



# THE EAGLE'S WING

Keota Jr./Sr. High School Student Newspaper



## SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

### RUBE GOLDBERG PROJECT

By JORDAN HAMMEN

Recently in Ms. Hobbs Physical Science class, students have been working hard on the Rube Goldberg Project. The Rube Goldberg Project is where teams of two or three people design and build a Rube Goldberg style machine that uses different types of energy to accomplish a single task. The tasks could be anything from shutting off an alarm clock to swatting a fly. Students were allowed to use items from around the classroom, such as string, paper, books, pipes, and lots of other things. The students would think about what they wanted to do and brainstorm their plan by writing it down in their lab notebooks. After figuring out what they wanted to do and setting everything up, they recorded the operation of their machine with a digital video. The project had to be 30 seconds long with four level changes. They also had to use all six of the simple machines with the Rube Goldberg devices. After they ran things through, students recorded the procedure, data, and analysis of their results. They also wrote down how they thought it would work, how they made it, and how they could have changed it based on observations. Overall, the students had a fun two weeks working on their projects with lots of new learning opportunities.



By PAIGE MINARD

Taylor Katherine Conrad was born on December 26, 2001, to parents Angela and Doug Conrad. Taylor's siblings include her older brothers Avery and Riley and younger brother Aiden. Taylor admires her dad for his strength, her mom for her empathy, her older brothers Avery and Riley for their smarts, and her younger brother Aiden for not changing for others. Her favorite family tradition is when her mom makes pecan pie every Thanksgiving.

Taylor's favorite childhood memory was when she and the other neighborhood kids would all meet at a tree and sit in their own designated areas. Taylor's favor-

ite elementary teacher was Mrs. Draisie. She liked reading and writing, so she connected very well with her. Taylor says her favorite elementary memory was in sixth grade when she went on the D.A.R.E. trip to Adventureland. Her proudest accomplishments in life have been finding true friends and learning to accept herself.

Throughout her high school years, Taylor has babysat during the summer for a family with three kids. Her responsibilities and duties consisted of cooking, cleaning, helping with homework, and keeping the kids occupied. These responsibilities taught her how to stay busy and keep a schedule.

Taylor has been involved in a diverse group of extracurricular activities, including fall plays, spring musicals, Student Council, National Honors Society, speech, Honor Choir, Eaglerock, band, chorus, and basketball cheerleading. Taylor has enjoyed speech the most, because the coaches are nice and she enjoys acting alongside them. She also greatly enjoys competing in speech competitions.

Taylor's favorite high school class has been World Literature, taught by Ms. Bries. She enjoyed it because it was a small class and Ms. Bries is super fun to be around. Taylor says Personal Finance has prepared her the most for her future because it's

important to know how to handle your money. Taylor's favorite high school memory was in junior high, when she was better at typing than everyone else.

In her free time Taylor enjoys reading, writing, and watching cartoons. Her favorite thing about watching cartoons is analyzing them afterwards. She also enjoys reading and writing because it makes her feel productive.

After graduation, Taylor plans on attending the University of Iowa and majoring in psychology with a minor in writing. Taylor hopes to secure a job as an Adolescent Therapist. We know her kind, funny, and caring personality will take her far. Taylor chose the University of Iowa because it has good psychology and writing programs. She has chosen this career because she likes to help others. As a child, Taylor dreamed of being an author because she loved to read and was a good writer.

Taylor has many goals she wishes to achieve during her lifetime, some of which are traveling the world, writing, and publishing a book, and being satisfied with her life. She hopes her curiosity, determination, and creativeness will get her where she wants to be.

After she graduates, Taylor will miss her friends and seeing Ms. Bries everyday the most. If she could go back and do it all

over again, she wouldn't change anything, other than maybe pronouncing Mr. Nederhoff's name correctly. She wants to be remembered for being nice to everyone and being able to put a smile on others' faces. Classmate Bailey Baumert said, "I will miss Taylor's acceptance and care for others the most."

Taylor's advice for future KHS seniors is "don't be afraid to branch out and figure out who you are and what you like. It sounds cliché, but enjoying something that isn't necessarily popular should never make you upset. Be yourself and everything will work out."

We wish Taylor the best for her future.



### ELEMENTARY SPOTLIGHT

By KENDALL WILSON



Krew Michael Renner is in 4 year-old preschool at Keota Elementary. His teacher is Ms. Cleland. Krew says his parents' names are Andy and Alissa, and his siblings' names are Hunter and Kendall. Hunter is 19 and Kendall is 17. Krew's favorite part of the school day is playing with his best friend Riley. At recess, he plays football. His favorite subject is doing the calendar because he likes to count, and his least favorite is nap time, because he has to lay down and he can't play. After school, he likes to eat snacks. When Krew grows up, he wants to be a farmer because he wants to drive a combine. Krew has been having a great year of preschool!

### Mystery Photo

By PAIGE MINARD



This week's Mystery Student is involved in football, basketball, track, baseball, and speech. They have three younger siblings. They have attended Keota Schools their whole life. If you think you know this week's Mystery Student, head to Mrs. Conrad's room for a prize!

### JUNK OR JEWEL

By TRINITY DALTON



This week's Junk or Jewel is Claire Jeger and her 2011 Ford Fiesta. This is Claire's first car, and it has 203,919 miles on it. The engine is a 1.6 L 120. Claire's mom named it "Nelly" after the music artist. Her car is red, with a dark grey interior. Her car doesn't have any other amazing features. The greatest feature is her radio, which she "blasts burgers and bops" on. The previous owner is her mom, and she has no idea how much her car is worth. Her worst memory in her car was when she went thirty days without it due to speeding. She travels to work and school the most, and her most common passenger is her brother. She can fit about four or five people in it, "unless someone wants to ride in the trunk," she says.

Now it's your turn to decide, is Claire's car Junk or a Jewel?

## Keota FFA Hosts Annual Fall Soup Supper

By JAIME SCHULTE

On Wednesday, Nov. 13, the Keota FFA Chapter held their annual Fall Soup Supper to highlight their accomplishments throughout the summer and fall. The Soils team was recognized for their outstanding performance this year, as they advanced to the State Contest in Ames where they took eighth place.

Top salesmen for the annual fall fruit, meat and cheese fundraiser were also recognized. The top three sellers were Anthony Westendorf, Jacey Berg, and Riley Hahn. Secretary Lauren Sieren also took time to recognize all of those community members and businesses that have made significant contributions of their time and finan-

cial support to help make the chapter run smoothly. Carson Sprouse, Lauren Sieren, Jordan Hammen, and Conner Woltering gave a presentation on their recent trip to the FFA National Convention in Indianapolis to show the community one of the many opportunities the chapter can take advantage of because of their support.

President Joe Swanstrom commented, "We had a great turn out at the Soup Supper. The support we get from our community is amazing." The Keota FFA Chapter has Sub-District contests coming up, as well as their Christmas Poinsettia Fundraiser. Make sure to support this great group of kids in their upcoming endeavors.



By BRYCE GREINER

The Keota school lunchroom was decorated for the Keota FFA Soup Supper on Wednesday, Nov. 13. The soup supper is held each year to recognize all the hard work the FFA kids have done during the summer and fall. Among those who were recognized included the Soil Judging kids, members of the community that have helped the kids along the way, and the kids that excelled in fruit sales. The top three fruit salesmen were Anthony Westendorf, Jacey Berg, and Riley Hahn.



By BRYCE GREINER

The Keota FFA Soils team receives rewards for their hard work during the fall. The Soils team includes (from left to right): Bryce Greiner, Joe Swanstrom, Cooper Sieren, and Sam Menke.



By BRYCE GREINER

The FFA officers and FFA Advisor Mr. Jamison stand for the Pledge of Allegiance at the conclusion of the FFA Soup Supper. The FFA officer team includes (from left to right): Reporter, Jaime Schulte; Secretary, Lauren Sieren; Vice President, Cooper Sieren; President, Joe Swanstrom; Treasurer, Bryce Greiner; and Sentinel, Sam Menke.



By BRYCE GREINER

Keota FFA reporter Jaime Schulte says the prayer before the FFA Soup Supper began on Wednesday, Nov. 13.

## BLAST FROM THE PAST

By TAYLOR CONRAD

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 younger. Let's see how their responses have changed over the years.

### ADDIE SWANSON

Q: If you could be in any movie, what would it be and why?

**7th:**  
A: "21 Jump Street so I can be an undercover cop."

**12th:**  
A: "Any movie with Melissa McCartney because she is hilarious!"

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK By BRYCE GREINER What is your favorite part of winter?	MS. HOBBS STAFF 12 <sup>th</sup>	JOE SWANSTROM 12 <sup>th</sup>	RILEY HAHN 11 <sup>th</sup>	COLTEN CLARAHAN 10 <sup>th</sup>	ETHAN FISCHER 9 <sup>th</sup>	HUNTER SIEREN 8 <sup>th</sup>	BRODY GREINER 7 <sup>th</sup>
	"The snow days because I love snow!"	"Coming home to a nice fire in the fireplace"	"The snow"	"Basketball"	"Just to stay inside"	"Wrestling because it is my favorite sport"	"Deer Hunting"