



# THE EAGLE'S WING



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## ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

BY ADDISON SPROUSE



This week's Athlete of the Week is Paige Thompson. Paige is a junior, and transferred to

Keota from the Sigourney School District. She is currently participating in Cross Country and striving to improve her time this season. She is only eligible to run JV this Cross Country season since she transferred, but she is not letting that hold her back. Paige has placed in the top five of all the JV meets she has run in so far. Her motto is "Don't wear Nikes if you can't do it." She is really looking forward to improving her time throughout the season and continuing to push herself so she can have an even better senior year. She is pushing to improve her speed and her ultimate achievement this year in Cross Country is breaking twenty-one minutes. The most enjoyable part of Cross Country to Paige is being able to compete against herself and seeing how far she can push herself. Her favorite memory is last year while she was running for Sigourney. She injured herself the night before her district meet playing basketball, and she made the whole team lie to the coach so that she would be able to run. We wish Paige the best of luck on the rest of the season.

## MYSTERY STUDENT OF THE WEEK

BY KENDALL WILSON



This week's mystery student is in the class of 2018. You can find her on the volleyball court or at Friday night football games. She was involved in EagleRock from eighth grade through sophomore year. This past summer she was a lifeguard at the pool. If you can guess who she is, head to Mrs. Conrad's room for a prize.

## VOLLEYBALL SPIRIT

BY ANNA DUWA



The Keota High School Volleyball team consists of (from left to right): (Back) Assistant Coach MiKayla James, Jolee Walker, Addison Sprouse, Aaliyah Heldman, Wynonna Morris, Addison Swanson, Jillian Schulte, Jaime Schulte, and Head Coach Theresa Ahlberg; (Middle) Avery Ackerman-Axume, Lexi Purkeypile, Lexi Black, and Anna Ackerman-Axume; (Bottom) Frankie Johnson, Gracie McHugh, Lauren Imhoff, Olivia Sieren, and Lindsey Imhoff.

The Keota High School volleyball team has been working really hard to build their teamwork this season. The first part of the season has not gone as well as hoped, but they won a set against Sigourney and also won their first game on Mon., Sept. 18, and are hoping to build off that momentum and win against EV on Thurs., Sept. 21.

"The volleyball players appreciate their student sec-

tion and all those who come out to support them," said player Jaime Schulte. The players, though getting off with a rough start, are hopeful for the future of the season.

Be sure to come out and continue to cheer on the KHS Volleyball team at their remaining games this season. Their upcoming games are on Thursday, Sept. 21, Monday, Sept. 25, Monday, Oct. 2, and Monday, Oct. 9.

## KEOTA CROSS COUNTRY IS STRIVING FOR SUCCESS



The 2017-18 KHS Cross Country team consists of (from left to right): (Back) Coach Tanner McClenahan, (Middle) Jayden Lawson, Turner Klein, (Front) Jenna Jaeger, Paige Thompson, and Laurie Amos.

BY JOLEE ALTENHOFEN

Keota Cross Country is in for a good season this year as they have gained success compared to previous years. Seniors Turner Klein and Laurie Amos are very excited for this year to lead the team to success. Tanner McClenahan is the returning Cross Country coach for

the third year now. The team says that Tanner helps them improve by pushing them to their limits during practice and teaching them the correct form and stride for their level of running.

The Cross Country team gained a few new runners this year, one of them being Paige

Thompson, a junior. Paige is running JV this year because she is a new student, but she is one of the top runners on the team. Paige stated that she has improved a lot from last year and that her main goal this year is to break 21 minutes. She said that she paces herself by striding out and using the girl in front of her as a pacer. Jenna Jaeger, Caden Sprouse, and Aidan Anderson are also new assets to the 2017 XC team.

Jenna, a freshman, says that her favorite part about Cross Country is meeting new people at meets.

Turner Klein's main goal this year is to repeat at State and get better by pushing himself at practice.

Laurie Amos's favorite things about Cross Country are going to practice and riding home from meets, because they are entertaining. She said her main goal this year is to run a time under 25 minutes.

Freshman returning runner, Jayden Lawson, says that his favorite part about Cross Country is lifting during practice. His main goal this year is to end in the top 20, placing at a meet.

The 2017 Cross Country team is looking forward to finishing the season strong and reaching their goals. They all said that they enjoy Cross Country very much, and are always looking for new runners to add on to the team. They are about halfway through their season, and hope to gain success as they head for conference and district meets. The team enjoys having Coach McClenahan as a coach, as he is very helpful during practice and strives to help them reach their individual goals and team goals.

It was fun to get to know a little bit more about the Keota Cross Country team. We wish them the best of luck as they finish up the season.

## SK CHEERLEADERS

BY FRANKIE JOHNSON



Pictured above are all the SK Cobra Cheerleaders. From left to right they are: Heidi Clarahan, Maddi McNurlen, Maddie Schwenke, Brooke Donald, Sydney Striegel, Noel Garringer, Brianna Duwa, Bailey Sieren, Gabrielle Atwood, Savannah White, and Rylie Shettler



Pictured above are Bailey Sieren and Brianna Duwa with Bailey's younger sister, Aspen Sieren.

This year's Keota SK Cobra cheerleaders are freshman Bailey Sieren and junior Brianna Duwa. This is Bailey's first year and Brianna's third year cheerleading. This year the squad is much bigger, con-

sisting of 11 girls. Brianna said having a larger number has given her the opportunity to get to know more girls. When asked how Bailey was liking her first year, she said that she is really enjoying it and would recommend trying out to anyone who is interested. The girls' favorite memories include meeting cheerleaders from other schools, and when another cheerleader threw a water bottle at a player and it accidentally hit a coach. When asked what their favorite part about cheerleading was, they both replied that they love having the opportunity to cheer on the boys every Friday night. Bailey also said she enjoys stunting. The girls both said they are having a fun time and don't want the season to end.

## FFA PLANTS MUMS ON MAIN STREET

BY RILEY CONRAD



Addison Sprouse and Riley Conrad remove the old flowers from Main Street.

The City of Keota recently bought 14 mums to be planted all the way down Main Street. Mrs. Amelon's Plant Science class was quick to volunteer to do the task of planting the mums and taking out the previous year's flowers.

On Thursday morning, Sept. 14, the whole class headed over to Main Street to take out the dead flowers. They then proceeded to dump them off at the town compost pile. The next day the class excitedly headed back out to Main Street to start planting all of the mums.

Addison Sprouse commented, "I really enjoyed helping the community look better and adding a little color to Main Street."

Before long, Main Street was bursting with color once again. Ben Shemanski, a student in the class, said, "It was a difficult and dirty task, but seeing the smiles on people's faces when they drove by made it all worth it."

## FALL PLAY IS IN FULL SWING

BY GRACE MCHUGH

This year's play production is already underway! Instead of the traditional play however, similar to last year, this year the KHS drama cast is doing three one acts. The titles of the one acts are Zero to Love, Planet Man, and Loonies and Snatchers. Zero to Love and Planet Man have similar themes, and in the words of director Jane Edwards these two one acts focus on "male and female relationships." Zero to Love focuses on speed dating with some interesting, inappropriate characters. Planet Man focuses on four men and one leader in a group therapy setting, all who are deathly afraid of women. The men are then forced to go on hypothetical dates with Jennifer, a volunteer. Things get wildly hilarious, involving a shocking device and possibly chemistry? Finally, Loonies and Snatchers is on the opposite end of the spectrum. Edwards explains it by saying, "A cop is trying to catch a purse snatcher undercover. Three lunatics escaped the local insane asylum and innocent people are then framed as being not only purse snatchers, but being the loonies."

The show dates are Thursday, Nov. 9, and Friday, Nov. 10. This year, the cast is full. All grades are represented in this diverse cast, with many students being in two different pieces. For underclassmen, students include: Cooper Sieren, Jaydin Boer, Nolan Verstraete, Bergen Dalton, June Daing, Ashlyn Ross, Anna Duwa, Justin Moeller, Taylor Conrad, Lauren Imhoff, Jill Schulte, and Trey Carlson. To finish off the cast, seniors Jacob Moeller, Ben Shemanski, Riley Conrad, Turner Klein, and Gracie McHugh are taking the stage one last time for their fall play. Don't miss this fun cast and fun show!

## 2017-18 EAGLE'S WING STAFF

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## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

BY OLIVIA SIEREN

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE CLASS THIS SEMESTER AND WHY?

MS. BRIES  
STAFF



"WORLD LIT, BECAUSE I HAVE SO MANY OPTIONS OF WHAT I CAN TEACH."

RILEY CONRAD  
12<sup>TH</sup>



"PLANT SCIENCE, BECAUSE I GET TO DO SOIL JUDGING."

TREY CARLSON  
11<sup>TH</sup>



"PE., BECAUSE I HAVE A FUN CLASS AND WE INVENT NEW GAMES TO PLAY."

AALIYAH HELDMAN  
10<sup>TH</sup>



"SCIENCE, BECAUSE WE'RE LEARNING ABOUT MONARCHS AND HAVE OUR OWN CATERPILLARS."

LINDSEY IMHOFF  
9<sup>TH</sup>



"SPANISH, BECAUSE WE LAUGH A LOT."

TAYLOR KINDRED  
8<sup>TH</sup>



"SCIENCE, BECAUSE THE EARTH IS FUN TO LEARN ABOUT."

TAYLOR GARMAN  
7<sup>TH</sup>



"BAND AND CHORUS, BECAUSE I REALLY LIKE MRS. EDWARDS."