



# THE EAGLE'S WING



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## ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

BY JONNY FLANEGAN



This week's Athlete of the Week is Ben Shemanski. He is a senior at KHS and he bowls for the Sigourney-Keota bowling team. Ben says he is looking forward to making it to State this year. I asked what Ben was trying to improve on this year. He responded, "I'm trying to pick up more spares." Ben's ultimate achievement in this sport would be to bowl a 300 game. I asked what Ben's motto was. He responded, "Bowling is all about the spares." Ben's highest score is 234. Ben likes this sport because "it is a laid back sport." I asked Ben if he has ever had any funny moments while bowling and he said, "I went up to bowl and my shoe cover was still on and I about fell on my face." We wish Ben the best of luck throughout the rest of his senior year.

## JUNK OR JEWEL

BY BEN SHEMANSKI



This week on Junk or Jewel we have Jolee Walker and her 1999 Toyota Camry. This smok'n hot rod is tan with 135,000 miles on it. Jolee's car gets 26 miles to the gallon. Her presets on her radio are as follows: 102.9, 99.7, and 98.1. Jolee got her car for her 16th birthday from some random guy for \$3,500. Jolee's car has some specialties, including a sunroof and some bomb bass. What she likes most about her car is that it gets her places and she likes the radio. She can fit five people in her car. Jolee has never topped her car out, because she doesn't want to break the law. Some good memories Jolee has had in her car are driving around with her friends. Some bad memories Jolee has had in her car is a lot of flat tires. Jolee has named her car Lola and has owned one other car. She travels the most to Washington with her friends, Bergen Dalton and Jordan Hammen. Now it's your turn to determine if Jolee's car is a junk or a jewel.

## EAKINS HAS THE MAKIN'S FOR A SUCCESSFUL FUTURE



BY FRANKIE JOHNSON

Jack Coleman Eakins, also known as "Rick," was born to Bob and Amy Eakins on Aug. 6, 1999. He has two sisters, Carly Slaubaugh and Alex Vorba. Jack's favorite family memory is going camping at the State Fair every year. The thing he most admires about his parents

are how hardworking they are.

Jack has been involved in many extra-curricular activities throughout high school, including football, basketball, baseball, golf, 4-H, and FFA. Out of all these activities he says his favorite is football, because "Friday nights are lit."

When not involved in extra-curricular activities, some of Jack's hobbies include hunting, riding four wheelers, and of course, playing sports. He also works at Ray-Man, where he welds. This job has taught him that a good education is important.

His favorite high school moments include anything having to do with sports and homecoming week. He especially liked Anything Goes his

sophomore year.

Jack's favorite class at Keota is Health with Mr. Stout. He says it is challenging, but fun at the same time. He feels that the class that has prepared him most for life is Personal Finance.

In Jack's younger years, he dreamed of being a cowboy, but has since changed his career aspirations and will be attending Iowa State in the fall for Ag Business. In ten years, he sees himself living in Keota and working at Ray-Man, his family's business. He feels that he is hardworking and responsible, which will help him to achieve these goals.

Jack would describe himself as friendly and helpful. When he leaves Keota High School, he would like to be

remembered as a nice guy who would do anything for anyone. Classmate, Luke Greiner, described Jack by saying, "Jack is focused and determined. He will definitely be successful in the future."

We wish only the best for Jack and hope his years at KHS have prepared him well for his future at ISU and beyond.



## FFA SUB-DISTRICT RESULTS

BY LOGAN SIEREN

On Monday, Feb. 19, the Keota FFA Chapter hosted the Northwest Sub-District FFA contest. FFA members in the Northwest Sub-District came to Keota High School to compete in an array of contests. There were many available contests that ranged from Welding to Job Interview. The Keota FFA Chapter was well represented, with a Conduct of Meetings team and a Welding team. Both groups were very successful in their events. The Conduct of Meetings team, consisting of Brady Duwa, Carson Sprouse, Max Johnson, Patrick Clarahan, Bryce Greiner, Bailey Sieren, and Conner Woltering, received a gold rating and advanced to the District contest. The Welding team of Jack Eakins and Marty Baker was also successful, with Jack advancing to Districts. The Southeast District contest will be held on March 10 at Montezuma High School. We wish the Keota FFA members the best of luck as they compete in their contests.

## EAGLEROCK! HOSTS STATE SHOW CHOIR TO KICK OFF THE SEASON

BY ANNA DUWA



Pictured is Keota High School's 2017-18 show choir, EagleRock! From left to right, they are: (back row) : Riley Conrad, Trey Carlson, Justin Moeller, Ben Shemanski, Marty Baker, June Welt Daing, Cullen Starbuck; (middle row) Lexi Black, Anna Duwa, Taylor Conrad, Grace Shemanski, Jaydin Boer, Sky Weber, Lexi Purkeypile, Jolee Walker; (front) Lauren Imhoff, Ana Ackerman-Axume, Jillian Schulte, Laurie Amos, Callie McNurlen, Bergen Dalton, and Frankie Johnson. The group is directed by Mrs. Jane Edwards.

Keota High School's show choir has been very busy over the last few months. After their first official competition at West Branch on Jan. 13, they geared up for the rest of the season by hosting State Show Choir on Monday, Jan. 29. EagleRock! performed marvelously on

their home stage. The group rocked the stage during their performance and left the crowds cheering them on throughout the night. At the end of the night, EagleRock! received a rating of two from the judges. Jaydin Boer, the soloist in "Stand in the Light," was named Star

Performer of the night.

EagleRock! then performed on Sat., Feb. 24, at Central Lee in Donnellson. Then on Sat. March 3, they brought the house down at Cedar Rapids Jefferson, in arguably their best performance of the year.

On Sat., March 17,

EagleRock! will be traveling four hours to participate in the Underwood Invitational in Omaha, Nebraska.

For a nice cool down, they will be capping off their season with a fun trip to Orlando, Florida, from March 27-31, where they will perform at Universal Studios.

## KEOTA HIGH SCHOOL CELEBRATES NATIONAL FFA WEEK

BY FRANKIE JOHNSON



Jacob Moeller reads to the preschool students during the FFA Reading Relay on Tuesday, Feb. 20.



FFA members helped prepare and serve the FFA Faculty Breakfast to show their appreciation for staff members on Wednesday, Feb. 21.



Seventeen students drove their tractors to school on Friday, Feb. 23 for the annual FFA Tractor Day.

## BLAST FROM THE PAST

BY RILEY CONRAD

### HOW WILL SENIORS RESPOND TO 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...

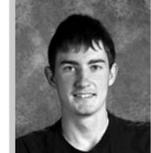
**Jacob Moeller**

Q: Who is your celebrity crush and why?

7th:  
A: "Megan Fox, because she's a fox."



12th:  
"Jennifer Aniston, because she is hot."



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## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

BY MATTHEW HYMAN

WHICH IS YOUR FAVORITE - FORD, CHEVY, OR DODGE, AND WHY?

MRS. WOLF STAFF



"FORD, BECAUSE OF THEIR SECURITY CODE ENTRY."

JACK EAKINS 12<sup>TH</sup>



"CHEVY, BECAUSE THEY ARE THE BEST."

TRISTAN SYPHERD 11<sup>TH</sup>



"FORD, BECAUSE THEY ARE BETTER THAN CHEVY!"

SAM MENKE 10<sup>TH</sup>



"DODGE, BECAUSE THEY ARE AWESOME."

TUCKER MCDONALD 9<sup>TH</sup>



"CHEVY, BECAUSE I DON'T WANT TO PUSH A FORD AROUND."

DAKOTA DETWEILER 8<sup>TH</sup>



"DODGE, BECAUSE I DON'T LIKE THE OTHER TWO."

CALEB WATERHOUSE 7<sup>TH</sup>



"FORD, BECAUSE THEY ARE BETTER OFF-ROAD!"