



THE EAGLE'S WING

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SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

KHS Holds Elections

By LEVI FRITZ

Keota High School students recently voted for 2019-2020 Class Officers and Student Council. All students from seventh through twelfth grade voted for Class Officers, and ninth through twelfth grades voted for Student Council. For the Student Council, students had to fill out a nomination form to be included on the ballot. Then, each grade voted for four people in each class. The seniors elected are Taylor Conrad, Jordan Hammen, JD Stout, and Kendall Wilson. For juniors it's Bryce Greiner, Lindsey Imhoff, Max Johnson, and Paige Minard. For the sophomores it's Dakota Detweiler, Grant Garman, Makenzie Jackson, and Taylor Kindred. The freshmen elected to Student Council are Nicole Clarahan, Taylor Garman, Dakota Hammen, and Macie McDonald.

The 2019-2020 Keota Class Officers for seventh grade are Billie Kindred (President), Jace Chalupa (Vice President), Ava Greiner (Secretary), and Izzi Chalupa (Treasurer). Eighth grade class officers are Sawyer Stout (President), Cole Kindred (Vice President), Evan Vittetoe (Secretary), and Will Carlson (Treasurer). Ninth grade officers are Dakota Hammen (President), Brandon Greiner (Vice President), Nicole Clarahan (Secretary), and Taylor Garman (Treasurer). Tenth grade President is Grant Garman, Vice President is Taylor Kindred, Secretary is Colten Clarahan, and the Treasurer is Makenzie Jackson. Eleventh grade President is Brady Duwa, the Vice President is Sky Weber, the Secretary is Max Johnson, and the Treasurer is Paige Minard. In the twelfth grade, the President is JD Stout, Vice President is Kendall Wilson, Secretary is Jamie Schulte, and the Treasurer is Anna Duwa.

Congratulations to the 2019-2020 elected Student Council members and Class Officers.

Feast on Fruit

By JOE SWANSTROM

The FFA Fruit Sales are here again! This year they have added a few new extra sweet items, such as an assortment of candies and caramel apples. All FFA members will be selling fruit this year starting Friday, Oct. 4. The officer team thinks that starting earlier this year is better, so that the community has a better chance at getting all the orders in before the due date on Friday, Nov. 8th. The fruit sale is always a massive deal for the chapter because it is the greatest source of income. When asked about this year's fruit sale, Mr. Jamison said, "I am ecstatic to see all the new FFA members sell fruit and be more involved in the chapter and community." Besides the large boxes of delicious fruit there are beef sticks, cheese spreads, and chocolate coated nuts for sale. Fruit orders will be delivered in the first week of December. To place an order, you may contact the high school or any FFA member.

JUNK OR JEWEL

By JD STOUT

This week's Junk or Jewel is a 2001 Mitsubishi Eclipse GT owned by Erik Smith. This hot ride has a nice radio and a sun roof. It has a 3.0 engine in it. This gem has room to fit four people in it. His preset stations in his car are 99.7, 102.9, and 96.5. The car has a few miles on it, measuring in at 176,000 miles. This automobile gets 22 miles to the gallon. It may be easy to confuse Erik's car with a bumble bee when driving down the road because it is yellow and black. Erik says his favorite thing about the car is "It is a sports car." The top speed on this so called sports car is 140 mph. Erik's car is fairly new to him, with Erik purchasing it just a week ago for \$650. Erik has yet to make any memories or taken any road trips in his new car, but he is looking forward to making some. Erik's most frequent passenger is his brother, and they most often travel to Keota for school. Erik is no novice to purchasing cars, previously owning six prior to this one. It is time to decide if Erik is truly the expert in purchasing cars, and if his car really is a jewel. Do you think Erik's 2001 Mitsubishi Eclipse GT is junk or a jewel?

Aaliyah Aims High



By ADDIE SWANSON

Aaliyah Paige Heldman, or "Wah," to her two younger siblings, was born on April 25, 2002, to Jerry and Angie Heldman. She spent half of her childhood growing up with her two parents. When Aaliyah was six, her mom decided to move to Keota where she would be closer to her family. She has four siblings, Whitney is 20, Haley is 14, Maddie is 6, and Lincoln is 4. Aaliyah's favorite childhood mem-

ory is getting her dog Cindy that she didn't have to share with her sisters.

Something that she admires about her mom is how hardworking she is. Her mom has always provided for her family. When Aaliyah was little, she wanted to be a dancer. Making it to the All-State Speech Competition was one of her biggest accomplishments.

In elementary, her favorite teacher was Mrs. Lyle because she let them play Sparkle. Her favorite memory from elementary was building snow forts and sledding down the big hill by the school. Aaliyah's favorite birthday party is when she was 12 and all of her friends got their nails done. Her favorite family tradition is putting up the Christmas tree as a family.

In high school, Aaliyah has been involved in speech, softball, volleyball, cheerleading, and golf. She has enjoyed participating in all of these; however, she enjoyed golf and speech the most. She has always loved golf and she says she loves speech because "you get to come out of your comfort zone

when you do speech." During her free time, Aaliyah likes to read because it keeps her off of her phone. Her favorite high school memory is Anything Goes during homecoming week. The class she enjoyed taking the most was Personal Finance with Mr. Nederhoff because she never got bored and it taught her things that will be helpful when she is out of high school.

When Aaliyah finishes her education at Keota High School, she plans to attend Des Moines Area Community College majoring in Dental Hygiene. She chose DMACC because it will save her a lot of money and she will be able to transfer to another college if she needs to.

At this time, Aaliyah works in retail at Jaz it Up in Washington. It consists of her pricing, invoicing, and selling clothes. Her responsibilities at home are like any other high school student. She says, "I just have to keep my own things picked up and occasionally clean the house. Through these responsibilities, she has learned that

opening a business of her own one day is a dream of hers. Three things that Aaliyah would like to accomplish in her lifetime are to become a Dental Hygienist, get married and have a family someday, and go on a road trip. Qualities that will help Aaliyah achieve these goals are being driven and motivated. She knows what she wants and knows how to get it.

When Kendall Wilson was asked what she will miss most about Aaliyah, she said, "I will miss the positive attitude that she brings to school everyday." Keota High School wishes Aaliyah the best of luck as she takes her next step into the future.



WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

By PAIGE MINARD



Ryan Sieren

Keota alumni Ryan Sieren graduated from Keota High School in 1987. He is 50 years old and still resides in Keota, Iowa.

Ryan's favorite teacher in high school was Mr. Williams. He enjoyed every class he took with Mr. Williams, from Biology to Consumer Science. Ryan says the "places to go" in high school were the "Four Lanes of Washington" and Main Street in Keota. While driving around, he and his friends would listen to Motley Crue and Hair Nation songs. Ryan's fashion at the time, along with other boys his age, consisted of jeans with their ankles rolled up paired with their letter jackets. His funniest memory of high school was the upperclassmen throwing smoke bombs and M80s down the stairwell during passing times.

During Ryan's high school years, the Sigourney Savages were Keota's rivals. The year Ryan graduated was the last year Keota football was not shared with Sigourney. Ryan says that playing Keota only football was a great experience.

Ryan attended Indian Hills college after high school. He earned a degree in Horticulture. Ryan says that college was different from high school because he could test out of class and his classmates' age ranges were much broader.

Ryan recently started a new job as an Instrumentation and Electrical Technician at Koch Industries. He has a wife, Roberta, four children: Justin, Hailey, Abbie, and Wyatt, and a son in law, Cody. Ryan's hobbies include bow hunting, camping, and fishing.

A great education, small classes, and fun athletics are some of the things Ryan enjoyed about attending a small school. His proudest achievement during his time at Keota was being a Conference Medalist in golf in 1986. Ryan said he enjoyed his time at Keota and wouldn't change one thing even if he could. Ryan's advice for current students attending Keota High School is "Give your full effort because you can't go back and do it again, so push yourself!" We wish Ryan the best of luck with his new job and we're glad he found success after graduating from Keota High School.

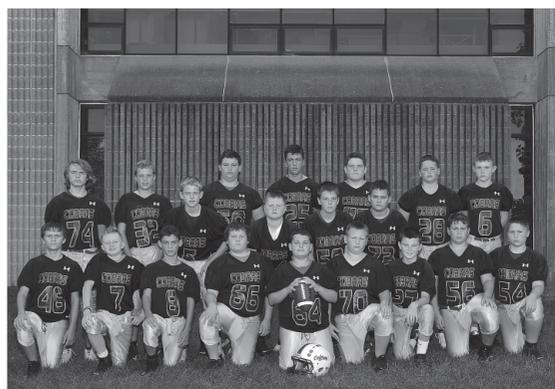


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Seventh Grade Football

By BRYCE GREINER

The Sigourney-Keota seventh grade football team is pictured above. From left to right, they are (back row) Ashton Schwab, Jace Chalupa, Jax Weber, Isaac Bruns, Rylan Vos, Billie Kindred, Ashton Galindo; (middle row) Caden Clarahan, Jayden Thompson, Isaac Striegel, Landyn Greiner; (front row) Kaen Kopp, Dylan Weber, Brady Clark, Timothy Smith, Zach Guffey, Mison Milam, Cael O'Rourke, Johnathan Aller, and Brody Greiner. They are coached by Alan Sellers, Bruce Hahn, and Dan Stout.

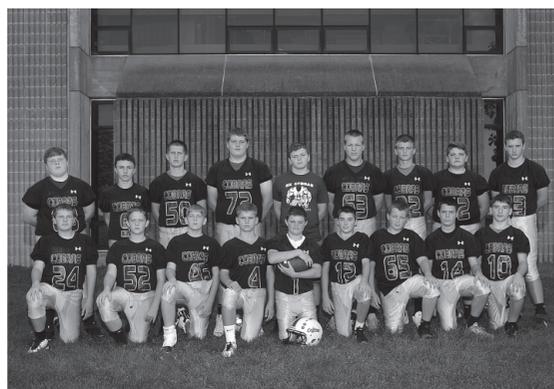


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Eighth Grade Football

By SAM MENKE

The 2019 Sigourney-Keota eighth grade football team is pictured above. From left to right, they are: (back row) Will Carlson, Xander Bell, Dylan Renner, Conner Strand, Ty Shafranek, Evan Vittetoe, Jake Moore, Brock Alderson, Cole Kindred; (front row) Sawyer Stout, Ty Krueger, Carter Wyatt, Reid Molyneux, Cale Clarahan, Chase Sieren, Hunter Sieren, Aiden McGuire, and Isaac Smith. The eighth grade team is coached by Alan Sellers (Head Coach), Bruce Hahn (Assistant Coach), and Dan Stout (Assistant Coach).

Bring Back the Pool!

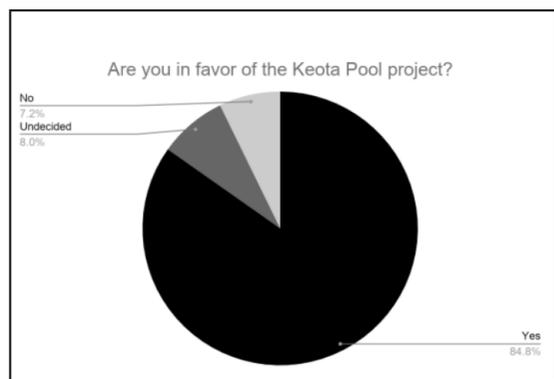
By KENDALL WILSON

The town of Keota has been without a pool for the past two summers, due to the need for extensive repairs that the city cannot afford. In the upcoming November election, Keota residents will vote on a bond issue that would help pay for the construction of a new pool.

The students at Keota High School have taken a survey to show how important having a pool in Keota is to them. The new pool would serve many purposes for the students in both the high school and elementary school.

Not only would the students enjoy using the pool for swimming, socializing, and relaxation, it would also provide jobs for students in the summer, such as lifeguarding and working in the pool house. In addition, a public pool would provide students with a safe place to swim, rather than lakes, ponds, and rivers.

One student says, "I am in favor of the Keota Pool Project. I see a job opportunity for me as a lifeguard when I get older." The majority of students at KHS hope that our parents, grandparents, and community members vote "Yes" and start progress on building a new pool for our town.



The results are in. When grade 7-12 students at Keota High School were asked whether or not the city should build a new pool, 84.8% of students answered yes, 7.2% answered no, and 8.0% were undecided. Survey by Jaime Schulte.

Keota FFA Advances To State In Soils



FFA Soils Team: Sam Menke, Bryce Greiner, Joe Swanstrom, and Cooper Sieren.

By COOPER SIENEN

SEPTEMBER 27 — The Keota FFA started their soils season off by going to Quad County Soil Judging in What Cheer. In order to prepare for this event these FFA members have a college class they go to in Sigourney in which they learn about soils for part of their time. The members in the senior group that attended this event are Cooper Sieren, Joe Swanstrom, Sam Menke, and Bryce Greiner. The individual in the junior group is Riley Hahn. The senior team did a great job, with Bryce and Cooper getting a tie for third place individually. The team overall got second.

OCTOBER 4 — On October 1, the Keota FFA went to District Soils Contest in Muscatine. The soil pits were very challenging, with different types of soil being pres-

ent, but the team pulled through and got second in the district out of 28 schools present. The Keota FFA members that participated were Joe Swanstrom, Cooper Sieren, Bryce Greiner, and Sam Menke. Joe Swanstrom placed second as an individual and received a \$300 dollar scholarship to Muscatine Community College. Cooper Sieren placed seventh individually. The Keota FFA have been practicing with Sigourney this year, and Sigourney's team placed right next to Keota at third place, so they will advance to State as well.

The State Soils Contest will be in Ames on October 12. The team has high hopes that they will make it to the National Soils Contest in Oklahoma. Joe Swanstrom said, "I'm very happy with how everyone did and I'm very excited for State Soils." Good luck to the 2019 Soils team!

BLAST FROM THE PAST

By COOPER SIENEN

JD STOUT

Q: What is your favorite Halloween candy?

7th: A: "Snickers, because they are great."

12th: A: "Snickers, because they are great."



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QUESTION OF THE WEEK
By TRINITY DALTON
What is your favorite scary movie and why?

MR. WEEKS STAFF



"NIGHTMARE ON ELM STREET," BECAUSE IT MESSES WITH YOUR MIND

CLAIRE JAEGER 12TH



"IT" BECAUSE I'M SCARED OF CLOWNS

JAYDEN LAWSON 11TH



"THE CONJURING" BECAUSE IT PUTS YOU ON THE EDGE OF YOUR SEAT

TAYLOR KINDRED 10TH



NONE, BECAUSE I DON'T LIKE SCARY MOVIES

ANNADELL TUSING 9TH



"THEY COME KNOCKING" BECAUSE I LIKE WATCHING MY SIBLINGS' REACTIONS

MADISON SCOTT 8TH



"THE CONJURING" BECAUSE IT'S REALLY SCARY

ISAAC STRIEGEL 7TH



"CHUCKY" BECAUSE IT'S SCARY