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STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: MARTY BAKER

BY MEGAN HILL

On November 6th through November 8th, Keota High School Sophomore Marty Baker participated in the United Rodeo Association Finals in Topeka, Kansas. Marty competed in Breakaway Roping at the finals, averaging 8.5 seconds over three rounds of competition and earning numerous awards for his achievements. In the first round he roped at 2.4 seconds, in the second round he roped at 2.6 seconds, and in the third round he roped at 3.5 seconds. His many awards included a first round champion buckle, two halters for 4th and 5th place in the second and third rounds, skid boots for his 2nd place finish in the average, a Rookie Breakaway Roper of the Year plaque, about \$1,600 in prize money, and a 5th place year end buckle. Marty said he felt an "amazing feeling of accomplishment" after winning these awards. After all the practice time he had to put in, he was thrilled that all his hard work had finally paid off. He said his favorite moment of the event was "when I roped the third calf and realized I had roped all three calves and was sitting very well in the average." But Marty doesn't take all the credit for his accomplishments. He says he owes a huge thanks to his dad and family for all the help and support they have given him through the years.

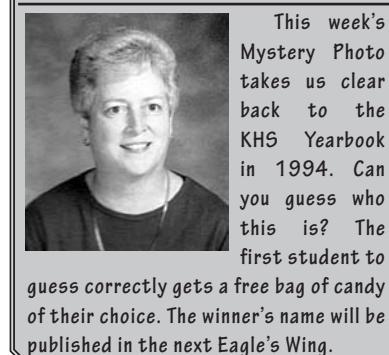


Marty Baker shows off his roping skills at the United Rodeo Association Finals in Topeka, KS on Nov. 6.



Pictured are Baker's many awards he brought home that weekend, including the champion buckle, two halters, skid boots, a plaque, and a year end buckle. He also won about \$1,600 in prize money.

MYSTERY PHOTO BY COLE STOUT



This week's Mystery Photo takes us clear back to the KHS Yearbook in 1994. Can you guess who this is? The first student to guess correctly gets a free bag of candy of their choice. The winner's name will be published in the next Eagle's Wing.

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK BY ELISE SWANSTROM

WHAT IS YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION?

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SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: ALYSSA WHITE



BY KYLEA TINNES

Rodney and Lisa White welcomed their third child to the world on April 10, 1998. They named their little bundle of joy Alyssa Kaylyn White, and her two older siblings, Cameron and Rachel, were thrilled to have a baby sister. Over the years, she has picked up the nickname "Lyssa." Growing up, Alyssa's favorite family memories were waking up with her siblings on Christmas morning.

Rodney and Lisa will do anything to make sure their children are happy, and this is what Alyssa admires most about her

parents. When she was little, she remembers wanting to be a "Rock Star" when she grew up. That desire to entertain and have fun lasted throughout her high school years, as her favorite high school memory is doing "Anything Goes" at Homecoming with her classmates.

Alyssa has many accomplishments to be proud of, but one of her proudest moments has occurred recently. Over the past year Alyssa has lost 40 pounds, and not only does she look phenomenal, but she feels that way as well. She is very proud to have

accomplished such an amazing, life changing goal.

Throughout her high school years, Alyssa has been involved in Volleyball and Speech. Playing volleyball has been her favorite activity, because "nothing is better than the thrill of being on the court," she says. In her free time, Alyssa enjoys watching Netflix and going out with friends.

After high school, Alyssa plans on going to Kirkwood Community College to continue her Liberal Arts classes, and then she plans to transfer to a university to finish up her four-year degree.

Although she is still undecided about what career she wants to go into after college, ten years from now Alyssa hopes to be married with kids and have a stable job that she enjoys. In her lifetime, she wants to be able to make a steady income, be able to give her children a happy life, and to be a happy person overall. With Alyssa's great personality, motivation to succeed, and determination to never give up until the work is done, there is no doubt she will accomplish all of these dreams.

What she has appreciated most about attending Keota High School is being able to give

the teachers a hard time, but yet still be close with them. The one thing she'll miss when she leaves the high school is seeing her friends every day. The class Alyssa has enjoyed the most this year is ninth hour, because that's when her entire class is together.

When Alyssa graduates, she hopes to be remembered as someone that anyone can talk to, funny, loud, and outgoing. Fellow senior, Mariah Lyle, says she'll miss Alyssa because "she is very energetic, she brightens my day every day, and I love her."

Alyssa has a few words of advice for the future seniors of Keota High School: "Don't second think things - just do it!"

We wish Alyssa the best of luck in her future endeavors.



JUNK OR JEWEL

BY JACE UPHOLD



This week's Junk or Jewel is Megan Hill. Megan drives a 2003 Chrysler Sebring, which she has named "Lola." Megan has owned this car since her freshman year, when she bought it from Lakin Miller. Megan likes her car a lot, especially during the summer, because it drives a lot better than when she drives it during the winter. Megan paid 40% out of \$2,000 for this car and her parents helped her pay for the rest. The only bad memories she has had in her car so far is getting it stuck in the snow. Megan says the specialties of the car are that it goes 120 mph and the roof folds down. Although Megan's dream car would be a brand new Range Rover, she really enjoys having this car, because whenever she needs to get somewhere it gets her there.

KHS ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



BY AVERY CONRAD

This week's female Athlete of the Week is Erin Chalupa. This basketball season, Erin is looking forward to growing bonds with her teammates. When asked what she was trying to improve on this season she said, "I am trying to find my strengths and using them to help improve the team." Her ultimate season achievement is to just have a season to remember. When faced with a challenge, Erin remembers one of her favorite mottos: "Hard work beats talent when talent doesn't work hard." Erin can be seen playing point guard on the basketball floor. She loves the game because of the pace and continuous movement. One of the funniest moments of this season was "dog piles and falling on the court after jumping into people two feet taller than myself." We look forward to seeing Erin on the court this season.

KEOTA JR. HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL WINTER FINE ARTS NIGHT



Keota High School and Keota Jr. High School treated the community to a Fine Arts Night on Thursday, December 17, 2015. Pictured above is the High School Choir, under the direction of Mrs. Jane Edwards.



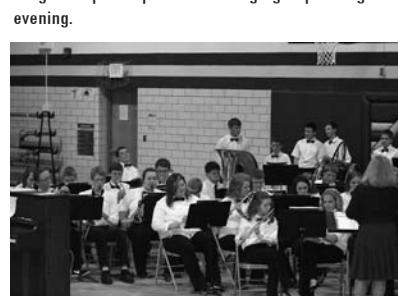
Keota Jr. High and High School clarinetists shared their talents during Fine Arts Night on December 17.



Above, the Keota Jr. High School choir prepares to entertain the crowd with their musical talents.



The Keota High School and Jr. High School choirs sang a couple of pieces as a large group during the evening.



The Keota High School and Keota Jr. High School bands joined together to display their talents during Fine Arts Night on Thursday, December 17, 2015.



The Keota High School and Keota Jr. High School bands played together during Fine Arts Night on December 17, 2015. The bands are under the direction of Mrs. Jane Edwards.



Pictured is the Keota Jr. High School Choir getting ready to perform at Fine Arts Night on December 17.

MRS. CONRAD
STAFF



"TO BE HEALTHIER"

GRACE SHEMANSKI
12TH



"TO NEVER STOP BEING COOLER THAN EVERYONE"

JACE UPHOLD
11TH



"IMPROVE IN BASKETBALL"

JOHNATHAN HOLDENNESS
10TH



"TO LOSE WEIGHT"

JUSTIN MOELLER
9TH



"PLAY LESS VIDEO GAMES"

TRINITY DALTON
8TH



"GROW TALLER"

MAX JOHNSON
7TH



"TO GET MORE HOMEWORK DONE"