being able to connect and develop trust with the students. She has contributed a new culture to Keota by working with the Culture Team, which is made up of KHS teachers, to help create a positive environment at school. She has also helped the students gain confidence

and identify their strengths for their future decisions.

One of the things Mrs. Detwiler thinks is a good quality of a guidance counselor is being able to put yourself in the student's shoes and being able to have empathy for the students.

Next year, Mrs. Detwiler will be joining Hillis Elementary in Des Moines as their Guidance Counselor and Dean of Students. She made this decision because it is closer to her second home in Knoxville.

Something that she will not miss is having to put together the master schedule and filling out all the state pa-

perwork at the beginning of the year! She says the hardest thing to understand about students is their ability to ignore deadlines.

Mrs. Detwiler will be remembered as someone who loved working and interacting with the students. No one will forget her walking around in her sparkly purple Converse shoes with a coffee cup in her hand. The students will dearly miss her as much as she will miss them!

Mrs. Detwiler's final farewell to KHS is this: "Every individual is responsible for their own happiness. It is their own decisions that determine it."

## SPRING CONCERT



The KHS Spring Concert was held on Wed., May 14, 2014. Pictured above is the Jr. High Band performing.



The High School Chorus jams to the music under the direction of Jane Edwards.



Ben Shemanski sings a solo with the Jr. High Chorus.



The High School Band entertains the crowd at the KHS Spring Concert.

### BLAST FROM THE PAST

How will Seniors respond the second time around?  
By Emily Baetsle

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...

Luke Lyle

Q: If you could go anywhere, where would it be and why?



7th: Florida, because it is warm.

12th: I would head West.

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Matthew Slaughter

Q: What did you do for Easter break?



7th: I rode horses with my family.

12th: I hung out with my family.

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COMING UP NEXT WEEK!  
Special Graduation Edition:  
Honoring the KHS Class of 2014

### Final Farewell for the Seniors: Question of the Week: What was your favorite school memory? By Emily Baetsle



Derek Berg, 12th  
Going to Wells Fargo for basketball this year.



Kelsi Sieren, 12th  
Going undefeated in softball in Junior High and taking home the 1st place trophy at the EV tournament.



Kolton Greiner, 12th  
Going T.P.-ing my Junior year with my class and doing the Glow Show Redemption at Lip Sync.



Cara Hahn, 12th  
Being able to go to the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis during high school.



Brittany Baumert, 12th  
Winning the team building volleyball tournament with my Senior class.



Mallory Ladehoff, 12th  
Dressing up for volleyball games with the Cross Country team my senior year.



Katrina Weber, 12th  
Hanging out with Kayla, Brittany, and Bryanna during high school.