



THE EAGLE'S WING



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FFA SUBDISTRICTS

BY MATTHEW HYMAN



Joe Swanstrom is pictured with his certificate of achievement in Job Interview, which he earned at FFA Subdistricts on Monday, Feb. 18.

This year the Keota FFA may not have had a big turnout for Subdistricts, but they did send one student, Joe Swanstrom. Joe participated in Job Interview. He received a silver rating and was selected as an alternate for Districts. Joe enjoyed this contest and said that he learned a lot. He believes it will help him develop skills that he will use in future jobs. He also liked that this contest was related to an Ag career. Joe believes the hardest part of this contest was preparing the cover letter and resume.

Congratulations to Joe on his successful time at contest.

BLAST FROM THE PAST

BY TRISTAN SYPHERD

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...

Preston McDonald

Q: What is your favorite TV show and why?

7th:
A: "NBA game time, because I like basketball."



12th:
"YouTube derby videos, because I like to derby."

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CARLY IS OFF TO CAPRI



BY BERGEN DALTON

Carly Amber Jaeger, also commonly referred to as "Carl," was born on April 20, 2001, and is the daughter of Cassy Cansler and Clint Jaeger. Carly has three younger siblings named Claire, Cason, and Julie. One of the things Carly admires most about her family is how supportive they are of her and her plans for the future. Growing up, Carly wanted to become a nurse like her mother. Carly enjoys big family gatherings in the summer and

camping with them. She enjoys being able to go swimming and fishing with them.

Carly has been attending the Keota Community School District since kindergarten and is now a senior this year. One of her favorite things about the Keota Community School District is that the classes are small and students become like family. Carly says her favorite teacher from elementary is Mrs. Hart, because she was the nicest teacher she had. Carly has also enjoyed her high school teachers, especially Ms. Hobbs, because she always did exciting things with the students.

While in high school, Carly has been involved in track, basketball, pep band, and she tried golf out for a month. Carly says her favorite activity was basketball, because the team was supportive, even though she did not think she was very good at the sport. Some of Carly's favorite high school memories are attending the sporting events and

watching a movie with the whole school on the last day before Christmas break.

In Carly's time outside of school, she enjoys hanging out with friends and watching Netflix. She also works a lot, since she is a part-time cook and waitress at the EV Malt Shop in North English. Carly says that her job has helped her become responsible and hard working. Carly enjoys keeping busy, so she works as much as possible.

After Carly graduates, she plans to attend Capri College in Cedar Rapids for Esthiology. Carly has chosen this career path because she wants to do something she knows she will enjoy. Some of her goals in life are to have a job she loves, have her own home, and travel around the world. Carly believes her determination and sense of responsibility will help her to achieve all of the goals she has set for herself.

Carly says once she graduates, she will miss seeing her teachers

and classmates every day, but she is excited to meet new people as she moves on from high school. "I will miss being goofy with Carly and talking to each other in our special voices," fellow classmate Jolee Walker said. Carly's advice she wants to leave for students is to get their homework in on time, especially their rock and mineral brochure! We wish Carly the best of wishes for her future!



SPRING MUSICAL

BY JUSTIN MOELLER

This year's Spring Musical is right around the corner, and practices have already begun. This year's cast consists of 13 students and one crew member. The musical will be performed Thursday and Friday, March 28 and 29, at 6:30 pm. This year is going to be great, because they are performing a musical called *Once Upon a Mattress*. *Once Upon a Mattress* was written by Dean Fuller, Jay Thompson, and Marshall Barer. The musical is about a prince who wants to get married, but his mother doesn't want him to. A bunch of princesses are tested on many different things to see which one is the best for the prince. The musical will be sure to hold lots of fun and will be a great show to watch. Be sure to mark your calendars now for Keota High School's Spring Musical!

SPEECH AWARDS NIGHT HONORS ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The annual Speech Potluck and Awards Night was held Wednesday, Feb. 27 at Keota High School. Students were presented with certificates, medals, and fun prizes to recognize them for all their hard work this season. The speech teams are coached by Gina Bennett and Michael McNurlen. Congratulations to the students and coaches on a very successful season.



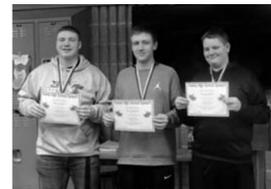
Pictured is the Choral Reading group, "Sure Thing." From left to right, they are: (back) Austin Waterhouse, Nolan Verstraete, Tyler Waterhouse, Sam Sieren, Justin Moeller, Matthew Hyman, Trey Carlson, June Daing; (front) Jillian Schulte, Taylor Conrad, Lindsey Imhoff, Lauren Imhoff, and Brianna Duwa. Congratulations to this group for being recognized as Outstanding Performers at All-State.



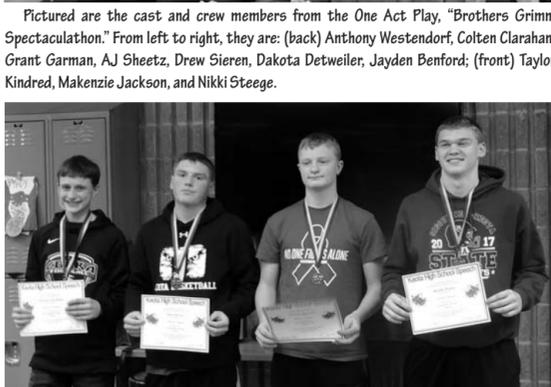
Pictured is the Readers Theatre group, "Anna and August." (L to R) Nolan Verstraete, Cooper Sieren, Jenna Jaeger, Trey Carlson, and Callie McNurlen. Not pictured: Bailey Sieren. Congratulations to this group for being recognized as Outstanding Performers at All-State.



Pictured is the Ensemble "Remote," consisting of Frankie Johnson, Lexi Purkeypille, and Lauren Imhoff.



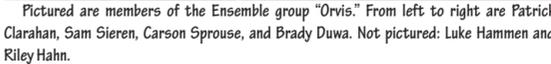
Pictured is the Ensemble "Fan Play" by consisting of Bryce Greiner, Max Johnson, and Chase Kindred. Not pictured: Joe Swanstrom.



Pictured are the cast and crew members from the One Act Play, "Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon." From left to right, they are: (back) Anthony Westendorf, Colten Clarahan, Grant Garman, AJ Sheetz, Drew Sieren, Dakota Detweiler, Jayden Benford; (front) Taylor Kindred, Makenzie Jackson, and Nikki Steege.



Pictured from left to right are the cast and crew members of the One Act Play, "Funeral Tea." From left to right, they are: Kendall Wilson, Jayden Benford, Anna Duwa, Jaime Schulte, Aaliyah Heldman, and Addie Swanson. Not pictured: Mikayla Beatty.

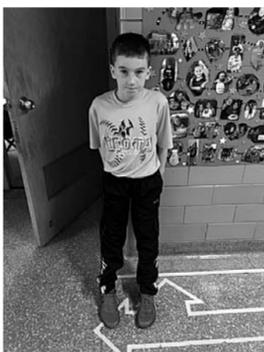


Pictured are members of the Ensemble group "Orvis." From left to right are Patrick Clarahan, Sam Sieren, Carson Sprouse, and Brady Duwa. Not pictured: Luke Hammen and Riley Hahn.



Pictured are the Improv members: (L to R) Anna Duwa, Lexi Purkeypille, Ashlyn Ross, and June Daing.

ELEMENTARY SPOTLIGHT



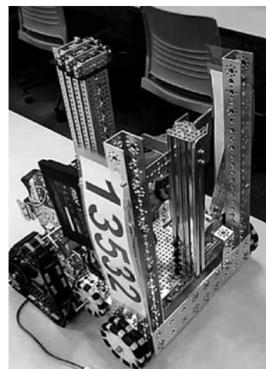
BY CLAIRE JAEGER

This week's elementary student spotlight is Keegan Clark. Keegan is a 9-year-old that

has always attended Keota Schools. He is in third grade and his teacher is Mrs. Kirby. His brother's name is Riley and his parents are Kristan and Raymond Clark. Keegan's favorite part of the school day is recess, because he gets to play kickball. He loves reading, but he dislikes math since it's difficult. Keegan says that he would like to join the army when he grows up. Over summer break, he went to Six Flags. His favorite thing to do after school is play with his friends.

Congratulations to Keegan on being this week's Keota Elementary Student Spotlight!

ROBOTICS CLUB



BY BRANDEN HYMAN

This year's Robotics team has been pretty successful. There are three people on this team,

which is called the Kirkwood EagleBots, including David Amos, Erik Smith, and José Cardenas. David and Erik are from Keota and José is from Washington. They've been working on this robot since August of 2018 with a coach at Kirkwood Community College in Washington. They received the Collins Aerospace Innovate Award award at the Super Qualifier in Des Moines and won the Design Award in the League Championship. Then they placed second at Districts in Cedar Rapids, which qualified them for State. The Robotics team has been around for only two years, so it's pretty impressive that they already made it to State this year.

State Robotics competition is Feb. 22-23 in Des Moines. We wish the Robotics team the best of luck.

TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

BY JUNE DAING



This week's Teacher Spotlight is Mrs. Jane Edwards. She has been teaching for a total of 44 years. She first taught at LaHarpe, Illinois for 21 years, and then she moved to Keota High School and has been teaching here for 23 years. She teaches Music Theory, Music History, Music Appreciation, Musical Theatre, junior high and high school band and choir, 5th and 6th grade band, and lessons for all band and choir students. She is also the EagleRock! Show Choir director and runs the Drama department. She practices with the National Anthem soloists and runs the concession stands for volleyball and basketball games.

Growing up, Mrs. Edwards never had a music teacher that stayed for more than two years, and not many of them did a good job of teaching. That inspired her to become a teacher. The most challenging part of her job is trying to make the public understand that music brings so much to education beyond singing in a choir and playing an instrument. The most rewarding part of her job is seeing a kid improve, discover self-confidence, and step out of their comfort zone.

Throughout the years that she has been teaching, the profession has changed a lot because of technology. The invasiveness of gadgets gives kids a short attention span. Also, teachers have to do more than simply teach. Some teachers will act as a counselor, advisor, and a disciplinarian. Sometimes, teachers have to teach skills that used to be taught at home. Directing Show Choir is her favorite part of the job because it involves so many aspects of performances and music. She also likes directing the Drama department because back in high school, no teacher was willing to do it and put in the time. Her advice for students planning to major in education and wanting to teach music is "only go into it if that is what you love. The financial reward isn't that great, but the emotional reward is. If you plan to go into teaching music, remember it's never going to be perfect and always keep your sense of humor." We wish Mrs. Edwards the best for the rest of the year!

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

BY BERGEN DALTON

WHAT IS THE CRAZIEST THING ONE OF YOUR TEACHERS HAS EVER DONE?

MR. JACOBSEN
STAFF



"SOME TEACHERS WOULD DRESS CRAZY ON DRESS-UP DAYS."

BRIANNA DUWA
12TH



"THE TIME HOBBS GOT REALLY MAD AND KICKED OVER A TRASH CAN."

ERIK SMITH
11TH



"USUALLY MY FRIENDS DO THE CRAZY THINGS, BUT SOMETIMES TEACHERS HAVE CRAZY REACTIONS TO IT."

LINDSEY IMHOFF
10TH



"ONE TIME MR. JAMISON CRUMPLED UP PAPER AND SHOT IT FROM ACROSS THE ROOM AND YELLED 'HOOK SHOT!'"

AJ SHEETZ
9TH



"HOBBS BENT A CHAIR ONE TIME."

MAKENZIE MILAM
8TH



"GIVING STUDENTS HOMEWORK OVER SUMMER BREAK."

JACEY BERG
7TH



"HOBBS SAYS AND DOES A LOT OF CRAZY THINGS DAILY."