



The Eagle's Wing

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GOVERNMENT CAMPAIGNS

By Grant Hill
The U.S. Government students have once again started their annual campaigns. Mr. Snakenberg stated, "This is my third year with this project and it has been a big success. We have eight different groups and each group comes up with their own identity. They have to come up with their platform, backgrounds, biographies, and their presidential ads. This all culminates at the end of the second quarter with the election, where the faculty votes."

When asked how things were going, Katrina Weber said, "I am excited and honored to have the opportunity to participate, along with my vice-presidential candidate Brittney Baumert." Katrina is running under the name Hillary Jones in the election.

Each set of candidates has set up a website to promote their campaign. Some have made Twitter accounts as well. Prior to the election, all candidates will participate in a formal debate. This is recorded and then broadcast to the faculty.

Bryanna Hammes, vice-presidential running mate of Kayla Baker (running under the name Elizabeth Vanderbilt), spoke on their behalf. "We just launched our new website and we are very excited about it. You can also follow us on Twitter. The competition is fierce, and I feel our running mates are worthy competitors. I'm excited to go head-to-head in the debates."

Other candidates are Emily Baetsle, running as Elizabeth Adams, and vice-president Shannon Kelley; Sam Ollinger as Bob Katz and vice-president Matthew Slaughter; Derek Berg as Vince M. Durst with vice-president Shane Gibson; Luke Lyle as Alvin Hutchinson and running-mate Cara Hahn; Justin Hultman as Daniel Jacobson with running-mate Kolton Greiner; and Mallory Ladehoff as Victoria Lockwood with her running-mate Kelsi Sieren.

BLAST FROM THE PAST

How will Seniors respond the second time around?
By Maitland Sieren and Desi Hesselstine
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...

Cara Hahn
Q: If you could travel anywhere, where would it be and why?

7th: France, to see the Eiffel Tower.

12th: Anywhere in Europe, to see all the cool things.

SENIORS ALL DRESSED UP FOR THE BIG GAME



During the school day on Friday, December 6, basketball players, managers, and cheerleaders were dressed their best for the first home boys and girls basketball game. Pictured above are the seniors involved in basketball this year. From left to right, they are: (Back) Emily Baetsle (Manager, girls), Shane Gibson, Kelsi Sieren, Luke Lyle, Sam Ollinger (Manager, boys), Derek Berg, Cara Hahn (Manager, boys), Kolton Greiner, and Justin Hultman. (Front) Brittney Baumert, Mallory Ladehoff, and Bryanna Hammes. Not pictured: Kayla Baker, cheerleader.

GIRLS BASKETBALL IN ACTION



(Above) Madison Sieren shoots for three at BGM. (photo courtesy of Deidra Baker)

The Varsity girls already have two wins and two losses on the board so far this season. They started out the season on Nov. 26 with an exciting win over North Mahaska at home, 33-30. After a tough loss to BGM on the road (33-53), they came back with a big win over Montezuma, 41-18. They finished the week with a hard fought game against Lynville-Sully on Fri, Dec. 6, with a final score of 35-42.



Kelsi Sieren dribbles in for the shot as Sierra Lyle mans the block in the Tues., Dec. 3 game against BGM. (photo courtesy of Deidra Baker)



(Above) Brooke Sieren (junior) sinks a free throw at Friday night's home game against Lynville-Sully.

(Right) Kelsi Sieren passes the ball to Maggie Baker as Madison Sieren works the post. (photo courtesy of Deidra Baker)

Mrs. Baker Speaks to NCTE in Boston

By Maitland Sieren
On Nov. 21-24, Mrs. Baker, KHS math teacher, traveled to Boston, Mass. for the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE) Conference.

While at the conference, Mrs. Baker, Professor Bonnie Sunstein from the University of Iowa, and Arthur Hunsicker from Revere High School in Massachusetts gave a presentation about a pen pal project they have been working on together. This pen pal project teaches math and English to students using letter writing. Students

at Keota High School and Revere High School in Revere, Mass., wrote back and forth to each other using these techniques. Mrs. Baker commented, "Many of the students at Revere do not speak English, so it is neat for them to try and communicate with kids from somewhere different." On Saturday night she went to the Isabella Gardner Museum for a reception for authors. She is a contributing author on a book being written about the pen pal project.

Mrs. Baker was glad she was able to attend this trip. She learned a lot from the many sessions and was proud to share her information and educate others.

KHS PEP BAND



The KHS Pep Band helps fire up the crowd during the basketball games on Fri., Dec. 6.

FFA NEWS

Keota FFA Fruit and Poinsettia Sales

By Maggie Baker
This year the Keota FFA chapter has been busy selling many items. This past week members have been busy delivering orders of fruit, cheese, beef sticks, and nuts to many community members. The chapter has added a middle school section, which helped make this year one of the best years for fruit sold. In addition, the chapter is selling poinsettias as a fundraiser. Pink, red, white, and jingle bell colored poinsettias are available this year. They were sold at the Holiday Market at St. Mary's Hall on December 7, along with extra fruit. Look for updates on FFA Plant Sales in the spring.

CYM NEWS

CYM Kicks off Advent Season

By Emily Baetsle
On December 1, 2013, the United Church of Faith kicked off the Advent season by inviting CYM to help. That night, CYM went to Maplewood to sing some Christmas carols to the residents. After that, they split up into three groups and went caroling to some of the homes around Keota. The week before, the group visited Keota residents to gather boxed and canned goods for the food pantry in Keota and Sigourney. Thanks to the generosity of the community, they had a successful evening.

KHS CHEERLEADING

Change In Schedule for Mini-Cheer Camp

By Desi Hesselstine
The KHS Cheerleaders would like to announce that Mini Cheer Camp has been moved. Practice will be held on Feb. 9 and the performance will be on Feb. 11th. Sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused. More information will follow.

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SPECIAL DOUBLE FEATURE: Question of the Week - What's been your most memorable Christmas gift ever? By Emily Baetsle

<p>Ms. Swartzendruber, Teacher A Barbie doll house, because I had a bunch of Barbies and needed a place to put them.</p>	<p>Bryanna Hammes, 12th When all my siblings came home for Christmas.</p>	<p>Callie Greiner, 11th A Wii, because my brother and I found it in the closet before Christmas.</p>	<p>Tyler Verstraete, 10th A dog, because I loved him like a brother.</p>	<p>Elise Swanstrom, 9th Socks, because my parents love me so much.</p>	<p>Lexi Black, 8th A necklace from my great-grandma from when she was a child.</p>	<p>Trey Carlson, 7th An iPod, because I still have it.</p>
<p>Mrs. Ingersoll, Teacher A walking doll, because I really wanted it.</p>	<p>Katrina Weber, 12th Waking up to the beautiful white bed of snow on the ground.</p>	<p>Tristan Roehrig, 11th A truck, because I drive it everyday.</p>	<p>Megan Adam, 10th An American Girl Doll, because Emily and I always played with them.</p>	<p>Raigan Sprouse, 9th An internet phone, because I like it.</p>	<p>Johnathan Holderness, 8th An art set, because I use it a lot.</p>	<p>Brianna Duwa, 7th Black Friday, because it is fun to go out late and shop.</p>