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# THE EAGLE'S WING

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## ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

BY JONNY FLANEGAN



**Joe Swanstrom** is the only Keota High School Varsity wrestler this year. When I asked Joe what he was looking forward to this season, he replied "the Regional Dual." Joe is trying to improve his take downs and pinning combinations this year. When I asked Joe what his ultimate achievement in this sport would be, he replied "winning conference." Joe's motto in wrestling is "Dilly Dilly." Joe currently is in the 138 pound weight class. His favorite part about wrestling is at the end when he wins a match and the official raises his hand up. When I asked Joe if he has had any funny moments, he replied, "After thanksgiving I went to a weigh in and I gained 12 pounds." Joe said he disliked not being able to eat junk food for two months, but it kept him in shape. Good luck to Joe on the rest of the season.

## JUNK OR JEWEL

BY MATTHEW HYMAN



This week's Junk or Jewel will go out to Addison Sprouse and her 2005 Chevy Impala. This quick ride just rolled over 114,000 miles. Her car is silver and was previously driven by her older sister. The places she goes most are the school and the gym. Her favorite memory in this car was going Black Friday shopping. On the other hand, she says her worst memory was when "I fell and broke off the spoiler." This car was randomly nicknamed "The Ditch Runner" for no apparent reason. Her sweet ride is equipped with heated seats and Iowa State stickers. So it's your turn to decide! Is Addison's ride junk or a jewel?



BY ANNA DUWA

Riley Lindan Conrad was born on March 10, 2000. He is the son of Doug and Angela Conrad. He has three siblings: Avery, Taylor, and Aiden Conrad. One of his favorite childhood memories is hunting with his father. One of his favorite family memories was when his family took a trip to Estes Park in Colorado.

Riley admires his parents for the fact that, throughout his life, they have worked hard to give him and his siblings a fun and enjoyable life. Of all Riley's accomplishments, he feels that his performance at All-State Speech in Improv is his greatest. During his time at

Keota High School, he has participated in numerous extra-curricular activities, such as FFA, National Honors Society, Student Council, speech, EagleRock, drama, basketball, baseball, and golf. When asked which is his favorite, he said it was a toss between golf and baseball, because he was "alright" at them.

When Riley was young, he had always wanted to become a farmer, but as of now, he plans to go to college and major in Wildlife Biology at Iowa State University. He decided on this plan so he can become a Fish and Game Warden later on in life.

When questioned as to where he sees himself in ten years, he replied, "Hopefully with a family, living on a farm, and working his job as a Game Warden." He says that his work ethic, reliability, decisive thought processes, dependability, and nice, helpful attitude will get him to where he wants to be.

Throughout his lifetime, Riley hopes to accomplish plenty of things, which include getting married, having children, and owning a farm for his future family to live on.

Riley says his favorite high

school memory would have been "watching Jesus Camp at All-State Speech while Caroline tried on my jeans." Some of his other favorite moments through his KHS education include making it to All-State Speech, playing sports, hanging with his friends, and participating in the plays. The biggest thing Riley will miss about KHS will be getting to participate in all the extra-curricular activities.

The classes he most enjoyed at KHS were his history classes with Mr. Shakenberg, because he was always into his curriculum and Riley thought the topics were interesting. The class he said prepared him the most for life was math, considering that people use math all the time in everyday life.

The majority of KHS students will remember Riley as a friend, just as he hopes they will. "He is a very funny person, and a very likable dude," senior Ben Shemanski says. Students describe Riley as "a friendly person who always tries to make people laugh."

Riley's pet peeve is when teachers give out a lot of homework, and his worst habit is

letting himself get frustrated with an assignment.

At home, Riley works hard by mowing, washing dishes, cleaning, doing the laundry, and taking out the trash. His "on the side" jobs include mowing the cemetery and working with an electrician. Through his jobs and responsibilities at home, he has learned to be on time, work hard, and be responsible for his own things.

Riley hobbies include boating, camping, fishing, and hunting. He explains that he just really enjoys activities in the outdoors. His advice for future KHS seniors would be, "Get all your work done on time and do not procrastinate."

We wish Riley the best of luck in his future as a Game Warden!

## BASIC SKILLS TESTING

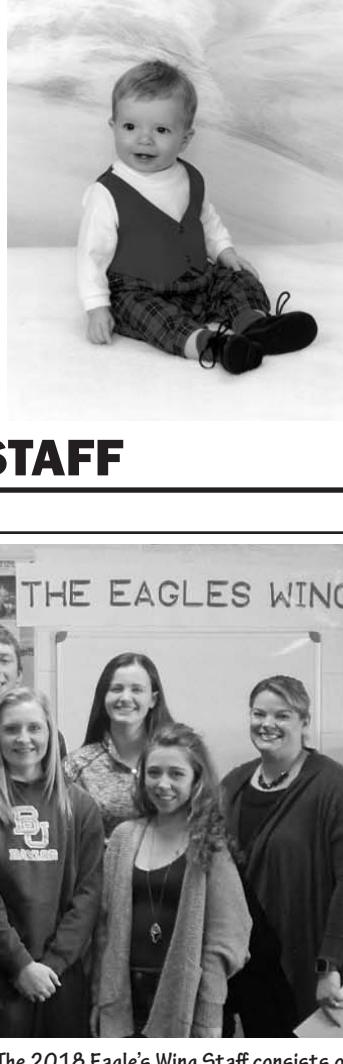
BY ADDISON SPROUSE

It is that time of the year again that every student dreads, which is Iowa Assessments. In past years, Keota students spent an entire week testing every morning. During this time, seniors got to stay home, since they are excused from taking Iowa Assessments.

This year however, some changes were made. Students only had to take the mandatory tests which includes mathematics, science, and reading. These tests were accomplished in two hours, so most of the Keota High School was happy - except the seniors. Instead of getting a whole week of "late start mornings," the seniors only got one morning.

Senior Ben Shemanski said he thought it was "extremely dumb." However, seventh through eleventh grade students were relieved they only had to test one day. Junior Matthew Hyman said, "It was a lot less painful having to test one day instead of five." He felt he could concentrate more on doing his best.

All in all, the majority of students and teachers seemed to like the change, and they hope the new schedule will stick around for next year.



## EAGLE'S WING SPRING SEMESTER STAFF

BY ADDISON SPROUSE



With a new semester comes a new Eagle's Wing staff, and they have been hard at work putting out the newspaper each week. The 2018 Eagle's Wing Staff consists of (left to right) Tristan Sypherd, Jonny Flanagan, Matthew Hyman, Luke Greiner, Riley Conrad, Ben Shemanski, Jolee Walker, Logan Sieren, Anna Duwa, Turner Klein, Addison Sprouse, Grace McHugh, and Frankie Johnson. Their adviser is Mrs. Conrad.

## MRS. AMELON ATTENDS I-LEAD CONFERENCE

BY LOGAN SIEREN

On January 25, Keota Ag teacher, Alyssa Amelon, traveled to Johnston, Iowa for an Iowa Corn conference. The conference lasted two days and took place at the Iowa

Corn Office. The goal of the session was to learn about environmental issues that impact agriculture, to become an effective leader, and to evaluate some new uses for corn and by-products.

On the first day, many activities took place, such as meeting with the CHS Foundation, discussing agriculture and the envi-

ronment, examining research and business development at Iowa Corn and beyond, studying value added agriculture, and those in attendance received a trade policy update.

On the following day, they were given a USGC Update by Kim Atkins, learned about ethics in leadership, and then wrapped up

the conference.

"During our meeting with the US Meats Export Federation, I learned that \$300 from every fat steer is a direct correlation to export trade agreements," Amelon said.

All in all, Mrs. Amelon greatly enjoyed the conference and learned a lot of interesting facts.

## KHS STUDENTS ATTEND KIRKWOOD REGIONAL CENTER

BY TURNER KLEIN

At Keota High School, many students are also enrolled in Kirkwood Academy. This is a Regional Center in Washington that accepts students from surrounding school districts. Students that go to this center can get dual credit, which is credit that counts towards college and high school. This is beneficial

because students get a head start for college. The students that go to Kirkwood this year are Lauren Imhoff, Brianna Duwa, June Welt Daing, Turner Klein, Alex Heisdorffer, Logan Sieren, Marty Baker, and Luke Greiner.

Kirkwood is a great opportunity for kids who are wanting to get a head start in college. Kirkwood

Academy is a great opportunity for college credit. Lauren Imhoff said, "I probably will not go Kirkwood next year, because I want to spend my senior year in Keota, but the classes were a huge help to my education."

Overall, students are happy about this extra opportunity that Kirkwood Regional Center gives them.

Logan Sieren said, "Kirkwood

## JUNIOR HIGH PREPARES FOR SCIENCE FAIR

BY LUKE GREINER

The annual science fair is fast approaching. Each year Ms. Hobbs has conducted a junior high science fair. For several weeks, the seventh and eighth graders prepare their projects for contest. The winning science fair traditionally has very interesting projects.

This project has always been one of the more fun and exciting things students get the chance

to participate in or witness. The categories include best data, best presentation, best real world application, and best overall.

Typically a panel of twelve judges will be there asking questions and analyzing the presentation of the contestants. Once the judges have made it to a number of different projects, they meet and decide the winners. This year

16 projects are on slate to be presented.

When asked why science fair is such a great opportunity for students, Ms. Hobbs answered, "Science fair helps students develop knowledge about the scientific method while also building skills regarding presentation, communication, and being able to convey an idea to other people." Drew Sieren added, "The sci-

ence fair is preparing me for my future by teaching me communication skills."

Taylor Kindred said her favorite part was having the opportunity to pursue something they're truly interested in and further their knowledge.

The science fair will be held on March 2, 2018. The Eagle's Wing wishes all contestants the best of luck.

## BLAST FROM THE PAST

BY: TURNER KLEIN

### 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...

#### Kylie Beinhart

Q: What is the best thing you have seen on Twitter this year?

#### 7th:

A: "When Sam and Ethan changed their names to Keota citizens"



#### 12th:

"Cats having their brain freeze from ice cream"

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### QUESTION OF THE WEEK

BY JOLEE WALKER

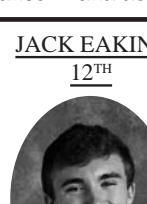
WHAT ARE YOU MOST LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS SPRING?

### MS. BRIES STAFF



"SPENDING TIME OUTSIDE IN THE WARM WEATHER"

### JACK EAKINS



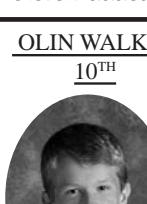
"GOLF SEASON"

### CARLY JAEGER



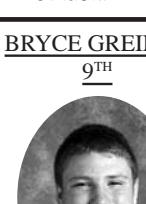
"SPRING BREAK AND BEING AWAY FROM SCHOOL"

### OLIN WALKER



"RIDING MY MOTORCYCLE IN THE NICE WEATHER"

### BRYCE GREINER



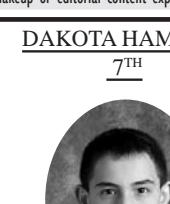
"WATCHING NCAA MARCH MADNESS TOURNAMENTS"

### TAYLOR KINDRED



"WARM WEATHER AND NO SNOW"

### DAKOTA HAMMEN



"SPENDING TIME OUTSIDE IN THE NICE WEATHER"