



# THE EAGLE'S WING

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## BLAST FROM THE PAST

BY MALLORY WOLTERING

### 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...

#### Raigan Sprouse

Q: What is your biggest pet peeve?

7th A: "When people step on the back of your heels when you are walking."



12th: "When people invade my personal space."

## JUNK OR JEWEL

BY JACOB WICKENKAMP



This week's Junk or Jewel is Baylei McClelland's 2006 Mazda 3. It is a violet color, and it gets 38 miles per gallon. The previous owner of the car was Baylei's mom, whom she got it from last summer. Her presets are 99.7 and 102.9, and a specialty is that it has a sunroof. Baylei really likes that her car is nice and small. It can fit five people comfortably, and the name of her car is Penelope.

Some of Baylei's favorite memories with Penelope include going to Iowa City with friends. Most of the time, Baylei can be seen in this car traveling to work and to school, with her brother as her main passenger.

Now it's time for you to decide if this week's car is a Junk or Jewel.

## SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: ELISE SWANSTROM



BY KYLEA TINNES

Elise Hoyt Swanstrom was born on July 2, 1999, to Michelle and Jay Swanstrom. Elise is the middle child. She has an older sister, Emily, and a younger brother, Joe. When Elise was asked what she admired most about her family, she was quick to respond, "Their

passion for their work." Elise has had many great family memories, vacations, and traditions, but her favorite vacation was going to Mexico over Christmas break, because the weather was so nice!

When Elise was younger, she always hoped of becoming Wonder Woman. Even though Elise is a very unique and passionate girl, she realizes now that being Wonder Woman may be a little unrealistic. She now plans to attend the University of Iowa and major in Molecular Biology. She hopes to use this degree to go on to medical school someday. As of right now, she is thinking she'd like to be an anesthesiologist when all is said and done.

While she is planning for her future, she would also like to be remembered here at KHS. She hopes to be remembered as a "hurricane of a girl" who was passionate about the things she has

done.

While attending KHS, Elise has been involved in many different activities, which include cheerleading, speech, plays, musicals, and golf. Out of all her extra-curricular activities, her favorite one has been speech. Her favorite memory is when she and her best friend Caroline were in an Improv group together. Elise says, "Caroline always made it a hoot."

When asked what she will miss most about attending KHS, Elise said "being able to sit down and talk with the teachers." The class that Elise thinks has prepared her the most for life has been Geometry, because she realized that sometimes not everything will make sense, so you just have to fake it.

Elise's advice to future KHS students is "Explore the world and yourself, and leave the people who judge you in the dust." When fellow

classmate, Bianca Cardona, was asked what she will miss most about Elise after high school, she said, "I'm going to miss her ability to be witty, smart, and weird at the same time, and completely make my day." With that being said, we all hope Elise becomes everything she has ever wanted in the next chapter of her life!



## HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

BY BERGEN DALTON



This week's Athlete of the Week is sophomore Trey Carlson. This season he is playing JV basketball. Trey plays all positions on the court. When I asked Trey what he is looking forward to this season he said, "I am looking forward to getting the ball passed to me. Just kidding, that doesn't happen." This season Trey wants to improve on shooting and rebounding. He also hopes the team can do even better than last year.

This season the team has a motto that was inspired by their coach, Larry Lyle. One time Larry told the team they were not getting enough boards, so the team came up with the motto, "Got boards?" The JV team refers to rebounding as getting boards. Trey says his season is going well and that he likes his team, coach, and especially "getting boards." We wish Trey the best of luck on the rest of his season.

## JUNIOR HIGH ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

BY ERIN CHALUPA



This week's Junior High Athlete of the Week is Max Johnson. Max is #10 on the junior high boys' basketball court, but he is #1 in the hearts of many Eagle fans. So far, Max has had a very successful season. This season, Max was striving to improve his shot form to get closer to his ultimate goal of getting a double-double. Max's favorite thing about playing basketball is shooting three-pointers. What Max is looking forward to most this year is playing in tournaments with his friends. Catch the Keota junior high boys' basketball wing player, Max Johnson, before the season is over!

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## SPEECH HOME PRESENTATIONS

BY KAYLIN SWANSON



Pictured is the JV Choral Reading group "Wild, Wild West." From left to right, they are: (back) Sam Menke, Olin Walker; (middle) Cooper Sieren, Tyler Waterhouse, Aaliyah Heldman, Nolan Verstraete, Addison Swanson, Jay Swanstrom; (front) Kendall Wilson and Jaime Schulte. The group received three Division I ratings at State Speech on Saturday. Photo courtesy of Jenni Swanson.

## EAGLEROCK! COMPETITION IN FULL SWING

BY BAYLEI MCCLELLAND



Pictured above is a group picture of EagleRock! performing at Saturday Night Jive in West Branch.



Pictured above, from left to right, are: Olin Walker, Justin Moeller, Trey Carlson, Marty Baker, June Daing, Cooper Sieren, and Cecil Sypherd performing the boy's group song.



Pictured above is a picture of the whole group performing their ballad, starring Grace McHugh as soloist.



Pictured above are Raigan Sprouse and Maddie Johnson receiving the Class 1A trophy on behalf of EagleRock! at the West Branch competition.

Mark your calendars to attend EagleRock!'s remaining competitions this season. Next up is Cedar Rapids-Washington on Saturday, Feb. 11 at 2:45 p.m. After that, they will head to Central Lee on Feb. 25. Next is Cedar Rapids-Jefferson on March 4 and finally they head to Underwood on March 18.

## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

BY CULLEN KELLEY

IF YOU COULD HAVE ONE WISH GRANTED, WHAT WOULD IT BE AND WHY?

MR. JACOBSEN  
STAFF



"I'D WISH TO WIN THE LOTTERY, SO I COULD TAKE ALL MY STUDENTS TO THE NATION'S CAPITAL."

COLE STOUT  
12<sup>TH</sup>



"I'D WISH FOR WORLD PEACE BECAUSE IT HELPS EVERYONE."

JACOB MOELLER  
11<sup>TH</sup>



"I'D WISH FOR A MILLION DOLLARS SO I COULD BUY A NEW TRUCK AND THEN I'D SAVE THE REST."

TRISTAN SYPHERD  
10<sup>TH</sup>



"I WOULD WISH FOR A NEW TRUCK BECAUSE I COULD."

OLIN WALKER  
9<sup>TH</sup>



"I WOULD WISH FOR NO MORE WISHES BECAUSE A WISH IS TOO MUCH POWER."

JENNA JAEGER  
8<sup>TH</sup>



"I WOULD WISH FOR A HORSE BECAUSE I LIKE HORSES."

DAKOTA DETWEILER  
7<sup>TH</sup>



"I WOULD WISH TO BE RICH BECAUSE IT WOULD BE FUN."