



# THE EAGLE'S WING

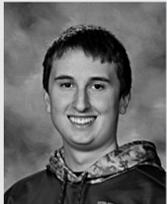
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## SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

### 10 FACTS ABOUT KHS SENIOR NOLAN VERSTRAETE

By JORDAN HAMMEN



- #1 He plays basketball.
- #2 He is a senior.
- #3 He enjoys watching TV.
- #4 He plays Xbox.
- #5 He likes being outdoors.
- #6 He has one dog.
- #7 He has three brothers.
- #8 He lives on a farm.
- #9 He hates when people drive exactly the speed limit.
- #10 He likes pizza.

### Sam is plugging into his future



By NOLAN VERSTRAETE

Samuel Victor Menke, also known as "Menke," was born on May 5, 2002. He is the son of Steve (Megan) Menke and Cindy Menke. He has three brothers: Owen, Dillon, and Lucas. Sam spent most of his time growing up on the farm and says that his favorite childhood memory was helping his dad and grandpa on the farm, because he made good memories and learned a lot during those times.

When asked what his favorite family tradition was, he said that it was camping at Lake Red Rock. His favorite birthday party was his

fourteenth birthday because he got to ride quads with all of his friends.

Sam said that his favorite elementary teacher was his sixth grade teacher, Mr. Hill, because "he was cool." Sam's favorite elementary school memory was having kindergarten pals in sixth grade.

Since he was a little kid, Sam wanted to be a farmer, just like his dad and grandpa. Sam says that some of the things that he admires about his family is how they are very hardworking and that they are great at teaching him new things at school and on the farm.

During Sam's time at Keota High School, he has been involved in football, basketball, baseball, track, FFA, 4-H, speech, and trap shooting. Of his activities, Sam stated that he enjoyed football the most because it has always been his favorite sport to play.

Outside of school and his many activities, Sam can be seen either working with his cattle, hunting out in the woods, or fishing. Sam said that the accomplishment he is most proud of is being able to work at the Keokuk County Sale Barn in Sigourney.

Sam's favorite high school memories are the Ag classes

he took with Mr. Jamison, because he enjoys all things agriculture related. He also said that those classes helped prepare him the most for life because they will help him on the farm. In fact, Sam feels lucky to have been able to take Ag classes at Keota, because some schools don't even offer shop class. He says this is something Keota High School definitely has to offer over other schools.

While in high school, Sam worked at home on the farm and at the sale barn in Sigourney. Through these jobs, he has learned the value of money and that he needs to save money for the future.

After graduating from Keota High School, Sam plans to get an apprenticeship at Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) of Iowa to become an electrician. He chose ABC of Iowa because he has always been interested in being an electrician and they are in high demand.

Sam said the three things he wants to accomplish in his lifetime are to get into the cattle business, to become a journeyman electrician, and to make a lot of money. Sam said that he is confident he will accomplish these goals because he has an amazing

work ethic and is confident in the work he does. The three words he would use to describe himself are responsible, hardworking, and dependable.

Sam said that what he will miss most about Keota High School is being able to see his friends. He hopes to be remembered as a hardworking kid. Joe Swanstrom, KHS senior and Sam's classmate, said that he will miss Sam's "witty personality."

If he could go back and do high school over again, Sam said he would take the two ag classes he hasn't taken yet. Sam's advice for future KHS seniors is this: "Use the things you've learned for your future, and have fun, but not too much fun."

Keota High School wishes Sam the best in his future endeavors.



### KEOTA ELEMENTARY SPOTLIGHT

By MIKAYLA BEATTY



Catherine Kay Beatty is nine years-old, and she is in second grade. Her teacher is Mrs. Gretter and she has always attended Keota Schools. Her parents are Jenny and Terri Beatty. She is the youngest of seven siblings. Catherine has five brothers: Dustin (21), Quintin (20), Jaydin (17), Jayden (17) and Memphis (11). She also has one sister, MiKayla (17).

Lunch and recess are her favorite parts of the school day, because she thinks that they are fun and she can spend time with her friends. Her favorite subject in school is math, because she can play her math game that goes along with it. Although, Catherine says she does not enjoy reading.

Although there are many different options, she is unsure of what she would like to be when she grows up. Catherine spent her Christmas break spending lots of time with her family, and she spent her past summer swimming a lot. Her favorite thing to do during recess is go outside with her friends. When she gets home from school, her favorite thing to do is play on her phone and watch YouTube.

Congratulations to Catherine on being this week's Elementary Spotlight!

### Keota celebrates National FFA Week February 22-29



Pictured is the Keota 2019-2020 FFA Chapter. From left to right, they are: (top row) Brody Greiner, Isaac Striegel, Owen Morris, Jace Chalupa, Caden Clarahan, Landon Greiner, Jax Weber; (second row) Charles Penelton, Izzi Chalupa, Kimberly Clarahan, Ava Greiner, Jacey Berg, Ashton Galindo, Dylan Weber; (third row) Ashton Thomas, Hunter Sieren, Aiden McGuire, Evan Vittetoe, Lainey Swanson, Grace Conger; (fourth row) Brady Duwa, Caden Sprouse, Dalton Dodd, Taylor Garman, Anthony Westendorf; (fifth row) Riley Hahn, Max Johnson, Lindsey Imhoff, Grant Garman, Patrick Clarahan, Dakota Detweiler, Conner Woltering; (sixth row) Drew Sieren, Colton Clarahan, Carson Sprouse, Bailey Sieren, Jordan Hammen, Nolan Verstraete, Luke Hammen; (front row): Reporter Jaime Schulte, Treasurer Bryce Greiner, Sentinel Sam Menke, President Joe Swanstrom, Vice President Cooper Sieren, and Secretary Lauren Sieren.

By NOLAN VERSTRAETE

The Keota FFA Chapter is celebrating National FFA Week from Feb. 22-29, 2020. They will be hosting many activities throughout the week.

The dress up days are as follows: Monday is FFA T-Shirt Day, Tuesday is Hats Against Hunger (bring in canned food to wear a hat), Wednesday is Ag Career Day, Thursday is Wear Your Favorite Seed or Feed Brand Day, Friday is Red vs. Green Day.

Other activities for the week include the Elementary Reading Relay on Tuesday, a Faculty Breakfast on Wednesday, and Tractor Day on Friday.

It should be a fun-filled week for all.

### BLAST FROM THE PAST

By TAYLOR CONRAD

#### 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 younger. Let's see how their responses have changed over the years...

#### AALIYAH HELDMAN

Q: What is the worst Christmas gift you have ever received?

7th:

A: "A pair of boots, because they didn't fit."



12th:

A: "Some weird socks that I would never wear."



### KHS Dance Team entertains the crowd



Pictured is the 2020 Keota Dance Team. Pictured from left to right: (back) Makayla Baughman, Kyra Dalton, Nicole Clarahan, Addy Anderson, Jordan Hammen; (front) Taylor Kindred, Bailey Sieren, and Aubrey Campbell.

By TAYLOR CONRAD

On Jan. 31 at the Homecoming Pep Rally, captain and choreographer Bailey Sieren led the Keota Dance Team in a performance for students. Bailey Sieren is a junior in high school, so preparing for this season was a fun but challenging endeavor. Bailey, however, has had lots of experience. "I have been in dance since I was four," she said, "so I took moves from previous dances and [watched] lots of YouTube videos

to put our rockstar piece together."

Bailey said that she learned a lot from this season about responsibility, time management, scheduling, and being open to others' ideas. "I couldn't have asked for a better group of girls," Bailey said. "I wouldn't trade [them] for anything!"

Bailey's squad performs once more on Monday, Feb. 10 during the Varsity boys halftime.

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### JUNK OR JEWEL

By JOE SWANSTROM



This week's Junk or Jewel is Anthony Westendorf's black 2006 GMC 2500 HD. It has 159,000 miles with a 6.6 liter Duramax diesel engine. It makes 360 horsepower and 450 lb-ft of torque. This truck gets about 12 mpg. Before it was Anthony's truck, it was previously owned by his father and uncle. Anthony got this truck in Nov. 2019. It has an aftermarket radio. He can fit four passengers in this truck. When asked the top speed, Anthony just said "fast." He mostly drives it to County Line Mart. Anthony's favorite part about the truck is how loud it is. He has not taken it on any road trips, but he does drive his truck from Hedrick to school everyday. This truck is definitely a Jewel.

**QUESTION OF THE WEEK**  
By ANNA DUWA  
What are you looking forward to the most this spring?

MS. STRIEGEL  
STAFF



"Warm weather and spring flowers."

JAYDIN BOER  
12<sup>TH</sup>



"The flowers and spring cleaning, and rain!"

AVERIY ACKERMAN  
11<sup>TH</sup>



"Nice weather."

AJ SHEETZ  
10<sup>TH</sup>



"Warmer weather for baseball season."

JOCELYN PURKEYPILE  
9<sup>TH</sup>



"Seeing the flowers bloom after the snow is gone."

EMILY SHEETZ  
8<sup>TH</sup>



"Better weather."

BILLIE KINDRED  
7<sup>TH</sup>



"Golfing."