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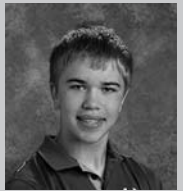
SPRING MUSICAL PRACTICE BEGINS

BY RAIGAN SPROUSE

Spring is right around the corner and that means the spring musical will be starting shortly. This year's musical is called "The Adventures of a Comic Book Artist." It is about a comic book manufacturer that obtains magic pens that causes drawings to come to life when they are used to draw. The evil villain shot clock has been drawn and it's up to the comic book artist to draw superheroes to stop the evil shot clock. Mrs. Edwards said, "I am very excited for it to start. I haven't done something this 'off the wall' before. Costuming should be fun." Auditions for the musical were held Wednesday, Feb. 8 and Friday, Feb. 10. Performances will occur on April 7 and 8. We look forward to seeing all of the great talent in this year's musical.

HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

BY AVERY CONRAD



This week's Athlete of the Week is Joe Swanstrom. Joe recently wrapped up his freshman season as a 5K Cobra wrestler.

Joe had a great season, but was always looking to improve upon his pinning game while on the mat. His ultimate goal was to make it to State individuals, but fell slightly short of that goal this year. Even though Swanstrom didn't make it to Wells Fargo Arena this year, he has a motto, and that motto is, "Never give up." Swanstrom plans on continuing to work hard and to hopefully make it to State in the years ahead. When asked what he loved most about the sport, he was quick to respond with "It pushes you." Although wrestling season is tough and hard fought, Swanstrom said there were some funny moments, like when one kid got kneed in the groin during a match. We look forward to more from Joe Swanstrom in his years ahead at KHS and we wish him the best of luck in his wrestling career.

BLAST FROM THE PAST

BY ANTHONY CAMPBELL

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...

Cullen Kelley

Q: Who do you think is going to win the men's NCAA basketball tournament?

7th

A: "Kentucky Wildcats"



12th

A: "Duke Devils"



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SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: JACE UPHOLD



BY BAYLEI MCCLELLAND

Jace Michael Uphold, also widely known as "Bobcat," was born on Feb. 3, 1999. Jace was born to Jamie and Lisa Uphold

and has three siblings, Cody, Haley, and Paden. What he admires most about his family is that they all respect people and never stop trying in life. Bobcat's favorite childhood memory is spending time with family at Lake Lacey. His favorite family memory is when he went to Myrtle Beach last summer.

Jace has been involved in many extra-curricular activities, including: basketball, speech, golf, FFA, and baseball. "My favorite is basketball because I love everything about the sport," he says. Jace's favorite high school memory is playing basketball with his friends. His favorite class throughout high school has been P.E. because he was able to play basketball every day. When Jace

isn't playing basketball or hanging out with his friends, he works at the Hammes Brother Sawmill stacking boards. In this job, he says that he's learned to just get work done so that you don't have to spend too much time on it.

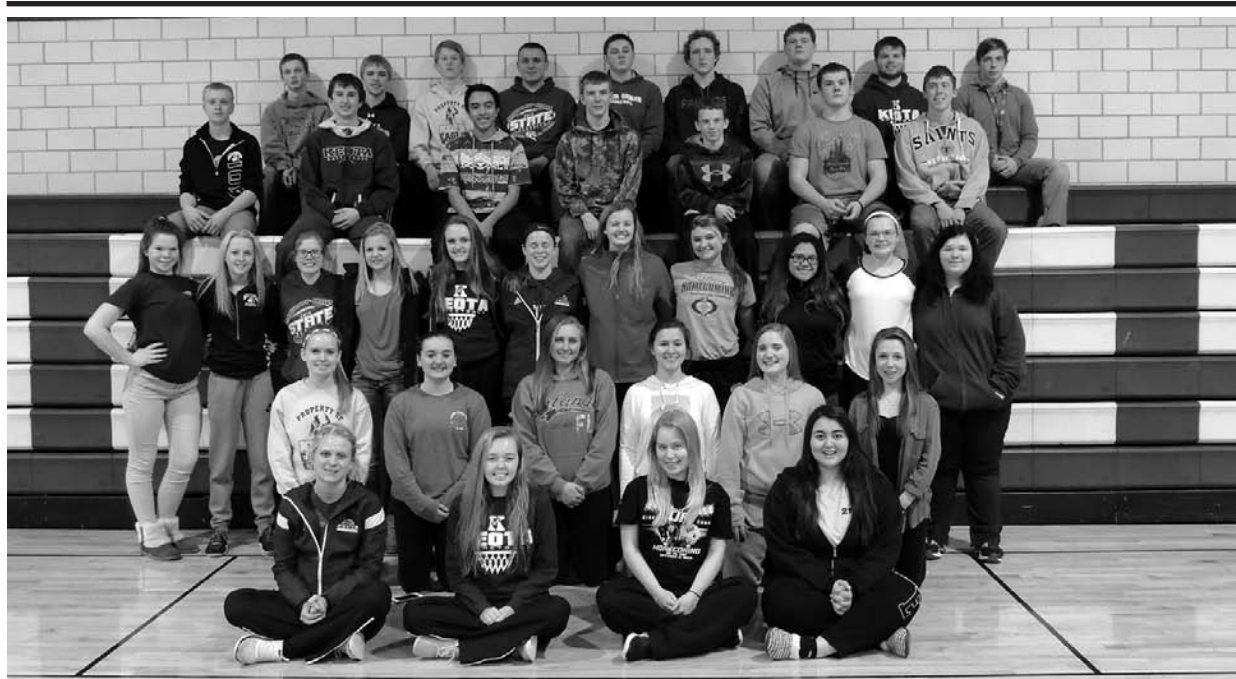
When Jace was younger he wanted to be a farmer. His future dreams aren't too far off, and he plans to go to Iowa State for Agricultural Studies. He believes that his hard work and focus will keep him on track to accomplishing his goals. In ten years, Jace says he can see himself living in Keota with a family. In his lifetime he wants to accomplish the following: graduate from college, have kids, and have grandchildren. When asked what fellow se-

nior at KHS, Jacob Wickenkamp, will miss about Jace, he stated, "seeing his curls and goofy face every day."

Jace wants people to remember him as a fun and good person, as well as someone who worked really hard. As Bobcat ends this chapter of his life, we all want to wish him good luck as he starts at Iowa State next year.



KEOTA SPEECH HEADS TO ALL-STATE



The Keota Speech Team consists of (left to right, back to front) Ty Sieren, Joe Swanstrom, Olin Walker, Sam Menke, Cole Stout, Jace Uphold, Cole Brenneman, Riley Conrad, Luke Greiner, Marty Baker, Nolan Verstraete, June Daing, Matt Hyman, Tyler Waterhouse, Trey Carlson, Turner Klein, Taylor Conrad, Kendall Wilson, MiKayla Beatty, Aaliyah Heldman, Addie Swanson, Jillian Schulte, Gracie McHugh, Brianna Duwa, Anna Ackerman, Jaydin Boer, Anna Duwa, Jaime Schulte, Lauren Imhoff, Olivia Sieren, Jordan Clemens, Bergen Dalton, Frankie Johnson, Erin Chalupa, Kaylin Swanson, Bianca Cardona. Not pictured: Wynonna Morris and Cooper Sieren.

BY LAUREN IMHOFF

Keota Speech continues to impress this season. With eight of the nine speech groups making it to State, seven of those groups received a Division I Rating at the State level on Saturday, Feb. 4 at Cedar Rapids-Washington

High School. With the utmost excitement, speech coaches Gina Bennett and Michael McNurlen had the opportunity to tell three of these groups that they had made it to All-State. The "2nd Bakery Attack" and Improv group consisting of Bianca Cardona, Riley Conrad, and Gracie McHugh will be performing,

and "If Men Played Cards as Women Do" will be honorary non-performers.

All-State Speech will take place in Ames on February 18. The best of luck to those performing at All-State, and congratulations to the entire Speech Department on a thrilling and impressive season!

FFA WEEK PREVIEW

BY: ERIN CHALUPA

National FFA Week is approaching! The 2017 National FFA Week will be Feb. 18-25, and the Keota FFA already has an agenda of how the week will go down. Starting off the week on Monday is Sub-District Contest at English Valley High School, where many members of the Keota FFA will participate. Participants are as follows: Marty Baker will be competing in individual Ag Sales, Logan Sieren in Prepared Public Speaking, Luke Greiner in Extemporaneous Speaking, Erin Chalupa in Job Interview, Jaime Schulte in Creed Speaking, Joe Swanstrom taking Manual Test, Jack Eakins in Welding, and Marty Baker and Logan Sieren will also be competing for district officer positions. There are many other activities planned for the week as well.

The FFA chapter is split into three committees: student, chapter, and community. Each committee will be coordinating activities throughout the week. The student committee decided



The 2016-17 Keota FFA Chapter consists of (from left to right): Front: President Erin Chalupa, Treasurer Logan Sieren, Sentinel Cole Stout, Secretary Riley Conrad, Vice-President Luke Greiner; 2nd Row: Cooper Sieren, Cole Brenneman, Jack Eakins, Avery Conrad, Jace Uphold; 3rd Row: Frankie Johnson, Jolee Walker, Alex Heisdorffer, Ben Shemanski, Marty Baker; 4th Row: Jill Schulte, Brianna Duwa, Addison Sprouse, Lexi Black, Jacob Moeller, Matthew Hyman; 5th Row: Nolan Verstraete, Olin Walker, Sam Menke, Jaime Schulte, Lauren Sieren, Bailey Sieren; 6th Row: Riley Hahn, Bryce Greiner, Conner Woltering, Brady Duwa, Max Johnson, Patrick Clarahan; Back Row: Anna Duwa, Rochelle Gutierrez, Colton Clarahan, and Joe Swanstrom. Members not present for photo: Reporter Raigan Sprouse, Kolton Strand, Dakota Detweiler, Sam Sieren, Carson Sprouse, and Anthony Westendorf.

to sponsor dress up days for the student body. Tuesday will be "John Deere green" versus "Case IH red," Wednesday will be "FFA blue" versus "FFA gold," and Friday will be "Dress Like a Farmer day." The FFA encourages members of the high school and elementary to get involved in the week by participating in the contest!

Next, the community committee will be including the community in the week by preparing and delivering FFA appreciation bags to local businesses. The chapter committee will be hosting the annual Faculty Breakfast for the Keota Staff on Wednesday morning. Other events that will be going on during the week will be Tractor Day and Reading Relay for the elementary on Friday.

The FFA uses this week to show thanks and appreciation to those who support the chapter, as well as showcase and promote the organization. We would like the wish FFA the best of luck in their contests on Monday and with the rest of their events throughout the week.

HOBBS' CLASSROOM PROJECTS

BY MALLORY WOLTERING



Bianca Cardona and Baylei McClelland show off their chandelier made out of recycled bottles.



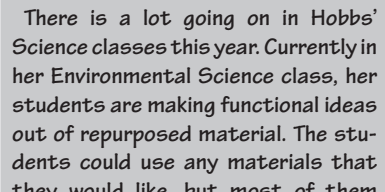
Jacob Moeller and Ben Shemanski show off their recycled fan.



Pictured above is a bird feeder.



Pictured is an ottoman made from recyclables.



Pictured is a small car made from recycled materials.

There is a lot going on in Hobbs' Science classes this year. Currently in her Environmental Science class, her students are making functional ideas out of repurposed material. The students could use any materials that they would like, but most of them chose to use plastic. There were many different items made, ranging from fans to cars. One of Hobbs' students, Baylei McClelland, said "I have enjoyed making many different projects out of recycled material." The final projects completed by the students included a car made by Johnathan Holderness and Laurie Amos, a bird feeder by Jonny Flanagan, a decorative mobile by Bianca Cardona and Baylei McClelland, a fan by Ben Shemanski and Jacob Moeller, and a foot stool by Wynonna Morris. The students in Hobbs Environmental Science have not only learned the importance of recycling but they have learned how to reuse and repurpose old materials into useful products.

JUNIOR HIGH ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

BY BERGEN DALTON



This week Lindsey Imhoff is the Athlete of the Week. She is the point guard on the junior high girls basketball team. Lindsey looks forward to home games because she enjoys dressing up. When the season started, Lindsey wanted to improve on left hand layups and to make more three point shots. She said she is glad she gets to be on a team with her friends and that she can play against her friends from other schools.

Lindsey's favorite motto is "Don't practice until you get it right, practice until you can't get it wrong." Lindsey says basketball is all about practicing and working hard, but it can also be fun. One funny memory she had this season was when Bailey Sieren hit her in the head with a basketball on accident and it made them laugh. The season has come to end now, but good job to the team for a great season and all their hard work!

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

BY JACOB WICKENKAMP

WHO IS YOUR FAVORITE PRESIDENT AND WHY?

MRS. SWANSON
STAFF



"GEORGE WASHINGTON, BECAUSE HE WAS A GOOD LEADER AND TOOK THE TIME TO LISTEN TO OTHERS."

JACE UPHOLD
12TH



"TEDDY ROOSEVELT, BECAUSE HE GOT SHOT BUT LIVED."

WYNONNA MORRIS
11TH



"GEORGE WASHINGTON, BECAUSE HE WAS FIRST."

TREY CARLSON
10TH



"DONALD TRUMP, BECAUSE BUILD THAT WALL."

ADDISON SWANSON
9TH



"ABRAHAM LINCOLN, BECAUSE HE NEVER LIED."

LINDSEY IMHOFF
8TH



"DONALD TRUMP, BECAUSE HE LIKES WALLS."

DAKOTA DETWEILER
7TH



"ABRAHAM LINCOLN, BECAUSE HE ENDED SLAVERY."