



THE EAGLE'S WING

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HOMEcoming ACTIVITIES

BY AVERY CONRAD

Keota's Homecoming week is coming up. From January 16 through January 20, the Keota High School and elementary students will be participating in an array of homecoming activities. There will be no school Monday, but the rest of the week will be full of many dress up days. The dress up days will be as follows: Tuesday will be Greek/Toga day, Wednesday will be "Favorite Disney Character day," Thursday will be USA day, and Friday will be Eagle Spirit day. Also, there will be several activities taking place during the week that the students will be involved in. On Wed., Jan. 18 will be the Keota Speech Program's "Home Presentations." The following day, the high school will host their annual "Anything Goes" class competitions. Then Friday will consist of a Pep Rally where the community is invited to attend and get pumped up for the games later that evening. Good luck to both teams this year, and GO EAGLES!

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: BAYLEI MCCLELLAND



BY KYLEA TINNES

Baylei Anna McClelland was born September 1, 1999 to her proud parents Desirae and Nick McClelland. Baylei also goes by the nickname Bay, which many of her friends call her. Her parents later blessed Baylei with her younger brother, Tristin. Baylei admires her parents for their strength and how resilient they are. She says her whole family is strong and can get through anything life throws their way.

Baylei has many childhood memories, but one of her favor-

ites is when she would attend her grandma's daycare and was able to skip nap time. Baylei also enjoyed the vacation she and her family took to North Carolina. They went to see a huge zoo and it was Baylei's first ocean experience.

Baylei has been involved in many extracurricular activities throughout her high school career, including Peer Helpers, D.A.R.E., S.A.D.D., Dance Marathon, and Art Club. Baylei attended Washington High School before transferring to

Keota her Junior year. Two of Baylei's favorite activities have been D.A.R.E. and Peer Helpers. When asked why she has enjoyed them both, she responded, "I love working with kids and my peers. It has really given me some of the best memories."

When she was little, Baylei says she always wanted to grow up to be a rockstar/singer. "All I ever did was sing and imagine my life as a singer." Now as a senior in high school, Baylei is planning to become a Psychologist and hopes to one day own her own practice. She plans to start her postsecondary education at Indian Hills Community College and then transfer to a four-year university to finish her education. Baylei's determination and motivation are the skills that will make her hopes and dreams become a reality.

One of Baylei's favorite memories from high school has been helping with the Mini Dance Marathon at Washington High School and seeing how much money they raised. She says

she'll never forget the joy of feeling so accomplished. While attending Keota, one of Baylei's favorite memories is going to her first Prom. She said even though she was the new girl, everyone made her feel so included.

Baylei gives future KHS seniors some good advice by saying, "Always be exactly who you want to be. High school can be hard and especially Senior year. Work hard and it will pay off."

We wish Baylei the best of luck as she heads to Indian Hills this coming fall.



HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

BY JACOB WICKENKAMP



This week's Athlete of the Week is Ben Shemanski. Ben is the 5th bowler on the Sigourney Keota bowling team. Ben's goal this year is to bowl a 300 game. He said he needs to work on "picking up spares." He says one funny moment so far this year has been throwing a ball eight feet in the air. Ben's motto is "If they don't all fall down, then you didn't do it right." Let's all wish Ben the best of luck the rest of the bowling season!

BLAST FROM THE PAST

BY COLE STOUT

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...

BIANCA CARDONA

Q: If you could spend Valentine's Day with anyone in the world, who would it be and why?

7th:
A: "My family because I don't have a boyfriend."



12th:
"Jim Carrey because he would have me laughing the entire time."

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EAGLE ADVOCATES HOST HYPNOTIST OVER HOLIDAY BREAK

BY BAYLEI MCCLELLAND



The Keota Eagle Advocates have busy been putting on fundraisers to raise money for a new student lounge. They have sold greenery, Casey's cards, and put on the Tour of Homes, Holiday Market, and a magic show with a hypnotist to raise money for the students to have new lockers and a comfortable space.

Keota Eagle Advocate president, Sheila Horras, says, "I am totally grateful for the community support we have received thus far in our effort to update and improve our school. The attendance at the events and the

contributions of time and talent has confirmed the community's commitment to the school and our children."

The Eagle Advocates plan to proceed with the project and install the lockers and flooring over the summer, depending on time availability since all the work will be voluntary. At this time, they may not be able to add in the furnishings and technology, but they will continue to raise money to complete this project. Sheila Horras says, "An appeal will be sent to the alumni through a letter and pledge card."

Also, old lockers will be put up for sale once the new additions have been added. Horras also states, "Lots of work is yet to do by some very dedicated and loyal people."

On Friday, December 30, the Eagle Advocates hosted a hypnotist and had a great turnout. First, the hypnotist did magic tricks that left the audience floored; he put on a mix of "freakish" magic and classic magic acts. Then, the people who volunteered to be hypnotized came down and the show began. The volunteers ranged from current students to adults from the



community. Overall, everyone had a wonderful time and raised money for the new lounge.

Horras says, "The hypnotist fundraiser was a huge success. There was great attendance and fun was had by all. We are very grateful for all of those who volunteered to put themselves in such a precarious position so that we could laugh ourselves silly."

We are excited to see the progress they will make and want to thank the Keota Eagle Advocates as well as all donations that were made to help the cause!

PEER HELPERS HOST DOOR DECORATING CONTEST

BY DYLAN BURGDORF

The Peer Helpers class hosted a Door Decorating Contest to help get everyone in the holiday spirit this year. The doors were decorated by each Eagle Advisory, then judged by Mr. Carlson. The winning class was Mrs. Conrad's 10th grade Eagle Advisory. Below are just a few of the fabulous doors and entrances that adorned the hallways.



Mrs. Conrad's door took us on a trip through a Winter Wonderland. The door was designed by her 10th grade Eagle Advisory class and was the winner of the door decorating contest.



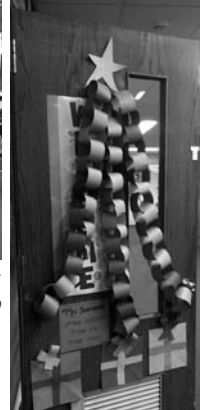
Ms. Kaplan's stockings are hung by their cozy Christmas home. This door was designed by Ms. Kaplan's seniors.



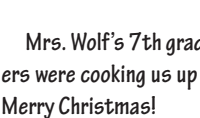
All aboard for Mr. Nederhoff's Polar Express! This door was designed by Mr. Nederhoff's Freshman Eagle Advisory class.



Mrs. Swanson's door featured a home and rooftop ready for Santa's reindeer.



Mrs. Snakenberg's door was adorned with a Christmas tree.



Mrs. Wolf's 7th graders were cooking us up a Merry Christmas!



Mrs. Hobb's door was telling us how to spread cheer with Buddy the Elf. The door was designed by 8th graders.



Mr. Jacobsen's Santa's workshop themed door was designed by his 9th grade Eagle Advisory class.

JUNK OR JEWEL

BY JACE UPHOLD



This week's Junk or Jewel is Dylan Burgdorf's Pontiac Grand AM. This Pontiac Grand AM is a 1988 with 200,000 miles. Dylan describes his car as blue with some rusty doors. Dylan's Pontiac gets 32 MPG. Dylan got this hot rod for only 300 dollars on December 10th of 2016. When asked if his car had any specialties, Dylan responded, "Rust." Dylan really enjoys the fact that his car works. If Dylan could name his car anything, he would name it "The Rust Bucket." Anthony, Jolee, Jason, and Jonny are the people that travel with Dylan most. Now it's time for you to decide: is Dylan's car junk or a jewel?

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan. 12: BB vs. Lynnville/Sully, 6 PM (make-up game); S/K Bowling @ Ottumwa, 2 PM; JH (B) BB vs Iowa Valley, 4:15 PM; JH (C) BB @ English Valleys, 4:15 PM; S/K W @ Belle Plaine, 6 PM; School Board Mtg - Elem. Lib., 6 PM
Jan. 13: End Q2/S1; BB @ Colfax-Mingo, 6 PM

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

BY COLE STOUT

WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FORWARD TO SECOND SEMESTER AND WHY?

MRS. EDWARDS
STAFF



"OUTSTANDING SHOW CHOIR AND MUSICAL PERFORMANCES."

BAYLEI MCCLELLAND
12TH



"HAVING AN EASIER CLASS LOAD."

HUNTER WILSON
11TH



"IT'S CLOSER TO A BRAND NEW SCHOOL YEAR WHERE I WILL BE A SENIOR."

AUSTIN WATERHOUSE
10TH



"THE END OF THE SEMESTER BECAUSE THEN SCHOOL IS OVER."

CECIL SYPHERD
9TH



"THAT MEANS IT'S HALFWAY THROUGH THE SCHOOL YEAR."

BYRCE GREINER
8TH



"GETTING OUT OF SCHOOL."

AJ SHEETZ
7TH



"I ONLY HAVE ONE SEMESTER LEFT UNTIL SUMMER VACATION."