



The Eagle's Wing



KEOTA HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT NEWSPAPER

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



By AIDAN ANDERSON

This week's Athlete of the Week is Sawyer Stout, a sophomore shooting guard for the Keota Eagles. Sawyer averages 13.7 points per game as well as leads the team in total points with 302. Sawyer is really looking forward to getting into the team's best shape before playing in the post-season, and he is hoping to win those games and make it to the state tournament. Sawyer's main goal is improving his team's conference record. Ultimately, Sawyer would like to win a state championship with his team. Sawyer's favorite part about basketball is how there is always scoring and how fast paced the game is. Sawyer's motto is, "I don't care if I miss 20 in a row or 100 in a row. I'm going to keep shooting." Sawyer says that the funniest moment of his basketball career is when Aidan had a fast break layup, but tripped and face planted. Sawyer also wishes that the team had a full time waterboy, so the players didn't have to worry about filling their own bottles. We all wish Sawyer and the Eagles good luck in the rest of their season.

WHIP OF THE WEEK



By DAKOTA DETWEILER

This week's Whip of the Week is Ava Greiner and her 2016 GMC Duramax Denali. Ava gave her truck the name Black Betty because the truck is a nice clean black color. It has over 100,000 miles, has a 6.0 liter V8 engine, and gets about 16 miles to the gallon. The exterior color of the truck is black and the interior color of the truck is also black. She doesn't listen to music because it is too distracting for her. Ava's dad was the previous owner and she didn't have to pay for it because she helps with the farm work. Ava got the truck in November of 2021 and it features a rear sliding window and chrome rocker panels. Her favorite thing about the truck is the heated seats. Ava can fit five people in her truck and she doesn't know the top speed because she hasn't hit it, since she is a responsible driver. Ava's favorite memory was getting to decorate it for homecoming and her least favorite memory is when she forgot to put it in park and it almost rolled into a ditch. This is Ava's first vehicle and she travels in this truck the most to the farm and to school. Her siblings travel the most with her to and from school. Ava has gone to Iowa City for the biggest trip she has taken in the Duramax. Now you can decide. Does Ava's black Duramax deserve to be "Whip of the Week?"

KHS SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Kai Leigh is cutting her way through her future



By AIDAN ANDERSON

Kai Leigh Marie Purcell was born March 8, 2004. Kai Leigh is the daughter of Barry and Brandy Christner and Teri and Ben Buckner. She is the oldest of six kids, with her siblings being Brayden, Cyris, Harley, Sawyer, and Alayna. Growing up, her favorite childhood memory was staying with her aunt. She also enjoyed her sixteenth birthday, when both sides of her family were there.

Kai Leigh did not go to elementary school in Keota, but her favorite teacher was Mrs. Yoder in elemen-

tary school because she was always sweet to her. Kai Leigh still talks to her today. Her favorite memory from her time in elementary school was when one of the kids at her school wore shorts with sweatpants over the top, and another kid tried pulling just his pants down, but his shorts came down with them.

Kai Leigh admires her aunt because she has always been kind and positive about everything. When Kai Leigh was younger, she wanted to be a mermaid when she grew up. She is very proud of the fact that she was able to graduate early by finishing all of her high school coursework in December. During her time in high school, Kai Leigh was involved in speech, student council, mock trial, softball, cheer, and dance. She enjoyed cheer, softball, and speech the most because there were a lot of good people that made it fun for her. Her favorite hobbies include painting and reading because they make her feel calm.

Kai Leigh plans to attend Capri College of Beauty and Cosmetology. She chose this because she wants to help people and she is a very hands-on type of person. While in high school, Kai Leigh worked at Casey's General Store for two and a half years. At this job she cleaned and "helped mean people," she says. One of the things she has learned from her work responsibilities is that "customer service stinks."

Kai Leigh plans to accomplish some pretty incredible things in her lifetime, including opening her own salon, visiting Germany, and helping foster kids. She feels as if she is a very determined person, which could make it easier to achieve her goals. Ten years down the road, Kai Leigh sees herself with her own salon as well as starting a family.

Kai Leigh's favorite memory in high school was "meeting Todd and Nugget." During her time at KHS, Kai Leigh's favorite class was College Prep, which is taught by Mrs. Conrad. She

said that Mrs. Conrad is very understanding and would always work with her to make sure she succeeded. She also believes College Prep prepared her the most for the real world because it helped her learn to write, as well as what was expected of formal writing. She said that compared to a lot of schools, KHS has more of a family-like atmosphere where everyone knows each other and people are closer. That is also the thing she will miss most about KHS.

The three words that best describe Kai Leigh are caring, determined, and positive. She hopes that people at KHS will remember her as a very kind person. KHS music teacher, Mrs. Edwards, said, "It was nice to have her here for a semester. I wish she had been here for longer."

For the future students at KHS, Kai Leigh says, "Stay relaxed and enjoy the time you have." We all wish Kai Leigh the best of luck in whatever her life brings to her.

10 FACTS ABOUT EVAN VITTETOE



By CALEB WATERHOUSE

- #1** The hobby that he could never give up is riding his four wheeler.
- #2** Evan's favorite season is fall because it's harvest time.
- #3** Evan's favorite drink is Diet Mt. Dew.
- #4** The most boring sport to watch is golf.
- #5** The most stressful thing for Evan is school.
- #6** Evan has one sibling.
- #7** Evan is the oldest child in his family.
- #8** He has one dog named Bear.
- #9** He mostly listens to country music.
- #10** He supports the Iowa Hawkeyes. He has been supporting them his whole life.

JUNIOR HIGH BOYS BASKETBALL

By DALTON DODD



Pictured is the Junior High Seventh Grade Boys Basketball team. From left to right, they are: (back row) Paytan Baughman, Brennan McGuire, Ayden Galindo, Carsen Tyree, Cooper Strand; (front row) Tucker Sprouse, Porter Cave, and Chase Clarahen. The team is coached by Zach Jamison and Shawn Haifley. Photo by Swanson Photography.



Pictured is the Junior High Eighth Grade Boys Basketball team. From left to right, they are: (back row) Jackson Vittetoe, Luke Moeller, Cael Jaeger, Jake Morris; (front row) Garrett Greiner, Chase Haifley, and Skyler Pringle. The team is coached by Zach Jamison and Shawn Haifley. Photo by Swanson Photography.

VARSITY BASKETBALL UPDATE



Pictured is the 2021-22 boys varsity team at the homecoming pep rally.

By CAR SIN KINDRED

The Keota boys and girls varsity basketball seasons are coming to a close, with the boys having a 11-11 record and the girls having a 6-15 record.

The Keota girls saw a big improvement over last year's season, with six wins compared to two wins last year. The girls won against Belle Plaine twice 38-32 and 37-27, Tri-County twice 37-30 and 33-15, BGM 51-17, and Colfax-Mingo 45-33. The leading scorer and rebounder for Keota was senior Taylor Kindred with 181 points

and 219 rebounds. Junior Macie McDonald and freshman Kimberly Clarahen tied for the most assists with 42. Junior Nicole Clarahen led the team in steals and rebounds, with 36 and 91 respectively.

A couple of the girls posted top SICL standing this season as well. Kindred led the SICL in rebounds with 219 and was second in blocks with 47. Kindred also led the SICL in defensive rebounds with 137 and placed fourth in the SICL for offensive rebounds with 82. Kimberly Clarahen ranked fourth in free throw percentage with a 38.4



Pictured is the 2021-22 girls varsity team at the homecoming pep rally.

percent.

With playoffs still continuing this week, the Keota boys currently have a 7-9 record in the conference and an 11-11 record overall. They won games against Louisa-Muscatine 52-41, Lone Tree 52-40, Sigourney 56-48, Tri-County twice 73-27 and 70-39, English Valleys 69-39, BGM 55-27, HLV 65-56, Colfax-Mingo 58-57, Highland 79-61, and they beat Tri-County in the first round of playoffs 62-18. Overall, the Keota boys have had a positive season.

The boys' leading scorer is sophomore Sawyer Stout with

302 points. The top rebounder is sophomore Evan Vittetoe with 224 rebounds. Senior Colten Clarahen leads in assists with 82. Sophomore Cole Kindred leads in steals with 50.

In the SICL East Conference, Stout currently ranks first for three-pointers made and fifth in points. Clarahen ties for second place in assists. Vittetoe is third in rebounds, blocks, and field goal percentage. Kindred is ranked fifth in steals, and junior Dalton Dodd is second in field goal percentage. The boys have a playoff game against WACO on Monday, Jan. 14.

SCIENCE FAIR

By CAR SIN KINDRED

Ms. Jenny Hobbs is the head of the science fair at Keota High School. The junior high science fair will be held on Friday, Feb 25. The students have been working hard in order to make their science fair fun and exciting this year.

One of the groups of students is experimenting with mice on plant based and animal based protein powder. When asked what Hobbs was most excited about for the science fair, she said, "Seeing how confident students become with presenting their project."

We hope that the seventh and eighth graders have fun and do well with their science experiments. We also wish Ava Greiner and Charles Penelton from the freshman class the best, as they are headed to the State Science Fair in Ames on Thursday, March 24.

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

By AJ SHEETZ

What is your favorite Netflix show to watch?

Mrs. Swanson Staff



"Reign"

Dakota Detweiler 12th



"Cobra Kai"

Dalton Dodd 11th



"Outer Banks"

Conner Strand 10th



"Outer Banks"

Jace Chalupa 9th



"Cobra Kai"

Emily Moeller 8th



"The Walking Dead"

Brennan McGuire 7th



"Cobra Kai"