



# The Eagle's Wing

Keota Jr./Sr. High School Student Newspaper



## WHAT'S GOIN' ON?

### Winter Sports Kick-Off

*Photos submitted*  
KHS Basketball held a Winter Sports Kick-Off on Thurs., Nov. 21 at the Keota High School gymnasium. Team members were introduced and a friendly game of basketball followed. Then the teams and their families enjoyed a Tailgater Toby meal served by the Klein family. The meal was a fundraiser for both teams. Steve Klein also gave a presentation about the rules of being a referee. They event was a success, and everyone is looking forward to a great season.



Avery Conrad goes in for the shot while team members look on.



The Varsity boys cheer on the 9th and 10th grade boys.



(Above two photos) Coach Hobbs introduces the Varsity and JV Girls' Basketball Team.

## 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...

**Kolton Greiner**  
**Q:** If you were the President or Governor, what is one law or problem you'd change?  
**7th:** The speed limit, so you can go however fast you want and not get a ticket.



**12th:** The Healthy Kids Act, so we can have good school lunches again.



## Justin is Riding into the Future



**By Sierra Lyle**  
Justin Lee Hultman was born as a blue bundle of joy on November 9, 1995, to parents Larry and Lynette and older sister Alyssa. As a child, Justin loved going with his family to the Wisconsin Dells. Justin always pictured himself as a soldier, fighting with all the brave men overseas. His favorite memory when he was young was getting his first dirt bike. He has always ad-

mired his parents for working hard for what they have. He hopes he will show the same perseverance in his future.

He has been involved in a truck load of activities while attending Keota High School. Justin has participated in Eagle's Wing, FFA (Reporter, 11; VP, 12), Basketball, and D.A.R.E Role Model. He says basketball was his favorite sport because, "I get to be with my friends and they are fairly good at it."

His greatest accomplishment would have to be getting through high school without dropping out. A peer of Justin's, Kelsi Sieren, commented, "Justin has always been so involved. I have enjoyed participating in the same activities as him!"

While in junior high, Justin's favorite memory was going undefeated in football. His favorite high school memory was locking Kolton in the shop restroom. His favorite classes in high school were his Ag classes with Dan Striegel. He said, "Striegel really knew how to make things relevant to life."

At home, you can find Justin hooking up tile lines and building driveways. These jobs have taught him that all hard work will eventually pay off. In his free time, he enjoys riding dirt bikes and four wheelers, going to bonfires, and working on different projects.

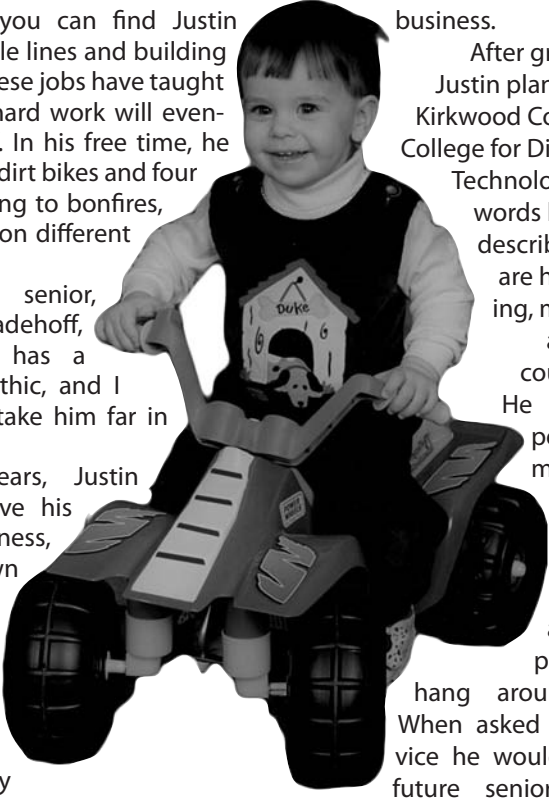
Fellow senior, Mallory Ladehoff, said, "Justin has a great work ethic, and I know it will take him far in life."

In ten years, Justin hopes to have his own business, build his own home, and be married with three kids. His leadership and determination will hopefully get him there. His lifetime goals would include having a good paying job and taking over the family

business.

After graduation, Justin plans to go to Kirkwood Community College for Diesel Truck Technology. Three words he uses to describe himself are hard working, motivated, and a true country boy. He hopes people remember him as a good role model and a fun person to hang around with.

When asked what advice he would give to future seniors, Justin said, "Have a good time while you're young and have the chance to."



## FFA CREED CONTEST



Pictured above are the FFA Creed Contest participants who earned their Greenhand Degrees on Nov. 7 by reciting the FFA Creed for a panel of judges. From left to right, they are Jace Uphold, Avery Conrad, Erin Chalupa, and Cole Stout.

**By Erin Chalupa**  
On Nov. 7, the first ever FFA Creed Speaking Contest was held in the Keota Elementary Library. Erin Chalupa, Avery Conrad, Cole Stout, and Jace Uphold participated in this contest. It was open to all freshmen students taking Ag 1 this year with Mr. Ortiz.

These four students had to memorize all five paragraphs of the FFA Creed and prepare answers for questions from the judges. They were also expected to use hand movements and change positions while speaking.

The judges for the contest were Angela Lyle, Michelle Sieren, and Mr. Seid (the KHS principal). Kelsi Sieren, senior FFA member, was in charge of

following along while they were reciting the Creed to make sure they did not delete or repeat any words. They were also judged on their delivery, general impression on the judges, and their responses to randomly selected questions.

At the FFA Soup Supper later that evening, the results of the contest were announced. Cole Stout and Jace Uphold received silver badges, and Avery Conrad and Erin Chalupa received gold badges. All of these students received their FFA Greenhand Degree. Avery Conrad was selected to move on to support our school at Sub-Districts in February in Mediapolis. Here's a good luck shout-out to Avery!

## SURPRISE CELEBRATION



Teachers reward students with a scoop of well-deserved ice cream during the 9th hour ice cream party held on Nov. 8.

**By: Emily Baetsle**  
At the start of 9th hour on November 8, all KHS students in grades 7-12 were told to go to the cafeteria. No one was quite sure why. Once there, Principal Seid announced that they were there to celebrate, because no one got an "F" on their report card in the first quarter of the school year. To reward them for this accomplishment, the teachers had set up an ice cream sundae buffet.

Students welcomed the unexpected treat and were glad to be recognized for their hard work. Katrina Weber, senior, said, "I was surprised about the ice cream party because I have not experienced this accom-

plishment throughout my whole high school career." Bree Reed, junior, said, "It was really surprising and it was good to see our school accomplish that goal!"

Ms. Lenius, English teacher, commented, "It was very exciting, and I hope that at the end of the second quarter it improves even more!"

When Mr. Seid was asked what he thought about no one receiving an "F" in the first quarter, he responded, "I was very thrilled about it. I have never been in a school where this has happened." He also said that he reported this accomplishment to the Keota School Board.

Way to go KHS! Keep up the great work!

## ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE FIELD TRIP

**By Emily Baetsle**  
On November 13, the Environmental Science class took a field trip to Neil Smith Wildlife Refuge and Prairie. The students who went were Emily Baetsle, Delilah Kramer, Nate Owen, Elijah Banks, John Mather, Bailey Beinhart, and Hannah Reed.

When we arrived all we saw was dormant prairie grass which was very cool. The tour guide gave us the background of the place and what is was like before they built the refuge. Then we went into the large capacity theater to watch a movie about the many kinds of animals that inhabit the prairie. The short documentary also talked about how and when prairies should be burned.

After the movie, we went on a Scavenger Hunt created by Ms. Hobbs. For the Scavenger Hunt we had to answer questions that could be found on the various exhibits in the exhibit hall. We found the many exhibits to be interesting as well as educational. At the end of the Scavenger Hunt, we decided to play

with the puppets at the puppet stage area. Following the Scavenger Hunt, we grazed on a sack lunch provided by Ms. Hobbs in the Center's small lunch room. There was a business meeting going on and they were eating a big lunch.

After lunch, we went outside into the prairie and picked seeds from the gray-headed cone flower and had a contest to see who picked the most seeds, which ended up being a tie. After we were done picking seeds, the tour guide put it all in a pan with our name on a piece of paper in the seed room for their scientists to make sure it was 100% seed.

The last thing we did was go on a hike to see bison and elk living in a fenced in area. We didn't see any elk, but we did see some bison. When we left we went on a back road where we could see the bison close up.

When I asked Elijah Banks what his favorite part of the trip was, he responded, "The puppet show was the best part of the day, because we got to put on a show."

Hobbs said, "My favorite part of the trip was collecting seeds on the prairie. I thought that the exhibits were

really cool I learned a lot that day!"

Overall, everyone said they had a great time.



Environmental Science students are posing in front of the moose at the Neil Smith Wildlife Refuge and Prairie during their field trip on Nov. 13. Pictured from right to left are: Hannah Reed, Emily Baetsle, Bailey Beinhart, Elijah Banks, John Mather, Nate Owen, Delilah Kramer.

## STAFF SPOTLIGHT

### Ms. Miller: Shaping Students' Futures

**By Bree Reed and Desi Hesselstine**



Ms. Miller offers a wide variety of artistic classes. Some of which include Art 1, Studio Workshop, Art Study, Painting, and Art History.

Due to Ms. Miller's willingness to offer so many classes to meet the needs of so many students, classes tend to overlap and there is a lot going on at different times.

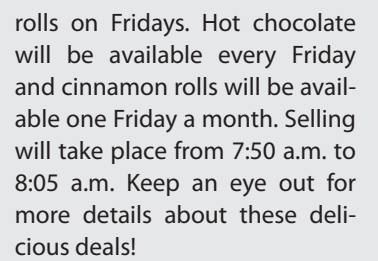
Art 1 is currently working on paper mache and clay projects while Painting class is working with acrylic paint. Art History is doing calligraphy and weaving. Studio Workshop and Art Study have the opportunity to choose any project they desire. Also, Yearbook students are in there whenever it fits into their schedule.

Overall, the art room is a relaxing and creative room. When students do projects they have to think and plan ahead about what their next move is.

Ms. Miller added, "I believe that visual arts engages students in critical and creative thinking. My goal is to guide my students to develop their abilities to reason, inquire, and form concepts. The atmosphere in the art room is relaxed and binds itself to students creative process."

## A CHILL IN THE AIR AT KHS

**By: Desi Hesselstine**  
As many of you have seen flyers around the school, Y.E.L.L. will be selling hot chocolate and cinnamon rolls on Fridays. Hot chocolate will be available every Friday and cinnamon rolls will be available one Friday a month. Selling will take place from 7:50 a.m. to 8:05 a.m. Keep an eye out for more details about these delicious deals!



**CORRECTION:**  
In the FFA Soup Supper article on Nov. 20, *The Eagle's Wing* incorrectly identified Megan Adam in a photo. We apologize for the error.

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## QUESTION OF THE WEEK: Black Friday or Cyber Monday and why? By Desi Hesselstine

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|  <b>Mrs. Snakenberg, Teacher</b><br>Black Friday, because I've been going since I was 8. |  <b>Kayla Baker, 12th</b><br>Black Friday, because it's a family tradition. |  <b>Brooke Sieren, 11th</b><br>Cyber Monday, because crowds of people get annoying. |  <b>Bekah Fagen, 10th</b><br>Black Friday, because then I can try clothes on before I buy. If I order online it might not fit. |  <b>Maleah Miller 9th</b><br>Black Friday, because I can get cheap clothes. |  <b>Cole Brenneman 8th</b><br>Cyber Monday, because I don't want to be in a mad rush. |  <b>Lauren Imhoff, 7th</b><br>Black Friday, because it is fun to go out late and shop. |
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