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## ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

By SKY WEBER

 This week's Athlete of the Week is Taylor Garman. Taylor is a sophomore at Keota, and one of the many activities she participates in is basketball. She is one of the point guards on the Keota Varsity basketball team.

Taylor likes basketball because she gets to play with a really great group of girls, who are all very close as a team. She also likes basketball because it gets her in good shape for other sports. Throughout this year's season Taylor wants to improve her basketball skills by hustling more, playing more aggressive, focusing more on the game by not spacing out, and remembering plays. Taylor is looking forward to the rest of the season because she gets to play the game of basketball with all her friends and gets to have fun while doing it.

Taylor doesn't have an ultimate goal or achievement for basketball, but she likes to play to the best of her ability in every game she plays. This not only shows on the basketball court, but in her everyday life as well. She always is working hard to make sure she is giving her maximum effort in everything she does.

Taylor has had many funny memories throughout her basketball career. One of those memories is when she did a TikTok dance before shooting her free throws in a game. Another is when she, Bailey, and Jordan borrowed toilet paper from HLV for homecoming. Taylor's advice for the upcoming high school basketball players is to always pay attention in practice and never do anything in practice that shows you are not paying attention, such as singing Christmas songs or doing TikTok dances, because you will most likely have to run.

Taylor wants to really encourage younger girls to play high school basketball because it is so fun and totally worth it. You get to be a part of a team and learn many life skills along the way. Lastly, Taylor wants to leave you with this: "Go Lady E'Gals!"

## WHIP OF THE WEEK



By SAM SIEREN

This week's KHS Whip of the Week is over AJ Sheetz's Ford F150. The year of AJ's truck is 2002. This machine has 315,000 miles on it, and it has a 4.6L V8 engine in it. It has a black interior and exterior and it gets 6.7 miles per gallon.

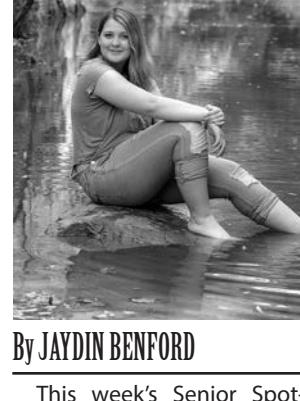
While driving, AJ usually listens to 99.7 FM, 102.9 FM, 800 AM, and 670 AM. The previous owners of the truck were AJ's parents, who paid \$2,000 for it when they purchased it in 2018. AJ's favorite thing about the truck is that it runs. The truck can fit up to five people and it has a top speed of 100 mph. His favorite memories were going to Chicago, and his bad memories were the days that it didn't run.

AJ nicknamed his truck "Unreliable" for reasons already explained. AJ takes the truck to school the most and he travels with his family the most.

Now it's time for you to decide. Would you like to drive this Whip of the Week?

## KHS SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

### Lexi leaves a lasting impression on Keota High School



By JAYDIN BENFORD

This week's Senior Spotlight is Alexis Marie Purkeypile. Alexis likes to be called Lexi and was born February 24, 2003. Lexi is the daughter of Dewey and Abby Purkeypile. Lexi has three siblings: Addy, Joeye, and Leo.

Her favorite childhood memory is mudding in her uncle's woods on ATVs with her friends. Her favorite elementary teacher was Mrs. McClehanan. The reason she was her favorite teacher was because she was always so nice to Lexi and was always a very easy person to talk to. Lexi's favorite elementary memory is sixth grade camp out with her class.

Lexi's favorite high school memory is All-State group speech vacation with her class. Lexi's favorite birthday party was the birthday she took herself and a few of her

friends to Fun City. Her favorite family tradition is watching Jim Carrey's Grinch every Christmas and acting out the scenes.

Lexi admires many things about her parents and other family members. She admires her dad's humor and overall kind personality. She admires her mom's open mindedness. She feels she has the perfect combination of both her parents and is extremely grateful they brought her into this world.

The accomplishment Lexi is most proud of is being able to throw a curveball in softball. Lexi is involved in softball, volleyball, speech, basketball, and Eaglerock. The extracurricular activity Lexi enjoys most is Improv because practices always give her the best belly laughs. Lexi's hobbies include playing video games and hunting, because they are both things that she can sit down and relax and do with family.

When Lexi was younger, she wanted to be a zoo veterinarian. Now that she is older, Lexi would like to attend Indian Hills Community College to major in nursing. She hopes to get a job as a nurse anesthetist or a nurse practitioner. Lexi chose Indian Hills because it has affordable tuition and it's a local college. She wants to be a nurse to be

able to help others through their times. Lexi is currently employed at Manor House in Sigourney as a temp CNA. Some of her duties include assisting residents, making a comfortable environment, and ensuring their safety. Lexi has learned from her responsibilities as a CNA that you have to be patient with others and appreciate the little things in life.

Three things Lexi would like to accomplish in her lifetime are to build her own house with a pond, visit a rainforest, and own a reptile zoo. One quality that Lexi possesses that will help her achieve her goals is her determination.

Her most enjoyable class while at KHS was her sophomore year in Biology class with Ms. Hobbs. It was her favorite class because of the Cell City project and the dissecting unit. The class she thinks has prepared her for life the most is College Prep. It has prepared her because it teaches her how to not only write scholarships, but also interviewing and many other skills that will help her. One thing Lexi thinks KHS can offer over other schools is the small class size, which allows for more one-on-one teaching.

When Lexi graduates she will miss her friends that she

has made. When classmate Sky Weber was asked what she would miss most about Lexi, Sky replied, "She always puts a smile on my face and is super bubbly".

The words that best describe Lexi are someone who is kind but strong-willed. If she could go back and do high school again, she says she would try harder her freshman year because she didn't take freshman year as seriously as she should have.

The advice she would give future KHS seniors is, "Take your time and relax. You've worked hard for 12 years! Give yourself a break, because before too long you'll wish you had."

We wish Lexi the best of luck in her future.



## 10 FACTS ABOUT ANTHONY WESTENDORF



By CARSON SPROUSE

#1 Anthony has been growing his hair out for six months.

#2 Anthony is 16.

#3 Anthony lives in Hedrick.

#4 Anthony participates in the fall and spring plays.

#5 Anthony is in Eagle Rock.

#6 Anthony enjoys trapshooting.

#7 Anthony is an only child.

#8 Anthony shows 4-H cattle at the Washington County Fair.

#9 Anthony drives a Duramax to school.

#10 Anthony owns an El Camino.

## BLAST FROM THE PAST

By CONNER WOLTERING

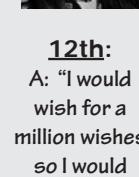
### HOW WILL SENIORS RESPOND THE SECOND TIME AROUND?

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...

#### JENNA JAEGER

Q: If you could have one wish granted, what would it be and why?

**8th:**  
A: "I would wish for a horse because I like horses."



**12th:**  
A: "I would wish for a million wishes so I would never run out."

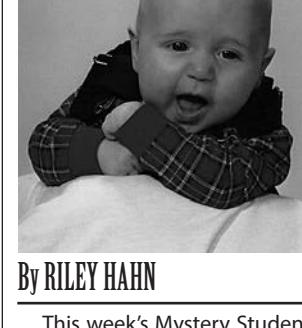
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## Mystery Student



By RILEY HAHN

This week's Mystery Student has two siblings and lives in Harper. He is an avid hunter. He has a dog named Ruby. In his spare time he enjoys playing video games with friends. He is involved in golf, baseball, basketball, and speech. This student has always attended Keota High School.

If you think you know this week's Mystery Student, head to Mrs. Conrad's room for a chance to win a prize.

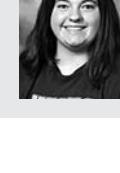
## Question of the Week: What do you want for Christmas this year? By Jenna Jaeger



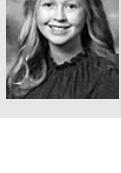
Mrs. Swanson  
Staff  
"For 2020 to be over."



Bailey Sieren  
12th  
"A trip to somewhere warm so I am not depressed this winter."



Makenzie Jackson  
11th  
"Wax melts, because they make my room smell better."



Taylor Garman  
10th  
"A jewelry box, because I have a lot and I need to keep it organized."



Emily Sheetz  
9th  
"An Apple watch, so that I can have a watch."



Jax Weber  
8th  
"A rifle."



David Sherman  
7th  
"A computer so I can play games on it."

