



# THE EAGLE'S WING

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## SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

### Jaydin is jumping for success



By MIKAYLA BEATTY

growing up was her eleventh birthday party, because it was Alice in Wonderland themed, with mini foods, a tea party and croquet. One of her favorite family traditions is that every Christmas Eve her family gets new pajamas.

The one thing that she admires most about her family is all of the hard work that they put in and their ability to overcome very difficult times. When Jaydin was growing up, she had many different careers that she had thought she wanted to pursue, anywhere from an astronaut to a veterinarian, and now an ASL (American Sign Language) Interpreter.

One of the things that Jaydin was most proud to accomplish was getting into the college that she had dreamed of getting into. After high school, she plans to attend Augustana University in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. She plans to major in American Sign Language Interpreting, hoping to work with children someday. She has loved this college for many years and has always found Sign Language to be very interesting.

Jaydin has been involved in speech, plays, musicals and EagleRock! throughout high school. She loves singing, dancing, cleaning, and organizing. She has had two different jobs throughout high school. She worked at the Keota pool the summer of her sophomore year, and now she works at HyVee. She also occasionally spends her time watching her little sister and doing chores at home. Jaydin

feels that these jobs have taught her to be responsible and manage time and money.

There are many different things that Jaydin hopes to accomplish throughout her lifetime. Some of the main things that she would like to accomplish are being successful in ASL, not accumulating debt, and finding a great person to have a happy family with. Although Jaydin has many wonderful qualities that will help her to achieve her goals, the ones that she believes will help her the most are that she is very hardworking and kind to everyone.

Jaydin's favorite elementary school memory was when she was in fourth grade and she entered the talent show doing Taekwondo. She said that she yelled and everyone jumped, making it pretty funny. Her favorite high school memory was her junior year EagleRock! trip to Wisconsin Dells, because they got to go in a hot tub outside in the snow. The class that she enjoyed most at Keota High School was World Literature with Ms. Bries, because she loves English and she believes that Bries is a great teacher that always breaks things down and makes classes fun. The class that she believes has prepared her most for life is College Prep, because it helped her know what to expect while approaching all of the aspects of college.

Jaydin says that the one thing that KHS offers that many other schools do not is the community, where

everyone is so close to one another. The one thing that she will miss the most after graduating is the normality, because college classes are not every day from 8-3 like her entire school career has been.

The four words that best describe Jaydin are compassionate, kind, talented, and driven. The one way that she wants KHS to remember her after graduating is as always being a kind and friendly person. As Anna Duwa puts it, "Jaydin is one of the kindest and most friendly individuals that I've ever been friends with. She is funny and determined, always doing what she believes is right. I will miss her and wish her the best at college!"

The piece of advice Jaydin would like to leave for future seniors is to "be yourself, be kind and be friends with that one kid." We all would like to wish Jaydin the best of luck after high school, with hopes that she achieves all of her goals.



## EAGLEROCK! BRINGS HOME TROPHIES

By TRINITY DALTON



EagleRock! did an amazing job at Cedar Rapids Washington on February 15. They performed their hearts out and won three trophies that night. To their amazement, they won People's Choice Award, Most Inspirational Ballad, and they were also Second Runner Up. They were also excited to perform in Central Lee on Feb. 29. Congratulations to EagleRock! for coming in first place at Central Lee. They did an amazing job. Special congratulations to Taylor Conrad for winning Star Performer at Cedar Rapids Washington and Sky Weber for winning Star Performer at Central Lee. They have four more performances left in the season. They perform on March 7 at Cedar Rapids-Jefferson, March 21 at West Delaware, March 26 in Florida, and April 29 in Keota for the Spring Concert.

## 10 FACTS ABOUT KHS SENIOR TYLER NORDSTROM

By ERIK SMITH



- #1 His favorite movie is "Baby Boy."
- #2 His favorite sport is football.
- #3 His favorite colors are red and black.
- #4 He has owned four cars.
- #5 His dream car is a 1972 Corvette and his dream truck is a Dodge Ram.
- #6 He used to work at McDonald's.
- #7 His favorite car that he has owned was his 1997 Jeep Grand Cherokee.
- #8 He drives a 1997 Nissan Maxima.
- #9 His favorite actor is Ryan Reynolds.
- #10 His best friend is Jason Ree.

## JUNK OR JEWEL

By TYLER NORDSTROM



This week's Junk or Jewel is on Alexia Purkeypille. She has a 2007 Chevy Impala. She says she doesn't know how many miles are on the car. The motor is 3.5L. The color of the car is burgundy. She gets 21 mpg in the city and 31 on the highway. Her radio presets are 99.7 and 102.9. The previous owner was a family friend and she paid \$1,300 for it. She got the car a year and a half ago. Lexi likes that her car runs and drives. She can fit five people in her car comfortably. She says the top speed is 100 miles per hour. Her best memory is when she drove to Belvedere to see the sunset. She named her car "Ol' Bessy" and she travels to work and with her siblings the most. Now it's time for you to decide. Is Lexi's Impala Junk or a Jewel?

## "The Dastardly Doctor Devereaux"



The cast of "The Dastardly Doctor Devereaux" consists of: First Row (L to R): Nicole Clarahan, Taylor Garman, Jordan Hammen, Anna Duwa, Ashlyn Ross, Jocelyn Purkeypille, Anthony Westendorf; Second Row (L to R): Taylor Conrad, Jenna Jaeger, Dulaney Club, Lexi Purkeypille, Jaydin Boer, AJ Sheetz; Third Row (L to R): Aiden Conrad, Dakota Detweiler, Brandon Greiner, and Grant Garman. The musical is directed by Jane Edwards.

By ANNA DUWA

Students at Keota have been practicing for a few weeks now in preparation for the Keota High School spring musical. This year's musical, titled "The Dastardly Doctor Devereaux," is set in 1918 in Hanover D. Cash Clinic. In it, Dogsbreath Devereaux, M.D. (Anthony Westendorf), is plotting to wed and murder

the wealthy widow Lotta Cash (Taylor Garman) to inherit her fortune and her late husband's clinic. He enlists the help of Hilda Hatchet (Anna Duwa), a nasty nurse, and promises to marry her once they have disposed of Lotta.

Problems arise when the insanely envious Hilda catches Dogsbreath flirting with Wendy March (Jaydin Boer), the heroine of the show. In

the end, it's up to Dr. Phil Good (Aiden Conrad) to save Wendy and the poor Lotta Cash from certain death.

This musical is sure to be a crowd-pleaser, with plenty of laughs to be expected throughout. Performances will take place on Thursday, April 2 and Saturday, April 4 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available by contacting the school.

## Girls basketball season recap

By JORDAN HAMMEN

The Keota girls basketball team finished their season on Thursday, Feb. 13 in Sigourney at their first round of districts. The coach for the girls is Jeff Sprouse and the assistant coach is Tim Clarahan.

There were six girls out for basketball, which included senior Jordan Hammen, two juniors, Sky Weber and Bailey Sieren, sophomore Taylor Kindred, and two freshmen, Taylor Garman and Macie McDonald.

The season was not easy for the girls, since everyone had to play almost the whole time during every game. There was one point during the season when a player got injured, only allowing them to play a game with five girls and no substitutes.

"These girls are what kept the program going," said Sprouse. "I am proud of all the hard work they put into the season and that they never gave up. Someday someone is going to look back ten years from now and wonder how they ever made it through a season with a team of six."

Senior Jordan Hammen said, "Having a team of six was fun because we all were so close and made so many memories that I will remember forever. I am glad I decided to play this year after not doing it for a very long time."

The girls had a record of 2-18 with two wins against Tri-County. Returning players are excited for what the next season will bring and we wish them the best of luck.

## BLAST FROM THE PAST

By NOLAN VERSTRAETE

### 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 younger. Let's see how their responses have changed over the years...

#### OLIN WALKER

Q: What is your favorite Thanksgiving food?

7th:

A: "Chocolate pie because my grandma makes it and it's the best."



12th:

A: "I don't like Thanksgiving food."



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## Track season preview

By TAYLOR CONRAD

Coach Dan Stout is excited for boys and girls track during the 2020 spring season. While this is his fifteenth year coaching girls track, it is his first year coaching the boys. However, he welcomes the challenge. Stout's favorite thing about

coaching track is he loves seeing his students compete and come together as a team.

Stout's goal for the season is to keep his students excited for their respective events by training hard and getting in the best shape they can be.

Despite how difficult it may be to make time for both teams, Stout welcomes the

challenge. He also welcomes returning boys track members J.D. Stout, Wyatt Sieren, and Sam Sieren after running at State during the previous season.

The season begins officially on Monday, March 16 with the SICL Indoor Meet. This year's track season will certainly be a fun, exciting one.

## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

By TRINITY DALTON

What is your favorite Valentine's Day candy?

MRS. CONRAD STAFF



"Chocolate covered strawberries."

JAYDIN BOER 12<sup>TH</sup>



"A box of chocolates, particularly the caramel ones."

LINDSEY IMHOFF 11<sup>TH</sup>



"Heart shaped Reese's."

TAYLOR KINDRED 10<sup>TH</sup>



"M&M's."

ANNADELL TUSING 9<sup>TH</sup>



"Chocolates."

KYRA DALTON 8<sup>TH</sup>



"A box of chocolates."

LANDYN GREINER 7<sup>TH</sup>



"Reese's"