



# THE EAGLE'S WING



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## HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

BY KAYLIN SWANSON



This week, Cole Stout has been chosen as High School Athlete of the Week. Cole is the shooting guard for the Keota Eagles. He is looking forward to playing in Districts and improving on winning. Cole says his goal this season would be to win State. His motto throughout the season has been, "A basketball team is like the five fingers on your hand. If you can get them all together, you can have a fist. That's how we like to play ball." Cole's funniest memory from this season so far is when his friend, Jace Uphold, got dunked on. Recently, Cole broke the school's three-point record, which was previously set at eight and is now set at ten. Off the court, Cole enjoys hanging out with his friends and family. We wish Cole and his teammates a great rest of the season!

## BLAST FROM THE PAST

BY CULLEN KELLEY

### 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 in 7th grade. Let's see how their responses have changed over the years...

**Kylea Tinnes**

Q: What is your favorite oldies song?

7th

A: "Jessie's Girl by Rick Springfield"



12th

A: "Give Me One Reason by Tracy Chapman"



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## SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: RAIGAN SPROUSE



BY AVERY CONRAD

This week's Senior Spotlight belongs to Raigan Paige Sprouse. Raigan was born on Jan. 12, 1999. She is the daughter of Jeff and Molly Sprouse. She has three siblings, herself being the eldest followed by

Addison, Carson, and Caden. Raigan has a lot of childhood memories that she cherishes. Some of these include memories of driving back to Iowa when she lived in Illinois to visit family, and going to Iowa State football and basketball games through the years. When asked what she admired about her parents and family she said that their ability to continue to work hard and always stay motivating has always impressed her.

Over the years Raigan has been involved in numerous activities, such as basketball, volleyball, softball, band, EagleRock!, KHS Dance Team, CYM, 4-H, and FFA. When asked what her favorite of all these activities was she replied, "Basketball, because I've always had a love for it since I was little and I've had great role models."

When asked what her future holds, Sprouse said that she plans to attend Indian Hills in the fall of 2017

and major in Radiologic Technology. When asked why she chose this major she said, "I want something that will be different every day and I want to help people." Raigan has always had a passion to help people around her and this quality will lead her to success through her life and career. Ten years from now, Raigan hopes she has a good job and a husband by her side.

While wrapping up her career at KHS may be sad, Raigan has gained many new friends and memories while she's been here. Some of her favorite high school memories include going on EagleRock! trips and going on mission trips with all her friends. When asked what class she's enjoyed the most over her years, she answered, "Mr. Snakenberg's classes, because I've learned a lot and it prepared me for the future."

Raigan hopes to be remembered

as someone who was hard-working and dedicated to anything she did. Her friends describe her as a good friend that was always willing to help out when someone needed it. Raigan will be greatly missed next year and we wish her the best of luck in her life and career.



## JUNIOR HIGH ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

BY RAIGAN SPROUSE



This week's Junior High Athlete of the Week is the one and only Sky Weber. Sky is in eighth grade and their team is composed of 7th and 8th graders. The season came to an end on Saturday Jan. 28, so I had a chance to interview Sky about how the season went. I asked Sky what she looked forward to most at the beginning of the season. She said, "I looked forward to being around my friends and playing with them." When she was asked what she wanted to improve on this season, Sky said, "I wanted to work on shooting and improving my shot." Her ultimate achievement for the season was to win more games than last season. Sky plays the post position and her height helps her. She enjoys the sport because it keeps her in shape. "Running is okay, but it's not my favorite thing about the sport." Throughout the season Sky enjoyed her teammates' random dancing during practice, as well as Callie and Lindsey falling all the time, because it was funny. Overall, she had a great basketball season. Congratulations to Sky on being selected as this week's Junior High Athlete of the Week.

## JUNIOR HIGH GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM

BY JACOB WICKENKAMP



The 2017 Junior High girls basketball team consists of (left to right): Lexi Purkeypyle, Bailey Sieren, Callie McNurlen, Sky Weber, Jenna Jaeger, Taylor Kindred, and Coach Mikayla Vandenberg. Not pictured: Lindsey Imhoff.

This year's Junior High girls basketball team went 6-6, with some games coming down to the wire. They have also played in a couple of tournaments since the end of the regular season. "Each individual on the team improved in at least one or more category," Coach Vandenberg commented. "They were a very hard working team and were very aggressive this year. I enjoyed coaching them and watching them grow as players and teammates."

Congratulations to the junior high girls on all your hard work this season.



The JH girls basketball team shows off their t-shirts above. Pictured from left to right are: Lindsey Imhoff, Sky Weber, Bailey Sieren, Lexi Purkeypyle, Callie McNurlen, Jenna Jaeger, and Taylor Kindred.

## JUNIOR HIGH BOYS BASKETBALL

BY MALLORY WOLTERING



This year's 7th grade basketball team consists of (from left to right, back to front): AJ Sheets, Grant Garman, Coach Tanner McClenahan, Anthony Westendorf, Dakota Detweiler, Colton Rauch, and Colten Clarahan.

It's been a fun year filled with a wide variety of experiences for the 7th and 8th grade boys basketball teams this year. According to Coach Tanner McClenahan, "The team as a whole has learned a lot from games and practices, which has allowed them to have more fun and be competitive." The two teams had about every type of game this year, including winning and losing close games, beating teams by 40, losing by 40, playing well for four quarters, playing poorly for 4 quarters, playing better after half, playing worse after half, and so on.

"Of course you want consistency," said Coach McClenahan, "but it has also allowed the kids to have a lot of different experiences and they've learned how to

deal with those situations." The 7th grade team has had a year that has tested them, but they hustled, attacked, and gave a great effort. "We struggled to score and play team defense," said McClenahan, "but they have worked hard this year and it has started to click for them. You can see them figuring out ways to create shots for themselves and teammates that are creative within the offense. Their instincts are getting better."

They've also shown their ability to win close games, beating HLV by remaining calm, running a press breaker, handling the ball, and making some free throws at the end. Their defense and rebounding helped seal the win. "No matter what



This year's 8th grade basketball team consists of (left to right, back to front): Luke Hammen, Tucker McDonald, Wyatt Sieren, Coach Tanner McClenahan, Brady Duwa, Bryce Greiner, Max Johnson, Riley Hahn, Conner Wolterting, Sam Sieren, Carson Sprouse, Jayden Lawson, Patrick Clarahan, and Jaydin Benford.

happened the day before, these guys always showed up to practice, listen, and gave a great effort," said McClenahan.

The 8th grade team has had a year that tested them as well. They went up to PCM for the first game of the year and faced a tough team. They were up 8 at the half and just couldn't quite hold on in the second half. "It was a learning moment for everyone, including me," McClenahan commented. "We needed to learn how to handle adversity better. We came out more motivated for the rest of the year and they haven't lost since."

The 8th grade team also had a game that showed the growth of the team with regards to their mental toughness, skills, and teamwork. "Last year

Montezuma handed us a blow out loss at their place," McClenahan said. "We were never in it. This year the guys were down 7 at half, and missing a few guys, and came back to win by 8. That was some of the best team effort and emotion I've seen in a game."

The next night the team had to come back and play a tough Pekin team and gutted out another tough win. Coach McClenahan said, "I didn't realize it until one of the players said it, but this group went undefeated at home in their two junior high years. They've only had two losses and both were on the road. It's been fun to see them grow over the last two years and I think the future looks bright."

## JUNK OR JEWEL

BY BERGEN DALTON



This week's Junk or Jewel is Lauren Imhoff's 2004 Buick Rendezvous. She got it in September 2016 for \$1,600. She named her car "Rhonda" since it is a Rendezvous. Her car is tan with four doors. Lauren's car gets about 28 miles per gallon and the top speed is about 180 mph. Her car currently has 170,000 miles on it and can fit up to eight people in it.

Lauren mostly drives her car to school and back home. Her sister and Preston are her most common passengers because she takes them to school. One of Lauren's favorite memories was when she was transporting her pet fish back home from Bergen's house. Bergen was holding the fish tank in the passenger's seat, and when Lauren went over a bump some of the water splashed onto Bergen's lap. Lauren has owned one car prior to Rhonda, but she finds Rhonda to be a better fit.

Now it's time for you to decide - is Lauren's car junk or a jewel?

## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

BY ANTHONY CAMPBELL

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE ROMANTIC MOVIE AND WHY?

MS. BRIES  
STAFF



"THE NOTEBOOK, BECAUSE IT'S A WELL KNOWN ROMANTIC MOVIE."

ERIN CHALUPA  
12<sup>TH</sup>



"SAFE HAVEN, BECAUSE I LOVE JULIANNE HOUGH."

GRACIE MCHUGH  
11<sup>TH</sup>



"THE NOTEBOOK, BECAUSE IT'S REALISTIC."

LAUREN IMHOFF  
10<sup>TH</sup>



"THE TITANIC, BECAUSE IT'S COOL."

OLIN WALKER  
9<sup>TH</sup>



"GNOME AND JULIET, BECAUSE IT'S SWEET."

SKY WEBER  
8<sup>TH</sup>



"ME BEFORE YOU, BECAUSE I LIKE THE MAIN CHARACTERS."

DREW SIENEN  
7<sup>TH</sup>



"TITANIC, BECAUSE IT'S ABOUT THE TITANIC."