



# THE EAGLE'S WING



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## ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

BY FRANKIE JOHNSON



This week's Athlete of the Week is Branden Hyman. Branden is a junior and this is his second year in golf. He says what he is most looking forward to this year is the large number of home meets, because he really likes our course. This season, he is hoping to improve his mid-range shots as well as his putting. Branden's ultimate achievement in this sport would be to get a hole in one, or to make it to State! When asked what he likes most about this sport, he said he likes having the chance to get outside in the nice weather. He especially likes practicing in the summer. Another one of Branden's favorite parts of golf is when someone hits Terrance's house and everyone waits and listens for the loud "bang." Branden told me his golf motto is simple and to the point, "Get in the hole!" We wish Branden the best of luck on achieving his goals during the remainder of this golf season!

## KHS SENIORS LOOK FORWARD TO THE WORLD AHEAD OF THEM

BY TURNER KLEIN

This year has included a fun cast of seniors. Lots of us are going to college soon, which will be fun. Honors Tea and scholarship awards night is behind us, which was a big night for seniors. Our last Prom was April 28, and the theme was Red Carpet Gala. The seniors' last day of school was May 16, and graduation was May 20 at 1:30 p.m.

Amy Hemsley, Keota High School associate, said, "I never expected that your class would mature this much from 7th grade to 12th grade." Senior Ben Shemanski says that he will miss his friends and classmates the most.

The thing that most seniors are struggling with is the stress of applying for scholarships and college things. Although this time of year may be a struggle for some, most seniors are looking ahead for the good times to come.

Congratulations to the Keota High School Class of 2018 and best of luck to you all in your future endeavors.

## BEN SHEMANSKI HAS A BRIGHT FUTURE



BY TURNER KLEIN

Benjamin Michael Shemanski, sometimes referred to as Ben, Manski, or Big Manski, is the son of Cari and Dave Shemanski. He has one sibling, Grace, who also graduated from Keota. Ben was born August 29, 2000. His favorite childhood memory is going to the Iowa

State Fair. Ben says he admires his parents because they love him even though he does "stupid stuff."

When Ben was young, he imagined himself as a truck driver. An accomplishment that Ben is proud of is winning Grand Champion Poultry at the Expo. Throughout high school, Ben has been involved in many activities, such as football, baseball, track, show choir, bowling, and drama. Football was Ben's favorite sport because of "the process in which it takes to become good," he said. After high school, Ben plans on entering the work force.

In ten years, Ben plans on being a millionaire, because of his investments in crypto-currency. He hopes his vast knowledge of crypto-currency will get him rich one day. Three things that Ben wants to accomplish in his

lifetime are becoming a reality TV star, owning part of Trump Towers, and becoming the governor of Alaska.

Ben's favorite high school memory is almost winning sub-state bowling. Ben would describe KHS as a great school with a fun environment. He will miss seeing all his friends the most when he graduates. Ben's favorite class at KHS is Senior Ag Workshop because he likes his teacher, Mrs. Amelon.

Ben thinks that the classes that have prepared him for life the most are his Ag classes. He says these are the most practical classes and will have a real world effect on him. One of Ben's biggest pet peeves is when people chew with their mouth open. Ben's hobbies include "catching big bass and catfish," as well as bowling.

Three words that Ben would

use to describe himself are funny, cool, and amazing.

He hopes to be remembered by others at KHS as a "bowling god." When I asked Carson Sprouse how he would describe Ben, he said, "A multi-sport athlete, versatile football player, and every woman's dream."

We will miss seeing Ben walk the halls of KHS and we all wish him the best of luck as he continues his life after KHS.



## JUNIOR HIGH ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

BY JOLEE WALKER



This week's Jr. High Athlete of the Week is 7th grader Dakota Hammen. This season, Kota is running Jr. High track. This is Kota's very first "sport" ever participating in, and he said he is enjoying it very much so far. He said that he likes track because he likes trying to improve his speed and endurance each time he runs. He is looking forward to improving his speed in the 400 meter dash, and getting his 400 meter time under one minute. During meets, Kota runs the 4 x 100, 4 x 200, and the 800 meter medley. Kota explained that his ultimate achievement this season would be to place his team first in the Sprint Medley. He would also like to improve his handoffs this season.

When I asked Kota if he has a motto, he replied, "I just do my best." Kota said that one of his funniest moments in track so far this year was last week when he grabbed the wrong shoes before he left his house for the track meet. He ended up running with one of his track shoes, and one of his dad's tennis shoes in his events at the meet.

Kota is looking forward to the rest of this year's track season, and his many years ahead of him running track. It was a pleasure interviewing Dakota Hammen for Junior High Athlete of the Week.

## PRESENTING THE FUTURE PLANS OF THE KHS CLASS OF 2018

BY ADDISON SPROUSE



Anna Ackerman-Axume  
Iowa State, Simpson College for Forensic Science and Biochemistry



Riley Conrad  
Iowa State, majoring in Animal Ecology/Wildlife Biology



Johnathan Holderness  
Entering the National Guard



Ben Shemanski  
Entering the work force



Laurie Amos  
Entering the Navy



Jack Eakins  
Iowa State, majoring in Ag Business



Turner Klein  
Kirkwood for Liberal Arts and then transferring to Iowa State for Diet & Nutrition



Logan Sieren  
Iowa State, majoring in Ag Engineering



Marty Baker  
Iowa Central Community College, majoring in Ag Education



Jonny Flanagan  
Kirkwood, Undecided



Grace McHugh  
University of Iowa, majoring at the Tippie School for Business and minoring in film



Olivia Sieren  
Kirkwood, majoring in Marketing Management



Kylie Beinhart  
Kirkwood, majoring in Nursing



Luke Greiner  
Iowa State, majoring in Ag Engineering



Jacob Moeller  
Entering the work force



Dakota Slaughter  
Entering the work force



Lexi Black  
Iowa State, majoring in Animal Science



Alex Heisdorffer  
Kirkwood for Liberal Arts



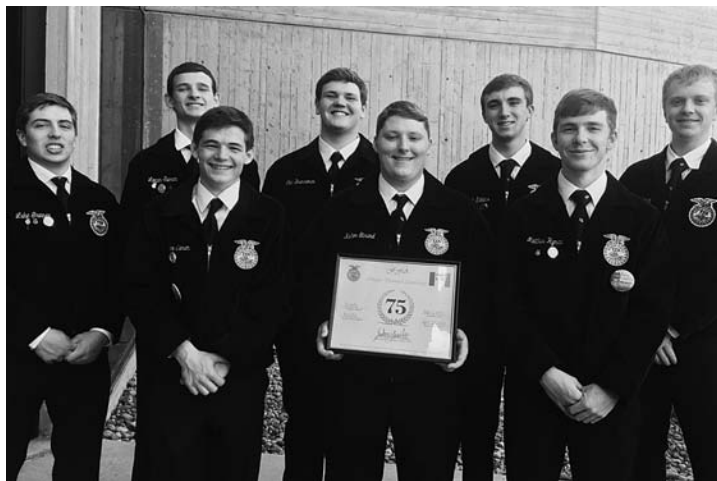
Wynonna Morris  
Kirkwood for Liberal Arts



Hunter Wilson  
Kirkwood, Undecided

## FFA STATE CONVENTION

BY RILEY CONRAD



Pictured above from left to right; Luke Greiner, Logan Sieren, Cooper Sieren, Cole Brenneman, Kolton Strand, Jack Eakins, Matthew Hyman, and Marty Backer.

This year the Keota FFA chapter was very involved in this year's State FFA Convention. With many competitions and awards, Keota was all over State Convention this year. Keota FFA brought a poultry judging team to State that

consisted of Logan Sieren, Matthew Hyman, and Cooper Sieren. They received a gold rating, placing fourth overall as a team, and Logan placing third as an individual. Logan was also recognized again for placing as a top livestock evaluator earlier this year. Also receiving a gold rating this year was Marty Baker with the display board that he showed off at Hilton Coliseum. Keota FFA also had four members who received their Iowa Degree this year. These members

were Kolton Strand, Cole Brenneman, Jack Eakins, and Luke Greiner. Another activity that Keota FFA was involved in this year was serving as delegates to select new officers for the state. The delegates that represented Keota FFA this year were Marty Baker and Cooper Sieren. Finally, Keota FFA received an award for having a FFA Chapter for 75 years.

Congratulations to the Keota FFA for all of their accomplishments and awards at this year's State FFA Convention.

## SCHOOL COUNTDOWNS

DAYS TO SUMMER

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TODAY IS THE LAST DAY OF SCHOOL! HAPPY SUMMER EVERYONE!

We will have one more issue of the Eagle's Wing next week and then we will see you again next school year!

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## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

BY LOGAN SIEREN

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE MEMORY FROM THIS SCHOOL YEAR?

MRS. CONRAD STAFF



"WATCHING EAGLEROCK PERFORM!"

MARTY BAKER 12<sup>TH</sup>



"PLAYING FORTNITE AT STATE FFA CONVENTION"

BRIANNA DUWA 11<sup>TH</sup>



"HAVING A WINNING BASKETBALL SEASON"

JARED KELLER 10<sup>TH</sup>



"THE SPEAKER IN THE CHRISTMAS TREE"

CARSON SPROUSE 9<sup>TH</sup>



"EVERY DAY IN MRS. AMELON'S CLASS"

GRANT GARMAN 8<sup>TH</sup>



"PLAYING BASKETBALL"

CADEN SPROUSE 7<sup>TH</sup>



"WHEN MS. HOBBS GOT MAD AT US DURING SCIENCE FAIR"