



# THE EAGLE'S WING

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## FFA HOLDS FACULTY BREAKFAST

BY RAIGAN SPROUSE



Pictured are some of the high school teachers enjoying their breakfast. From left to right, they are: Ms. Bries, Mrs. Hemsley, Senora Parra, Mrs. Greiner, and Mrs. Wolf.



The FFA students woke up bright and early to serve breakfast to the teachers. Pictured from left to right are: Raigan Sprouse, Marty Baker, Riley Hahn, Sam Menke, Cole Brenneman, Kolton Strand, Joe Swanstrom, and Max Johnson.

Keota FFA hosted a faculty breakfast on Wednesday, Feb. 22 at the school to show their appreciation to the teachers during National FFA Week. Students arrived at the school at 5:30 a.m. to prepare food to serve the teachers from 7:15 to 8 a.m. Some students grilled sausages in the Ag room while others prepared hash browns and baked the egg casseroles that were prepared the night before. These foods were served with toast, coffee, milk, and different kinds of juice. The FFA Chapter would like to thank teachers for everything they do for students throughout the year and we're happy to give back to them.

## U.S. HISTORY CLASS LEARNS ABOUT GOVERNMENT

BY BERGEN DALTON

A couple of weeks ago Mick Berg came in as a guest speaker to the U.S. History class. He came in to speak about forms of modern government that relate back to the time period the class is learning about. He explained a lot about the Mayor-Council form of government. The local Keota government is run under the Mayor-Council form. The Mayor-Council form is where there are a certain amount of council members and a mayor, and this form of government is used when the town's population is under 5,000 people.

Thank you to Mick Berg for taking the time to give the KHS sophomores an inside view on the way our local government is run. The class greatly appreciated it!

## KEOTA EAGLE BOYS BASKETBALL SEASON COMES TO AN END



It's a battle of #35 vs. #35 as Avery Conrad goes up for the tip-off vs. Danville.



The Keota Eagles boys basketball team huddles up during the District Semifinals on Tuesday, Feb. 19 vs. the Danville Bears. It was a hard fought game, but the Eagles ultimately fell short of the win.



The KHS Cheerleaders kept the crowd fired up and on their feet during the playoff game against Danville.



The bench watches the intense game.

BY AVERY CONRAD

On Tuesday, Feb. 19, the Keota Eagle Boys fell short to the Danville Bears in the district semifinals. The final score was 70-61, but this doesn't even begin to describe the season that the Eagles had this year. Their final record was 17-6, which won the Eagles the SICL East Conference Title and placed them as the second best team in the entire SICL Conference. Although the competition was stiff and their record was not perfect, the Eagles had a great season.

The five Eagle seniors this year helped lead the team, with four of the five seniors in the starting lineup. They provided a wonderful example

for upcoming players and helped to grow and better the Eagle program as a whole. The seniors, Avery Conrad, Jacob Wickenkamp, Jace Uphold, Anthony Campbell, and Cole Stout, will be greatly missed.

After the loss to Danville, senior Jace Uphold said, "I wanted to leave this program better than when I started it and I think we did that." This, along with many other things throughout the season, reflects the attitude and enthusiasm that the Eagles have had, even when facing hard times and adversity. The season was fun and the seniors will be missed. Until next year, good luck and "GO EAGLES!"



The student section was on their feet for the entire game, as the Eagles played a close game from start to finish in Mt. Pleasant against the Danville Bears.

## READING RELAY



FFA member Luke Greiner reads to Mrs. McClenahan's Kindergarten class during the annual FFA Reading Relay on Friday, Feb. 24.



(Above) Erin Chalupa and Lauren Sieren read to the 5th graders during the FFA Reading Relay. (Right) Jaime Schulte and Avery Conrad race to their next classroom to read to the elementary students.



## SCIENCE FAIR IS COMING UP

BY LAUREN IMHOFF

This year, KHS Science Teacher Jenny Hobbs will take on the biggest Science Fair group she's ever seen. With nine high school students involved, Ms. Hobbs has a lot on her plate this year. When asked what her thoughts were on having such a big group this year, Ms. Hobbs said that she is very excited.

"It is very neat that kids want to discover new realms of possibility," Hobbs

said. "I also enjoy seeing all the creative ideas that the kids come up with and the results that follow."

The Eastern Iowa Science and Engineering Fair will take place on March 18 at the Lindale Mall in Cedar Rapids, and the State Science and Technology Fair of Iowa will be held on March 30 at the Hilton Coliseum in Ames. Best of luck to all the groups!

## SOPHOMORES PERFORM SHAKESPEARE

BY ANTHONY CAMPBELL

Ms. Bries' sophomore class just got done acting out scenes from Julius Caesar. They acted out scenes 4 and 5. They were assigned parts and acted them out in front of their class the best they could.

Lauren Imhoff, a student in the class, said, "It was really fun and I enjoyed it." Now they are finishing up with a six part test. By the end of this unit, they will know everything there is to know about Julius Caesar.

## ALL-STATE SPEECH

BY BAYLEI MCCLELLAND



Cole Stout, Jace Uphold, Bianca Cardona, and Luke Greiner are performing their Readers Theatre act titled, "2nd Bakery Attack" at All-State in Ames on Saturday, Feb. 18. Photo by Kylea Tinnes.



Riley Conrad, Bianca Cardona, and Grace McHugh pose by the coveted All-State flag after their Improv performance on Saturday, Feb. 18.

All State speech competition was at Iowa State University in Ames on Saturday, Feb. 18. Keota sent three groups to Ames this year, including two performing acts and one nonperforming act.

Jace Uphold, Cole Stout, Luke Greiner, and Turner Klein were in the nonperforming ensemble, "If Men Played Cards as Women Do."

The two performing acts were the Readers Theater group of Bianca Cardona, Luke Greiner, Cole Stout, and Jace Uphold performing "2nd Bakery Attack" and an Improv group consist-

ing of Bianca Cardona, Riley Conrad, and Grace McHugh. The Improv group received a standing ovation and had very little criticism from the judge.

Even though Keota didn't bring home the banner, everyone is incredibly proud of the Speech advisors, Gina Bennett and Mike McNurlen, as well as all of the students who moved on to All-State this year. The Speech department gives KHS a lot to be proud of, and to all the seniors who are leaving the nest this year, we wish you the best and hope you'll always remember this experience.

## BLAST FROM THE PAST

BY KAYLIN SWANSON

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...

Q: When you were little, what did you want to be when you grew up?



7th  
A: "A lifeguard."



12th  
A: "A babysitter or a lifeguard."

## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

BY BERGEN DALTON

WHAT IS SOMETHING ON YOUR BUCKET LIST AND WHY?

MRS. AMELON  
STAFF



"I WANT TO TRAVEL TO ALL 50 STATES BECAUSE THE U.S. HAS A LOT TO OFFER."

ELISE SWANSTROM  
12TH



"I WANT TO EXPERIENCE THE HOLY FESTIVAL IN INDIA BECAUSE IT'S BEAUTIFUL."

DAKOTA SLAUGHTER  
11TH



"TO BUY A BENELLI 12 GAUGE SHOTGUN FOR HUNTING."

JUNE DAING  
10TH



"MY DREAM IS TO VISIT PARIS TO SEE THE EIFFEL TOWER."

COOPER SIENEN  
9TH



"I WANT TO MAKE A LOT OF MONEY BECAUSE I COULD BUY COOL THINGS."

PAIGE MINARD  
8TH



"I WANT TO GO TO LOUISIANA BECAUSE IT IS NEAT DOWN THERE."

COLTON RAUCH  
7TH



"I WOULD LIKE TO JUMP OUT OF A PLANE BECAUSE IT LOOKS AWESOME."

## EAGLEROCK! GEARS UP FOR ANNUAL TRIP

BY MALLORY WOLTERING

This year for the annual EagleRock trip, they will be traveling to Omaha, Nebraska. The dates that the students will be gone are from March 16-18. In the past, EagleRock has gone to Wisconsin Dells and Orlando, Florida. This year as a group they decided to mix it up and go somewhere new.

While they are down in Omaha, EagleRock will be staying at the Coco Key Resort. At the resort, some activities that the students in EagleRock can do are go to the waterpark or the arcade. Also while the students are in Omaha, they will be going to the zoo, going to a mall, and also competing in a competition nearby at Underwood. At the competition, EagleRock will be competing in preliminaries and finals. There will be eight schools in this competition: three 1A, two 2A, two 3A, and one 4A. The students are very excited and ready to go to Omaha during Spring break.



Raigan Sprouse and Bianca Cardona are pictured with their second place trophy from the Central Lee competition on Saturday, Feb. 25.



(left) June Daing won Outstanding Performer at the Central Lee competition on Saturday, Feb. 25.



Mallory Woltering and Maleah Miller are pictured with their second place trophy from the Cedar Rapids Jefferson competition on Saturday, March 4.

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