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NEW STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: MEET KENDRYA SEYB



BY FRANKIE JOHNSON

Senior, Kendrya Seyb, is a new face to Keota High School this year. Kendrya comes to us from Clark Co. High School in Missouri and is currently living in Delta, Iowa. Kendrya has been to eight different high schools and says the most unique thing about Keota is its small class sizes. She finds it a challenge to go from 72 kids in her class at Clark Co. to only 21 at Keota.

Some of Kendrya's hobbies include playing volleyball. She is currently on the volleyball team at Keota, as well as doing her favorite subject, math. She also enjoys watching others play video games, as they usually won't let her play herself.

I asked Kendrya's classmate, Jolee Walker, to describe Kendrya, to which she responded, "Kendrya is shy until you get to know her, but once you do she is a very cool person. She has a kind spirit and I am glad to have her as a friend."

Some fun facts about Kendrya include that her favorite actor is Adam Sandler, she has a love for shoes, and her favorite place to shop is any shoe store. One thing that is on her bucket list is to take a vacation to Hawaii. Kendrya's favorite sports team is the St. Louis Cardinals. When asked what she would do with one million dollars, she said that she would buy a house and then donate the rest. After graduating from Keota, Kendrya hopes to attend the University of South Dakota and major in Nursing.

We welcome Kendrya to Keota and wish her the best of luck on her senior year!

KEOTA WELCOMES MR. KLOPFENSTEIN



BY BERGEN DALTON

There are a few new staff members in the Keota Community School District this year. One of them is Alex Klopfenstein, the new elementary principal and curriculum director. Mr. Klopfenstein also

shares the Jr. High principal position with the high school principal, Mr. Jim Henrich.

Mr. Klopfenstein attended high school in Washington. He was very sport oriented in high school and describes himself as being very sporty. He was involved in football, basketball, and track. Mr. Klopfenstein said that his most memorable high school accomplishment was being on the 4x4 State Championship Team his senior year. The team had gotten second place both prior years, so it was rewarding for him to finally win as a senior.

Academics seemed to be easy for Mr. Klopfenstein, so he was able to dedicate most of his time to athletics. He says it helped him to create bonds with

friends and coaches.

As a child, Mr. Klopfenstein planned to be a farmer, like his grandfather. However, his family got out of farming, so he had to change his plans. After he graduated high school, he attended UNI for five years. He switched his major a few times before he decided he wanted to become a teacher. His mother taught for 35 years, so he knew what being a teacher was all about. Mr. Klopfenstein had to go back to school for his Master's degree, so he also attended Drake University for two years. He says that if he wouldn't have pursued a teaching career, he probably would like to have been a greenskeeper or a landscaper.

So far this school year, Klopfenstein is really enjoying

the supportive and "family-like" atmosphere here at Keota. He feels that he will be comfortable here and that things should go well. Even though he is not looking forward to doing the paperwork portion of the job, he does have plans that are more enjoyable in mind.

Mr. Klopfenstein plans to get students familiar with technology and teach them to use it for good things. He wants kids to be experienced with technology for the future, so they can gain future opportunities. He is very focused on doing everything for the students, since they are the future. Klopfenstein says, "If it's better for the kids, it is better for us."

We welcome Mr. Klopfenstein to Keota Schools this year.

NEW STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: MEET LEVI FRITZ



BY PAIGE MINARD

Meet one of Keota High School's newest students, Levi Edward Fritz. He is starting his first year at Keota High School as a junior. Levi says, "most people don't believe it, but I am only 16 years old."

Levi says he likes going to a small school rather than a big school because it's easier to get the help you need. Levi's favorite thing about Keota High School so far is the people he gets to be around throughout the day.

His favorite class during the day is Physical Education with Mr. Stout, because he likes to stay active. Levi also stays active by doing football, wrestling, track and baseball, but overall football is his favorite sport to play.

Levi's interests include hunting, welding, and hanging with his friends. Levi's dream job is to be an underwater welder. Two of Levi's closest friends are Olin Walker and Jackson Hammes, who he likes spending time with.

Levi would describe himself as funny, cool, and athletic. Levi is also very family oriented. His most memorable moments are moments spent with his family, including his five siblings. His most embarrassing moment also involves a member of his family, which was when he was little and his mom dressed him up in a bra, underwear, and makeup.

Levi says he looks up to his dad the most and fears absolutely nothing. "Disjointed" is Levi's favorite show to watch when he is not busy listening to Kevin Gates and Wiz Khalifa. Lastly, Levi was asked to recite a quote he lives by, and he said, "When you do not give up you can not fail."

It was great getting to know Levi better as a person. We are happy to have him at Keota High School this year.

MEET KEOTA'S NEW SPECIAL ED TEACHER

BY TREY CARLSON



Mr. Dakota McCombs is the new Special Ed teacher at Keota Junior and Senior High School this year, and he is excited to get the year started.

Mr. McCombs attended Chariton High School as a teenager. He moved to Keota because his wife and her family are from Keota. He said the biggest change about Keota is how tight knit the community is.

He attended a few different colleges after high school, including Indian Hills, Buena Vista, and Northwestern. He majored in Law Enforcement, Business, Elementary Ed, and Secondary Special Ed.

Mr. McCombs said he became a teacher because his whole family consists of teachers, so he kind of fell into the family business.

When asked if Mr. McCombs' high school senior class had

done a senior prank in high school, he said, "Yeah, we covered the school with 5,000 bouncy balls."

Mr. McCombs said he would use the words outgoing, friendly, and hardworking to describe himself. Some of his interests include sports, being outside, and hunting and fishing.

Good luck to Mr. McCombs on the start of the new school year and we are glad to have you at KHS this year.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW? KHS 1995 GRADUATE CARRIE SYPHERD

BY TRISTAN SYPHERD



Carrie Sypherd is a graduate of Keota High School. She graduated in the year 1995. Carrie was involved in a lot

of things and had many hobbies. Some of those things were playing sports, like volleyball, basketball, softball, and reading. Her hobbies now are watching the boys' games and doing things around the house with her family.

During Carrie's senior year of high school, she played volleyball and basketball. She enjoyed her senior year of volleyball because there were six seniors on the team, they were pretty good, and the season

was fun. Carrie also enjoyed basketball.

When asked what the most memorable thing was about basketball, Carrie said, "Playing 6 on 6 until my junior year when we switched to 5 on 5."

Carrie didn't have a favorite class while she was in high school, but she did have a teacher that influenced her the most. This teacher was Mr. Fish, because he was also her coach and he supported and believed in her. During high school, she drove a 1988 white Oldsmobile Cutlass Ciera.

After high school, Carrie went on to further her schooling at the University of Northern Iowa. She lived in a dorm room in Campbell Hall on campus. While at the University of Northern Iowa, she

earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in Business. In the summers during college she worked as a cashier at Hy-Vee.

Carrie now works for CIVCO Medical Solutions as a Sr. OEM Sales Coordinator in Coralville. She has worked for this company for almost 18 years and plans to continue working there. At CIVCO she manages orders and sales activities for strategic accounts.

Carrie is now married to Lee Sypherd and they have two kids that attend Keota schools, Tristan and Cecil. Tristan is a senior and Cecil is a junior. Both are involved in football.

Carrie's advice to kids in high school is "Don't let opportunities to do something you want to pass you by, be kind to others, and al-

ways do your best."

Congratulations on your success, Carrie, and we wish you the best in the future.



WHERE ARE THEY NOW? KHS 2013 GRADUATE KEVIN MILLER

BY KOLTON STRAND



Kevin William Miller, who was also known as "Mang," graduated from Keota in 2013. Kevin still lives in Keota with his

wife Teresa, daughter Adyson, who is in second grade, and a newborn due in March.

After high school, Kevin

went to college at Indian Hills and received his Automotive Technology Degree. After college, Kevin worked at Keota Transmission & Repair for five years. Just a few weeks ago, he started his new and current occupation at LL Pelling Co. This job involves patching and sealing roads.

Kevin says the most influential person in his life would be Erik Strand, because he has taught him so much. Kevin's

interests include going to the gym to work out and drag racing his 1972 Chevy Nova.

In high school, Kevin's favorite class was Project Lead the Way at the Academy. "We got to build cool stuff on the computer," he said.

His favorite memory from high school was going to New York on their senior trip. When asked if he missed high school, he said yes, because he could mess around and didn't have the responsibilities that he has

today. His worst memory from high school was doing homework. Their class senior prank was to put a junk car in front of the main door.

Kevin's favorite quote is, "Get rich or die tryin'" by 50 Cent. When asked what Kevin is afraid of, he said, "I don't really care for snakes." In high school, Kevin was also a stud pitcher on the mound for the Eagles.

We wish Kevin the best of luck in the future.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW? KHS 1997 GRADUATE ANDY MCDONALD

BY PRESTON MCDONALD



Andy McDonald graduated from Keota in 1997. He was not sure what he wanted to do after high school, so he bought his house when he was 17 years old to stay in Keota.

Right after high school he went and got a job at Rayman's Inc., just a few blocks away. He did that so he didn't have to drive very far. Today, he still

lives in Keota with his wife and four kids in the same house he bought when he was 17.

At Rayman's, Andy has worked his way up to shop supervisor. He also has a second job working for Mark Reed. Mark Reed farms 400 acres just a couple of miles southeast of Keota. Andy has worked there since he was 16.

Andy's hobbies are to work with his brother, Heath McDonald, building derby cars. He says he's 98% retired. He has built and raced derby cars for 23 years. One day Andy wants to start restoring the old cars that he owns. This should keep him very busy.

In high school, Andy said his worst moment was the first day of 7th grade. His favorite memory of high school was going to Colorado for his senior trip. He said his favorite class was Home Economics, because he had fun with his class. His most influential teacher was Dan Striegel, because he taught him how to be a leader and also showed him about farming. The car he drove in high school was a 73 Dodge Polara custom 360 2 barrel 727 posi rear end.

Andy's normal day includes waking up about 6:30 and then going to work by 7 am to open the shop up, turn the lights on, and turn on the air com-

pressors. After that, he goes around and fixes things people break and he helps people if they get behind. He works from 7-5 at Rayman's. From 5-7 pm, he goes out and works at Mark's, and depending on the time of year, they are bailing hay, planting, picking, or just making sure everything is up and going. Finally, from 7-11 pm he gets home from the farm and works on race cars before showering and going to bed for the night, just to get up and do it all over again the next day.

Best of luck to KHS 1997 graduate Andy McDonald in the future.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 9/26: Dismiss at 1:00 pm, JH/HS Parent-Teacher Conferences, 4-8 pm
- 9/27: VB vs. HLV (Senior Night), 5:30 pm; SK FB "Boom Night" at Sigourney
- 9/28: Dismiss at 12:30 pm, SK FB Homecoming Parade @ Sigourney 2 pm, SK FB Homecoming Game vs. Ban Buren, 7 pm
- 9/29: SK Homecoming Dance at Sigourney
- 10/1: VB at Colfax, 5:30 pm, SK JV FB vs. Van Buren, 6 pm
- 10/2: JH FB vs. Davis Co., 4:15 pm, JH VB vs. Tri-County, 4:15 pm

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

BY KOLTON STRAND
WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE MEMORY FROM THIS SUMMER?

MRS. HEMSLEY STAFF



"SPENDING A WEEK IN MAUI."

AUSTIN WATERHOUSE 12TH



"GOING TO MILWAUKEE ON A MISSION TRIP."

KENDALL WILSON 11TH



"GOING ON VACATION TO KURE BEACH."

JAYDEN LAWSON 10TH



"GOING TO NEBRASKA TO VISIT FAMILY."

COLTEN CLARAHAN 9TH



"GOING TO OMAHA FOR BASEBALL AND PLAYING DIFFERENT TEAMS ACROSS THE U.S."

CALEB WATERHOUSE 8TH



"PLAYING FORTNITE."

REMINGTON CAVE 7TH



"SWIMMING AT THE RIVER."