



THE EAGLE'S WING

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KHS HOMECOMING WEEK

The week of Jan. 25-29 is Homecoming Week for Keota High School. The votes were cast on Friday, and the 2021 Homecoming Court was announced at the end of the day. Queen candidates are Lindsey Imhoff, Jenna Jaeger, Bailey Sieren, and Sky Weber. King candidates are Brady Duwa, Luke Hammen, Sam Sieren, and Bryce Greiner. The Eagle Fan Escorts are Paige Minard and Carson Sprouse.

The student body will celebrate with Eagle Olympics on Thurs., Jan. 21. There will be a pep rally to announce the King and Queen on Fri., Jan. 25, beginning at 1:55 p.m.

The high school dress-up days are as follows: Monday, Character Day; Tuesday, Beach Day (Tropical Tuesday); Wednesday, Athlete vs. Mathlete; Thursday, Class Distinction Day (class choice); and Friday, Spirit Day.

Basketball games will begin at 4:30 p.m. on Fri., Jan. 25, and there will be a dance for grades 9-12 following the games until midnight.

Congratulations to the 2021 Homecoming Court. Go Eagles!

COMEDY CENTRAL

By LEXI PURKEYPILE



Avery Ackerman-Axume
Grade: 12

Q: What do sick people like to drink?
A: Cough-ee

WHIP OF THE WEEK



By BRADY DUWA

Colten Clarahan has been chosen for this week's Whip of the Week with his white 2017 Ford Fusion. It currently has around 24,000 miles and runs on a turbocharged 1.5L 4-cylinder engine. It also comes with heated seats, remote start, and a touch screen display. "So far," he says, the top speed of the car is 90 miles per hour.

Colten was given this car by his loving parents, Tim and Angela Clarahan. They found it used with one previous owner and gifted it to him as a birthday present. Colten says the furthest road trip he has taken was to Cedar Rapids, but he does not necessarily have any good or bad memories.

Now it is time for you to decide, is this car worthy of being the Whip of the Week?

KHS SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Bring on the best for Bryce



By BRADY DUWA

Bryce Michael Greiner is the son of Brian and Shannon Greiner and the older brother to three siblings: Brody, Karley, and Jordyn. Throughout high school, Bryce has been involved in football, baseball, basketball, speech, track, National Honor Society, Student Council, FFA, and 4-H. When he is not in school or playing sports, you can probably find Bryce hunting, helping his dad on the farm, or working with his show pigs, as these are all some of his favorite activities.

Bryce's favorite high school memory was playing for the Cobras in the UNI-Dome. While Bryce is involved in a lot of activities, he says his favorite is football because "I have always had a love for

the game and really enjoyed playing it". Bryce says one accomplishment he is most proud of is being a two-time All-District Lineman, along with being on Honor Roll every semester. Bryce admires his parents for their will to push him to be the best he can be in sports and in the classroom as well.

Growing up, Bryce made lots of memories with his friends. Some of his favorites include playing sports at recess and shooting his first deer at seven years old. Bryce also enjoyed Mr. Hill's class in fifth and sixth grade because "there was never a dull moment," he said. His favorite birthday parties were the group ones with his classmates, Brady and Patrick, at the West Chester gym, where

they played all sorts of games.

As a kid, Bryce wanted to be a farmer growing up, and he has enjoyed helping his dad on the farm over the years. So far his plans are working out, as Bryce plans to attend Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC) or Iowa State University and major in Ag Business.

Bryce's main goals in his lifetime are to start a family, get a college degree, and get a good job. Bryce believes that his leadership skills and determination will help him achieve these goals and more.

Some of Bryce's favorite classes throughout high school were his Ag classes taught by Mr. Jamison. After graduation, Bryce says he will miss his classmates and other

students the most.

Bryce wants to be remembered by other students as someone who was always competitive, yet humbled. Classmate Sam Sieren says that Bryce is "always someone you can count on in sports and all the time."

Bryce believes the one thing that sets Keota apart from other schools is the amount of opportunity in the classroom, as well as the chance to play on great sports teams. According to Bryce, high school was "an elite experience" and there is nothing he would change.

Bryce's advice to future Keota seniors is to "step out of your comfort zone and try something new." We wish Bryce the best of luck in his future!



Keota Junior High Girls Basketball team finishes strong

By GRANT GARMAN

The junior high girls basketball team got off to a really slow start this year. At the beginning of the season, they had to miss time due to Covid because junior high sports weren't allowed. This set them back a ways.

When they finally got to come back and practice, they had a game the next day against Sigourney, which they lost 17-24. The very next day they played Montezuma and lost 20-36.

Coach Jenny Hobbs said, "The team regrouped and decided how much work they needed to put in to finish the year off strong. The girls did not want a losing record and they were willing to do what it took to have a successful season."

The team came back from Christmas break and their hard work really showed off, with three wins in a row in January. Coach Hobbs said, "The intensity they had during the games was amazing. They dove for the ball, they ran and hustled up and down the court, and really



Pictured is the 2020-21 Keota Junior High School Girls Basketball team. From left to right, they are: (back row, 8th grade) Izzi Chalupa, Grace Conger, Lainey Swanson, Kimi Clarahan, Ava Greiner; (front row, 7th grade) Adriana Campbell, Dakota Dodd, Reese Conrad, Addy Purkeypyle, and Kennedy Jackson. The team is coached by Jenny Hobbs. Photo courtesy of Swanson Photography.

took pride in playing hard every night they stepped on the court."

The first game back was against Iowa Valley on Jan. 5, where the junior high girls played really tough and came home with a 35-24 victory. This was a huge win for the girls because it boosted their confidence for the next two

games against Sigourney and Tri-County.

On Jan. 6, the team beat Sigourney 25-21. Then the very next day, on Jan. 7, the team headed to Tri-County, where they met some tough competition. It was an exciting game that ended with Keota winning in overtime 30-28.

The team's final game of the season was scheduled for Jan. 14 against English Valleys, but unfortunately that got canceled due to snow.

In spite of all the hardships they went through with Covid and Christmas break, the junior high girls ended up going 3-2 on the season and ended the season strong.

Cheerleaders are hyping up the year of 2021



The 2020-21 Keota Basketball Cheerleaders (pictured from left to right) are: Nicole Clarahan, Taylor Garman, Makenzie Jackson, and Paige Minard. They are coached by Jennifer Lathrop.

By LEXI PURKEYPILE

Cheerleading has been an important part of our school for years, but now, with 2020 turning the world upside down, how are the cheerleaders pushing through these new rules and regu-

lations? This year the cheerleading squad welcomes three new cheerleaders and one returning member. The new members, Makenzie Jackson of the Class of 2022, Taylor Garman of the Class

of 2023, and Nicole Clarahan of the Class of 2023, are welcomed to the team by returning member, Paige Minard of the Class of 2021. Two of the girls on the cheerleading team, Taylor and Nicole, also play basketball, so they aren't able to cheer during the girl's games.

The coach of the cheerleading team is Jennifer Lathrop, as she has been for the last five years. In high school, Mrs. Lathrop was not part of the cheerleading squad and was actually part of the girl's basketball team.

When asked what her favorite part about coaching cheerleading was, Lathrop replied, "We have a lot of fun at practice. It is great to see all of the cheerleaders getting the crowd fired up!" She is also very excited that the cheerleading team received new uniforms and shirts this

year.

The school year of 2020-21 has been a tough year of learning and adapting to new rules and regulations in order to keep everyone safe. The cheerleading team had to adapt to the smaller crowds this year due to the regulations that said only household members were allowed to attend events. The girls are now excited, since that rule has been lifted, to cheer once again for bigger crowds. The girls are also looking forward to decorating for Homecoming this year and hosting the traditional window decorating contest, where business can show their Eagle spirit.

Though this year has had some added challenges, the cheerleaders have not let that stop them from doing a great job of firing up the crowd for the Keota basketball teams. They are truly appreciated!

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

By GRANT GARMAN



This week's Athlete of the Week is KHS junior Taylor Kindred, who is a member of the varsity women's basketball team. This season, Taylor is looking forward to winning a few more games than last year, and with the addition of more girls this year and more experience, there is no doubt it can be done.

Taylor plays post and averages roughly 13 points and 8 rebounds per game. This year she hopes to improve her scoring and cut down her turnovers from last year.

Some of her funny moments at practice are gossiping with her coach, Tim Clarahan, and her teammate Macie McDonald. Taylor really enjoys playing with her friends on the team and she really enjoys her coaches, even though they give her and the team a hard time. For example, one of the sayings her coaches tell the team is that they are slow learners. Of course, Taylor and the girls know the coaches are kidding.

Taylor's goal by the end of her senior year is to break the scoring record of 34 points. We wish Taylor the best of luck on the rest of the season.

BLAST FROM THE PAST

By SAM SIEREN

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...

MAX JOHNSON

Q: What is your New Years Resolution?

7th:

A: "To get more homework done."



12th:

A: "To play less video games."

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Question of the Week: In a dream, a unicorn tells you you've been gifted a great power, what is it? By Avery Ackerman-Axume



Ms. Hobbs
Staff
"Healing."



Ashlyn Ross
12th
"The ability to go see my friends regardless of the reality."



Makenzie Jackson
11th
"Teleporting."



Jocelyn Purkeypyle
10th
"Telepathy or the power to see the future."



Ashton Thomas
9th
"To read minds."



Kimi Clarahan
8th
"Teleportation."



Addison Purkeypyle
7th
"The power to win anything."