



THE EAGLE'S WING

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KHS SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Sam is Battling His Way Through Life



By LUKE HAMMEN

Samuel Lawrence Sieren, or as his friends call him, "Battle Ram Sam," was born on July 26, 2002 in Iowa City, Iowa. Sam comes from a family that is far from small. Sam's dad is Aaron Sieren and his mom is Jeri Sieren. Along with that, Sam has three siblings: his older sister Lexi, his older brother Nate, and his youngest brother Chase.

Sam admires lots of things about his family members. He admires his big brother

Nate for how good he was at football, and Sam strives to be as good as he is one day. He admires his sister Lexi for how smart she is, because Sam takes his academics seriously. Lastly, Sam admires his parents for showing him what it means to be a good, honest, and hardworking person. Because of how much he admires his family, it is no shock that he wants to take over the family farm when he grows up.

Sam's favorite childhood memory was going to Lake

Lacey, because "I got to see my whole family down there and some good memories were made," he said. His favorite family tradition is the Hammes Family Christmas, because the food is awesome there.

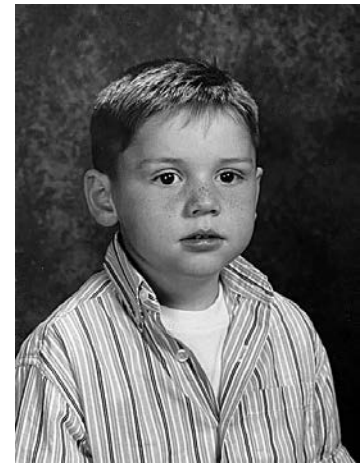
Sam's high school career has been very full of activities. He has been involved in a number of things throughout his high school career, including baseball, basketball, track, speech, and football. While in these sports, Sam has had some very impressive accomplishments. He was selected first team All-District football, he placed eighth in state track, and lastly he made it to All-State speech his junior year.

Sam said football is one of his favorite activities because he likes to "lay the boom," and speech was another favorite activity because he likes going on trips with Spike and his friends. Sam says that his favorite high school memory was making it to the All-State speech competition and getting to stay two nights in

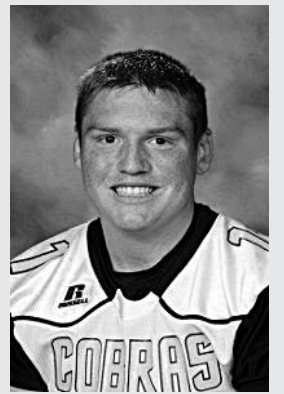
Des Moines with Spike and his group.

After high school, Sam plans on going to Des Moines Area Community College for two years and then possibly transferring to Iowa State. As of right now, he is undecided on what he wants to major in. Ultimately, Sam says he would like to either have a good job and farm on the side or farm full time with his dad.

Sam has a bright future ahead and is a great kid. We wish him the best of luck in his endeavors.



ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



By MAX JOHNSON

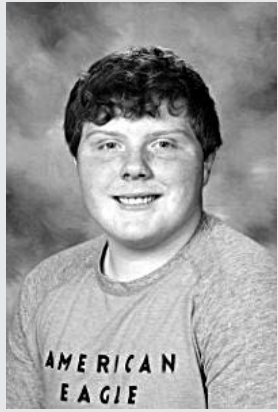
This week's Athlete of the Week is senior Sam Sieren. Sam is the SK Cobras' starting tailback. This year he has run his career high of 288 yards. Sam said the thing that he is looking forward to the most this season is making it to the playoffs.

When asked what he wants to improve on this season, Sam responded with, "My offense because I can do better than I did last year." Sam's ultimate achievement this year would be to win the state football championship.

Although Sam starts on offense, he still plays defense occasionally as a linebacker. Sam said his favorite thing about the sport is the hype before the games. Sam's favorite memory from this sport is beating Pekin his senior year. When asked if he had any sayings or mottos, Sam said, "Go Cobras."

Congratulations to Sam on being selected as this week's Athlete of the Week.

10 AWESOME FACTS ABOUT WILL CARLSON



By CALLIE MCNURLEN

- My favorite food is mac and cheese.
- The hobby I could never give up is football.
- My favorite season is winter because it's Christmas time.
- I have seen the Fast and the Furious movie one time.
- My favorite ice cream flavor is chocolate.
- My favorite drink is Peace Tea.
- I'm most likely listen to hip hop music.
- I'm allergic to literally everything.
- My pet peeve is annoying people.
- I hate the smell of farts.

WHIP OF THE WEEK



By SAM SIEREN

This week's Whip of the Week is owned by Keota freshman Cole Kindred. "The Grey Greaser" is a GMC Terrain that is a beast made in the year 2010. This tank of a car has around 80,000 miles on it. The car has earned the nickname "Grey Greaser" because it sounds intimidating.

Cole's car has a V12 turbo charged engine that gets around 17.38 miles per gallon. The main feature of the car is how loud it is. Cole enjoys driving his car and loves how loud it is. One of Cole's favorite memories is the ride back from Gamers, where he has batting and pitching practice. Some of his bad memories are when he and his friends are late on their way over to football practice.

The person that rides with Cole the most is his BFF Will Carlson. With the previous owner being his dad, Bill Kindred, Cole got this car as a hand-me-down for his first car. That concludes this week's edition of Whip of the Week.

THE EAGLE'S WING STAFF

By CONNER WOLTERING

The Eagle's Wing newspaper staff has been hard at work this school year getting ready to start publishing the weekly school newspaper page. Students started out the year setting goals for the staff and learning how to interview and write articles. After learning the basics, the class now operates on a regular weekly schedule.

Here is what a typical week looks like for a student taking Journalism at Keota High School. On Monday, students brainstorm ideas to write about for that week's paper. Depending on what is picked for a topic, students may get a survey to give to someone to fill out. For other topics, students go around and interview the people that need to be interviewed to find the information needed.

On Tuesday, the class spends the day finishing up the interviews and starting their articles. On Wednesday, they finish up their articles and turn them in to get proofread by the teacher, Mrs. Conrad. On Thursday, the class gets their articles back and they make corrections as needed. Then they start to add their articles into the newspaper layout. Finally, on Friday, the class finishes up adding their articles into the newspaper layout and Mrs. Conrad sends it off to the press.

There are only a few requirements for becoming an Eagle's



As a sign of the times, The Eagle's Wing staff is wearing masks to keep each other safe during the COVID-19 pandemic. Pictured from left to right, the fall 2020 staff includes: (back row) Max Johnson, Chase Kindred, Luke Hammen, Conner Woltering, Carson Sprouse, Riley Hahn; (front row) Sam Sieren, Sky Weber, Callie McNurlen, Jenna Jaeger, and Jaydin Benford. The Eagle's Wing adviser is Mrs. Angela Conrad.

Wing Staff member. Students have to be at least a sophomore and they must have received a C or above in their previous high school English classes to take Journalism. Taking this class will give students an English elective,

which will benefit students in the long run by getting them the English elective credit they need to graduate.

Staff member Riley Hahn said he recommends this class because "it helps you with your writing

skills."

Taking this class is a really enjoyable experience. It gets students involved with a lot of people in the school that they might not have normally talked to, so it's a great way to get to know people.

Keota Junior High Volleyball Finishes Season Strong

By JENNA JAEGER

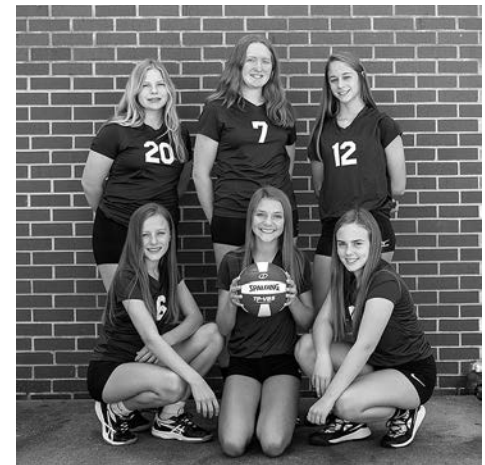
The Keota Junior High Volleyball team has had a fun year playing volleyball. Mrs. Jennifer Lathrop has had the pleasure of coaching junior high volleyball for six years now, and she really enjoyed the most recent season. The team has made a lot of improvements throughout the year. They have learned how to communicate and work together. Mrs. Lathrop said, "The girls were very dedicated and a positive group to work with, which made the season fun and enjoyable for everyone."

The seventh grade's record is 2 and 7 with all of the sets being close, and the eighth grade's record is 5 and 4. Their season ended on October 13 with a total of nine games. All of the girls agreed that their favorite game of the season is when



Pictured above is the 7th grade volleyball team. From left to right, they are: (back row) Olivia Lyle, Dakota Dodd, Emily Moeller, Kennedy Jackson, Reese Conrad; (front row) Addy Purkeypille, Tierney Greiner, and Adrianna Campbell. Photo by Swanson Photography.

they played Tri-County, and their favorite part of the season was playing together and just having fun. We hope to see all of the girls out again next year to keep playing and come closer as a team.



Pictured above is the 8th grade volleyball team. From left to right, they are: (back row) Ava Greiner, Kate Elam, Izzi Chalupa; (front row) Kimi Clarahan, Grace Conger, and Lainey Swanson. Photo by Swanson Photography.

BLAST FROM THE PAST

By CHASE KINDRED

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...

CARSON SPROUSE

Q: If you could change your name to anything that would it be and why?








7th:

A: "Frank, because it sounds professional."



12th:
A: "Superman, because I already look the part."

Question of the Week: What is your favorite thing about fall? By Carson Sprouse

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|  <p>Mr. Jamison Teacher
Harvest, because of seeing all the families and communities coming together to harvest crops.</p> |  <p>Keenan Schooley
12th
Starbucks Pumpkin Spice latte, because the ladies like it.</p> |  <p>Colten Clarahan
11th
Football, because it's fun to play on Friday nights.</p> |  <p>Dalton Dodd
10th
Football, because I like to watch it.</p> |  <p>Sawyer Stout
9th
Football, because I love the grind.</p> |  <p>Billie Kindred
8th
Football, because I play it in the fall.</p> |  <p>Jake Morris
7th
Grandma's cooking on Thanksgiving, because I love her cooking.</p> |
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