



# THE EAGLE'S WING

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## KHS SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

### Wyatt is working his way into journeyman school



By GRANT GARMAN

Wyatt James Sieren was born December 31, 2002. Wyatt's parents are Ryan and Roberta Sieren and his siblings are Abby, Justin, and Hailey. Wyatt loves spending time with his family, and his favorite tradition is going to the State Fair every year. His favorite childhood memory is going to Adventureland.

When Wyatt was young, he wanted to be a firefighter like his dad. He really admires

how hard working his parents are.

During his years at Keota, Wyatt has had some good memories. Wyatt's favorite elementary school memory is playing football and basketball everyday at recess, and his favorite teacher was Mr. Hill because he really enjoyed his class.

Wyatt's favorite class is Ag Construction because he likes to work with his hands and he says it is really fun to build and work on projects. However, his most beneficial class was Personal Finance because "It teaches you how to manage your money," he said.

One of Wyatt's best accomplishments is being able to go to the Dome in football. Wyatt is involved in football, basketball, and track, and he is really good at all three sports. Wyatt will miss being part of the football team and the tradition that they have after he graduates.

After Wyatt graduates from Keota, he plans to attend ABC

of Iowa trade school to get his Journeyman's license. He says the reason he chose this school is because "It is just as good as college and it costs half as much." Wyatt plans to continue to work at Ace Electric, which he has already been doing in the summer-time.

Wyatt has learned from his time in the working world that it is important to "make sure you take your time and do things right, so you don't have to redo them," he said. He has also learned excellent problem solving skills when working with wires and electricity.

Three things Wyatt wants to accomplish in his lifetime are being able to buy a house and save some money by doing his own wiring in his house, getting a Journeyman license, and winning a poker tournament. During his free time, Wyatt enjoys playing poker and trying to win money, as well as playing Xbox with his friends. Junior Anthony Westendorf said

Wyatt will be missed next year because "He is really funny and fun to hang around."

If Wyatt could do high school all over again, he says he wouldn't change a thing because he really enjoyed everything he did. If he could give any advice to future KHS seniors, it would be to "Keep working hard and have tons of fun."

Best wishes to Wyatt as he heads out into the world. We know he will accomplish all his goals and more.



## KEOTA HIGH SCHOOL SPEECH

By AVERIY ACKERMAN-AXUME



The Choral Reading "Note to Self," performed by Taylor Kindred, Brandon Greiner, Kota Hammen, Makenzie Jackson, Taylor Garman, Ashlyn Ross, Lexi Purkeypile, Dulaney Clubb, Nicole Clarahan, Avery Axume, and Aiden Conrad, received an I rating at Districts on Sunday, Jan. 24, and a I rating at State Contest on Sunday, Feb. 7.



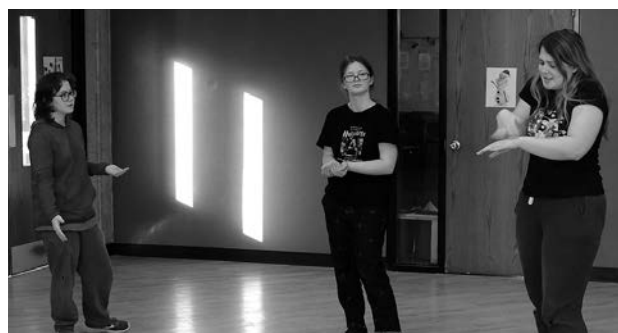
The Reader's Theater "Swim the Fly" was performed by Luke Hammen, Carson Sprouse, Sam Sieren, Max Johnson, Patrick Clarahan, Bryce Greiner, Riley Hahn, Chase Kindred, and Brady Duwa. They received an I rating at Districts on Sunday, Jan. 24, and a I rating at State Contest on Sunday, Feb. 7.



Jenna Jaeger, Lindsey Imhoff, Sky Weber, and Taylor Kindred perform in the Ensemble, "Captive Audience." They received an I rating at Districts on Sunday, Jan. 24, and a I rating at State Contest on Sunday, Feb. 7.



Pictured is the freshman Choral Reading performing "Breaking Badly." The group members are Madison Scott, Makala Baughman, Chase Sieren, Conner Strand, Aiden McGuire, Addy Anderson, Aubrey Campbell, Evan Vittetoe, Will Carlson, Sawyer Stout, Noah Fisher, Cole Kindred, and Emily Sheetz. They received an I rating at Districts on Sunday, Jan. 24, and a I rating at State Contest on Sunday, Feb. 7.



Ashlyn Ross, Jocelyn Purkeypile, and Lexi Purkeypile received an I rating in Improv at Districts on Sunday, Jan. 24, and a II rating at State Contest on Sunday, Feb. 7.

## 2021 EAGLE'S WING STAFF

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Improv performers Averyiy Axume and Jared Adams received a I rating at Districts on Sunday, Jan. 24, and a II rating at State Contest on Sunday, Feb. 7.



## Keota High School Dance Team

Pictured is the 2021 Keota High School Dance Team. From left to right they are: (back row) Grace Conger, Taylor Garman, Kimberly Clarahan, Captain Sky Weber, Makala Baughman, Adrianna Campbell; (front row) Tierney Greiner, Nicole Clarahan, Captain Bailey Sieren, Aubrey Campbell, and Addy Anderson. Caption by Brady Duwa.



The 7th grade Keota Junior High Boys Basketball team consists of (left to right): (back) Cael Jaeger, Garrett Greiner, Luke Moeller, Skyler Pringle; (front) Jake Morris, Chase Haifley, and Jackson Vitetoe. Photo by Swanson Photography.



The 8th grade Keota Junior High Boys Basketball team consists of (left to right): (back) Austin Black, Caden Clarahan, Jace Chalupa, Jax Weber, Isaac Striegel; (front) Landyn Greiner, Dylan Thovson, Ashton Galindo, Brody Greiner, and Billie Kindred. Photo by Swanson Photography.

## Keota Junior High Boys Basketball

By GRANT GARMAN

JAN. 29 -- The Keota Junior High Boys Basketball team started off their season completely different than the girls' season started. Fortunately, they were not affected by the pandemic and they started off the season on a strong note. Coach Zach Jamison was really grateful his team was not affected by Covid-19, and he said he was really excited to start the season.

Coach Jamison said the season is going really well so far, and they are improving

every day. Their first game of the season was Monday, Jan. 11 against Tri-County. The eighth grade team won 29-9, and the seventh grade team didn't play because of numbers.

The next game was both a seventh and eighth grade game against Sigourney on Monday, Jan. 18. The eighth grade lost 23-37. Coach Jamison said, "It showed us our flaws and what we needed to work on in practice." The seventh grade won in an overtime thriller 23-21, so it was a good game for the

seventh graders.

The next week the junior high boys played Sigourney again and the eighth graders improved, but still lost 22-23. The seventh graders won 34-22. Coach Jamison was very pleased in the improvement and effort given by both teams.

Their upcoming games are next Monday, Feb. 1 against HLV at Victor, which is both a seventh grade and eighth grade game. The next week it's a home game against English Valleys on Monday, Feb. 8, and the very next day

they play at Highland. On Monday, Feb. 15 they play at English Valleys, and the next day they play at PCM. The team will wrap up the season at Pekin Thursday, Feb. 18.

Coach Jamison said, "Both teams are athletic groups who work really hard in practice and are really fun to watch."

We wish the junior high boys best of luck on the rest of the season.

*NOTE: Due to inclement weather, many changes have been made to the schedule since this article was written. Please check www.keota.k12.ia.us for the latest updates.*

### Question of the Week: If you could mix any two things together, what would you mix together and what would you call it? By Lexi Purkeypile



**Mrs. Swanson**  
Staff  
Ranch and soy sauce, and I would call it "Soranch."



**Callie McNurlen**  
12th  
Oatmeal and peaches, and I would call it "The Best Ever."



**Grant Garman**  
11th  
Mt. Dew and Pepsi and call it "Mt. Pepsi."



**Dulaney Clubb**  
10th  
A dolphin and a shark and call it "Dark."



**Timothy Cline**  
9th  
I would mix cheese and fries and call it "Cheese Fries."



**Lainey Swanson**  
8th  
"Skittles and popcorn and call it "Skopcorn."



**Dakota Dodd**  
7th  
"Ice cream and s'mores and call it "S'mores Cream."