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SPEECH STUDENTS EARN DIVISION I RATINGS AT STATE

BY COLE STOUT

The Keota Speech students recently competed at the State Speech Competition in Cedar Rapids. Their hard work and preparation for this event paid off as the following groups earned a Division I rating: "Fighting over Fuchsia," "With a Hammer in His Hand," "Fan Play by Play," "Bungee Jumping, Hang Gliding, and Other Failures," "Cotton Girls," and the Improv group of Bianca Cardona, Grace McHugh and Cole Stout. "Fighting over Fuchsia," with Grace McHugh and Bianca Cardona, was named Outstanding Performer, Non-performing. "Bungee Jumping, Hang Gliding, and Other Failures," with seniors Tyler Verstraete, Paden Uphold, Nate Sieren, Zach Mousel, and Isaiah Hahn, received Outstanding Performer and will be performing at All-State in Ames on Sat. Feb. 20. Congratulations to all of these students on a job well done!

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: GLORIA VEGA



BY KYLEA TINNES

Gloria Kay Vega was born on November 12th, 1997. Her parents are Juan Vega, and Modesta and Marvin Werkens. Her siblings are Clarissa Werkens, Samuel Werkens, Kristina Reyes, Juan Vega, and Linda Goodwin. Gloria admires her mom for how hard she has worked to get where she is today. Gloria's favorite childhood memory was when her dad would pick her up and take her to go get

a Frosty and fries. Her favorite vacation is going to Mexico, because it's always so beautiful.

Gloria has accomplished many things throughout her high school career, but one accomplishment she is proud of is how far she has come her senior year and the woman she has become through the process. While at KHS, Gloria has been involved in Choir and Theatre. Her favorite has been Theatre because

she has always enjoyed acting. Gloria's favorite high school memory is Homecoming week and going to the games. When graduating KHS, Gloria is going to miss her close friends. During high school, she thinks the class that has prepared her most for life is Personal Finance. She thinks this because that class has taught her skills that she will use after high school.

When she was younger, Gloria hoped and dreamed of being a Fashion Designer as an adult. Now as a Senior in high school, Gloria is undecided about where she wants her life to take off from here. When asked where she sees herself in ten years, Gloria laughed and responded, "Hopefully not at my mom's, happily married with one kid, a

striving career, and just being happy." Three things she hopes to accomplish in life are happiness, true love, and success. Gloria's words of advice for the upcoming KHS seniors is "Work hard now, otherwise you'll spend your time making it up, wishing you had before."

We all wish Gloria the best of luck on her decisions for her life's future. We hope she becomes very successful in whatever she decides to do!



KHS ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



BY JACE UPHOLD

This week's Athlete of the Week is freshman Trey Carlson. Trey plays post on the JV basketball team. This season Trey says he is looking forward to winning games and Cole Brenneman shooting free throws. Trey is trying to improve his jump shot this season. His ultimate achievement would be to record a triple double in a game. "Git R Done" is Trey's favorite motto and he loves Larry the Cable Guy. What Trey likes most about this sport is winning as many games as possible. The funniest moment of the season for Trey was one practice when Cole Brenneman shot over 40 free throws and only made 7.

BLAST FROM THE PAST

BY BAYLEI MCCLELLAND

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 in 7th grade. Let's see how their responses have changed over the years...

Megan Hill

Q: How did you spend your Christmas Break?

7th:
A: "Going to visit my grandmas in Zearing and Wiota."



12th:
Answer:
"Spending time with family and opening presents."

COUNTDOWN

15 WEEKS 'TIL SCHOOL IS OUT
26 DAYS 'TIL SPRING BREAK
72 DAYS 'TIL PROM

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KEOTA DANCE TEAM



The 2015-16 Keota Dance Team, under the direction of Jenny Tobin and Billy Jo Wagner, entertained Keota Fans at many basketball games this year. Pictured from left to right, they are: (Back) Brianna Duwa, Lexi Black, Megan Hill, Taylor Conrad; (Row 2) Bekah Fagen, Erin Chalupa, Olivia Sieren, Jolee Walker; (Row 3) Abby Schulte, Callie McNurlen, Jaime Schulte; (Front) Bailey Sieren and Maleah Miller.

Photo courtesy of The Keota Eagle

KEOTA HIGH SCHOOL CHEERLEADERS



Pictured at left and above are the 2016 KHS Basketball Cheerleaders, coached by Jennifer McClenahan. Pictured above from left to right are: (Back) June Welt Daing and Macayla Schweitzer; (Row 2) Lexi Black and Loren Clark; (Front) Elise Swanstrom and Anna Ackerman-Axume.

Photos courtesy of Angela Lyle

JR. HIGH ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



BY AVERY CONRAD

This week's Junior High Athlete of the Week is Nolan Verstraete. Nolan is an 8th grade Guard for the Junior High Keota Eagles. When asked what his goal was for this season, Nolan said, "going undefeated." Nolan said he wants to improve on seeing his open teammates while he's out there on the floor.

Nolan stated that he loves the intensity of the game. He is looking forward to getting revenge on Belle Plaine's Junior High team this season, because they beat them by one point in last year's season. Nolan and his team have a favorite quote, which is, "You can't win 'em all." This just goes to show you what a positive team atmosphere Nolan and his team bring to the court.

Nolan says that the funniest moment of this season was their reaction to the small Junior High Montezuma gym, which they referred to as a "cracker box."

You can find Nolan out there beyond the arc or squaring up for a 15-footer giving it his all for his team, the Keota Eagles.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

BY GLORIA VEGA

WHAT IS THE BEST COMPLIMENT YOU HAVE EVER RECEIVED?

MS. KAPLAN
STAFF



"I LOVE YOUR OUTFIT."

ZACH MOUSEL
12TH



"WHEN SOMEONE TELLS ME I'M ATHLETIC."

MACAYLA SCHWEITZER
11TH



"SOMEONE ONCE TOLD ME MY HAIR WAS REALLY PRETTY IN THE SUN."

ANNA ACKERMAN
10TH



"I LIKE YOUR FACE."

JUNE WELT DAING
9TH



"WHEN SOMEONE TELLS ME I DO AN EXCELLENT JOB IN EAGLEROCK."

AALIYAH HELDMAN
8TH



"SOMEONE TELLING ME I AM BEAUTIFUL, BECAUSE IT BOOSTS MY SELF CONFIDENCE AND MAKES ME FEEL BETTER ABOUT MYSELF."

CALLIE MCNURLIN
7TH



"YOUR EYES ARE REALLY PRETTY."