



# THE EAGLE'S WING

Keota Jr./Sr. High School Student Newspaper



## SPORTS PREVIEW: JH GIRLS BASKETBALL

By JD STOUT

As the fall sports come to an end, the winter sports start. The first of winter sports to start is junior high girls basketball. The girls are excited and ready to play. They started practicing a couple weeks ago and coach Jenny Hobbs is very excited to teach these young girls the art of basketball. Coach Hobbs is curious on how feisty her team will be. She is looking forward to seeing how physical her team can play, because in her words, “we have some physical girls capable of boxing out.”

Coach Hobbs' expectations for this season is to get better each time they step on the court. This doesn't just include games. She wants her girls to bring the intensity everyday in practice and always play hard. She has three main goals for the season, which can be summed up in her motto. “Play hard, have fun, and love each other,” is what the girls base their game play off of. They feel that the team can achieve this success through hard work and playing together as a team.

Come out and catch your Eagles in their last couple of games on Jan. 7 at Iowa Valley and at home on Jan. 9 verses Tri-County. We wish Coach Hobbs and her team best of luck in their season.

## JUNK OR JEWEL

By COOPER SIEREN



This week's Junk or Jewel is on Bryce Greiner with his 2005 Chevy Colorado. He has 123,000 miles on it, but he has only put about 15,000 miles of that on it. He bought his truck from a guy in Ohio and paid \$10,000 for it when he turned 14. He has a 3.5 L in-line 5 under the hood that gets 17 mpg. His favorite specialties are that his driver side window is automatic and that it drives smoothly. Bryce claims that it can hit 97 mph. Bryce has made lots of memories in his truck, like going around to pig sales or also rear ending another car. He travels mostly to Sigourney for football in his truck. The farthest he has dared to take it is to Cedar Rapids for a pig sale. Now it's your turn to decide. Is Bryce's truck a junk or jewel?

## SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

### Joe's Journey to Success



By SAM MENKE

Joseph Adam Swanstrom is one of Keota High School's 2020 future graduates. Joe was born on July 8, 2002, and is the son of Jay and Michelle Swanstrom. He is also the younger brother of Emily and Elise Swanstrom. His favorite childhood memory is riding his bike with his

sisters on the gravel roads, and his favorite birthday party was when he got to share a party with Dawson and see all of his friends. Joe's favorite elementary teacher is Mr. Hill because he made learning fun. Some of the things Joe admires about his parents are that they are very smart and they work very hard to support their family.

One accomplishment that Joe is very proud of is being the president of the Keota FFA Chapter. Joe is active in many extracurricular activities, like football, wrestling, speech, trap shooting, FFA, and golf. He most enjoyed being part of the FFA Chapter because it shows good leadership and helps him meet new people.

Some of Joe's favorite hobbies are working with livestock and riding dirtbikes. They are his favorite hobbies because they are fun and interesting.

Joe is planning to attend Iowa State University and

major in Animal Science after he graduates in May. He hopes to be a large animal vet in the future. Joe currently works on the family farm with his dad and helps him do anything that needs done. This job has taught him some very important responsibilities, such as hard work and determination.

Three things Joe wants to accomplish in the future is to own a nice house, get married and have a few kids, and own a cool car. Some qualities that will help him reach these goals are being smart with money and working very hard. The class that was most interesting in high school for Joe was Survey of Animal Industry. It was his favorite class because it was very interesting with many fun classmates. The class that Joe believes will prepare him for his future is College Prep because he learned all the “extra stuff that you will need most to get a job and to save and use money the way you should,”

he said.

The thing Joe will miss most after he graduates is not being able to see some of his friends as much. Three words Joe would use to describe himself are quiet, loud, and unpredictable. Joe hopes to be remembered as the nice guy that always put a smile on someone's face. Fellow senior, JD Stout, said, “I'm going to miss Joe's loveable smile.”

Some advice that Joe would give to future KHS students is “Do your best at everything; if it isn't good enough then find something else.”

Everyone at Keota High School wishes Joe the best for his future.



## BOER SINGS NATIONAL ANTHEM

By SAM MENKE



Keota High School senior Jaydin Boer recently had the opportunity to sing the National Anthem at the Iowa State High School 1A finals football game on Friday, Nov. 22. When asked how she got this opportunity she said, “It was complete luck! Mrs. Edwards happened to open her email as it came in. She entered me to sing for it, and sure enough, she was emailed back and I was chosen to sing.” Jaydin has done many activities that have prepared her to sing in front of a large group of people. Singing solos at concerts and performing have helped her prepare a lot for this. She has been singing her whole life. She even used to put on little concerts in her grandma's living room when she was younger. She says she has never done anything this big in her life, and she is very excited to sing in front of all of these people. Congratulations to Jaydin on this awesome opportunity.

## New Signs beautify Keota High School



Pictured is the large sign that hangs above the front entrance of the high school.



Pictured is one of the flags that now hangs on the light poles around the school.

By LEVI FRITZ

Keota High School added some new additions to the outside. The school got new signs to hang up around the outside of the building.

KHS Principal, Mr. Henrich, said, “We wanted to dress up the campus. We are planning to put lights on them so you can see them during the night.” He also commented, “We've gotten a lot of positive comments on them already.” The signs were paid for through donations from the Keota Eagle Advocates and the rest was paid for by the school district.

Their new signs are a great addition to the outside appearance of the school. Thank you to the Keota Eagle Advocates for helping make our school look great.

## WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

By COOPER SIEREN



AJ Sieren, 1994 KHS graduate

This week's “Where Are They Now?” is about Andrew Sieren (also known as AJ). He graduated from KHS in 1994. He is currently living in Keota, Iowa. After high school, he went into the workforce running heavy equipment. His current job is raising hogs and growing row crops, along with a custom dirt business. He is married to Denise Sieren and has four kids: Cooper, Drew, Gavin, and Zoey. His favorite hobby is setting bank lines on the Skunk. AJ thinks the class that he took in high school that has helped him most in life was Work Study because it prepared him for the real world. AJ said he was very happy with the choices he made in high school and he would not have lived his high school life any differently. His biggest surprise after high school was meeting his wife. The thing he misses most from high school is seeing his friends everyday. His advice for students currently in high school is to study and play hard because it is some of the best years of your life.

## SICL Honor Choir

By JOE SWANSTROM



Pictured above are the SICL Honor Choir members (left to right) Makinsey Milam, Taylor Conrad, and Anna Duwa.

Keota High School is proud of the four ladies representing Keota at SICL Honor Choir. Four Keota girls were selected to sing at SICL Honor Choir: Taylor Conrad, Anna Duwa, Jaydin Boer, and Makinsey Milam. Jaydin Boer unfortunately was unable to perform because she was sick and needed to save her voice for the National Anthem that week. The SICL Honor Choir consisted of over 200 individuals this year. The three performers from Keota performed well and enjoyed their day of singing. Taylor Conrad said, “It was very fun and I met some really cool people.” Congratulations to these students on being selected for this honor.

## Student Council Canned Food Drive a Success



Pictured are a few of the Student Council members at the United Church of Faith. From left to right are Dakota Hammen, Max Johnson, Grant Garman, Taylor Kindred, Lindsey Imhoff, and Jaime Schulte.

By KENDALL WILSON

The Keota High School canned food drive was a success! The food drive was a competition between Eagle Advisories. The students brought in a total of 269 items. Mrs. Edward's Eagle Advisory, the sophomores, won the competition with a total of 125 items. The

sophomores earned a pizza party, which will be sponsored by Salon La Di Da. Student Council members took the items to the United Church of Faith food pantry for the community. The canned food drive is always a success and this year was no different!

## What's Goin' On?

By KENDALL WILSON

Mrs. Conrad's elementary and high school classes are keeping busy. In College Prep, seniors just finished up portfolios, which will help them apply for scholarships. In the ninth grade English class, freshmen are finishing up a short-story unit. They just read the book, “I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings,” by Maya Angelou. The Journalism class is larger than normal this school year, and the class is already into January with finished articles. They are currently alternating between laying out articles onto a page and writing articles. In ELP, the sixth graders are preparing for the Future City competition in January. The fifth graders are participating in a Rubik's cube contest, and the fourth graders are making a backyard getaway. Mrs. Conrad will also be starting an ELP class with third graders second semester. She is having a great year with her students and is looking forward to the rest of the school year.

## Christmas Activities at KHS

By TAYLOR CONRAD



Seventh graders decorate their Eagle Advisory door for the door decorating contest.

During the holiday month, KHS students participated in many fun Christmas-related activities arranged by the Student Council. The first of these activities was a door decorating contest in which each Eagle Advisory class competed for a prize. In addition, the KHS Student Council organized an event in which students were given the opportunity to buy candy canes for their friends. On Thursday, students were invited to wear an ugly Christmas sweater. On the last day before Christmas break, high school and junior high students gathered in the gym to watch Home Alone 2 in their pajamas and eat the candy canes that their friends bought for them. The 2019 Journalism class hopes everybody has a lovely break and a Merry Christmas!

## BLAST FROM THE PAST

By LEVI FRITZ

### 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...

SAM MENKE

Q: What is your favorite thing to do on a snow day and why?

7th:  
A: “Riding quads because it is fun and I like drifting.”



12th:  
A: “Go drive my truck around in the snow.”

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## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

By JAIME SCHULTE

If you could change, take away, or add any law, what would it be and why?

MR. JAMISON  
STAFF



“I would make Ag classes mandatory for high school students so people were more educated about Ag.”

TYLER WATERHOUSE  
12<sup>TH</sup>



“I would take away presidential term limits so Trump could be President forever.”

LINDSEY IMHOFF  
11<sup>TH</sup>



“I would lower the legal driving age to 15 because I think 16 is too old.”

TAYLOR KINDRED  
10<sup>TH</sup>



“I would raise the speed limit because it is too low.”

DALTON DODD  
9<sup>TH</sup>



“I would raise the speed limit so I can drive fast.”

TIM KLINE  
8<sup>TH</sup>



“I would take away search warrants, so it is easier to catch criminals.”

ARIEL WULFF  
7<sup>TH</sup>



“I would make it so we only had to go to school one day a week.”