



# THE EAGLE'S WING

Keota Jr./Sr. High School Student Newspaper



## COMEDY CENTRAL

By **LEXI PURKEYPILE**  
**Addy Purkeypile**  
 Grade: 7

**Q:** How many tickles does it take to get an octopus to laugh?  
**A:** Ten tickles.

## COMEDY CENTRAL

By **AVERIY ACKERMAN-AXUME**

**Why should you never trust stairs? They're always up to something.**

**Never criticize someone until you've walked a mile in their shoes.**

**That way when you criticize them, you'll be a mile away, and you'll have their shoes.**

**What do houses eat when their breath stinks? Apart-mints.**

## WHIP OF THE WEEK

By **GRANT GARMAN**

This week's Whip of the Week is Dakota Detweiler's Honda Civic. Dakota has been driving his 2005 Honda Civic ever since he could drive, and he has had tons of fun with his car. Dakota got this car from an unknown lady and he paid \$4,800 for it. His car has a dark grey interior and has 108,000 miles on it. His Civic gets roughly 32 miles a gallon and has a 2.0L 4-cylinder engine. Dakota has had a lot of good memories in his car, such as drifting around town and going to McDonald's. One of his bad memories is messing up his bumper the year he got it.

What Dakota most likes about his car is his e-brake, and he likes to have fun with it. This Honda's top speed is 100 mph. He keeps his radio preset to 99.7. He can fit five people in this car and he has not taken any road trips in it yet. However, he has made many trips to the school, County Line Mart, and out to Colten Clarahan's shop to play poker in it. The people who travel with Dakota most are Drew Sieren and his mom.

So do you think Dakota's Civic is worthy of being the Whip of the Week?

## KHS SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

### Tucker's On Top



By **BRADY DUWA**

**T**ucker John "Tuck" McDonald is the son of Andy and Katie McDonald and brother to Preston, Macie, and Carson. Tucker was born on December 19, 2002, and has attended Keota High School his entire life. Tucker plans to enter the work force out of high school, starting at B&L Concrete.

Growing up, Tucker wanted to become a train conductor because he liked Thomas

the Train, and he thought it would be cool to drive a train. Tucker's favorite birthday gift was the bike he still rides sometimes in the summer. In elementary school, Tucker enjoyed playing football in the backyard with all of his friends at recess. Tucker also said that his favorite teacher was Mrs. Lathrop because he used to draw in her class with markers.

After elementary school, Tucker was involved in junior

high football and basketball, and even played both as a freshman in high school. Tucker had some good memories from both sports in junior high, especially bus rides before and after games. Nowadays, outside of school, Tucker enjoys working at B&L, helping at the McDonald Boneyard, and playing poker with his friends.

One of Tucker's favorite family traditions is going to the demo derbys in the summer. Tucker, along with his dad, uncle, and brother, all enjoy building their cars and taking them to different derbys and rallies in the area. It takes hard work to build the cars, but the group is always willing to help each other out, which is what Tucker admires most about his family.

Tucker is most proud of his working abilities and his ability to get a job. If you ever need someone to mow your lawn, Tucker is your guy! Classmate and long time friend, Chase Kindred, said

that Tucker is "a nice kid and a hard worker for sure." Tucker says if there is one thing he could go back and change about high school, he would work harder to get his school work done and pay more attention in class. Tucker has had an interesting and fun filled four years, and we all wish him the best of luck in his years to come!



## PLAY PRACTICE UNDERWAY

By **GRANT GARMAN**

Roles have been cast and practice has begun for the Keota High School spring play.

This year's spring play is called "Hollywood Hotel." It is about three young girls who come to Hollywood to make a living. When they rent a grungy bungalow cottage called "Hollywood Hotel," the nonstop fun and funny parts begin.

Their landlady is tyrannical and wants to throw the girls out and keep their security deposit. Many people come through the Hollywood Hotel, and there are some crazy people who stay. One of them is someone who wants to be like Marilyn Monroe and acts just like her. Tommy and the Tree Squirrels, who are punk rockers, and a handyman, who writes about weird science fiction, are just a few of the other people who stay at the wacky hotel.

After casting the roles, there are 18 KHS students out for the spring play, which is a great number. Sky Weber is the only senior, and juniors include Grant Garman, Dakota Detweiler, Anthony Westendorf, Mackenzie Jackson, and AJ Sheetz. Sophomore members are Taylor Garman, Brandon Greiner, Dulaney Clubb, Nicole Clarahan, and Aiden Conrad. Eighth graders are Austin Black, Ava Greiner, Grace Conger, Landyn Greiner, and Mison Milam.

Performance dates are pending at this time but will be at the end of March and beginning of April. Stay tuned for more information.

## National FFA Week February 22-26



Pictured is the 2020-21 Keota FFA Chapter. From left to right, front to back, they are: (R1) Colten Clarahan, Grant Garman, Conner Woltering, Carson Sprouse, Bailey Sieren, Bryce Greiner; (R2) Brady Duwa, Wyatt Sieren, Max Johnson, Luke Hammen, Riley Hahn, Lindsey Imhoff; (R3) Anthony Westendorf, Dakota Detweiler, Drew Sieren, Caden Sprouse, Dalton Dodd; (R4) Taylor Garman, Evan Vittetoe, Hunter Sieren, Chase Sieren, Aiden McGuire, Ashton Thomas; (R5) Caden Clarahan, Dylan Thovson, Jace Chalupa, Jax Weber, Brody Greiner, Isaac Striegel; (R6) Izzi Chalupa, Kimberly Clarahan, Owen Morris, Austin Black, Landyn Greiner; (R7) Dakota Dodd, Tierney Greiner, Reese Conrad, Jake Morris, Garrett Greiner, Blake Gretter, Owen Menke; (R8) Ava Greiner, Grace Conger, Addison Purkeypile, Gavin Sieren, and Jackson Vittetoe. The Keota FFA Advisor is Mr. Zach Jamison.

By **LEXI PURKEYPILE**

Each year, FFA chapters around the country celebrate National FFA Week. It's a time to share what FFA is and the impact it has on members every day.

Keota High School will celebrate National FFA Week from Monday, Feb. 22 through Friday, Feb. 26, 2021.

- The following events will be held throughout the week:
  - Monday - Ag Career Day (Dress like an ag career);
  - Tuesday - Hats Against Hunger (Bring a canned food item and get to wear a hat all day in school);
  - Wednesday - Dress like a Farm Animal Day;
  - Thursday - FFA T-Shirt Day & Faculty Appreciation Breakfast;
  - Friday - Red vs. Green Day & Drive your tractor to school day. Tractors will be parked in the student parking lot in the morning. At noon the tractors will be paraded and then parked in front of the elementary school for the elementary students to see. At 3:05 the tractors will leave to make way for the buses.

Show your support of the Keota FFA during National FFA Week!

## Keota Girls Basketball Season Wraps Up

By **BRADY DUWA**

The 2020-21 Keota girls basketball season came to an end last Thursday, on February 12. The Lady Eagles ended their season against a familiar foe, the Tigers of Iowa Valley. There were two previous matchups between these two squads, with Iowa Valley able to edge out wins in all three contests.

The team ended with a 2-15 record, and they showed improvement throughout the season. Junior Taylor Kindred led the squad in scoring and rebounding, followed closely by senior Sky Weber. Sophomore Nicole Clarahan ended first in steals and assists, while guards Macie McDonald and Bailey Sieren were also factors on the offensive and defensive ends. Sophomore Taylor Garman was able to knock down some shots for the squad as well, while the freshman pair of Madison Scott and Emily Sheetz were also able to get in some qual-



Pictured is the Keota High School girls basketball team at the 2021 Homecoming Pep Rally. From left to right, they are: Sky Weber, Bailey Sieren, Emily Sheetz, Taylor Kindred, Nicole Clarahan, Macie McDonald, and Taylor Garman. Not pictured: Madison Scott.

ity time. The Lady Eagles graduate only two seniors, Bailey Sieren and Sky Weber. They also will return three out of five starters and about 67% of their scoring.

The season may not have gone how anyone planned, but the girls had fun all year. Some key improvements include scoring 11 more points per game, having nearly twice as many assists,

and shooting 11% better as a team from the freethrow line. We want to congratulate the Lady Eagles Basketball team on their 2020-21 season, and we wish them the best of luck next year!

## BLAST FROM THE PAST

By **BRADY DUWA**

### 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...

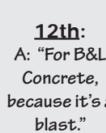
### TUCKER MCDONALD

**Q:** Where are you working this summer and why?

**7th:**  
**A:** "Mowing lawns to buy stuff."



**12th:**  
**A:** "For B&L Concrete, because it's a blast."



## 2021 EAGLE'S WING STAFF

- Averi Ackerman-Axume
- Brady Duwa
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## Question of the Week: If you could trade lives with someone, who would it be? By Averi Ackerman-Axume

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| <br>Mrs. Ingersoll Staff<br>"Someone that's 30 years old." | <br>Lexi Purkeypile<br>12th<br>"Chandler's Wildlife." | <br>Colten Clarahan<br>11th<br>"Phil Hellmuth." | <br>Annadell Tusing<br>10th<br>"My best friend." | <br>Autumn Fischer<br>9th<br>"Superman." | <br>Jasmine Bender<br>8th<br>"My cousin Kiera." | <br>Olivia Lyle<br>7th<br>"An eagle." |
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