



The Eagle's Wing

KEOTA HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT NEWSPAPER



KEOTA WELCOMES FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENT

By MAKENZIE JACKSON



Vlada Neculita is Keota's newest foreign exchange student from Moldova, Europe. She is in the junior class and is living with her host family of Holly and Nick Beinhart. Vlada is a World Link student who got the chance to come into the U.S. and see what America is all about. She is 17 years old and has one younger sister.

Vlada flew into the U.S. on Sept. 9, after taking a 26 hour long plane ride from Europe. Her first few days here were very busy because she had appointments to go to and the Saturday after she got here she went to the Iowa vs. Iowa State football game. She said that she had lots of fun and it was very exciting.

Her favorite thing to do so far is to just be around her host family. When asked if she could be anywhere in the world, she said she would still want to be in Iowa. She was originally supposed to get here last year, but Covid-19 delayed that, so she is just happy to be where she is and she wouldn't want to be anywhere else.

Vlada said that becoming a foreign exchange student has always been her dream. This was the best way to get into America from her country because of how expensive it would be to move here without knowing anything about it. Here compared to her home life is very busy, Vlada says. Her favorite classes right now are Art because she likes to draw and sketch, and FCS (Family Consumer Science). Vlada says her hardest class here has been American Literature so far.

Her hobbies include playing the guitar and drawing/sketching. Vlada says Holly helps her a lot with homework and volunteering activities that Word Link students do. She also likes to cook with her host family. She stays in contact with her family from Moldova through texting and calling.

Vlada is currently in EagleRock and she wants to do a few more activities this year. Some of the extracurricular activities she plans on doing are basketball cheerleading and she wants to try soccer.

When asked if there is anything Keota students can do to help her while she is here, Vlada said to speak slower to help her understand. She also says that since people use a lot of slang here, sometimes it's hard to understand what we mean or what we are talking about, so it helps to let her know what we mean. She says that school wise we have the same type of homework and essays, but definitely not the same types of lessons.

If Vlada could have one superpower it would be to be immortal because she would want to see how things change and she wants to see how people would act after a long time. Her favorite color is black. Vlada's favorite food in Moldova is what they call Vareniki, or here we call it Pierogi. Her favorite food here is homemade apple pie.

One of the things Vlada is looking forward to is going to Florida for EagleRock because she is excited to go on rollercoasters and see all the fun stuff that she has only heard of.

We wish Vlada the best while she is here and we hope to help her in any way that we can.

Cobras undefeated as they head into final game



Pictured are the Keota High School members of the 2021 SK Football team. From left to right, they are: (back row) Anthony Westendorf, Conner Strand, Colten Clarahan, Evan Vittetoe, Aidan Anderson, Sawyer Stout, Will Carlson, Billie Kindred, Cole Kindred; (middle row), Hunter Sieren, Landen Tyree, Ashton Galindo, Isaac Striegel, Brody Greiner, Mison Milam, Caden Clarahan, Aiden McGuire, Caden Sprouse; (front row) Jax Weber, Jace Chalupa, Dylan Weber, Landyn Greiner, and Ashton Thomas.

By COLTEN CLARAHAN

So far the Cobras of Sigourney-Keota are off to an amazing start to their year. As of press time, the Cobras are 7-0 and have beat four ranked opponents so far this season, including Durant, Mid-Prairie, Centerville, Pella Christian, and Cardinal. Despite losing seven seniors, the Cobras have grown a

lot throughout the summer while going to Simpson Camp and Camp Dodge.

Since making it to the UNI Dome last year where their amazing run unfortunately came to an end, the Cobras still have a big goal of making it back up there this year with the goal of being crowned State Champions.

The Pella Christian Eagles have been the Cobras'

toughest opponent so far this year. Pella Christian was ranked 6 in the state in 1A and the Cobras were ranked 4 in the state in 1A. The Cobras pulled through late in the game with the go ahead touchdown by Cade Molyneux for a 20-13 victory.

The Cobras traveled down near the Iowa and Missouri border to play Central Decatur on Friday, Oct. 8, taking

home another victory with a final score of 37-9 over the Cardinals.

The Cobras will end the regular season this Friday, Oct. 15, with a home game against Van Buren in the "Snake Pit" for senior night and a chance to top off a successful regular season. The Cobras are currently ranked No. 3 in class 1A.

MEET MR. WHITTEN NEW KHS TEACHER

By ANTHONY WESTENDORF



Keota High School has a new business teacher this year, Mr. Whitten. He teaches Jr. High Exploratory, Personal Finance, Business Computer Apps, Accounting, and Intro to Business.

Mr. Whitten was born in Oskaloosa. He attended college in Jacksonville, Fla., then went to William Penn to get his Masters Degree. Mr. Whitten was in the navy for 20 years before deciding he wanted to be a teacher. Although he is a business teacher, his favorite class in school was welding class.

Mr. Whitten likes to cheer for whatever team Tom Brady is on, and he also likes to watch college football. His dream car is "A car that has no problems," he says. His favorite movie is "The Matrix" series. He says that he is scared of heights but he was not always afraid of them, as he used to love to ride rollercoasters. If he was ever stranded on an island and was only able to bring three things, he would take a knife, a sailboat, and provisions for 30 days.

When he is not teaching, Mr. Whitten likes to spend his free time golfing. If he could live anywhere in the world, he would choose to live in Las Vegas because he would have easy access to the casinos to play poker. When asked what his biggest pot in poker was, he said he saw \$1500 on the table once in Des Moines. When playing poker in Las Vegas, he usually plays for \$60 to \$200 tournament games. A fact about him that his students would never believe is that when he was in the navy he would work on the fighter jets they had. He even has pictures of them in his classroom.

Mr. Whitten says if he was ever given a million dollars he would buy a sailboat and travel across the world. When he retires he does not know exactly where he wants to go, but he knows he will travel across the world.

Even though Mr. Whitten only started working here at the beginning of this school year, he already seems to be a great teacher and he will be a good addition to the staff here at Keota High School.

KEOTA HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

By ANTHONY WESTENDORF



photo by Swanson Photography
Pictured is the 2021 Keota High School JV Volleyball team. From left to right, they are: (top row) Grace Conger, Aubrey Campbell; (row 2) Coach Madison Sheetz, Kate Elam, Emily Sheetz, Addy Anderson; (row 3) Lainey Swanson, Izzi Chalupa; and (front row) Ava Greiner.



photo by Swanson Photography
Pictured is the 2021 Keota High School Varsity Volleyball team. From left to right, back to front, they are: (top row) Macie McDonald, Taylor Kindred; (row 2) Coach Madison Sheetz, Chloe Pringle, Izzi Chalupa, Makenzie Jackson, Coach Debra Swantz; (row 3) Cassie Swantz, Nicole Clarahan; (bottom row) Addy Anderson, Madison Scott, and Kimberly Clarahan.



photo by Swanson Photography
Pictured is the 2021 Keota High School Freshman Volleyball team. From left to right, they are: (top row) Kimberly Clarahan; (row 2) Lainey Swanson; (row 3) Kate Elam, Ava Greiner; (front row) Izzi Chalupa and Grace Conger.

SK JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL



By DREW SIEREN

7th Grade Football

Pictured is the 2021 seventh grade SK Cobra football team. From left to right, they are: (back row) Lincoln Power, Tucker Sprouse, Ike Molyneux, Ayden Galindo, Cooper Strand, Payton Baughman, Aiden Knipper; (middle row) Grayson Jones, Emerson Swantz, Carson O'Rourke, Yuan Marasigin, Will Klein, Caden Meyer, Landon Conrad, Chase Clarahan; (front row) Hayden Bennsmiller, Brennan McGuire, Carsen Tyree, Porter Cave, Jack Greiner, Rex Flynn, and Klay Wehr. The team is coached by Dan Stout and Tony Baughman.



By TAYLOR KINDRED

8th Grade Football

Pictured is the 2021 eighth grade SK Cobra football team. From left to right, they are: (back row) Logan Osborne, Wyatt Wehr, Colt Reed, Solon Yates, Owen Menke, Cael Jaeger, Ty Goldman; (middle row) Cale Wilson, Aidyn Parker, Jon Berg, Jackson Vittetoe, Braydon Wood, Jacob Libe, Landon Crow; (front row) Dominic Vega, Wells Clark, Blake Gretter, Aydin Flowers, Lane Buehnehan, Chase Haifley, and Jake Morris. The coaches are Alan Sellers, Bruce Hahn, and Peyton Leathers.

2021-22 EAGLE'S WING STAFF

- Colten Clarahan
- Makenzie Jackson
- Taylor Kindred
- Drew Sieren
- Anthony Westendorf
- Adviser: Angela Conrad

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

By MAKENZIE JACKSON

If you had to eat only one thing for the rest of your life, what would you choose?

Ms. Hobbs
Teacher



"Cookies, preferably Monster Cookies"

Colten Clarahan
12th



"Buffalo Chicken"

Taylor Garman
11th



"Sprinkles"

Will Carlson
10th



"Chicken"

Ava Greiner
9th



"Pepperoni Pizza"

Gavin Sieren
8th



"Filet Mignon"

Chase Clarahan
7th



"Big Macs from McDonald's"