



The Eagle's Wing

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COUNTY COUNCIL



Pictured above are Emily Baetsle (far left), Brooke Sieren (back row, middle), Ryan Chalupa (second from right), and Miranda Romoser (far right) during the Washington County Council induction ceremony on Sat., Nov. 1.

By Miranda Romoser

Four Keota students participated in the Washington County Council induction ceremony on Sat., Nov. 2, 2013. Students receiving this honor were Emily Baetsle, Brooke Sieren, Ryan Chalupa, and Miranda Romoser. This was Brooke's second year to serve on the Council.

Prospective members of the Washington County Council must meet goals set by the leaders. First, they began getting to know everyone in their Leadership Development Group. They were also required to attend three of four Leadership Development meetings and learn what roles and tasks are done in each meeting. Their next goal was attending the Elite Team meetings and County Council meetings to gather and learn information about what they do and what each group stands for. They also helped work at day camps over the summer at Kalona City Park.

While going through this process, the leaders judged them on their leadership, public speaking, and how they treated one another. County Council is a great way to get to know new people and help out younger 4-H members.

KHS POM SQUAD

By: Bree Reed

Keota High School would like to introduce the 2013-14 Pom Squad. Members include choreographer, Mallory Ladehoff (12th), Maggie Baker (11th), Bekah Fagen (10th), and freshmen Megan Hill and Erin Chalupa. From the 8th grade they have Grace McHugh, Olivia Sieren, Lexi Black, Kylie Beinhart, and Maleah Miller. Rounding out the squad are 7th graders Brianna Duwa and Jolie Altenhofen. They will be holding a mini dance camp for grades K-6. Watch for updates about this camp and upcoming performances at basketball games.

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Brittany is on the right path



By Sierra Lyle

On November 27, 1995, a pink bundle of joy named Brittany Renea Baumert was born to the proud parents of Lee Ann Baumert and Bill Gooding. Her five older siblings, Danielle, Spencer, Desiree, Gabe, and Amanda, welcomed her warmly. Her younger sister, Bailey, and step-dad Mark Baumert later joined her growing family.

A favorite family memory for Brittany would be going to Florida

with her grandpa, grandma, mom, and Bailey.

As a child, Brittany imagined herself as a famous singer. She loved going to the Mall of America with her family. She greatly admires her Grandpa Leroy, because "he was the best grandpa and he served our country." Brittany says that her grandpa was her hero.

Brittany has been involved in many activities during her time at Keota High School. The list consists of EagleRock!, Track, cheerleading, drama, band, choir, KC STARR, and Y.E.L.L. She says her favorite would have to be a combination of all of them, because they were all very fun to be involved in.

One of her proudest moments at KHS is helping Y.E.L.L. (Youth Effectively Living Life) get rolling during her senior year. She feels that being involved in KC STARR and Y.E.L.L. has helped her become a leader for others. Another member of Y.E.L.L., Kayla Baker, says, "Brittany is always a happy and cheerful person, and always brightens everyone's day!"

Out of all the memories from high school, winning the recent volleyball tournament with her senior class is her favorite. Brittany's favorite class was Psychology as a

junior because, "I had a knack for the class and I enjoyed the teacher and activities."

When her teachers were asked what they will remember most about Brittany, Mr. Snakenberg said, "Brittany has always been an active participant in class. I will never forget how Brittany and Katrina had to compromise on their campaign, as one was a conservative Republican, and the other was a liberal Democrat."

Brittany loves to listen to music and sing in her free time. Three words she would use to describe herself are caring, friendly, and funny. Her pet peeve is when people cough and don't cover their mouth.

Her babysitting jobs throughout the years have taught Brittany responsibility, leadership, and given her a love of children.

In ten years, Brittany hopes to have a family of her own and a nice paying job that she enjoys. She would also like to travel to new places. She believes her positive attitude and her ability to get along with people will help her reach these goals.

After graduation, Brittany plans to attend Indian Hills Community College for Criminal Psychology. She will miss the people in her

classes, her friends, and her teachers, but she hopes to be remembered as a good leader and a nice person.

Fellow senior Katrina Weber said that she will remember Brittany as "always listening to what others have to say, and being kind and considerate." Brittany's advice for future KHS seniors is: "Enjoy the time while you have it. It goes by fast, so don't waste your time doing something you'll regret!"

We wish Brittany the best of luck!



STAFF SPOTLIGHT

The Adventurous Amy Hemsley



By Justin Hultman

This week I got to sit down and have a very intelligent conversation with Keota's one and

only, Mrs. Amy Hemsley. She has been in the district for six years. For the last two years she has served as the attendance taker, study hall teacher, and the person who watches over the online and ICN classes.

When asked who at KHS knows her best, Amy said it would have to be Andrea, the school secretary. If she had one radio station to listen to, it would be Hair Nation on XM Satellite radio, which consists of classic rock. If you would like to scare Amy, she has a great fear of spiders.

While all of the students enjoy Mrs. Hemsley, she says she did not really have a favorite teacher growing up. If she was cast on the show "Survivor" she would take these five items: a toothbrush and toothpaste, floss, soap, and deodorant.

If Mrs. Hemsley won a million dollars, she says she would retire and move to Colorado. She and her husband took a trip there this summer on their Honda Goldwing. She said she would definitely not miss lunchroom duty if she got the chance to retire.

JUNK OR JEWEL?

By Maitland Sieren

Katrina Weber is the proud owner of this blazin' red 1998 Volkswagen Beetle. The engine is a two-liter four cylinder. She bought this bug from the people who own the Mexican restaurant in Fairfield. Katrina enjoys this beauty because it runs nice and it is easy to park. She says it is a very nice first car, mainly for the parking.

Katrina's dream car would be one just like her brother Kevin's, which is a Pontiac Grand Am GT. Katrina paid \$5,000 for her car.



The top speed of this baby is 110 mph. Her favorite memory in the Bug is having her brother, Kenyon, teach her how to drive her car in the snow. She and her friends enjoy the aftermarket stereo that is in it.

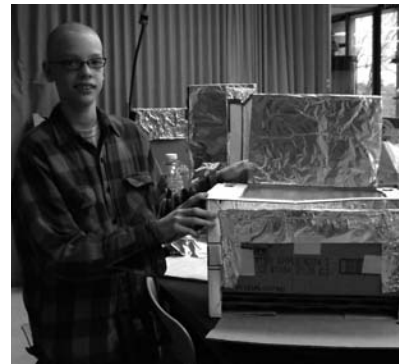
Although she has some good memories with her car, she has some bad ones as well. Katrina claims the Bug is possessed. "It acts like it will break down. It's the red version of Herbie!"

Now it's time for you to decide, is this a junk or a jewel?

SOLAR ENERGY STRIKES KEOTA

By Miranda Romoser

8th graders in Ms. Hobbs' Earth Science class have been working diligently on solar and renewable energy projects. Pictured are several of the students with their finished products.



Johnathan Holderness proudly displays his solar oven project.



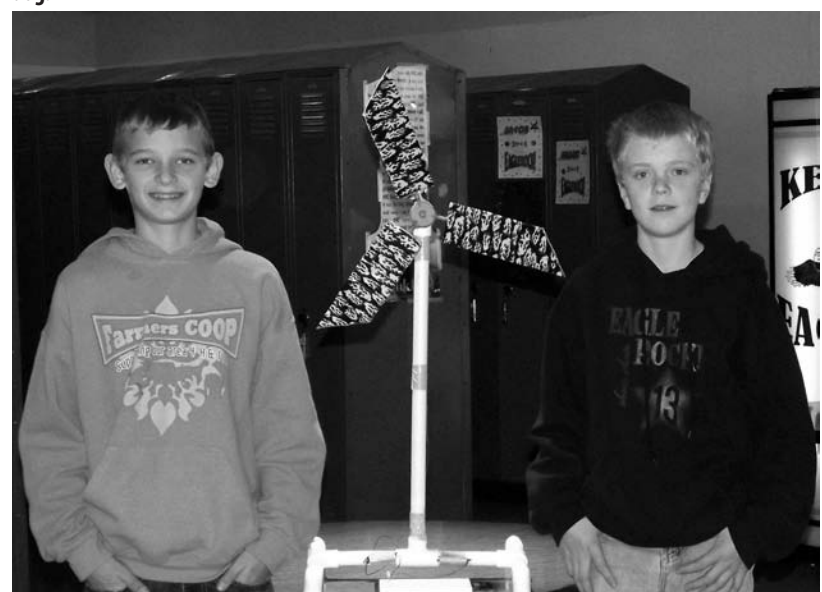
Nick Ives is pictured with his water wheel.



Riley Conrad and Luke Greiner show off their solar box cooker, which actually cooked a hot dog.



Jack Eakins and Hunter Wilson proudly present their one-of-a-kind solar box cooker built in Ms. Hobbs' Earth Science class.



Logan Sieren and Marty Baker are pictured above with their wind turbine creation.

FFA SOUP SUPPER



Keota FFA held their annual Soup Supper on Thurs., Nov. 7, 2013. Pictured above are students working hard in the kitchen. From left to right, they are: Ryan Chalupa, Paden Uphold, Nate Sieren, Cara Hahn, Justin Hultman, Kolton Greiner, and Kelsi Sieren.



Megan Hill, Maitland Sieren and Miranda Romoser show their hospitality while working at the dessert table during the FFA Soup Supper held on Thurs., Nov. 11, 2013.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK: What is your favorite thing about fall? By Sierra Lyle



Mrs. Conrad, Teacher
I love all the fall scented candles.



Katrina Weber, 12th
I like when the leaves change from a dull green to a bright orange.



Jasmine Schutte, 11th
The colors changing in the leaves because it looks beautiful.



Tyler Verstraete, 10th
Football comes back on TV and the weather gets cooler.



Mallory Woltering, 9th
The lovely weather loosens up my mood.



Turner Klein, 8th
The colorful leaves.



Jillian Schulte, 7th
Thanksgiving because I enjoy spending time with my family.