



# THE EAGLE'S WING



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## MEET SENORA PARRA

BY FRANKIE JOHNSON



This is Mrs. Parra Mendez's second year teaching at Keota. She currently teaches Spanish 1, 2, 3, and 4, as well as some basic Spanish to the elementary. Mrs. Parra Mendez has taught Spanish for 11 years, and is also fluent in other languages, including French, Greek and Latin, and English. When in high school, Mrs. Parra Mendez's favorite subject was literature. One of her favorite ways to teach Spanish is by letting the students watch music videos in Spanish and tell them what the words mean. Prior to living in Keota, she has lived in Holland, Andorra, and Spain. When asked what was most different about the U.S. compared to other places, she responded that she can't speak for the rest of U.S., but Keota is by far the best school she has taught at. Mrs. Parra Mendez commented that she was impressed with the amount of support the students at Keota have compared to other schools. She said that her favorite thing about Keota is "the simple quality of life." Mrs. Parra Mendez said she is very happy in Keota. She hopes to enjoy this year and provide her students at KHS a positive learning experience!

## MARTY IS ROPING HIS WAY THROUGH KHS



BY GRACE MCHUGH

Martin Paul Baker, or as he is known, Marty, was born on March 3, 2000. He is the son of Rich and Deidra Baker, and the younger sibling to Maggie Baker, who graduated in 2014. Marty will be attending Iowa Central next fall to pursue a career in the agriculture field. Marty was

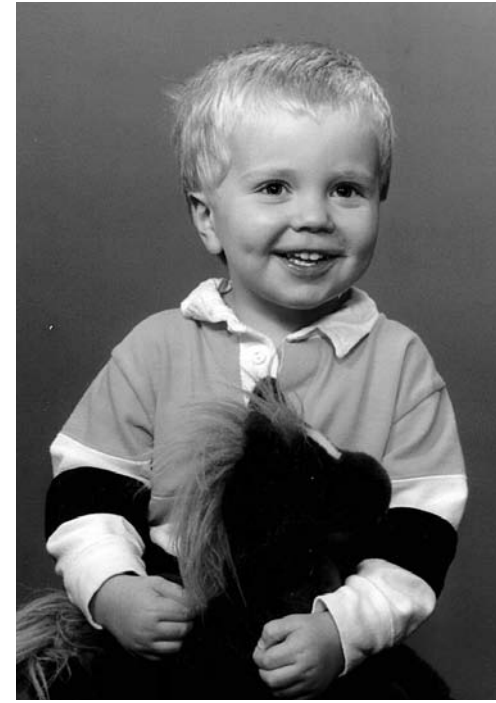
heavily involved in activities at KHS. He enjoyed doing Eaglerock, Speech, Drama, Basketball, Cross-Country, FFA, Track, and National Honor Society.

As a kid, his dreams were more up in the clouds, and he dreamed of being a pilot. In 10 years, after he finishes his college, he hopes to have a nice job with a family. He says his qualities of "hard work and determination" will lead him to succeed. He loved high school because it was filled with memories of Snakenberg's lecture stories in our younger years, burying the chicken in science our seventh grade year, and getting to uncover it again this year as seniors. He loves rodeo and his love of agriculture influences his hobbies because he loves being with animals.

He thinks his ninth grade Geometry class with Mrs. Baker (his mommy), prepared him the most for life. Now that he's a senior, Marty will be sad leaving Keota High School. He will miss seeing his friends that he has grown up with and has seen every day for so many years. Marty describes himself as "An enthusiastic kid that likes to rodeo." However, he hopes people remember him when he leaves the

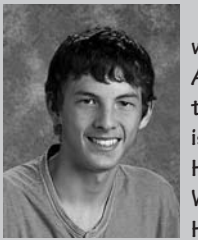
doors of KHS as "a good kid in and out of the classroom." Fellow peer Olivia Sieren says, "He has a wonderful personality, and is kind to almost everyone he meets."

What is Marty's final parting advice for future KHS seniors? "Take classes to explore what you want to do in your future." We can't wait to see what the future has in store for Marty!



## ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

BY OLIVIA SIEREN



This week's Athlete of the Week is senior Hunter Wilson.

Hunter is involved in football this sports season. He is looking forward to making the playoffs this season. Hunter does not think there is anything to improve on because he is already too good. His ultimate achievement in this sport would be beating Regina in the playoffs. Hunter's life motto is "If you're not first you're last." Hunter plays the position of safety and wide receiver. Hunter likes playing on Friday nights the most about football. The moment Hunter thinks is the funniest this season is losing to Pekin. Catch Hunter on the football field on Friday nights.

## NEW BANNERS IN THE HIGH SCHOOL GYM



The Keota Athletic Boosters have been hard at work this year with many projects geared towards updating and beautifying the school facilities. The Athletic Boosters recently donated and installed new SICL banners to replace the old ones in the High School Gym. The school appreciates all the hard work put in and support received from this organization.

## FFA HAYRIDE

BY RILEY CONRAD



It was a chilly Wednesday night on Oct. 11, 2017 for the annual Keota FFA Hayrack Ride and Bonfire. All of the FFA members excitedly gathered at the school for a quick picture and then jumped onto the hayrack to ride around town and then out to Dave and Michelle Hyman's house for the bonfire. Although it was a chilly night, the fire masters, Dave and Matthew Hyman, made a large fire and kept everyone nice and toasty. While sitting around the fire, everyone enjoyed hotdogs and s'mores. The night was full of laughter and everyone had a great time. Before long, it was time to head back to school and everyone jumped back onto the hayrack and rode home to end the night.

Pictured above and below are the FFA students getting ready to take off on the annual Keota FFA Hayrack Ride and Bonfire on Wednesday, Oct. 11.



## KEOTA SPEECH TEAM TAKES ON HALLOWEEN

BY KENDALL WILSON



Pictured above are Keota Speech students taking a break from working on the haunted house. From left to right they are: Matthew Hyman, Trey Carlson, Cooper Sieren, Tyler Waterhouse, Max Johnson, Brianna Duwa, Kendall Wilson, Austin Waterhouse, June Welt Daing, and Bianca Cardona. Picture taken by Traci Waterhouse.

The Keota Speech Program is hosting a Haunted Barn and a Spooky Trail for the little ones! On Saturday, Oct. 21 and Sunday, Oct. 22 they had a great turn out and are hoping to have just as many people come out and support the Speech Program for their final

night on Sunday, Oct. 29. S'mores and hot chocolate will be served. The festivities will take place at 3297 320th Street in Wellman, which is also the location of Stone Wall Pizza on the Farm. Come out and enjoy the fun and support the Keota Speech Program!

## JUNK OR JEWEL

BY KYLIE BEINHART



This week's Junk or Jewel goes to Olivia Sieren. Olivia drives a 2000 Honda CR-V, also known as "Rhonda the Honda." Rhonda's engine is a 2.0L 4-cylinder and has 136,783 miles on it. She gets 22 miles per gallon in the city and 25 miles on the highway. Some of the presets Olivia has in her car are 99.7, 102.9, 98.1, 103.7, and 97.7. One cool thing about Rhonda is she has a little fold out table in the back. Olivia bought her car from her aunt Kim in October 2016 for \$800. Rhonda had two previous owners before Olivia. She likes her car because "she is fun to whip around in." Olivia can fit five people in her car, legally. She travels mostly to school and home. Olivia has not taken any road trips with Rhonda because she isn't sure if she could make it. I believe Olivia's car is a jewel.

## BLAST FROM THE PAST

BY KENDALL WILSON

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...

Grace McHugh

Q: What is your biggest fear?

7th: A: "Being lost in a corn field."



12th: "I don't like corn fields."

## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

BY ANNA DUWA

IF YOU COULD LIVE IN ANY FICTIONAL WORLD, WHAT WORLD WOULD IT BE?

MS. BRIES STAFF



"I WOULD LIVE IN THE SHADOWHUNTER WORLD."

JOHNATHAN HOLDERNESS 12<sup>TH</sup>



"EITHER HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON OR HARRY POTTER."

JUNE DAING 11<sup>TH</sup>



"LET'S GO WITH HARRY POTTER."

JAYDIN BOER 10<sup>TH</sup>



"I WOULD LIVE IN THE HARRY POTTER WORLD, OBVIOUSLY!"

ASHLYN ROSS 9<sup>TH</sup>



"DEFINITELY THE HAVENFALL IS FOR LOVERS WORLD."

DREW SIEREN 8<sup>TH</sup>



"HOW ABOUT NARNIA? YEAH, DEFINITELY NARNIA."

HANNAH TANDY 7<sup>TH</sup>



"I WOULD ABSOLUTELY LOVE TO LIVE IN THE HARRY POTTER WORLD!"

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