



THE EAGLE'S WING

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COMEDY CENTRAL

By LEXI PURKEYPILE

Yesterday I ran out of soap and body wash and all I could find was dish detergent. Then it Dawned on me.

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The World Health Organization announced that dogs cannot contract COVID-19. Dogs previously held in quarantine can now be released. To be clear, WHO let the dogs out.

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If coronavirus isn't about beer, why do I keep seeing cases of it?

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...

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Q: What is your favorite thing about Easter?

7th:
A: "My birthday is around it."



12th:
A: "Collecting Easter Eggs in the morning with my sister."

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KHS SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Hahnzie's Cornfield to Success



By LEXI PURKEYPILE

This week's Senior Spotlight is none other than our man, "Hahn Money." Riley Alan Hahn was born on July 24, 2002. His parents are Lonnie and Tabitha Hahn and he is the only child of the family. When asked what is something he admires most about his parents, Riley responded, "They are hard workers and want what is best for me." Riley's main hobbies are hunting, fishing, and hanging out with his friends. Some of Riley's favorite memories are building team forts in the "Hammen forest" and

camping at the Iowa State Fair. If Riley had to describe himself in three words, he would describe himself as kind, honest, and hardworking.

As a young boy, Riley wanted to be a farmer and own his own plot of land to farm on. He plans on going through with his childhood dream career of being a farmer by going to Kirkwood Community College. He hopes to major in Ag Production and eventually own his own farm. This, coincidentally, is one of Riley's top three goals he would like to accomplish in his lifetime, along with getting married and being financially stable. Everyone has their own unique qualities to be able to pursue their life-long goals. Riley believes that his hard-working and responsible qualities will allow him to reach both his life-long goals and his short-term goals.

In his four years of high school, Riley has been in a variety of extracurricular activities, a couple of which he carried on throughout high school. Riley was a member of the Keota FFA

and 4H, on the football and golf teams, and has been a member of the Student Council as well. Out of all of these, his favorite two extracurricular activities were basketball, because his team makes it fun to play, and 4H, because it gave him the opportunity to meet new people. Along with his extracurriculars, Riley participated in Large Group Speech contest and really enjoyed his time in speech. In fact, the accomplishment he is most proud of was when he and his group made it to All-State.

Keota High School has held a special place in Riley's heart for as long as he can remember. From his favorite memories in high school of driving a tractor to school on FFA Tractor Day, or playing in his senior basketball season, he loved to be a part of the school. Riley loved Mr. Jamison's Ag classes and considers them to be his favorite classes. Keota High School's small classes and close social interactions are what Riley believes to be unique to the Keota School District.

Upon graduation, Riley

says, "I will miss the sports I participated in with my teammates and the classmates I got to see every day." Riley wants to be known as a good friend that other people can count on when he leaves Keota High School. When classmate Brady Duwa was asked what he would miss about Riley, he responded, "I will miss Hahnzie's funny jokes and good personality!" His advice for the future seniors of KHS would be to get involved with new things, have fun, and enjoy the ride.

We will all miss "Hahn Money" when he graduates and we wish him the best of luck in accomplishing all his goals.



TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

By AVERYI ACKERMAN-AXUME



Ms. Kaitlyn Kaplan has been teaching at KHS for six years. She is Keota High

School's full-time math teacher. Before coming to Keota, Ms. Kaplan did her student teaching at Grinnell and South Tama. She has also been a long-term substitute at Mid-Prairie. Compared to the other schools in which she has taught, Keota has much smaller classes. However, Mid-Prairie has block scheduling, so each class was over an hour long.

Ms. Kaplan currently lives in Sigourney. She is originally from Victor, along with her family that still resides there. She attended college at UNI and got a degree in Mathematics. The person she looked up to the most was her fifth-grade teacher, who gave second chances to kids and helped them through their struggles.

Kaplan went into teaching because she likes helping people. Each year she likes getting to know the freshmen classes because she doesn't have them as junior high students. Kaplan very much enjoys the small classes because it gives her a chance to really get to know her students. She says the toughest part of her job would be having higher expectations of students who don't have expectations of themselves.

Ms. Kaplan describes her teaching style as direct and holding students accountable. When asked what students would be surprised to learn about her, Kaplan said students may or may not be surprised at the fact that she is not fond of answering questions about herself.

Ms. Kaplan is a great teacher and we're glad to have her at KHS.

Conference Champion Keota Boys Wrap Up Season



The Keota High School varsity basketball team poses with the Conference Championship trophy. Pictured from left to right, back to front, team members are as follows: Assistant Coach Larry Lyle, Dakota Detweiler, AJ Sheetz, Wyatt Sieren, Brady Duwa, Bryce Greiner, Colten Clarahan, Grant Garman, Coach Dan Stout, Riley Hahn, Patrick Clarahan, Sam Sieren, Carson Sprouse, Luke Hammen, and Max Johnson. Photo courtesy of Donita Clarahan.

By BRADY DUWA

The Keota Boys Basketball team finished their season Tuesday night, February 23, with a tough district championship loss to the Montezuma Braves, 53-51. The Eagles ended with an overall record of

20-3, winning the SICL East Division, and overall Co-Conference champs.

Keota graduates a large number of this group, including all five starters and nine of thirteen players overall. Included in the nine is 95% of the scoring, led by

Luke Hammen and Carson Sprouse, the team's top rebounders and shot blockers in Brady Duwa and Wyatt Sieren, along with key scorers in Sam Sieren and Bryce Greiner. Max Johnson, Patrick Clarahan, and Riley Hahn wrap up the list of seniors as

guys who maximized time and filled their roles perfectly.

The Keota group will reload next season and look to make another postseason run. The Eagles Boys Basketball team would like to thank all the fans for the support throughout this great season.

EagleRock! to finish up Show Choir season in sunny Florida



EagleRock! 2020-21 members, from left to right, include: (back) Anthony Westendorf, AJ Sheetz, Grant Garman, Brandon Greiner, Dakota Detweiler, Cullen Starbuck, Noah Fisher; (middle) Makala Baughman, Macie McDonald, Annadell Tusing, Emily Sheetz, Nicole Clarahan, Taylor Garman; (front) Dulaney Clubb, Jenna Jaeger, Sky Weber, Taylor Kindred, Makenzie Jackson, and Chloe Pringle. The group is directed by Jane Edwards. Photo courtesy of Batterson Photography.

By GRANT GARMAN

Keota High School's Show Choir, Eaglerock!, has been doing really well this year and is off to a great start.

Eaglerock! has already performed at two competitions this year and they look forward to three more performances. They started out their season performing at Des Moines Christian in Urbandale on Jan. 23. Then they performed at the State Show Choir competition in Keota on Feb. 1.

At Des Moines Christian, Eaglerock! got first place in Class 1A. Star Performers were Brandon Greiner and Taylor Garman. The Star Performers at State Show Choir Contest were Macie McDonald, Sky Weber, and Dakota Detweiler.

This year's show includes the songs "Living on the Edge," "Fly Like an Eagle," "Final Countdown," and "Our Time is Now." Soloists for "Living on the Edge" are a

group of four girls, including Taylor Garman, Annadell Tusing, Dulaney Clubb, and Nicole Clarahan, and male soloist Anthony Westendorf. The soloist for "Fly Like an Eagle" is Dakota Detweiler. The soloist for "Final Countdown" is Grant Garman, and soloists for "Our Time is Now" are Sky Weber and Nicole Clarahan.

The upcoming Eaglerock! performances are at Central Lee on Feb. 27 and at Fort Madison March. 5.

Eaglerock! will go on a four day trip to Florida at the end of March and perform at Universal Studios in front of many visitors on Universal's CityWalk stage. They are staying at the Endless Summer Resort in Orlando, Florida. This is a huge event for Eaglerock! because they have been fundraising to go to Florida for a while now. They are looking forward to performing, relaxing, and getting some sun in Florida.

Question of the Week: Would you rather give up all drinks except water, or give up eating anything that was cooked in an oven? By Lexi Purkeypille

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Mr. Nederhoff Staff
"I would give up all my drinks except water." |
Paige Minard 12th
"All drinks, except water." |
Makenzie Jackson 11th
"I would pick to give up my drinks." |
Chloe Pringle 10th
"All drinks except water." |
John Adams 9th
"Drinks." |
Wyatt Donald 8th
"If it were me, I'd give up my drinks!" |
Kennedy Jackson 7th
"Give up my drinks." |
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