

THE EAGLE'S WING

Keota Jr./Sr. High School Student Newspaper



FOODS CLASS DELIVERS VALENTINES COOKIES

BY BAILEY BEINHART



The Foods class at Keota High School made cookies to hand out to all the students for Valentine's Day. A total of 250 cookies were made. Pictured above are Madison Sieren and Desi Hesselstine enjoying the cookies.



Miranda Romoser and Jasmine Schutte are taste testing the monster cookies before they get handed out to the Jr./Sr. High School students.



Jasmine Schutte and Desi Hesselstine are frosting the heart shaped cookies.



Pictured are a few of the sugar cookies embellished in frosting and sprinkles.

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MATHERS IS MAKIN' PROGRESS



BY DESI HESSELTINE

John Todd Mather, otherwise known as "Mathers," was born on September 23, 1996. His parents, Bret and Diana Mather, were filled with joy over the birth of their last baby. John has two older siblings, Bryan and Brandi. His favorite memory with his family is going to Nebraska to his Uncle Brian's house. He admires his parents for their hard work and determination.

When thinking of a favorite childhood memory, what pops in John's mind is winning the Quad County Championship in Little League in 4th grade. As a young tot, John used to

always imagine himself as a professional motocross racer.

John plans to attend Kirkwood Community College in the fall and major in Ag Production or Landscaping Design. What

prompted John to choose Kirkwood was their small class sizes and how helpful they are to their students. In ten years, he sees himself living in the Keota area with a family and a good job. When asked what qualities he possesses that will help him achieve his goals, he said, "Good work ethic. I work hard on things that I want."

Trying to achieve these goals should not be tough for John, as he has been involved in a wide variety of extracurricular activities while in high school. His numerous activities include football, basketball, track, golf, baseball, band, choir,

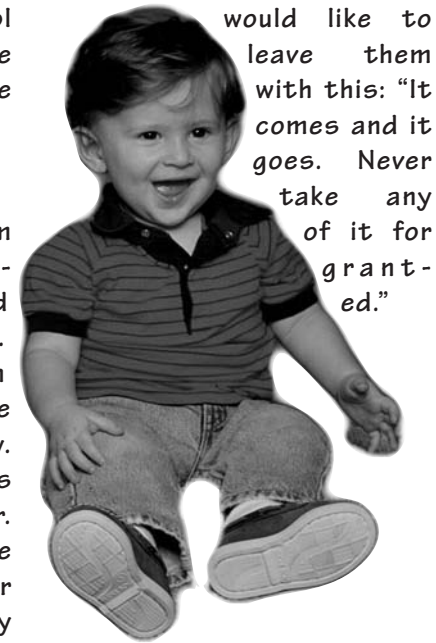
Jazz Band, EagleRock!, FFA, and drama. When asked what has been his favorite, John replied, "Football, golf, and baseball, because it's kind of a family thing, ya' know? I enjoy the team, and especially the lights." Along with that, John is proud of making the playoffs in football his senior year.

When looking back on his time at KHS, Mathers is pleased with the memories he has made here. He says that his favorite high school memory would have to be Homecoming 2014, because "our class caused a lot of ruckus and swept Anything Goes night."

After John graduates from KHS, he will miss his classmates, Amy Hemsley, and most definitely SK Football. His favorite class has been Health because Stout is "The Man" and it's pretty easy. Although Stout's class was his favorite, John feels Mr. Snakenberg's classes have prepared him the most for life, because Gov't was very

independent and helped prepare him for college.

When John leaves KHS, he hopes people remember him as a goofball, but a good role model and athlete as well. Fellow classmate Madison Sieren says she will miss John's "laugh and funny character." He has enjoyed his time at KHS, and describes it as "small, but you get more out of what high school is really like." As for advice to future KHS seniors, John



would like to leave them with this: "It comes and it goes. Never take any of it for granted."

KEOTA SPEECH SENDS TWO GROUPS ON TO ALL-STATE

BY MADI SIEREN



Pictured are the 2015 KHS Speech students. All groups turned in Division I ratings overall at State Contest on Feb. 7.

On Sat., Feb. 7, Keota Large Group Speech performed at State Speech Contest at Cedar Rapids-Washington. After receiving Division I ratings two weeks prior at Districts, all groups advanced to State. All groups once again turned in top notch performances at State, and everyone went home with Division I ratings as well.

Coach Gina Bennett commented, "This is the first time Michael and I have had every group receive overall Division I ratings at State."

Two groups were chosen to perform at All-State: The ensemble of Sloan Ott, Avery Conrad, and Grant Hill, performing "Remote," and the Readers Theatre "Orvis Orvison," which includes Isaiah Hahn, Paden Uphold, Tyler Verstraete, Zach Mousel, and Nate Sieren. Also, the One Act Play, "The Bible in 30 Minutes or Less," received an Honorable Mention at All-State.

Congratulations to these groups and best of luck on your performance at All-State in Ames on February 21.

EAGLEROCK! ROCKS STATE SHOW CHOIR



On Thurs., Feb. 5, EagleRock! performed on their home turf when KHS hosted State Show Choir competition.

(Left, top) The girls perform to "Headphones." (Left, bottom) Grant Hill rocks the keytar. (Center) The entire group performs the ballad. (Above) The boys perform "Gone, Gone, Gone."

KHS STUDENTS LISTEN TO MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER

BY ERIN CHALUPA

On Tues., Feb. 10, Keota High School students loaded up on buses to head to Mid-Prairie Schools to listen to a motivational speaker, Jeff Yalden. Mr. Yalden speaks all around the country about suicide prevention, responsibility, failure, and choices. He is said to perform best at high schools, but he also speaks at all kinds of colleges, conferences, and services.

Yalden is a single parent with five daughters and a nephew with Down Syndrome that he cares for. He uses his own experiences to help kids relate to what he is saying. He also talked about anger management, which leads to one of his favorite quotes: "Anger is like peeing your pants; everyone sees it, but only you feel it." His speech was about an hour and a half, and it was provided to both Keota and Mid-Prairie students.

Sophomore Sierra Ott, said, "I think Jeff was very easy to relate to and also hilarious. He made me open my eyes a little." Hunter Wilson said, "Jeff was hilarious. He was also very good at getting his point across and making a difference." All the students thought that this was a great experience and an eye-opening speech. You can find out more about Mr. Yalden on his website at jeffyalden.com.

BLAST FROM THE PAST

BY MAITLAND SIEREN

HOW WILL SENIORS RESPOND THE SECOND TIME AROUND?

Each week, we ask a Senior the same question they were asked for the Question of the Week when they were in 7th grade. Let's see how their responses have changed over the years...

MADISON SHEETZ

Q: If you could have any superpower, what would it be and why?

7th:
A: Flying, so I can get to places quick.

12th:
A: To have full access to my brain so I could be super smart and make great advances in the world.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

BY SIERRA LYLE
IF YOU COULD CHOOSE ANYONE, WHO WOULD YOUR VALENTINE BE?

MRS. RECHER
TEACHER



ATTICUS FINCH, BECAUSE HE IS A REALLY GREAT GUY!

HANNAH HOPP
12TH



IAN SOMERHALDER! HAVE YOU SEEN THAT GUY??

CORTNEY HYMAN
11TH



JOSH TURNER, BECAUSE HIS VOICE MAKES ME MELT.

RAIGAN SPROUSE
10TH



DAVE FRANCO, BECAUSE HE IS A GREAT ACTOR WITH EVEN BETTER LOOKS!

GRACE MCHUGH
9TH



ROBERT DOWNEY JR., BECAUSE HE IS ABSOLUTELY PERFECT!

BRIANNA DUWA
8TH



ZAC EFRON, BECAUSE HE IS JUST THE CUTEST.

BAILEY BAUMERT
7TH



JASON DERULO. HE HAS THE SICKEST DANCE MOVES!