



# THE EAGLE'S WING

Keota Jr./Sr. High School Student Newspaper



## ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

By SAM SIEREN



This week's Athlete of the Week is Cole Kindred. Cole Kindred is a freshman from Keota. He plays football, basketball, golf, and baseball. Cole's position in football is the wingback, where he gets to run the ball. His favorite thing about football is playing offense. He said the things he needs to improve on are his tackling ability and his speed. One of the things that he is looking forward to in football this year is "Going to the Dome," he said. His motto is "press on" and his favorite part of practice is when he gets to do running back drills. His ultimate achievement in this sport would be State Champs. Best of luck to Cole and his journey in sports.

## WHIP OF THE WEEK

By SKY WEBER



Jenna Jaeger has a 2009 Dodge Challenger SE with a 3.5L V6 engine. Her car has 111,000 miles on it, and she gets 21 miles per gallon. Jenna's crimson red Dodge Challenger has black interior with leather seats. Her car has many specialities, including a sunroof and a slap stick shifter. Jenna also added racing stripes and a spoiler to the V6 "to make it look like it's going faster," she said. Jenna likes her car because it looks cool and it drives like a dream.

Before Jenna got her Dodge Challenger she drove her dad's old GMC Truck. Jenna got her Dodge Challenger in July of 2018 for her sweet 16. Her favorite memory was when she first got it. She said, "It made me feel unstoppable, and I was so appreciative of my mom and dad. It was the car of my dreams." A bad memory Jenna had with her car was when she got stranded, not only once, but twice, when the transmission was going out. Let's just hope Jenna didn't have to get out and use her huge muscles to push it home.

Jenna mostly drives her car to and from work. This leads to the fact that she almost always is driving solo, but she will have some passengers every now and then for anyone who dares to ride with her. Jenna can fit four into her car comfortably, but if you want to be all up close and personal, it can fit as many as you want.

Jenna named her car "Red Barchetta" because it is a song by Rush, and the name seemed to fit perfectly. The good of "Red Barchetta" can go fast if the radio has some good tunes playing, and let's just say Jenna has gotten some good use out of her speedometer with some classic rock blasting on the radio. Jenna uses her speedometer so well, she even got a note from a kind citizen in the community warning her she was going almost "too slow." Jenna loves classic rock so much that she steals her dad's classic rock CDs that have good bands like Journey and Styx on them. When Jenna isn't listening to her dad's classic rock CDs she is listening to the stations 94.1 and 100.7 on the radio. The farthest Jenna has ever taken her car is Des Moines, but she wants to go on a big road trip soon.

So, after knowing all this helpful information, would you go on a road trip with Jenna in the "Red Barchetta"?

## KHS SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

### Luke is leading his way through senior year



By MAX JOHNSON

Lukas Patrick Hammen is the son of Pat and Shelly Hammen and his brother's name is Dakota Hammen. He was born on April 16, 2002. Luke's friends in and out of school call him "Tarek." Luke's favorite childhood memory is going to Las Vegas because it showed him how the other parts of the world live. His favorite elementary teacher is Mr. Stout because he taught the best class. Luke said his favorite birthday party was when he turned 16 because he could start to drive. Luke admires how hard working

his parents are and his favorite family tradition is going to Lake Lacy.

When he was young Luke wanted to become an NBA player, which makes sense because his greatest accomplishment is making it on first team All-Conference in basketball. Luke is involved in multiple activities such as basketball, baseball, FFA, golf, and speech. His favorites are golf, basketball, and speech. Luke's favorite hobby is playing golf because "it is fun to play and is the one time you don't let the principal win."

After high school, Luke plans to attend Kirkwood Community College or Des Moines Area Community College and major in Ag Business or Geospatial Technology. Some qualities that he has that can help him reach his goals are that he likes to talk to people and he is a hard worker.

Luke's favorite elementary memory is playing recess football. His favorite high school memory is going to All State Speech with Spike. Luke's favorite class at KHS is P.E. because "Stout taught it and he dominated it." But the class that has prepared him the most for life is Ag Metals and Ag Construction because he will use what he learned there in life the most.

Luke thinks the thing that Keota has to offer that other schools don't have is comradery. "Everyone knows everyone," he said. Luke will miss all of the friends and memories he has made along the way through high school. Three words that describe Luke are funny, athletic, and social.

If he were to be remembered as anything after high school, he said he would like to be remembered as the nice kid who was good at golf. Riley Hahn said he will miss playing sports with him and talking to him every day at school. Luke said if he could go back and redo high school again he would make sure to enjoy everything as much as possible because it only happens once. Luke's advice to any future Keota High School seniors would be to "Take it all in because before you know, it's over."

We wish Luke the best of luck in his future.



## STUDENTS SPEAK ABOUT COVID 19

By LUKE HAMMEN

It's a new year at Keota High School, but it's not quite how the students from years in the past remember it being. This year due to Covid, the day and life of Keota students has changed quite a bit from the regularities of past years. For starters, there is now a mask mandate at Keota. Some students like this, and some do not. For example, a student by the name of Carson Sprouse wears a mask that says "This thing is useless."

The masks are not the only thing different about this school year. In all classes, students now have assigned seats. As soon as they choose where to sit, that is where they are for the rest of the year. So for the students, they try to make themselves comfy. The seating chart is also used at the lunch room this year. So if the student is smart, they should be sitting by people they like.

Lastly, the students at the end of every class wipe down their desks with disinfectant wipes. This isn't so bad, and the desks have never been cleaner. Student Chase Kindred says he is not very worried about getting Covid, but he doesn't think that the guidelines are that difficult to deal with.

Over time, it seems that the students have gotten more used to these guidelines and soon they will just be habit. All the students really want is to stay in school.

## KHS HALLOWEEN DRESS UP CONTEST

By CALLIE MCNURLEN



The group winners for the junior high were Lainey Swanson and Maddy McDonald as Mario and Luigi.



The group winners for the Keota High School Halloween dress up contest were the "Among Us" group. From left to right, they are: Jocelyn Purkeypile, Jared Adams, Ashlyn Ross, Lexi Purkeypile, and Avery Axume. All winners received a candy bar and Gatorade sponsored by the Student Council.



The individual junior high winner was Mison Milam dressed as a Cabbage Patch Kid.



Freshmen Madison Scott and Addy Anderson dressed up as biker girls.



Seniors Callie McNurlen, Bailey Sieren, Katelyn Swantz, Sky Weber, Jenna Jaeger, and Lindsey Imhoff were dressed up as mermaids.

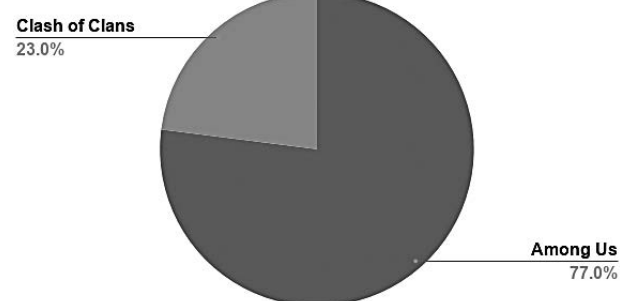


The individual high school winner was Savannah Smith dressed as a Plague Doctor.

## Student Survey

By RILEY HAHN

### Among Us Vs. Clash of Clans



### Do You Prefer to Play "Among Us" or "Clash of Clans?" Survey Says...

Of the 80 students interviewed, 61 voted Among Us (77%) as the best game and 19 voted Clash of Clans (23%).

25 Seniors (88%) prefer Among Us (3 Clash of Clans, 22 Among Us); 9 Juniors (100%) prefer Among Us (0 Clash of Clans, 9 Among Us); 20 Sophomores (50%) prefer Among Us (10 Clash of Clans, 10 Among Us); 26 Freshman (77%) prefer Among Us (6 Clash of Clans, 20 Among Us).

## SK Cobras Named District Champs!

By CARSON SPROUSE

Nov. 4, 2020 -- The SK Cobras have had a terrific season, going undefeated in regular season play and being named District Champions, and now they are competing Friday, Nov. 6 in Sigourney against the Waterloo Columbus Catholic Sailors for a shot to go to the UNI dome.

The Cobras started off their playoff run against the Cardinal Comets. The Cobras beat the Comets 49-0 in Sigourney to move on to the next round.

Their next match-up was against Dyersville Beckman Catholic. The Cobras beat Beckman in very cold conditions 35-14. Sam Sieren, running back, attributes the

Cobra's success in their play-off run to support and hard work.

"The support behind us has been amazing by both communities. All of our hard work in the summer is paying off now and our goal is to make the Dome," Sieren commented.

The SK Cobras haven't made it to the Dome in 10 years, and now they have the opportunity to change that.

The Cobras will have the home field advantage and the game will be live streamed on the Thunder Country Facebook page. We wish the best of luck to the Cobras on Friday. Go Cobras!

## BLAST FROM THE PAST

By MAX JOHNSON

### 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...

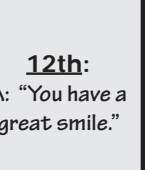
### CALLIE MCNURLEN

Q: What is the best compliment you have ever received?

7th:  
A: "You have very pretty eyes."



12th:  
A: "You have a great smile."



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## Question of the Week: What is your favorite movie or TV show and why? By Luke Hammen



**Mrs. McCombs Staff**  
"Friends" because it does a good job of showing how much fun it is to have a group of friends that are close and funny.



**Max Johnson 12th**  
"Now You See Me" because it's a cool take on different types of robbers.



**Anthony Westendorf 11th**  
"The Office" because Steve Carell is hilarious.



**Caden Sprouse 10th**  
"Circle of Evil" because this documentary is as informative as it is interesting.



**Will Carlson 9th**  
"The Office" because it shows how funny a work environment can be if you have the right boss.



**Brody Greiner 8th**  
"Bench Warmers" because it reminds me of baseball season.



**Cason Jaeger 7th**  
"Step Brothers" because it's a gut buster.