



# THE EAGLE'S WING

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## KEOTA CROSS COUNTRY



Pictured is the 2020 Keota Cross Country Team. From left to right, they are Ryan Lawson, David Sherman, Owen Morris, and Noah Fisher. Not pictured: Skyler Pringle. Photo by Swanson Photography.

By CONNER WOLTERING

Keota Cross Country is off to a great start this year. This is Trevor Weeks' first time being the Keota Cross Country team's coach. Mr. Weeks is the KHS Social Studies teacher. When asked if he likes coaching cross country, Mr. Weeks said, "It's kind of fun, a good change in pass."

The high school season is going well, Mr. Weeks said. On Monday, Oct. 5 they had both of the high school runners run in under thirty minutes at Hillcrest Academy, setting a new team personal best.

The junior high season is going a little rocky, with a runner out due to a fractured ankle. Nonetheless, things went well for Owen Morris at the meet on Oct. 5. Weeks stated, "Owen had a plan to follow and he went with that plan, so he felt good after that race."

On Sept. 10 the team competed at Colfax-Mingo. For the high school team, Noah Fisher ran a split of 10:23 and finished the race with a time of 32:17. Ryan Lawson ran a split of 7:39 and finished the race with a time of 23:47.

For the junior high team, Skyler Pringle ran a split of 6:58 and finished the race with a time of 13:57, placing him fifth overall. Owen Morris ran a split of 8:02 and finished with a time of 16:05. David Sherman ran a split of 9:02 and finished the race with a time of 18:04.

"This team is a great group of runners and they give you a lot to work with," Weeks said. "They are on track to peak at the right moment to get a conference medal, and the high school members have a good foundation to build off of for next season."

Best of luck to the team as they finish out the rest of the season.

## WHIP OF THE WEEK

By CHASE KINDRED



This week's Whip of the Week goes to Tucker McDonald who drives a Chevy Malibu. It was made in 2001 and has just over

200,000 miles on it. It is red and has a V6 engine in it. It gets 29 miles to the gallon. Tucker purchased the car on March 2, 2020 for just \$200.

Tucker likes that his car is reliable and gets him around. He says that he can fit five people comfortably in his car, but if he needs to he can fit six. The top speed of his car is about 160 miles per hour.

Tucker named his car "Betty" because he says that she is pretty. As for people who travel with him, Tucker says that he's always got someone to go with him places no matter who it is. There have been three previous owners of this car. Tucker enjoys taking his car on road trips up to Kirkwood to hang out with his friends.

This concludes your Whip of the Week with Tucker McDonald.

## KHS SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

### Sky skyrockets into her senior year



By CALLIE MCNURLEN

Sky Echo Weber was born on January 10, 2003. She lives in Harper, Iowa, and has lived in Harper since she was young. She currently lives with her parents Mike and Susan, and she also has three other siblings, whose names are Katrina, Kevin, and Kenyon.

Sky is the youngest in her family. She has been involved in many extra-curricular activities throughout her high school career. She has been involved in EagleRock! show choir group, pep-band, basketball, and softball. She is also a class officer for her senior class and is in the National Honor Society. Sky enjoys basketball the most

out of the extracurricular activities she has done, because she loves how competitive it can be and she's played since she was little. She also really enjoys being in Keota's show choir group EagleRock!, because she loves to dance and perform.

In her free time, Sky likes to watch "Criminal Minds." She also likes to spend time with her family. Sky says her favorite childhood memory was going to UNI homecoming football games with her family, because they would tailgate and have a blast watching her favorite team play. Sky's favorite family vacation was going to the iconic Adventureland. Their family tries to go at least once a year. Sky loves to ride on the roller coasters and ride all the rides there.

Sky adores her family and takes pride in their accomplishments, just like her family does for her. She says something that she admires about her family is their hard work ethic. Sky has inherited this from her family, as she also has a very good, hard working work ethic that shows through in everything she does.

When she was little, Sky was still dreaming big. As a little girl, she planned to be a hairstylist when she grew up with her good friend Bailey Sieren. Throughout Sky's high school career, she has always found school to be very important to her. One class Sky took at Keota that she really enjoyed was chorus, taught by Mrs. Edwards, because it taught her how to be more outgoing and she loves music. The class that most prepared Sky for her life would be College Prep or English 10. She says that College Prep prepared her for taking responsibility and getting things done, while English 10 helped her develop her writing and comprehension skills.

After Sky graduates from high school, she plans on attending the University of Northern Iowa and majoring in Pre-Law. Sky would like to eventually get a job as a lawyer, because she likes to write and help others. She chose the University of Northern Iowa because she has always loved the college since she was young. Her dad also attended the University of

Northern Iowa.

Sky says she will miss Keota's small classes and her classmates after she graduates. The only thing she would do differently about her high school career is that she would have taken more art classes, because she loves to draw and paint new things. One thing she wants people to remember about her when she graduates is that she worked hard in everything that she did and gave good effort with good attitude. Lastly, Sky leaves future KHS students with some good advice. "Do everything with a good attitude and never take anything for granted."

We wish Sky the best of luck in her future endeavors.



## THE DASTARDLY DOCTOR DEVEREAUX



The cast of "The Dastardly Doctor Devereaux" includes (from left to right: (back row) Landyn Greiner, Austin Black, Brandon Greiner, AJ Sheetz, Grant Garman, Aiden Conrad; (middle row) Ava Greiner, Dulaney Clubb, Macie McDonald, Grace Conger, Makenzie Jackson; (front row) Wyatt Donald, Taylor Garman, Nicole Clarahan, Anthony Westendorf, Dakota Detweiler, Lindsey Imhoff, and Taylor Kindred. The play is directed by Jane Edwards.

By JENNA JAEGER

The play cast of Keota High School has been practicing "The Dastardly Doctor Devereaux" in preparation for the fall musical. Due to the short 2019 school year, "The Dastardly Doctor Devereaux" was put on hold last spring and is being held this fall instead.

The play takes place in the clinic of Lotta Cash (Makenzie Jackson) whose husband has died. Doctor Devereaux (Anthony Westendorf) has a goal to marry Lotta Cash and do away with her, so he can inherit her fortunes. Doctor Devereaux is aided by his nurse Hilda Hatchet (Taylor Garman). A new nurse appears on the scene, Nurse March (Dulaney Clubb), and we find out that she is the long lost daughter of Lotta Cash. Problems arise when she falls in love with the handsome doctor Phil Good (Aiden Conrad). Nurse Ivy Dripp (Nicole Clarahan) and the orderly Word Helper (Dakota Detweiler) fall in love and try to straighten things out. Six patients in Lotta Cash's hospital are in need of Brother Sunbeam's (AJ Sheetz) assistance, who has laryngitis. Officer Tommy Gunn (Grant Garman) shows up and tries to straighten things out.

The performances will take place Thursday, Nov. 5 and Saturday, Nov. 7 at 7:30 p.m. Advanced tickets will be required due to social distancing and the audience will be required to wear a mask. Tickets will be available by contacting Keota High School.

## Keota volleyball team destined to finish strong

By SKY WEBER

The Keota High School volleyball team has been working hard since the beginning of August to improve their game. The team practiced very hard in preparation for their competition ahead. At the time of this writing, the volleyball team is two and ten on their season, winning against Lone Tree and English Valleys. After the regular season the Keota Eagles volleyball team will be preparing for district play.

Throughout the volleyball season the team has dedicated a lot of time and effort to the sport. The Eagles volleyball team has had their ups and downs, but the team stays determined.

Lindsey Imhoff, a senior of the volleyball team, says, "When we all work together as a team, we play good volleyball. The North Mahaska game and the BGM game are great examples of us playing well together. I believe that our record for the season



Pictured above is the Keota High School Varsity volleyball team. From left to right is: (back row) Coach Teresa Miller, Katelyn Swantz, Bailey Sieren, Lexi Purkeypile, Lindsey Imhoff, Callie McNurlen, Coach Sky Hahn; (front row) Nicole Clarahan, Makenzie Jackson, Taylor Kindred, Chloe Pringle, and Macie McDonald. Photo by Swanson Photography.

does not define us because we have shown throughout the season that we can play great volleyball by working together, and this is what makes playing the game of

volleyball so much fun." The volleyball season is coming to an end, but the girls are savoring every last moment. The team has improved throughout the sea-

son by growing closer as a team and working hard at practice.

With their season concluding, we wish them the best of luck in their upcoming games.

## COBRAS NAMED DISTRICT CHAMPS



Pictured are the Cobra football players from Keota, along with cheerleader Bailey Sieren.

By RILEY HAHN

The SK Cobras are off to a great start this season. They are undefeated after beating Mediapolis on Oct. 2, with a score of 31-14. The Cobras were named Class 1A District 6 Champions after beating the Bulldogs. A win against Cardinal will clinch an unbeaten regular season for SK. The Cobras' record is 6-0.

Brady Duwa had this to say about the Cobra's season: "Our goal is to go 1-0 every day by getting better every practice. We aren't worried about the long term. If we can build a little bit each day, this team will go far." Duwa is leading the team with 230 yards receiving. He also averages 40.2 yards per punt return, 42.6 per kick return, and has returned four kicks for touchdowns this season.

The Cobras opened the season on Aug. 28 defeating Mid-Prairie 27-21. Then on Sept. 4 they beat Union 48-14. The Cobra's defense shut-out Louisa-Muscatine and Pekin, scoring 41 points on the Falcons (Sept. 11) and 49 against the Panthers (Sept. 25). SK was also victorious on Sept. 18 against Van Buren, with a score of 48-13. The Cobras are averaging 40.66 points and 246 rushing yards per game.

Coach Klynt Weber commented, "This is our third season in our 4-2-5 defense. We returned seven players with significant defensive experience, and it has shown as our defense has smothered opponents, allowing just 9.1 points per game."

Sam Sieren leads the team with 754 yards rushing. SK has had 21 interceptions in the last 15 games. Jack Clarahan leads SK with 36 tackles. Bryce Greiner, defensive and quick tackle for the Cobras, said, "I feel like this team is so close. We come to play and want to win. That is why we have been so successful this year. We hope to make a deep playoff run, and we love the support from the community."

SK looks to have home-field advantage during the playoffs. Carson Sprouse, a center and nose guard, says he hopes the team makes it to the Dome in Cedar Falls. Good luck to the SK Cobras on the rest of the season.

## FFA MUMS AND FRUIT SALES

By MAX JOHNSON

The Keota Ag department is having their annual mum sales. This has been a very successful year for the FFA selling mums, because there are only 16 mums left after two weeks of selling! They are for sale at home sporting events and through Keota FFA members. Mums can also be loaded into your car for you if you want any help.

The Annual FFA fruit sale has also just started and will be going on until November 5. There are fruits such as apples, oranges, and pears available. For those people who enjoy cheese and meats, there are also plenty of different flavored cheeses and cheese spreads for sale. Orders are expected to be in around the first week in December. This is also the second year the FFA is selling chocolate candies, different types of nuts, chewy candies, and hard candies. If you are interested in purchasing any fruits, cheeses, meats, or candies, all Keota FFA members are selling and would love to sell to you.

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### Question of the Week: What is your favorite dessert? By Jaydin Benford

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| <br><b>Mr. McCombs</b><br>Teacher<br>Cheesecake, because it's delicious. | <br><b>Tucker McDonald</b><br>12th<br>Pumpkin pie, because it's good. | <br><b>Grant Garman</b><br>11th<br>Chocolate cake, because it's good. | <br><b>Savannah Smith</b><br>10th<br>Vanilla ice cream, because it tastes like nothing. | <br><b>Brooklynn Neef</b><br>9th<br>Apple pie, because I like apples. | <br><b>Landyn Greiner</b><br>8th<br>Cactus bread, because it's good. | <br><b>Adrianna Campbell</b><br>7th<br>Chocolate pie, because it's good. |
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