



THE EAGLE'S WING

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NEW TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

By KENDALL WILSON



Kari Berg poses with a few of her pre-school students this school year.

Kari Berg has returned to Keota Schools with hopes for a fantastic year with her preschoolers. Mrs. Berg is from Hedrick, Iowa, and she now resides outside of Keota with her husband, their two children, and her two bonus children. She took a few years off from teaching to stay home with her two little boys, but she is back and ready for a new year.

Her hobbies include being active, reading, gardening, canning, vacationing, and spending time with her friends and family. She is motivated by surrounding herself with positive people that are excited and happy about life, and if she could do anything over again, she said, "I would have met Christopher earlier so we could have even more years together."

Mrs. Berg attended Coe College to major in Elementary Education, and was inspired to become an educator from positive interactions with teachers from her childhood. Her desire to be a preschool teacher came after teaching for twelve years, when she started substituting in a preschool room. She said, "A preschool room is filled with excitement, fun, and learning. This is where it's at." Mrs. Berg is most excited to teach her students new things and watch their "light bulbs light up" this year.

Her favorite thing about Keota Schools is "the flexibility to be creative and make lessons exciting, rather than doing everything by the book." Mrs. Berg's classroom is bright, happy, and inviting, which is great for her three year-olds who are coming to school for the first time.

The one thing that Mrs. Berg wants the community to know is, "I am open to suggestions on how to make my classroom an even better place to be." Keota Schools is glad to have Mrs. Berg back and we wish her the best of luck on a great school year.

HALLOWEEN DOOR DECORATING CONTEST

By TAYLOR CONRAD

On Monday, Oct. 14 through Halloween, Keota High School will be holding a door decorating contest for all participating Eagle Advisory classrooms. Based on theme, decor, and participation, the Eagle Advisory who wins the door decorating contest will be awarded with a pizza party. Students are asked to bring their own supplies from home with little to no help from teachers. The contest is being sponsored by the KHS Student Council. We are excited to see what unique doors the Eagle Advisories come up with!



The KHS fall play cast is gearing up for their upcoming production of "A Ready Made Family." Pictured above from left are: (back) Grant Garman, Makenzie Jackson, AJ Sheetz; (middle) Dakota Detweiler, Taylor Conrad, Anna Duwa, Aiden Conrad, Jaydin Boer; (front) Jocelyn Purkeypile.

Fall Play Members Fly Toward First Performance

By TAYLOR CONRAD

2019's fall play cast is sure to wow the crowds this year with their rendition of "A Ready Made Family" by Jay Tobias, directed by Mrs. Jane Edwards.

Starring Jaydin Boer as Doris

Turner, Aiden Conrad as Henry Turner, Taylor Conrad as Marilee Martyn, Dakota Detweiler as Bob Martyn, Anna Duwa as Agnes Martyn, Grant Garman as Nicodemus, Makenzie Jackson as Miss Lydia, Jocelyn Purkeypile as Gracie Martyn, AJ Sheetz as Bent-

ley, and Anthony Westendorf as Sammie Turner, this play follows the story of Agnes Martyn and Henry Turner as they break the news to their kids that they're engaged.

These students auditioned during the first week of school and continue to practice every week in

order to create a fun, exciting play for all.

Watch as the Martyn kids and the Turner kids make a desperate attempt to break up their parents in this farce, premiering on Nov. 7 and 9 at 7:30 pm each evening. You're sure to enjoy it!

KHS SPORTS



Pictured are the KHS players for SK Football and the lone Keota cheerleader for SK this year. From left to right, they are: (back) Wyatt Sieren, Brandon Greiner, Brady Duwa, Sam Menke, Bryce Greiner, Colten Clarahan; (front) Sam Sieren, JD Stout, Bailey Sieren, Joe Swanstrom, Cecil Sypherd, and Anthony Westendorf.

Keota Players Dominate the Field for SK Football

By JOE SWANSTROM

SEPT. 20 — The SK Football team is off to a great start this year, destroying their first three opponents. There are a total of 11 players out from Keota High School this year.

Keota's athletes are dominating the field, with JD Stout, Brady Duwa, Sam Menke, Bryce Greiner, Cecil Sypherd, Colten Clarahan, Joe Swanstrom, Wyatt Sieren, and Sam Sieren all playing varsity on defense or offense. Brandon Greiner and Anthony Westendorf also represent Keota on the JV team.

Sam Sieren and JD Stout are a rushing force, with a combined total of over 1,000 yards in the first three games. Wyatt Sieren is leading the team with 12.5 tackles.

The team is excited about the upcoming games, especially the homecoming game against Columbus Junction on October 11 and Wilton on September 27 at home. When asked, Bryce Greiner said his goal for the year is "to make it to state."

Best of luck to the SK Cobras as they continue their successful season.



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Pictured is the 2019 Keota Junior High Volleyball team. From left to right, they are: (back) Lainey Swanson, Coach Jennifer Cleland, Grace Conger; (middle) Emily Sheetz, Jacey Berg, Emma Hammen, Addy Anderson, Makala Baughman, Audrey Campbell; (front) Madison Scott, Izzy Chalupa, Ava Greiner, Kimberly Clarahan, and Autumn Fisher.

Junior High Volleyball

By ADDIE SWANSON

SEPT. 20 — Keota Junior High Volleyball is off to a great start this year. Both teams have played two games, one against Iowa Valley and the other against Lynnvile Sully.

The seventh grade is currently undefeated and they are excited to see how the rest of the season goes. The eighth grade took a loss against Iowa Valley, but came back to beat Lynnvile Sully.

The seventh grade played both Iowa Valley and Lynnvile and

defeated both teams. Lainey Swanson and Izzy Chalupa said their favorite part of the game is being able to cheer their teammates on while playing. The team also loves to score points against the other team.

In the next couple of weeks, both teams have four home games left: Sept. 19 vs. Sigourney, Sept. 23 vs. HLV, Sept. 24 vs. Highland, and Oct. 1 vs. Tri County.

The team has high hopes for the rest of the season, so come to Keota to support the junior high volleyball teams!

Varsity Cross Country off to a great start



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Pictured above is the 2019 Varsity Keota Cross Country team. From left to right, they are: Dalton Dodd, Jenna Jaeger, Jayden Lawson, Jordan Hammen, and Dakota Hammen.

By JORDAN HAMMEN

SEPT. 27 — The 2019 Keota Cross Country team has been off to a great start this season. They have already had three meets, which have been at Keota, English Valley, and BGM. The returning runners this year are Jenna Jaeger and Jayden Lawson, while the new runners include Jordan Hammen, Dakota Hammen, and Dalton Dodd.

Jenna Jaeger started the season off in great shape. She has done very well in all of the meets so far and has improved her times as well. This season is a little different for Jenna because she wasn't used to not having as many girls out. Last year, the team had five girls out, which qualifies for a team, but now she

will be placing as an individual.

Jordan Hammen is a new student at Keota this year and is glad that she went out for cross country. She has not run since junior high, so it was a hard start of the season for her to get back in shape. Her hard work has paid off though, since she has been improving her times at each race. Jordan is excited to see what the rest of the season will bring.

Unfortunately, Jayden Lawson has not run in any meets yet, but he hopes to be able to by the end of the season. This didn't stop him from coming to every single practice though. His hard work and determination have paid off, and he has been a great role model to the team.

Best of luck to the cross country team on the rest of the season.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

By JORDAN HAMMEN



Glenda Hammen

Glenda Hammen graduated from Keota in 1962 with 32 other classmates. She currently lives on a farm between Keota and Wellman and works part time at Malley's hardware as a clerk. Glenda has been married to Gene Hammen for 56 years and has four kids, 10 grandkids, and four great grandchildren.

In her free time, Glenda enjoys working in the yard, walking her dog, and attending her grandkids' activities. She has three other siblings that all went to school with her. If Glenda was able to have a chance to do high school over again, she says she would have studied harder and gone to college. She did not attend college after high school because girls did not go to college as often back then. Instead, she became a CNA at the University of Iowa and worked there for several months before she got married. She also did not play any sports in high school because girls weren't allowed to play back then.

One thing Glenda really misses from high school is hanging out with all of her friends. She still keeps in touch with a few of them every now and then. If she were to give any advice to current high schoolers, she said, "make sure to study hard and just have a good time." Her favorite teacher in high school was Mr. Sandel because history was her favorite subject. The class that she found the most useful was Home Economics because she was able to learn how to enjoy cooking.

Glenda did not know what she wanted to do right after high school, but one thing that surprised her was how hard it was actually being an adult. Glenda's plans materialized for the most part because she always wanted to have a home and family. The one thing Glenda claims is the most different from high school back in her days compared to now is that there was no technology, and discipline was a lot more strict. They had a dress code as well, where no skirts could be above the knee. Keota is very happy to have had Glenda in the past and we wish her the best!

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

By PAIGE MINARD

What is your favorite thing about fall and why?

MS. BRIES
STAFF



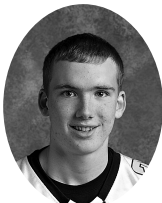
"I like the fall colors and sweatshirts; it's my favorite season."

KENDALL WILSON
12TH



"The weather because it's not too hot and not too cold."

WYATT SIEREN
11TH



"Football because I enjoy playing."

ANTHONY WESTENDORF
10TH



"Football because it's fun."

BRANDON GREINER
9TH



"Football season because the weather is cool."

WILL CARLSON
8TH



"Thanksgiving, because of the food in general."

LAINY SWANSON
7TH



"Volleyball season, jumping in the leaves, and dressing in fall clothes."