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SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Swanson Shoots for Success

10 FACTS ABOUT KHS JUNIOR PAIGE MINARD

By **BYRCE GREINER**



- #1 She has gone to Keota Schools since 2010.
- #2 She is five feet four inches tall.
- #3 She does cheerleading during basketball season.
- #4 She loves watching Sigourney - Keota football.
- #5 Her favorite toy is a baby doctor set.
- #6 She is taking the CNA class at Kirkwood.
- #7 Her favorite class at Keota is Journalism.
- #8 Her birthday is October 6.
- #9 Her favorite movie is Hacksaw Ridge.
- #10 She has one brother and she is the youngest.



By **KENDALL WILSON**

Addison Jo Swanson was born on January 23, 2002 to Scott and Jenni Swanson. Addie has two sisters, Kaylin and Lainey. She admires her parents for how hard they have worked over the years to give her the life she has today.

different animals. Growing up, Addie always wanted to become a teacher. Now, she is thinking about attending Des Moines Area Community College or Iowa State University. Her major is still undecided, but she is leaning towards Business or possibly Education. She likes both colleges' campuses, and says that they are both great schools. Addie has been involved in volleyball, basketball, track, softball, and speech throughout

high school. Her biggest accomplishments in these activities are beating Sigourney in volleyball and performing at All-State speech her sophomore year. She enjoys volleyball and speech the most. Addie says, "I love playing volleyball and love performing in front of people, while getting a good laugh out of them."

When asked what Addie wants to accomplish in her lifetime, she says she wants to have a job she loves, have children, and give them a good life. Addie believes that her qualities of being responsible and hardworking will help her get there. She is currently working at Vision Ag, where she does paperwork and files papers.

Addie has loved her time at KHS, mostly because of the friendly community and knowing who everybody is while walking through the halls. She will miss being comfortable around the teachers and the atmosphere the most. Her favorite classes throughout her time here have been Mr. Nederhoff's classes, because she feels they have prepared her for the real world.

When asked how he will remember Addie, Nolan Verstraete says, "I'll remember her as nice, athletic, and very competitive." Addie wants people to remember her as someone to look up to and a good role model. Her advice for future seniors is, "Have school spirit and participate in everything you can, because it will soon be over."

We wish Addie the best of luck in her future!



WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

By **TAYLOR CONRAD**



Doug Conrad poses with his D.A.R.E. students at Adventureland.

In May of 1989, the current police chief of Keota, Iowa, Doug Conrad, graduated high school with many accomplishments under his belt, namely helping his team win the basketball State Championship earlier that same year. Conrad chose to play basketball for a couple of reasons. The first was he had to choose just one sport, as he was one of seven kids and multiple sports each would have made things a little too chaotic. The second reason was the lack of kids willing to go out for basketball; in fact, there were only seven kids on the team when they went to the State Championship.

Basketball was not all he did with his time, though. Conrad recalls how Keota used to look when he was growing up. The Malt Shop used to sell more than ice cream, with an entire selection of delicious foods. County Line Mart went through many phases: it was a restaurant, an ice cream parlor, and a roller skating rink for a short period of time. There were more places to grab a bite as well: Pearl Mound, Brown's Country Pizza, and the Dodge House Restaurant were a few that came to mind. "Keota has changed quite a bit over the last thirty years," Conrad observed. "But I don't think there's any place else I'd want to live."

When Conrad was not "cruising" around town or listening to rock music, he was in school. Like most high school boys, his favorite class was PE. Conrad admits to disliking algebra. He says it was the hardest class he took in high school. After graduating, Conrad went to Hawkeye Technical College to study Criminal Justice. He has now been a police officer in Keota for 29 years.

Shortly after he began working as a police officer, Conrad began dating Angela Hearnear during her sophomore year of college at the University of Iowa. They met through Conrad's sisters, Jannette and Jennifer, who had Angela as a roommate all throughout college. Angela and Doug have now been married for 23 years.

Nowadays, Conrad spends his time with his four children and his wife. He enjoys taking them camping, boating, hunting, and fishing during the summer months and into the winter. If you ask him, he has many crazy cop stories to share. When prompted, Conrad told the story of a woman who "swore like a sailor." According to Conrad, "Every cuss word you could think of, she would spit it out."

Conrad continues to live in Keota and is currently running for Sheriff in the 2020 election. He does not plan on going anywhere any time soon. Doug Conrad has certainly accomplished a lot in his life thus far. Here's to many, many more experiences here in Keota!

Soils Team Competes at State

By **BYRCE GREINER**

The 2019 Keota FFA Soil Judging team started off their year with two impressive showings. They placed second at both the Sub-District and District contest, which then qualified them for the State Soils Contest in Ames.

This event took place on the Iowa State University campus on October 12. The team decided this year that they would like to travel up to Ames a day before the contest for more practice. They left early Friday morning to travel to a farm outside of Ames to dig some pits in order to help them study the soil's color and texture.

After a long day of practicing at Ames, the team stayed



2019 FFA Soils Team: Bryce Greiner, Sam Menke, Joe Swanstrom, and Cooper Sieren.

at a hotel in Ankeny with their coach, Mr. Jamison. The next morning the contest started at 8:30 a.m. in the Agronomy building on Iowa State's

campus. It was a very windy and cold day in Ames on October 12, as the temperature was in the 30's most of the day. Keota

yet again had a very good day of soil judging, placing eighth as a team in the contest. The Southeast District held firm with four teams earning a gold rating and finishing in the top ten. Keota's Joe Swanstrom had the best day on the team, finishing 20th in the state. Cooper Sieren was not far behind, finishing in 25th place. Bryce Greiner finished 39th and Sam Menke finished 74th. All in all, it was a good experience for the Soils team to compete at this massive contest. They fell just short of the National Soil Judging Contest, as they needed to be in the top five to advance.

The team would like to thank their FFA advisor, Mr. Jamison, for taking them to all the contests throughout this fall.

SK Cobras continue success with win over Indians

By **JD STOUT**

The SK Cobras are having a very successful season, continuing their dominance over the Wapello Indians. The Cobras traveled to Wapello to take on The Indians last Friday night, looking to improve their record to 8-0. The Indians are arguably the best competition that SK has faced so far. Their running back ranks third in the district for rushing yards, trailing only SK's JD Stout and SK's Sam Sieren.

The game started out very close, with Wapello getting on the board first with their second play of the drive. Wapello took the early lead, but the Cobras responded with a 55 yard rushing touchdown from Stout, and the first quarter would end with a 7-6 score in favor of the Cobras. The second quarter opened up with big defensive plays by senior linebackers Zeke Webb and Trent Hendricks. The tough defensive line helped keep the Indians out of the endzone for the quarter and remainder of the game. This in turn helped the Cobra's dominant offensive line get Sieren and Stout in the endzone in this quarter, making the score 21-6 at the half. Wapello made a great effort to score on the last series of the half, but Brady Duwa broke up a pass to-



The SK Football team huddles before the game against Wapello on Friday, Oct. 18. (photo taken by Klynt Weber)

ward the end zone, which saved a touchdown and time expired.

The game finished with a score of 42-6 in favor of the Cobras. Trent Hendricks led the way with five tackles, followed by Zeke Webb and Nate Schuster with 4.5 each. Brady Duwa and

Wyatt Sieren each had an interception. Stout finished with 236 yards on the ground with three touchdowns and Sieren capped off the night with 134 yards and two touchdowns. Zeke Webb managed to haul in his first touchdown grab of the year

from 12 yards out. Sigourney Keota (8-0) is hoping to carry their success on to the next game as they host Mediapolis (7-1) in a battle for the District title and an automatic birth to the Iowa High School State Playoffs.

JUNK OR JEWEL

By **JOE SWANSTROM**



This week's Junk or Jewel is Jordan Hammen's 2010 Chevy Equinox. This white compact SUV has a 3.0L V6 underneath the hood, averaging 20 mpg with about 150,000 miles. Jordan says, "the fastest I've driven in it is 55 mph because I'm a good kid." She paid \$8,000 for it her sophomore year. She purchased it from Turnkey Auto. It has a sunroof, which is really nice. She calls it "White Lightning" because it's fast. Her favorite part of her car is the leather seats because it makes spills a lot less worrisome. She can fit five people in her car legally. She enjoys driving around with her friends when there is nothing to do. Jordan travels to the farm, school, and friend's houses the most. Her dog Milo always likes to ride along. The furthest she has ever taken it to was to Des Moines. With all that in mind, it's your decision. Do you think Jordan's car is Junk or a Jewel?

BLAST FROM THE PAST

By **TRINITY DALTON**

ERIK SMITH

Q: What's your favorite Christmas movie and why?

8th:

A: "Elf, because it is a good, silly movie."



12th:

A: "Grinch, because it's funny."



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QUESTION OF THE WEEK
 By **ADDIE SWANSON**
 What is your biggest fear?

MRS. SWANSON STAFF



"Being buried alive."

TAYLOR CONRAD 12TH



"Being locked in a room with no way out."

BRADY DUWA 11TH



"The fear of being lost - 'mazzophobia'."

TAYLOR KINDRED 10TH



"Any kind of bugs."

DALTON DODD 9TH



"Failure."

EVAN VITTETO 8TH



"Snakes."

KIMMY CLARAHAN 7TH



"My dad getting mad."