



# THE EAGLE'S WING

Keota Jr./Sr. High School Student Newspaper



## KHS SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

### TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

By JAYDIN BENFORD

This week's Keota Jr./Sr. High School teacher spotlight is Ms. Rachael Bries. She teaches English 10, World Literature, 8th grade Language Arts, Practical English, 7th Grade Language Arts, and American Literature. Bries has been teaching for eight years; six of those years she has been at Keota High School. Before that, she taught at Wyalusing Academy in Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin, Edward Stone Middle School in Burlington, and Cascade Jr./Sr. High School. Classes were much larger at those schools, but she taught the same classes.

Ms. Bries went to college at Upper Iowa University for 7-12 English and 7-12 Reading. The reason she began teaching was because her grandma worked in education for 30+ years and because her high school English teacher inspired her to begin her career in teaching.

This school year Ms. Bries is looking forward to being at school and teaching every day. The things that Ms. Bries likes about KHS are the smaller classes and the opportunity to get to know the students by having them for multiple years. She says the toughest part of her job this year would be the possibility of going virtual at some point and making sure students understand the curriculum/stories she teaches.

Ms. Bries would describe her teaching style by saying she speaks quickly (not intentionally) and covers quite a bit of material in a class period. She says there's always something going on or to be doing. She also likes change, so she often changes what she teaches. She also likes having discussions in class.

Ms. Bries lives in Kalona and is from northeast Iowa (Monona), which is where her family is. She drives to Keota from Kalona every day and she likes to get to school early each day to get things ready for her classes.

It was a pleasure to get to know Ms. Bries. KHS is lucky to have her.

### WHIP OF THE WEEK

By CARSON SPROUSE



This week's whip is owned by Bailey Sieren. She drives a black 2016 Dodge Durango. Bailey acquired this from her parents for free in July because "They love her," she said. The previous owner of her car is Connie Hammes. Her car has 13,102 miles and averages 25 miles per gallon. Her car also has a V8 Hemi engine. Her car also has a lot of cool things that come with it. Some specialties are heated seats and really good speakers. Bailey loves turning her music all the way up and jamming with friends to the song "Savage."

Bailey can fit seven people in her car, but eight people if needed. Her car's top speed is based on how late for school she is usually. Her worst memory was running out of gas and having her fellow classmate, Tucker McDonald, bring her gas on the side of the road. Bailey has only owned one other car before she got this one.

Bailey named this car "Demi" because it rhymes with Hemi. She mostly travels to school and cheer practice in Sigourney. When she isn't going to Sigourney though, she is traveling with her most frequent passengers, Jenna Jaeger and Aspen, her little sister. The only road trip she has taken is to Iowa City to the mall with her friends. Now it's time for you to decide if you would drive Bailey's whip.

### Callie Conquers Her Senior Year



By SKY WEBER

Callie Elizabeth McNurlen was born on August 27, 2002. Her parents are Jill McNurlen and Gary Carlson. Callie has two siblings named Trey and Will. Callie admires that her family is always very encouraging and always ready to face any challenges.

Throughout Callie's life she has loved spending time with her family. One of Callie's favorite childhood memories was when she went with her family to Lake Lacey, because she loved to swim in the lake and see her cousins. Callie and her family have enjoyed going to Lake

Lacey so much that they have made it a tradition.

When Callie was young, she dreamed of becoming a doctor. This dream hasn't changed much for her as she has grown up. She now is planning on attending Kirkwood Community College to major in Occupational Therapy.

As you can see, Callie loves to help people and is always very selfless. She even shows this at her job now. Callie currently works for Systems Unlimited in Washington, Iowa. At her job she takes care of people with disabilities and she helps them do daily tasks. This job has taught her to take action quickly and how to care for people.

Callie is always there with a helping hand, and she always finds a way to put a smile on the faces of people around her. Even one of her friends, Jenna Jaeger, says, "Callie is a fun loving friend who always cares and shows empathy for others."

Callie has gone to Keota Schools ever since she was in preschool. Her favorite memory from elementary school was playing on the monkey bars with her friends. She did have a, let's just say, "funny" experience with the monkey bars one day. However, if you want to know more about that, you'll just have to ask her.

Callie's favorite high school memory was getting to play many sports with her classmates. Callie's favorite classes at Keota High School were English classes, because she loved how Ms. Bries taught the classes by making them difficult, but fun and interesting at the same time. Callie believes College Prep has prepared her the most for life, because she has to write a lot of papers, which will help her in the future. Callie can't wait to complete her education at Keota Schools and keep making many great memories.

Throughout Callie's high school career she has participated in speech, volleyball, basketball, softball, and Student Council. Out of all the activities she has participated in, Callie has enjoyed speech the most because it has made her more outgoing, and she also is now able to express her own opinions without caring about what others will think of her.

In Callie's lifetime she would like to have a few kids, get a college degree in Occupational Therapy, and travel the world. Callie has many qualities that will help her accomplish these goals. One admirable quality is that she is very ambitious, and she doesn't let anyone hold her back. Another great quality is

she is caring and always wants to help others. She also loves exploring and hiking in nature. Lastly, Callie is a very kind, patient, and outgoing person. These qualities will guarantee Callie's success in the future.

Callie believes that the close knit community that Keota High School offers makes the high school experience so much better. Callie will miss her classmates the most after she graduates. What Callie wants to leave as her legacy at Keota High School is that she was a very hard working individual. If Callie could do high school over again, she would have taken more classes that pertain to what she is interested in and classes that would help her more in college.

If Callie could give any advice to the upcoming Keota High School students, she would tell them, "Never give up on yourself and always fight for what's right." We wish Callie the best of luck in her future.



### GAMER OF THE WEEK

By LUKE HAMMEN



This week's gamer of the week is none other than Tanner Waterhouse. Tanner is a long time gamer and has gotten countless wins over his career in games all the way from Call of Duty to Fortnite Battle Royale. Tanner's favorite video game is Rainbow Six Siege because he loves the abilities in the game. Tanner is very confident in his gaming ability because when asked who the best gamer in the school was, he responded, "Me because everyone else in Keota is not good."

Whether Tanner is good or not, all people can agree that he has confidence. There is a new generation of consoles coming out for gamers like Tanner with the new PS5 and Xbox X series. When asked which one Tanner is getting, he said the PS5 because all in all it's a better console.

Because Tanner is so confident in his gaming abilities, it was no shock that he prefers online games rather than offline, so he can test his skill against other players. Most people around here play on controllers, but not Tanner. He says that keyboard and mouse is the way to go if you want to be as good as he is.

Tanner claims that the game he is best at is Fortnite. Tanner has spent hours in creative whipping 90's and going through edit courses. Since his favorite game was Fortnite, it was no surprise that his favorite streamer was a Fortnite streamer that goes by the name of Ninja. Tanner says that Ninja is his favorite because he has awesome hair. Maybe one day Tanner will get cool hair like his favorite streamer.

Hopefully you all enjoyed learning the thoughts of an almost pro-gamer like Tanner.

## STUDENT COUNCIL IS STRIVING FOR SUCCESS



The 2020-21 Keota High School Student Council consists of (from left to right): (back row) Taylor Kindred, Max Johnson, Bryce Greiner, Colten Clarahan, Brady Duwa, Grant Garman, Carson Sprouse, Sawyer Stout, Will Carlson, Cole Kindred; (front row) Lindsey Imhoff, Nicole Clarahan, Macie McDonald, Makenzie Jackson, Sky Weber, Jenna Jaeger, Madison Scott, and Addy Anderson. Not pictured: Taylor Garman.

By RILEY HAHN

This year's KHS Student Council hasn't been able to do as many things as planned due to Covid, but they are still trying to make the most of it.

One activity they are still hoping to continue is the canned food drive for the United Church of Faith Food Pantry. The Student Council feels this is one way they

can give back to the Keota community for all of their support throughout the year. The group also plans to continue with roadside cleanup, where they clean up trash and any recycling on the highway.

The Student Council is also responsible for preparing for Keota Homecoming activities. This takes place during basketball season. They plan the spirit days, pep rally,

and other activities students participate in throughout the week.

The council is currently planning the Halloween dress up day to be held Friday, Oct. 30. There will be individual and group winners selected for the junior high and high school. These winners will receive a prize.

In order to be on Student Council, students had to fill out a nomination form at the begin-

ning of the school year. The president was elected by the student body. The president of this year's Student Council is Brady Duwa.

The group meets approximately once a month in the student lounge at Keota High School. Amy Hemsley is the Student Council advisor.

Congratulations to this year's KHS Student Council.

## Where Are They Now?

By SKY WEBER

Katrina Weber graduated from Keota High School in the year of 2014. She went on to college, majoring in accounting. Katrina attended college at AIB College of Business and got her Associates of Applied Science in Accounting. Katrina then went on to William Penn University and got her bachelor's degree in Public Accounting.

Katrina now works at Farmers Cooperative Association in Keota and is the Accounts Payable Staff Accountant. She handles all the accounts payables for all the FCA and Vision Ag locations, as well as Broadway Service Center. Katrina lives in Hills, and she has been happily married to Kyle Schneider for one and a half years. In Katrina's

free time she likes to visit friends and family, read, play cards, watch

movies, listen to music, and last but certainly not least, she loves to shop.

Katrina really liked her high school experience at Keota. During high school she studied really hard to prepare herself for a bright future. Katrina also participated in activities that she enjoyed, and that helped her represent who she wanted to be. One thing Katrina misses about

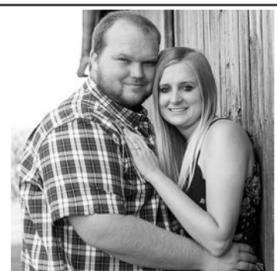
high school is being able to see her friends every day, and she also misses her teachers that were involved in preparing her to succeed in the future.

If Katrina could do high school over again, she would have tried to have been more outgoing. Katrina also would have been more grateful for her parents, who she were great role models. In addition, she would have been more thankful for the friends she had

and realized being liked by everyone wasn't important. Other than these small changes, Katrina enjoyed her high school experience a lot.

Katrina also has some good advice for the high school students at Keota. Two tips Katrina thought were important were to study hard and do your homework. She also encourages the high schoolers to stay involved and go out for all the activities they are interested in, because they shouldn't be scared to try new things.

Lastly, Katrina wants high school students at Keota to know, "Kindness and hard work will get you far in not only your high school career, but it will set the standards for the rest of your life."



KHS Class of 2014 graduate, Katrina (Weber) Schneider, is pictured with her husband Kyle.

## 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...

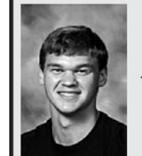
#### BRADY DUWA

Q: What is your favorite thing about homecoming week?

7th:  
A: "The basketball game because I like watching it."



12th:  
A: "Playing in the basketball game and the activities."



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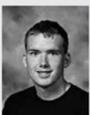
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### Question of the Week: What is your favorite drink? By Sam Sieren



Ms. Garren  
Teacher  
Mountain Dew



Wyatt Sieren  
12th  
Mountain Dew



Taylor Kindred  
11th  
Gatorade



Carsin Kindred  
10th  
Monster



Chase Sieren  
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