



# The Eagle's Wing

KEOTA HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT NEWSPAPER



## MEET THE NEW KHS SENIOR

By COLTEN CLARAHAN



Kai Leigh Marie Purcell is a new senior attending Keota Community Schools. Kai Leigh was born on March 8, 2004. She has three brothers named Brayden, Cyrus, and Harley. She also has two sisters named Sawyer and Alayna.

North English is the original hometown of Kai Leigh, which is about the size and population of Keota. While growing up in North English, her favorite childhood memory was cliff diving because "It was super fun and all of my family was there." Kai Leigh's dream job after graduating high school is to be a cosmetologist.

Kai Leigh is on track to graduate early after the first semester. In order to graduate early, Kai Leigh did online virtual academy before deciding to enroll at Keota High School. When asked if she was in any sports or has a plan to play sports this year, she said, "I dance and play softball, but I'm not doing softball this year since I'm graduating early." When asked what she likes most about Keota, Kai Leigh said, "I like how small it is and it feels more like home." Kai Leigh's favorite class at the moment is Art because "I really like art and it is a big passion of mine," she says. While art is a hobby of Kai Leigh's, her other hobbies consist of painting and skating. Her favorite teacher is the new business teacher, Mr. Whitten, because "he is super cool and he is a very nice guy."

When she has some down time, Kai Leigh enjoys watching her favorite T.V. show "The Walking Dead." "It's really suspenseful and it keeps you on your toes," she says. She also enjoys listening to rap music because she likes the "fast moving beat it offers." When asked if she was a night person or a morning person she said, "Night, because I like to go out and stay out late, which explains why I'm kind of grumpy in the morning." Kai Leigh's favorite food is guacamole because "It's literally so good." She says she also would like to travel to Germany someday because she has family that she would like to visit there.

Kai Leigh is a very good addition to the Class of 2022 and Keota High School is glad to have her here.

## WHIP OF THE WEEK

By COLTEN CLARAHAN



This week's Whip of the Week features Will Carlson. Will drives a 2007 metallic red and gray Chevy Impala. Will's Impala has 194,000 miles on it. While driving around town and from school and on the highway, Will's Impala gets 15 mpg. Since this impala has a V6 engine, you definitely want to keep your eyes peeled as it might fly by in a blur. The top speed of what Will calls the "Red Rocket" is 97 mph.

Will got a complete steal on the car, as he did not have to pay a single penny for it. Will received the Impala from his sister last year. When Will was asked what he likes about the car, he responded with "nothing." It also offers a lot of specialties such as its aerodynamics and easy access to the engine. Will can fit four people in the car and he has had lots of good memories of just cruisin' around. He has not owned any cars before the Impala and has had only one bad memory in it, which was when he "got her stuck in the snow," he said. Going to Burger King has been his farthest road trip so far, and he hopes to have a lot more good memories in the "Red Rocket" in the future.

## KEOTA HIGH SCHOOL FALL PLAY

By MAKENZIE JACKSON

Keota High School will be performing two one act plays this fall. The first play is called "My Thoughts, Not Exactly." It's about Spencer and Olivia going on a first date. With their conscious minds present on stage sharing their thoughts of conversations, things get to a rocky start (usually in awkward silence), but complications really begin when both of the exes show up. As time goes by on the date, things seem to get better. Olivia finds out if Spencer is "boyfriend material" according to her checklist and the date ends with Olivia meeting Spencer's parents. This show offers a lot of laughs and lots of humor.

Olivia is played by Nicole Clarahan, Spencer is played by AJ Sheetz, Spencer's conscience is played by Aiden Conrad, Olivia's conscience is played by Makenzie Jackson, Spencer's dad is played by Dakota Detweiler, Spencer's mom is played by Emily Sheetz, and the Restaurant waiter is played by Grant Garman.

The second play is called "Two Wives And A Dead Guy." Mr. Donald Howard Beacon III, the successful globe-trotting businessman and millionaire, is deadlier than a pair of socks. He is presently on display for the world to see at the Olson-Hines Funeral Home. His wife, the educated and well-pedigreed Eileen, visits and puts on a good show to get that nervous rat terrier of a junior



The cast of "My Thoughts Not Exactly" includes (from left to right): (back row, standing) Aiden Conrad, Emily Sheetz, Dakota Detweiler, Grant Garman, Makenzie Jackson, Ava Greiner, Austin Black; (front row, seated) AJ Sheetz, and Nicole Clarahan.

funeral hall director in training, Mr Hines, to leave her alone with the corpse. Unfortunately, Eileen has a problem. No, not the pyromaniac daughter, or the bedwetting son. The problem is that no one can find Becton's will, not even his golf obsessed lawyer. Perhaps clues to the dilemma can be found on the corpse? But before a proper search can be made, Veronica shows up as a gaudily painted silicone enhanced lady who also claims to be Becton's wife. Let's just say that is not what Eileen expected. The two immediately despise each other and eventually go at it in hilarious means, leaving the educated and well-pedigreed Mr. Hines (and one very battered corpse) at play's end.

Mrs. Eileen Warner Becton



The cast of "Two Wives and a Dead Guy" includes (left to right): Dulaney Club, Owen Morris, Aiden Conrad, and Taylor Garman.

III is played by Dulaney Club, Mrs. Veronica Becton III is played by Taylor Garman, Mr. Michael Snodgrass is played by Owen Morris, and Mr. Hines is played by Aiden

Conrad. These plays will be performed on Thursday, Nov. 4, and Saturday, Nov. 6 at 7:30 p.m. For tickets, contact the Keota High School office at 641-636-3471.

## PROBLEM SOLVER MRS. YODER

By TAYLOR KINDRED



Keota Jr./Sr. High School has a new math teacher this year, Mrs. Lynn Yoder. Mrs. Yoder has a husband, Brian, who is a soybean and swine farmer. She also has three children. Her youngest child is 24 years old, and her middle child is 30 years old and is married with two kids, making her a grandmother as well. Her oldest child passed away at the age of 22 from cancer; he would be age 32 now.

Mrs. Yoder grew up in Iowa City where her father was a firefighter, but she went to IMS (Hillcrest Academy) for high school. Her favorite food is cinnamon rolls, but she says if she could only eat one thing for the rest of her life it would be salad, because there are so many different types of salad, and you can build them in so many ways. When asked what three things she would take if she was stranded on a desert island, she said, "A container of some sort to put water in, a blanket, and a shovel," which are all very smart things to bring. When asked what she would do if she had a million dollars, she said she would pay her kids' mortgages and her farm loans, then use the rest to help others because there are so many things she wants to help with. Mrs. Yoder's interests include gardening, which she wishes she had more time to do, going for the occasional jog, and being with her grandchildren.

Mrs. Yoder has been teaching for 18 years, and this year is her first year teaching at Keota. She says her favorite things about Keota so far are the kids and how helpful the faculty has been to her because it is hard to come to a new school, even for a teacher. She also likes our special education program and the interaction between the associates and the students and how much help they are, as she did not have this program at her old school.

Mrs. Yoder teaches junior high math classes, Pre-Algebra, Algebra 1, and some college classes through Indian Hills. She loves teaching because she gets to interact with the kids and do her favorite subject, math, all day long. Mrs. Yoder even liked math when she was in school, because both her junior high and high school teachers were so comfortable and made sure they had fun while also learning at the same time.

Her role models from junior high and high school are why she became a teacher, and she likes math because there are right and wrong answers and it doesn't change. She has never taught another subject besides when she was a substitute, but in junior high she thought she wanted to be a journalist and live in a big city writing for an important newspaper.

Mrs. Yoder went to college at the University of Iowa and got her undergraduate degree, then transferred to Iowa State University to get her Masters Degree. She says the excuse students use the most when they do not have something done for her is saying, "I left it at home, but I promise it is done." Mrs. Yoder says she tries to be available for her students so they can come in and get help, and she tries to make her classroom feel comfortable so they will want to ask for help. In addition, Mrs. Yoder likes to encourage her students to have a desire to learn and expand their knowledge.

Mrs. Yoder seems like a very nice person and a fun teacher to have in class.

## Keota Soils Team District Champs

By DREW SIEREN



Pictured is the 2021 Keota FFA Soils team. From left to right, they are: Drew Sieren, Jax Weber, Dalton Dodd, and Aiden McGuire. The team placed first at Districts and sixth at State. The FFA Advisor is Mr. Jamison.

The Keota FFA Soils team was very successful this year. They competed in the State Soils contest on Sat., Oct. 9. The team placed 6th in the state.

These FFA students began their season at the Quad County Soils Competition and placed fourth out of 10 teams. Then on Sept. 30 they competed in Musca-

time, placing first out of 29 other solid schools.

Mr. Jamison, FFA Advisor, said, "This is the best soil judging team I've had since I've been teaching."

Dalton Dodd and Drew Sieren placed exceptionally well in the District contest, with Sieren placing third overall, and Dodd placing fourth overall.

Congratulations to the Keota FFA Soils team on a successful season.

## JUNIOR HIGH VOLLEYBALL



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By TAYLOR KINDRED

### 7th Grade Volleyball

Pictured is the 2021 seventh grade Keota volleyball team. From left to right they are: (back row) Tabitha Fisher, Brynn Conrad, Jaylah Redlinger; (middle row) Calli McCoid, Madison Clarahan, Maya Dalton; (front row) Bailey Gretter, and Emily Conger. The coach is Mrs. Jennifer Lathrop.



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By TAYLOR KINDRED

### 8th Grade Volleyball

Pictured is the 2021 eighth grade Keota volleyball team. From left to right, they are: (back row) Addy Purkeypile, Dakota Dodd, Adrianna Campbell; (middle row) Kennedy Jackson, Reese Conrad, Olivia Lyle; (front row) Tierney Greiner. The coach is Mrs. Jennifer Lathrop.

### 2021-22 EAGLE'S WING STAFF

**Colten Clarahan**  
**Makenzie Jackson**  
**Taylor Kindred**  
**Drew Sieren**  
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### QUESTION OF THE WEEK

By ANTHONY WESTENDORF

*If you could own any exotic animal as a pet what would it be?*

<b>Ms. Bries</b> Teacher	<b>Grant Garman</b> 12th	<b>Dakota Hammen</b> 11th	<b>Will Carlson</b> 10th	<b>Austin Black</b> 9th	<b>Luke Moeller</b> 8th	<b>Chase Berg</b> 7th
"Red panda"	"Platypus"	"Wolverine"	"Lion"	"Lion"	"Leopard"	"Moose"