



# THE EAGLE'S WING



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## ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

BY JOLEE WALKER



I had the opportunity to interview Brady Duwa, a freshman at Keota High School. This season,

Brady is playing JV basketball. Brady plays small forward, power forward and center on the court. He said that he is most looking forward to winning games and getting playing time. He wants to improve on his shooting and ball handling most this season. Brady said that his ultimate goal in his basketball career is to make it to State and win. He likes playing as a team and not losing games. When I asked Brady what his motto was he replied, "We play to win the game," which is a motto by Herm Edwards. Brady said the funniest moment of his basketball career so far was when his coach broke his stopwatch last year during practice.

Brady is enjoying his season playing JV basketball so far this year, and he is looking forward to the end of the season and the next three years to come. Good luck to Brady the rest of the season.

## JUNK OR JEWEL

BY KENDALL WILSON



This week's Junk or Jewel is Aaliyah Heldman with her 2003 Mazda Protege. Her Mazda has 104,000 miles on it. She travels to school and County Line Mart the most with the car. She was passed down this car from Isaac Altenhofen and started driving it last September. Her car's specialties include breaking down at stop signs and collecting water in the cup holders. Her favorite thing about her car is that it is blue. Aaliyah says that five people can fit in her car, and its top speed is "maybe 100." She has had some bad memories with her car; it has broken down, the door handle fell off, and it was held together by duct tape at one point. The person who travels with Aaliyah the most in her car is Addie Swanson, and they listen to 99.7, 96.5, 102.9, and 98.1. Now you can decide, is Aaliyah's Mazda junk or a jewel?

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## ANA'S ADVANCING INTO HER FUTURE



BY ANNA DUWA

Thedieanna Grace Kay Ackerman-Axume, better known as Ana, was born on the 8th of February in 2000. She is the daughter of Elizabeth Ackerman and Wendy and Juan Axume. Ana has four siblings, Avery Ackerman-Axume, George Axume, Athalia Ackerman, and Ericka Axume. Her favorite childhood memory is of one of her birthdays that both her parents attended. All of her life, Ana has admired that, even though they don't like each other and are divorced, her parents both work together to take care of her and her siblings. One her proudest accomplishments is that she is going to be the first person in her father's family to graduate high school and go to college. Throughout her time at

Keota High School, she has been involved in many extra-curricular activities, such as speech, individual speech, show choir, volleyball, basketball, cheerleading, and softball. Of those, her favorite would be speech, where she can put her emotions into any character.

As a child, she had always imagined that she would become a filmmaker, so it may be a bit of a surprise that Ana plans to go to college and major in Anthropology and Cultural Studies at Kirkwood. She chose this career from her love of learning about the world and because she believes Kirkwood is a good place to start. When asked where she sees herself in ten years, she replied, "With a job that I love and happily married in a house of my own." She believes that her skills of intelligence, happy-go-lucky attitude, and respect for others will get her there, and who would say otherwise? In her lifetime, Ana wishes to accomplish many things, which include, but are not limited to, graduating college, getting her own house, and being able to meet the other half of her family for the first time.

Her favorite high school memory would be the first time she performed in a One

Act for speech and making it to Non-Performer All-State in her freshman year. When asked how she would describe KHS, she replied with, "It's a very nice school." The biggest thing she will miss about high school will be having her class together and interacting with each other. Her most enjoyed classes are math and English. She really enjoyed both curriculums and her teachers were great. The class she said most prepared her for life is College Prep. She said it helped her learn how to make portfolios and helped her with scholarships. She feels that KHS does indeed provide classes that give its students the tools they will need in life, offering classes that jumpstart your career with college classes.

Many people will remember Ana fondly. "She was a very fun person to be around, very honest and happy the majority of the time," senior Laurie Amos explains.

Ana has a few pet peeves, such as people chewing loudly, and bad habits like biting her nails. She doesn't know if she has made any decisions that her peers would look up to, but we know she certainly has made her mark on Keota. She works hard at home and at her job, doing

laundry and housekeeping for the residents of the Keota Health Care Center. From this job, she has learned time management skills and how to be a hard worker. Ana enjoys dancing, singing, acting, and performing. She explains that it makes her feel good to have support from the people watching her. Ms. Kaplan says that three words to describe Ana would be, "Nice, smart and pretty." She would love to be remembered as a good person who cares for others. Her advice for current and future KHS students would be to "respect each other and learn as much as you can, because life begins as soon as you graduate. All of us should stay in school; a diploma is worth too much to our lives to give it up."

Best of luck to Ana in her future endeavors.



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

BY ANNA DUWA

### January School Calendar

- Jan 2: No School, Fresh and JV Boys BB @ Lynnville-Sully
- Jan 4: SK Bowling @ Ottumwa, JH Girls BB vs Tri County, Fresh and JV Boys BB @ Sigourney
- Jan 5: FFA Meeting, JV Boys and Girls vs Colfax/Mingo, Varsity Girls and Boys vs Colfax/Mingo
- Jan 6: SK Bowling @ Louisa-Muscatine Tournament, Varsity Girls BB @ Louisa Muscatine, JV Girls BB @ Louisa Muscatine
- Jan 8: JH Boys BB @ Tri County, Fresh Boys then JV Boys BB vs Iowa Valley
- Jan 9: SK Bowling @ Ottumwa, JH Girls BB vs English Valley, JV Boys then JV Girls BB @ HLV, Varsity Girls & Boys BB @ HLV
- Jan 10: 1 pm Dismissal
- Jan 11: SK Wrestling @ HLV, Eaglerock-Lasagna Supper, JH Girls BB @ English Valley, JH Boys BB @ Iowa Valley, Fresh Boys BB vs Washington, JV Boys BB vs Washington, Varsity Boys BB vs Washington
- Jan 12: JV Boys & Girls BB vs BGM, Varsity Girls & Boys BB vs BGM
- Jan 13: SK Wrestling @ Hudson, EagleRock-West Branch Invitational, SK Bowling vs Centerville
- Jan 15: No School-MLK Day, JH Boys BB @ Sigourney
- Jan 16: FFA- Iowa Ag Day on the Hill, JH Boys BB @ Sigourney, Varsity Girls & Boys BB @ Sigourney
- Jan 17: SK Bowling @ Washington, Speech- Home Presentations
- Jan 18: SK Wrestling @ North Mahaska
- Jan 19: Varsity Girls & Boys BB vs Tri County
- Jan 20: SK Wrestling @ East Marshall -Duals, Speech-District (Large Group), SK Bowling @ Oskaloosa
- Jan 22: SK Wrestling @ Pekin, FFA-Iowa Pork Congress Youth Judging, JH Boys BB @ Montezuma
- Jan 23: JH Boys BB @ Pekin, Varsity Girls & Boys BB @ English Valley
- Jan 24: 1 pm Dismissal
- Jan 25: JH Boys BB vs Tri County
- Jan 26: Homecoming, After Prom-Taco Bar, FFA- Iowa Degree Preview Night, Varsity Girls & Boys BB vs Iowa Valley
- Jan 27: SK Wrestling SICL Meet @ Montezuma, JH Boys Basketball Tournament, JH Girls Basketball Tournament, SK Bowling @ Centerville
- Jan 29: Eaglerock-State Show Choir Contest
- Jan 30: SK Bowling @ Davis County, JH Boys BB vs Highland, Varsity Girls & Boys BB @ Belle Plaine, JH Boys BB vs Sigourney

## KHS WINTER FINE ARTS NIGHT

BY RILEY CONRAD AND ADDISON SPROUSE



The high school band played "You're a Mean One, Mr. Grinch," "Bare Necessities," and "Living on a Prayer" at the Winter Fine Arts Concert on Thursday, Dec. 14, 2017.



The Jr./Sr. High Choirs combined to sing "Little Drummer Boy."



The Jr./Sr. High bands combined to play "Thriller."



The Jr. High Band enthusiastically played "Star Wars," "Colonel Bogey March," and "As the Eagle Flies" for the concert.



The Jr. High Choir performed "Bang the Drum," "In the Bleak Midwinter," and "Hist'ry."



The Keota High School Choir sang "The Power of One," "Brightest and Best," and "He Never Failed Me Yet." The choir was accompanied by special guest Jeanene Redlinger.



EagleRock! started the evening off by performing their entire show for the audience. Pictured above the show choir is performing their opening number, "Jump," featuring soloists Justin Moeller, Riley Conrad on the keytar, and Marty Baker on the electric guitar.



EagleRock! performs "Stand In the Light" with soloist Jaydin Boer at the Winter Fine Arts Concert on Thursday, Dec. 14, 2017. All groups for the evening were directed by Mrs. Jane Edwards.

## BLAST FROM THE PAST

BY OLIVIA 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...

### Cole Brenneman

Q: What's your favorite sport and why?

7th:

A: "Baseball, because I play lots of positions and it's fun."



12th:

A: "Football, because I get to hit someone."



## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

BY GRACE MCHUGH

IF YOU COULD GET ANYTHING FOR CHRISTMAS WHAT WOULD IT BE?

MRS. CONRAD  
STAFF



AN APPLE WATCH

MARTY BAKER  
12<sup>TH</sup>



A BIG TRUCK TO TAKE TO COLLEGE

JOLEE WALKER  
11<sup>TH</sup>



UNLIMITED MONEY

JACKSON HAMMES  
10<sup>TH</sup>



A PET GIRAFFE

CALLIE MCNURLEN  
9<sup>TH</sup>



A PET DOG

COLTEN RAUCH  
8<sup>TH</sup>



A FOUR WHEELER

HANNAH TANDY  
7<sup>TH</sup>



MY COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP TO HARVARD