



# THE EAGLE'S WING

Keota Jr./Sr. High School Student Newspaper



## FFA STATE CONVENTION



Attending State FFA Convention were (left to right) Conner Woltering, Bryce Greiner, and Carson Sprouse.  
By GRANT GARMAN

The 2021 State FFA Convention took place April 19-20 in Des Moines. This year was a lot different at State Convention. It normally takes place at Hilton Coliseum in Ames, but because of Covid it was moved to Wells Fargo Arena in Des Moines.

There were three members who attended the convention: Bryce Greiner, Carson Sprouse, and Conner Woltering. Bryce and Carson were Chapter Delegates who were there to cast their vote for official business of the Iowa FFA. While there, they voted on State officers and dues for the upcoming year. Conner Woltering did the Chapter board, which is what the FFA has done for the past couple of years to be judged.

Carson Sprouse said his favorite part about the trip was the experience and honor of being a delegate for our chapter. He highly recommends younger members attend State convention if they get the chance. Mr. Jamison, Keota FFA Advisor, said he thought it was a really good convention and he hopes to have more people going next year.

## UPCOMING EVENTS AT KHS

- April 28:** EagleRock! Spring Concert, HS Gym, 7:30 p.m.
- April 29:** JH Track at English Valleys, 4:15 p.m.; Golf vs. Lynnville/Sully, 4:15 p.m.; Girls Track at Wapello, 4:30 p.m.
- April 30:** FFA Meeting (Officer Elections), 7:30 a.m.; FFA Awards Night, Aud., 6:30 p.m.
- May 3 - 7:** ISASP Testing
- May 3:** Keota Invitational (Golf), Lagos Acres, 2 p.m.
- May 4:** Track (Boys & Girls) SICL Meet, Sigourney, 4:15 p.m.
- May 5:** Honors Tea/NHS Induction, 6 p.m.; Senior Awards Night, 7 p.m.
- May 6:** Golf at New Sharon, 4 p.m.; Track (Boys & Girls), Iowa Valley, 4:30 p.m.; SICL Art Show, English Valley, 5:30 p.m.
- May 7:** SICL Art Show, English Valley 5:30 p.m.
- May 10:** Golf (Boys) SICL Conference, Grinnell, 10 a.m.; Track (Boys & Girls), Montezuma, 4:30 p.m.
- May 11:** JH SICL Track at North Mahaska, 4:15 p.m.
- May 12:** School dismisses at 1 p.m.; Rain date: SICL Golf, if needed; Grade 3-6 Spring Concert, HS Gym, 6:30 p.m.
- May 12-13:** S/K Cheer Tryout Practices (Gr. 8-11) at Sig. HS, 4:30 p.m.
- May 13:** Dist. Track at WACO (Wayland), 4 p.m.; School Board Meeting, Elem. Lib., 6 p.m.
- May 14:** Driver's Ed payments due to HS Office; Boys Sectional Golf at Winfield/Mt. Union, 10 a.m.; S/K Cheer Tryouts at Sig. HS, 4 p.m.

## KHS SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

### Katelyn's Holds the Keys to Success



By LEXI PURKEYPILE

Katelyn Swantz was born on March 7, 2003. She has a huge, loving family that consists of her parents Johnny Swantz, Deb Swantz, and Jasmine Swantz, along with her siblings Isaiah, Tyler, Cassie, Kate, Emerson, Trent, Danika, Becca, and Zeke. Most people call Katelyn by her first name, but her friends and family like to call her "Katie."

Katelyn admires her parents and her aunt the most. She looks up to her parents for being hardworking and very dedicated to their jobs, while she also very much looks up to her aunt because she believes that she is the hardest working woman she knows and she is a very inspiring role model for her.

Katelyn doesn't have an exact favorite memory, but she has many favorite childhood activities she liked to do, and they all happened to be in her favorite season of the year... summer! Going

camping, playing softball, and fishing were some of her favorite summer activities as a child. Katelyn's favorite family tradition is getting to cut down a tree, bringing it home, and decorating it every year for Christmas time.

Katelyn has been a part of many extracurricular activities throughout her high school career, including softball, track, volleyball, cross country, choir, band, art club, acapella group, and basketball. Out of all of her extracurricular activities, one holds the most important and meaningful place in her heart, and that is softball. She has been playing softball since she "came out of the womb," and she enjoys being a part of the team and making memories with her teammates.

Along with Katelyn's extracurriculars, she also has quite a few hobbies she loves to do, such as singing, worshipping God, and playing softball. When asked why she enjoys these hobbies she replied, "Because they bring out the best in me!"

Katelyn describes herself as a fun, energetic, and athletic girl who is dependable, strong, and hardworking as well. Her proudest accomplishments are when she gave blood in April of 2021 and getting baptized. Along with these accomplishments, Katelyn also wants to accomplish three major things in her lifetime. She wants to travel around Europe, buy a house, and

start her own missionary plant to spread the word of God.

When Katelyn was younger she wanted to grow up to be a pop star for a while, then she wanted to be a pilot. Now she is unsure of what she wants to do, but she is leaning towards working with kids with disabilities. She is going to Indian Hills Community College to get an A.A. degree in Communications. She chose to go to Indian Hills because it was the cheaper option as compared to other places, and she likes the overall community Indian Hills provides for its students.

Staying positive through tough situations and believing in herself are two qualities Katelyn believes she possesses that will help her reach her goals. Katelyn currently has two jobs that she works part-time. She works at an assisted living facility in Sigourney and she plans to work at the YMCA in the summertime. These jobs are huge responsibilities in Katelyn's life and she has learned to give 150% in everything she does, even if she does not like what she is doing.

Katelyn has attended two different high schools during her high school years, but she had a great time at both. Her favorite memories of her former high school, IMS, were the lock-ins they had as freshmen at Pathway, while her favorite memory at KHS is having lunch with "her girls."

Katelyn says the class that provided the most help in preparing her for the future is American Literature. She says this class helped her out the most with her writing, and she also loved to read the stories that were included in the class.

Katelyn will miss the high school experience as a whole, especially the memories and friends she made along the way. If she could go back in time and do high school all over again she said, "I would do better in classes, be nicer, have a better attitude going into things, be more involved, and not care what others think of me."

Katelyn's advice for future KHS seniors is, "Enjoy it while it lasts. Senior year goes by quicker than you think." She hopes people remember her as a cool person to talk to and a talented softball player. When classmate Jenna Jaeger was asked what she would miss most about Katelyn, she responded, "She was the new girl who is so much fun and a very considerate friend!"

We all wish Katelyn the best on her journey and hope she succeeds in everything she does. One thing for sure is that she will always be remembered at Keota High School. Good luck Katelyn!



## 10 FACTS ABOUT KHS SENIOR BAILEY SIEREN



By LEXI PURKEYPILE

- #1** A hobby Bailey could never give up is her TikTok hobby.
- #2** Something Bailey loves to collect is swim suits.
- #3** When Bailey was a child, she wanted to have a keychain selling business on the beach in Clearwater, Florida.
- #4** Bailey has a celebrity crush and it is on Brock Purdy.
- #5** The words that Bailey hates the most would have to be "being told no."
- #6** Her biggest pet peeve is people popping or cracking their joints and knuckles.
- #7** Her absolute all time favorite drink is a mango dragon fruit refresher with lemonade substitution blend.
- #8** On practice days, Bailey hates the smell of her brother and his friends the most.
- #9** Her favorite season would have to be summer because she absolutely loves getting tan.
- #10** She supports the ISU Cyclones and has always supported them since she was born!

## Keota High School Junior/Senior Prom 2021



KEOTA HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS attended the 2021 Junior/Senior Prom on Saturday, April 24. Pictured from left to right are: Anthony Westendorf, Jared Adams, Makenzie Jackson, Dakota Detweiler, Taylor Kindred, Colten Clarahan, Grant Garman, AJ Sheetz, and Drew Sieren. Photo courtesy of Cherie Westendorf.



KEOTA HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS attending the 2021 Junior/Senior Prom were: (back row, left to right) Cullen Starbuck, Wyatt Sieren, Patrick Clarahan, Luke Hammen, Brady Duwa, Chase Kindred, Carson Sprouse, Bryce Greiner, Conner Woltering, Tucker McDonald; (front row, left to right) Sam Sieren, Paige Minard, Jenna Jaeger, Sky Weber, Katelyn Swantz, Bailey Sieren, and Lindsey Imhoff. Not pictured: Lexi Purkeypile, Ashlyn Ross. Photo courtesy of Donita Clarahan.

## BLAST FROM THE PAST

### 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...

### LINDSEY IMHOFF

Q: Who is your favorite president and why?

8th:

A: "Donald Trump, because he likes walls."



12th:

A: "Donald Trump, because he's the first president I really paid attention to or knew much about."

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## Question of the Week: "If you were stranded on a deserted island who would you want to be with you and why?" by Brady Duwa



**Mr. Weeks Staff**  
"Bear Grylls, so we can get off that island."



**Wyatt Sieren 12th**  
"Les Stroud (Survivorman)- For obvious reasons."



**Anthony Westendorf 11th**  
"Ryan Reynolds, because he is funny."



**Caleb Waterhouse 10th**  
"Mr. Weeks, because he is built different."



**Cole Kindred 9th**  
"Brady Duwa, because he would know what to do."



**Caden Clarahan 8th**  
"Kevin Hart, because he is cool."



**Chase Haifley 7th**  
"Cael Jaeger, because he's the smartest in the class."