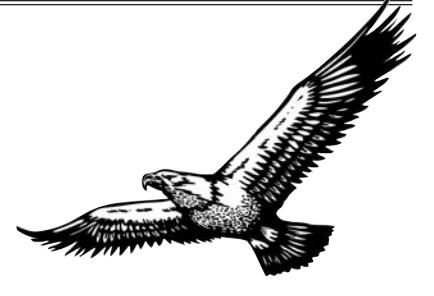


# THE EAGLE'S WING

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## MAITLAND IS SAVING LIVES AND TAKING NAMES

### RIDE OF THE WEEK

BY MADI SIEREN

This week's ride of the week features Nate Sieren's 2004 330 XI BMW. Nate bought this luxurious car from a couple in Cedar Rapids at the end of March for \$6,900. Sieren really enjoys his car because he is sick of trucks. This beauty has a 6 cylinder engine that takes him to a top speed of 55-60 and maybe 65 on interstate. The only bad memory Sieren has with his car so far is when the fuel pump went out. I asked Sieren if he had any specialties about his car and he replied with, "I have a sunroof and it's foreign, duh." So now it's time for you to decide. Is this car worthy of being the Ride of the Week?



BY SIERRA LYLE

Maitland Beth Sieren was born on Sept. 21, 1996, to her joyful parents Chad Sieren and Becky Skinner. Maitland would eventually receive three new siblings: Olivia, Ty, and Ezra. She has many fond memories from growing up, but she will always remember going on a spectacu-

lar vacation to Branson with her grandparents. Maitland also recalls how she always wanted to be a mother and raise her own family someday. While she still dreams of having her own family, she has bigger goals in mind these days.

Once graduated, Maitland plans on attending Kirkwood Community College, transferring to the University of Iowa, and then receiving her RN/BSN. She wants to attend these two colleges because they have great programs. She chose the career of nursing because she knows there is always going to be a need for nurses. Maitland has prepared herself well for these programs in many different ways.

To get ready for her future, Maitland has made many smart choices. The first would be attending the Kirkwood Regional Academy this year. Here, she is enrolled in the Nursing program and will knock out a lot of her general education col-

lege classes. She enjoys these classes and feels they are helping her prepare for college because they challenge her. The class she has enjoyed the most while attending KHS has been Recent American History, because "it was very interesting and Mr. Snakenberg is a good teacher."

Maitland has enjoyed a multitude of other things while attending KHS as well. She has been involved in a long list of activities, including volleyball, FFA, Speech, Eagle's Wing, and many more. She found Speech and Eagle's Wing the most appealing because they have taught her two very important life skills: writing and public speaking.

Maitland has fun in ways other than extracurricular activities, though. She has a lot of great memories in high school, but her favorite was when the One Act she was in "completely

went down the toilet." Another funny memory she recalls is at her seventh grade birthday party, when she "about died from inhalation of frosting."

Maitland has learned a lot from her parents, but the number one thing they taught her was to be hard-working. Her parents led by example and encouraged her to be a responsible adult. Working at the Keota Pool has also helped her learn responsibility. Maitland said the most important part of working at the pool was "making sure kids were safe."

When Maitland leaves the halls of Keota, she hopes to be remembered as outgoing, funny, and a good leader. While she says she will not miss high school, she will miss all of her friends. She leaves us with these words of wisdom: "Take school seriously; it will follow you around for a while."

### BAKER PARTICIPATES IN WORLD FOOD PRIZE

BY BAILEY BEINHART



Maggie Baker (right) is pictured with her teacher, Ms. Lenius, at the World Food Conference in Des Moines.

On the weekend of October 16-18, KHS Senior Maggie Baker and her teacher, Ms. Nicole Lenius, traveled to Des Moines, Iowa, for the Global Youth Institute, hosted by the World Food Prize Foundation. Maggie was selected out of 230 high school students as one of three delegates from Iowa to attend this conference. She was chosen for her outstanding work on a paper she wrote last year while in Ms. Lenius' Advanced Comp. class.

During the three days she was there, Maggie got to attend many sessions and hear prestigious speakers, such as the President of Sierra Leone, Governor Vilsack, and the Secretary of Agriculture from Mexico. She also joined forces with the other students there to help pack 25,000 meals in just one hour. These meals will be shipped to impoverished populations abroad and in the U.S.

There were 160 youth delegates from 24 states and 7 countries there. Maggie said one of her favorite parts of the conference was "getting to sit down and eat with the first ever World Food Prize winner, as well as this year's World Food Prize winner." Maggie also attended the Oxfam America Hunger Banquet, where they didn't actually get to eat because they were putting themselves in the shoes of someone born into poverty. The conference also included a chance to tour the Syngenta plant in Slayter, Iowa.

By participating in the Global Youth Institute, Maggie is now eligible for the Bourlaug-Ruan International Internship, which is an all-expenses paid trip for eight weeks to work with leading research centers in Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Middle East.

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

BY DESI HESSELTINE

- EagleRock! Parent's Night is Oct. 30th at 8:00 p.m.
- The Regional Volleyball Tournament game in Keota is Oct. 31st at 7:00 p.m.
- The Compass Test will be held on Nov. 10th at 8:45 a.m.
- The KHS Fall Play, "Murder's in the Heir," Nov. 6th & 7th at 7:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Tickets on sale at the high school office.
- FFA Fruit Sales are winding down. If you have not yet placed your order, contact an FFA member or the high school office. Last day to order is Nov. 4th.

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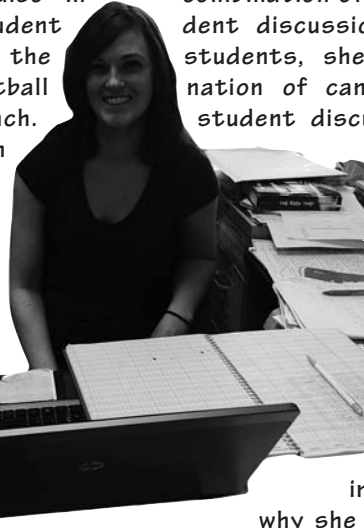
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BY DESI HESSELTINE

Ms. Nicole Lenius has been an English teacher with the Keota Community School District for three years. Originally from small town Tripoli, Iowa, she left her mother Teresa, father John, and sister Amber to make the 35 mile trek to Upper Iowa University where she got her teaching degree. From there she traveled to small town Washington, Iowa, and makes the 20 minute commute to Keota each day. Ms. Lenius tries her hardest to get to school by 7 a.m., and usually doesn't leave the school until about 6 p.m. (on a good day). When asked if she prepares for her classes the night before or the day of, she responded, "A little of both and everything in between; it depends on the day, really."

She finds herself going to

Mrs. Baker the most for advice. "She's a genius," Ms. Lenius said. When it comes to academics here at KHS, Ms. Lenius is a busy lady. She teaches English 7, 8, and 10; American Literature; Advanced Composition; and 7th grade Second Chance Reading. She is also in charge of Student Council and is the Assistant Basketball Cheerleading coach. When asked which class she enjoys most, she said, "Believe it or not, American Lit., because I enjoy the literature involved." The one thing she would change about her job would be



the size of her classroom, because it is an odd shape and she wishes it was bigger.

Ms. Lenius would describe herself as positive, serious, and task oriented. When asked how she would describe her teaching style, she responded, "A combination of lecture and student discussion." To motivate students, she uses a combination of candy, grades, and student discussion. She also creates an encouraging environment where students feel participation is necessary. Ms. Lenius's number one motivator is seeing her students, as well as herself, improve. That is why she is furthering her

education and taking a Second Chance Reading class, and next summer a writing and grammar class.

Five years from now, Ms. Lenius would like to still be teaching, and at least be half-way through her Master's degree. What interests her about this profession is that it allows her to continue learning as well as introducing new perspectives on literature she wouldn't have expected. When approached with the question of how she deals with stress, she responded, "Eat chocolate and talk with colleagues."

Ms. Lenius believes her job and field of study are important because people speak, read, and write English EVERY. SINGLE. DAY. Knowing how to do so properly will help them get into college and pursue job opportunities in the future.

## MARTY IS ON THE ROAD TO RODEO SUCCESS

BY ERIN CHALUPA AND DESI HESSELTINE

Here at Keota, students are always looking for new things to get involved in. Freshman Marty Baker has done just that, by participating in rodeos all around Iowa and Northern Missouri. He got involved with rodeos through his biggest supporter, which also happens to be his dad, Rich Baker. Like Marty, Rich got involved in rodeos when he was young, so he decided to pass on the tradition to his son.

At the age of 14,

Marty has already been involved in the rodeo lifestyle for six years. During that time he has acquired three horses, which he spends a great deal of time with. He usually works with them for about an hour and a half each night. To get in more practices in, Marty sometimes trucks over to his grandpa's and uses saw horses and plastic heads as "fake" cattle.

Marty competes in many different events, including tie down, roping, and team roping. He is usually up against 30-40 other competitors at a time, and scores are tabulated by the fastest time. Out of all the places he has traveled, Leon, Iowa was his favorite.

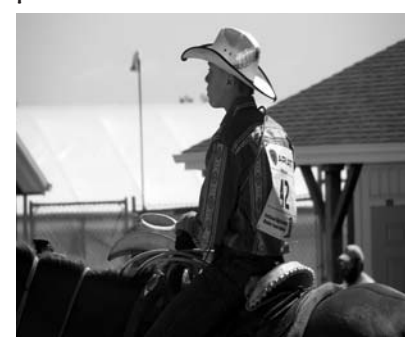
Although it is an expensive and time consuming

hobby, Marty says it is worth it because "it is fun, and you get the chance to earn the money you put in back."

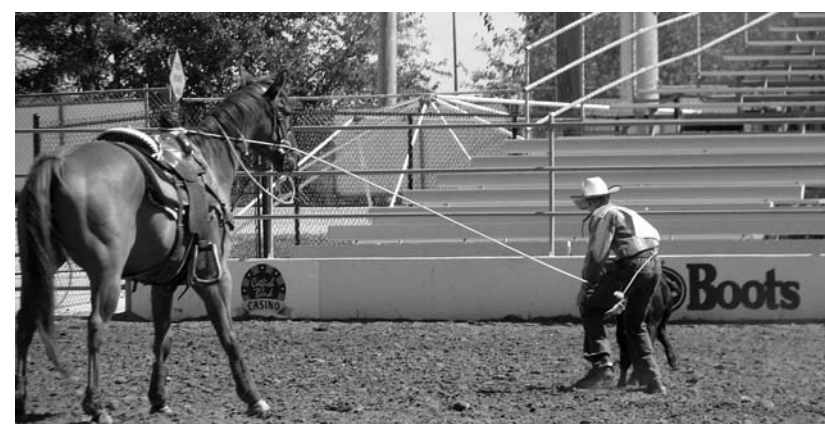
Marty hopes to continue this hobby well into adulthood. His ultimate goal is to make it to the NFR (National Finals Rodeo) in Las Vegas. Although injury is a concern in this sport (he has seen a couple of his friends get hurt), Marty still feels the risk is worth the reward.

His sponsors, Eric Strand and Vision Ag, have also played a big part in putting Marty on the road to rodeo

success. Marty's advice to anyone looking to get into rodeos is this: "All it takes is horses, ropes, and a little practice."



Pictured above is Marty Baker relaxing on his horse at the Fort Madison High School Rodeo.



Marty Baker lassoes a cow at the Fort Madison High School Rodeo on the weekend of Sept. 20, 2014.

### QUESTION OF THE WEEK

BY MIRANDA ROMOSER

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE HALLOWEEN CANDY?

MS. LENIUS  
TEACHER



PINK LEMONADE FROOTIES.

JASMINE SCHUTTE  
12<sup>TH</sup>



HALLOWEEN SHAPED REESE'S, BECAUSE THEY ARE FUN AND CREATIVE.

TYLER VERSTRAETE  
11<sup>TH</sup>



PUMPKIN CANDY CORN, BECAUSE IT'S GOOD... DUH?!!

KAYLIN SWANSON  
10<sup>TH</sup>



ANY CANDY!

COLE BRENNEMAN  
9<sup>TH</sup>



POPCORN BALLS, BECAUSE THEY ARE GOOD.

LAUREN IMHOFF  
8<sup>TH</sup>



ANY CANDY, BECAUSE I LOVE CANDY.

J.D. STOUT  
7<sup>TH</sup>



SNICKERS, BECAUSE THEY ARE THE BEST.

### Senior Countdown 196 DAYS TIL GRADUATION