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MARIAH IS RUNNING THE PATH OF LIFE



BY ELISE SWANSTROM



Jarrod Keller, 8th grade Keota Jr. High School student, was recently selected to the Southeast lowa Junior High Honor Band. He will perform on January 23 with students from 20 other Southeast lowa Schools. In addition, Jarrod was selected to Junior High lowa Honor Band and will perform in Des Moines in May. Congratulations to Jarrod!



BY MEGAN HILL

The beautiful Mariah Marie Lyle, also known as "Riah", was brought into this world on July 23, 1998, by her parents, Jared and Angela Lyle. Mariah grew up with five other siblings; Gabrielle, Ethan, Luke, Sierra, and her younger brother Cael. Her favorite family vacation has always been camping at the lowa State Fair. She admires how her parents are always there for her and she can count on them for anything. When Mariah was very young, she wanted to be a princess when she grew up. When asked about her future goals now, Mariah says she wants to go to DMACC to begin the path of majoring in Early Childhood Education. In ten years, she hopes to have a good job and hopefully be starting a family. Three things she wants to accomplish in her lifetime are to make good money, travel and have a family.

An accomplishment she is proud of is going to All-State Speech her sophomore year. Along with Speech, she is involved in Basketball, Student

HISTORICAL VISIT FROM HILLARY CLINTON

Council, and Cross Country. Her favorite activity is basketball, because she loves her teammates.

Her favorite high school memory has to be running Cross Country with Ryan Chalupa, because "he's the best," she said. Some of Mariah's favorite moments throughout her Keota education included being able to see her friends every day. She will definitely miss seeing them after she graduates from KHS.

Her most enjoyed class at KHS was Foods class, because "it was relaxing and I loved the people in that class." The class that has helped Mariah be most prepared for life is her

Composition class, because it will help her write papers in college.

For future KHS seniors, Mariah says, "When you look back, it's crazy to realize how fast time flies; so enjoy it while you can!" When her peers were asked what they will miss the most about Mariah after she graduates, fellow classmate and friend, Megan Adam, said, "I will miss her. She is one of the nicest people I know." Mariah will be missed and will definitely be remembered as a friendly, caring, and smart person. We wish her the best of luck in her future endeavors.



This week's Junk or Jewel is Nate Sieren's 2012 Ford F350 gas truck. Nate got this beauty in 2014 from his dad. This truck has a V8 engine and the best part is that it cost him nothing at all. Nate says he enjoys it because it is really nice, plus he would rather have a truck than a car. His best memories have been pulling the boat to go tubing. The top speed on Nate's F350 is 65 mph. The specialties are his automatic windows and heated mirrors. Although Nate's dream car would be a Lamborghini Aventador, he thinks he has a pretty sweet truck and he likes driving it. So now it's time for you to decide. Is Nate's truck a junk or a jewel?



HOMECOMING WEEK ACTIVITIES

BY COLE STOUT

Homecoming is right around the corner for the Keota Eagles. The week's festivities will begin on Tues., Jan. 19 through Fri., Jan. 22. There will be many activities going on throughout the week.

This year for KHS Homecoming, the dress up days will be as follows:

Monday: NO SCHOOL Tuesday: Rock and Roll day

Wednesday: Western Wednesday Thursday: Throwback Thursday/Beach

day
Friday: Spirit Day

On Wed., Jan. 20, the Large Group Speech Home Presentations will take place in the high school library at 7:30 p.m. Then on Thurs., Jan. 21, "Anything Goes" will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the high school gym. Finally, the big event of crowning the Homecoming King and Queen will be at the Pep Rally on Fri., Jan. 22 at 2:30 p.m. That evening, the Eagles are set to play Tri-County beginning at 6:00 p.m. Last but not least, the Student Council will host the Homecoming Dance

beginning after the game until midnight.

Be sure to come out and support your

Keota Eagles for this year's Homecoming

festivities!

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(Above) KHS Sociology students, along with their teacher, Mr. Snakenberg, had front row seats for the event and were recognized by Hillary Clinton for their hard work and perseverance.



Keota Elementary students wait patiently for Secretary Clinton to take the stage.



Tom and Christie Vilsack speak to the crowd.



Hillary Clinton hugs Keota Elementary 5th grade student, Hannah Tandy, after she bravely asks her a question about bullying.

THREE GIRLS, ONE GOAL

BY KYLEA TINNES

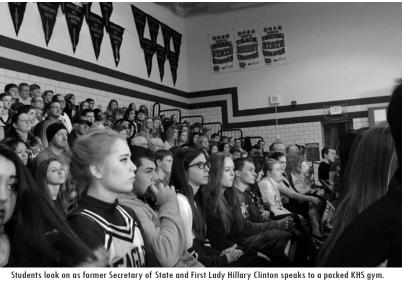
On Tues., Dec. 22, three girls from Keota High School made what many people thought was impossible, possible. They got Hillary Clinton to come to their school.

Abby Schulte, Megan Adam, and Kylea Tinnes are the only three students in the Sociology class, taught by Mr. Schuyler Snakenberg. But that didn't stop them from making quite a name for themselves. Over the past few months, they have become widely known through social media, especially Twitter. These girls worked hard

to make this day possible, using all the

support and positivity they received to help them push through the negativity they received along the way. "We often used the negativity as motivation to make this all happen," said Schulte. The girls went to many events, spoke to many people, and accomplished many things.

"This project is proof that if you put your mind to it, you can accomplish anything," said Tinnes. "Three girls with very different views came together to make this dream become a reality. All in all, we accomplished our goals, and could not be any prouder."



Students look on as former Secretary of State and First Lady Hillary Clinton speaks to a packed KHS gym.



BY AVERY CONRAD

This week's Athlete of the Week is Senior Zach Mousel. Zach is a starting quard for the Keota Eagles basketball team. When asked what he was looking forward to this season, Zach said, "Playing with my cousins and friends." Zach says he's looking to improve on his shooting skills, and his ultimate achievement this season would be getting the State Title. Zach says that there isn't any one thing he loves the most about basketball; he just loves the game as a whole. The funniest moment so far of his senior season was the bus ride home from the Tri-County Trojan game, when they sang Christmas carols the whole ride home. You can find Zach Mousel standing beyond the three point line, making clutch threes to help pull the Keota Eagles on

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE CHRISTMAS PRESENT AND WHY?

BY AVERY CONRAD

MRS. CONRAD STAFF



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"A KEURIG, BECAUSE I LOVE COFFEE."

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"EVERYTHING, BECAUSE IT WAS ALL VERY THOUGHTFUL."





"MY 17 HMR, BECAUSE I CAN SHOOT THINGS."



"MY ARCHERY SET.

BECAUSE IT'S

AWESOME.



"MONEY, BECAUSE I CAN BUY ANYTHING I WANT."



"MY HUNTING CAMO SHEETS, BECAUSE MY DAD HAS THEM AND I