

## Kewanee Schools Foundation

# ALUMNI UPDATE

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### RACHELLE PRICE NAMED STAR COURIER'S TEACHER OF THE YEAR



*Pictured left to right: Jason Stabler, Lincoln Throneburg, Rachelle Price, and Star Courier representative Kirsten Wager.*

Rachelle Price of Belle Alexander School has been selected as the Star Courier's 2017 Teacher of the Year.

Price started her career 16 years ago as a kindergarten teacher for the Kewanee School District. She taught for two years at Central School and then relocated to Belle, where she has continued to teach kindergartners.

Price was nominated for the award by kindergarten student Lincoln Throneburg, who submitted a letter written in pencil to the Star Courier.

"She is the best teacher in the world. She teaches good math and she tells funny jokes. I am happy that she is my teacher," Lincoln wrote.

Belle Alexander principal Jason Stabler said the award was "well deserved." "Mrs. Price is a wonderful teacher and she exemplifies an overall attitude of positivity," Stabler said.

### CLASS OF 1947 TO CELEBRATE 70 YEAR CLASS REUNION

Congratulations to the KHS Class of 1947 who will hold their reunion September 8 and 9, 2017.

Class officers pictured below are: Barbara Olson, Marty O'Conner, Miss Elsie Kimmel-Advisor, Bill Walton and Keith Follet.



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**DR. BRANDON BOCKEWITZ  
'98 NAMED 'LEADER  
UNDER 40' IN PEORIA, IL**



Dr. Brandon M. Bockewitz, is a family medicine physician with a specialty in sports medicine at UnityPoint Health – Peoria.

In addition to traditional family medicine care, he provides musculoskeletal and nonsurgical orthopedic care for a wide range of conditions.

For five years, Dr. Bockewitz has volunteered as a team physician for Stark County High School, providing on-site medical coverage at football games and helping to develop a concussion oversight program.

When asked to help provide medical coverage for football games at Robert Morris University, he and the athletic trainer saw an opportunity to do even more by developing a weekly athletic training room. In addition to on-site coverage at games, they now treat sports-related issues through this training room.

Over the past six years, Dr. Bockewitz has worked with a range of medical students and residents, using his expertise in sports medicine to help develop the next generation of healthcare providers.

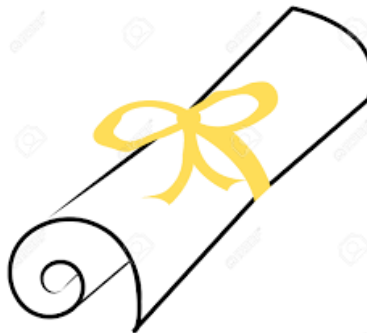
**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE  
KEWANEE HIGH SCHOOL  
CLASS OF 2017**



*Jessica and Victoria Crofton*

We are pleased to announce that over \$81,000 in scholarships and awards administered by the Kewanee Schools Foundation were presented to members of the KHS Class of 2017!

For a complete list of this year's recipients, please visit our website at [kewaneeschoolsfoundation.org](http://kewaneeschoolsfoundation.org).



**KHS COUNSELOR MISSY  
VAIL-FRAKES IS AWARDED  
2017 MASTER TEACHER  
AWARD**



*Missy and her daughter Ava*

Kewanee High School Counselor Missy Vail-Frakes was honored along with fourteen other area educators at the 2017 Master Teachers Induction Ceremony on May 4. The awards are sponsored annually by the Dispatch/Argus newspaper.

The Master Teacher recognition event began in 1991, and has recognized more than 420 of the area's best educators for their service and dedication.

In addition to her countless hours spent in support of KHS students, Missy is mom to Ava, Mya and Emerson. She and her husband James reside in Woodhull, IL. In her "free time", Missy continues to perform her country music at various venues throughout the state.



## SILVER LINING IN CHAMPAIGN FOR KHS WRESTLER

To be the best, Kewanee's Lewis Robinson had to beat the best.

The KHS junior faced an undefeated, defending state champion — Nolan Baker of Byron — in the 145-pound championship match at the Class 1A state wrestling tournament.

Robinson hung with Baker early in the match, but the Byron senior executed a hip toss and pinned Robinson 58 seconds into the title bout at the State Farm Center in Champaign. Robinson trailed 3-2 when Baker turned the toss into a state title winning pin.

"I was trying to stick with it," Robinson said of his silver medal finish. "My goal was to last longer than anybody that has ever wrestled him. I was trying to go into overtime and probably win it, but I know he's really good."

Robinson finished the season at 40-5 and becomes the third Kewanee High School wrestler to earn 40 wins in a season joining Mark Breedlove and Matt Jenkin.



*Second from right is Lewis Robinson on the medal stand at Champaign.*

## KHS TO STATE - AGAIN!



The Kewanee High School Group Interpretation team placed second at the IHSA Sectional in Sterling and advanced to state competition. Seventeen members performed "Mean Girls" at the Studio Theater at the University of Illinois-Springfield.

This is the twelfth time in as many years that the KHS GI team has earned a spot at state competition, earning the title of Sectional Champion three times. The team is directed by Heather Olalde.

Five KHS performers were chosen for the All-Sectional Cast: Ally Kubiak, Zoey Murphy, Conner DeVilder, Lizzy Gustafson and Myles Taylor.

For more reviews about their activities visit their Facebook page: KHS Theater and Music Department!



## LINDSAY STALZER INDUCTED INTO BRADLEY UNIVERSITY ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

Induction to the Bradley Athletics Hall of Fame shocked Lindsay Stalzer.

But her shock wasn't born of false humility. When your college career includes stats and accomplishments rarely achieved in school history and are followed by a solid professional career, you know the Hall will call someday.

Someday, when you're old.

'Wow,' Stalzer said. 'I'm that old.'

Eleven years after setting school and Missouri Valley Conference records for kills in a volleyball career — records that still stand — Stalzer has made a nice living playing overseas. Eleven teams in nine countries, and her pro days aren't over yet. She'll be heading to play in Indonesia soon.

Hard to believe the Kewanee native has been gone from Bradley so long. Harder to believe that the Braves haven't posted a winning record since she played for them.



## FREYA BLOCK ENDS COLLEGE ATHLETIC CAREER AS HAMMER THROW ALL-AMERICAN



Freya Block put the finishing touches on a terrific senior campaign at the 2017 NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships, as she threw 211'-10" (64.56m) on her third attempt to take home an All-American 7th place finish in the women's hammer throw.

Block opened her series with a respectable toss of 204' 5" (62.30m), which put her in 10th after first attempts. With the top nine advancing to the finals, the Neponset, IL native fell to 14th after she failed to improve on her second toss. The nerves of competing at her first national meet finally settled and the two-time MVC Champion dialed up a throw of 211'-10" (64.56m) to move on to the finals and eventually place 7th.

Block became SIU's 13th All-American all-time in the women's hammer throw, which ties Southern Illinois with Southern California for the most all-time. Block's two team points grew SIU's all-time points lead in the event.

The walk-on thrower from Kewanee High School is SIU's 163rd All-American all-time.

## COACH LEWIS RECEIVES COACH OF THE YEAR AWARD

KHS Boy's Basketball coach Shaune Lewis was one of three area high school basketball coaches to receive the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association District Coach of the Year honors at the IBCA's Hall of Fame banquet May 6 at Illinois State University's Redbird Arena. This was Shaune's first IBCA Coach of the Year award.





## KHS STUDENTS RECEIVE FOOD HANDLER CERTIFICATION



Kewanee High School Foods class passed a food handler certification class and are now certified through the Henry/Stark County Health Department. Forty-two students participated in a week long course administered by Dorothy David of the health department. The students passed the required test and now own a food handler license that employees must have to work in a food establishment. The program was paid for by Kewanee McDonald's owners, Dennis and Trina Gendron, who contributed the \$15.00 per student fee. "This was a wonderful collaboration of a community leader, state agency and school system that will benefit the students with increased employment opportunities," said Stephanie Johnson, Home Economics teacher at Kewanee High School.

## KHS BAND MEMBER PERFORMED WITH NAVY BAND

Katrina "Kat" Wolf, a bassoonist in the high school band, was one of ten Quad City area musicians selected to perform with the United States Navy Concert Band at Augustana College in Rock Island.

The band has played for a Quad Cities audience many times, and traditionally invites area students to join them in performing John Philip Sousa's "Washington Post" march at their concerts.

This year, ten students from the Quad Cities area high schools were invited to play.

Directors from each school selected superior players from their bands.

Kewanee High School band director Alex Binek nominated Miss Wolf.

## STUDENTS COMBINE MUSIC AND ART TO BRING ATTENTION TO REFUGEE CRISIS IN SYRIA

The high school band and choir, along with art students, put together a video. The music is titled "Prayer of the Children."

Choir and Band Director Alex Binek along with Art Teacher Marc Nelson, worked on the project for months.

The student's art depicts children in the war torn country. The animation is done in charcoal. The video depicts the journey of five fictional children surviving the horrors of the Syrian civil war.

It is an effort to express compassion, concern and to raise awareness about the many children and adults who have died or been displaced because of the war in Syria.

The song "Prayer of the Children" was inspired by the struggles of children in war torn Yugoslavia in the 90's. Listen to the children. Pay attention. A reminder from kids in Kewanee to people the world over.

To view the Prayer of the Children interview go to:  
<http://www.kwqc.com/content/misc/Prayer-Of-The-Children>



## MAJ. JIM GOLBY '96 SERVED ON THE VICE PRESIDENT'S NATIONAL SECURITY STAFF

*SUBMITTED BY MIKE BERRY, KEWANEE STAR COURIER*



Vice President Joe Biden has left the White House. But a member of his staff, Army Maj. Jim Golby, stayed on with the new administration for a few months.

Golby, a Kewanee native, has been on Biden's national security affairs staff for the past 13 months. "I'm a nonpartisan military officer," he said, so he'll stay on during the transition to the Trump administration, and serve on Vice President Mike Pence's national security staff.

This summer, he and his family will move to Brussels, where he will be a Defense Policy Adviser for NATO.

Working on Biden's staff has taken Golby all over the country, and all over the world. He accompanied the vice president on trips to Iraq and Turkey, for example. In his staff position, Golby would attend meetings with the vice president two or three times a week. He prepared Biden for National Security Council meetings, and attended meetings in the Situation Room at the White House.

He's also sat in on a few meetings with President Barack Obama. Golby said his areas of concentration have been Iraq and nuclear policy.

One of the highlights of his time at the White House came when the world champion Chicago Cubs visited to receive official congratulations from Obama. Golby said he's been a "huge Cubs fan" since he was 4 or 5.

Golby is the son of Jim and Alice Ann Golby of Kewanee, and a 1996 Kewanee High School graduate. He is a West Point graduate, and said that for the first nine years of his Army career he was an armor officer. He served two tours in Iraq between 2004 and 2007, and after his second deployment he applied for a faculty position at West Point. He was accepted, but first the Army sent him to Stanford University, where he earned a doctorate in political science.

The next step in Golby's career was a stint as a special assistant to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Then he applied for a fellowship that would put him in a non-traditional job out of uniform.

Usually those jobs are with the Senate Foreign Relations Committee or the State Department, he said, but there was an opening on the vice president's staff, and that's where he ended up.

Golby, his wife Kristen and their five children live in Alexandria, VA, and they're looking forward to moving to Europe. "My wife and I always wanted for the kids to experience Europe before they reached high school age," he said.

Golby has the rank of Major now, but his promotion to Lieutenant Colonel should come through this spring, he said.

# PASSINGS

## **Class of '36**

Dorothy (Kirley) Dooley - 6/5/17  
Maurine (Hay) Reig-Jones -  
1/14/17

## **Class of '38**

Lois (Peden) Kempin - 2/1/17  
Robert M. Briggs - 6/2/17

## **Class of '42**

Mary Lou (Hayden) Baldwin -  
6/14/17

## **Class of '43**

Beverly (Camp) Warren - 2/20/17

## **Class of '45**

Shirley (Addis) Lundeen -  
12/11/16  
John "Rusty" Lams - 12/12/16  
Shirley (Seefeld) Hull - 3/6/17

## **Class of '46**

Gwendolyn (Moore) Krause -  
1/15/17  
Herbert E. Lamb - 3/4/17

## **Class of '47**

Robert E. Baker - 12/11/16  
Gerald Baldwin - 4/24/17

## **Class of '48**

Daryl Godke - 12/8/16

## **Class of '49**

Frances (Boswell) Verscha -  
2/25/17  
Lester L. Ripka - 4/29/16

## **Class of '51**

Janet (Engel) Freeman - 12/17/16  
Lorena (Dergins) Medford -  
12/4/16  
Daniel Uptegrove - 9/26/16

## **Class of '52**

Patricia (Huber) Byers - 6/10/17

## **Class of '53**

JoAnn (Carlson) Williams -  
3/21/17

## **Class of '54**

Amelia (Wysowski) Lough -  
3/21/10

## **Class of '55**

Luella (Watson) Heise - 12/16/16  
LaVonne (Grayson) Witte -  
12/5/16

## **Class of '56**

Raymond Zarvell - 1/15/17

## **Class of '58**

Mary "Sue" (Dragolovich) Lemanski  
- 12/9/16  
Shelby (Krause) Copple - 2/12/17

## **Class of '62**

Millie (Popejoy) Niedziela -  
2/16/17  
Robert (Bob) Currier - 6/1/17

## **Class of '63**

Shirley (Ensley) Drawyer - 2/17/17

## **Class of '65**

Eddie L. David - 3/6/17  
Thomas M. Nelson - 2/18/17  
David F. Osborne - 5/4/17

## **Class of '66**

Charles E. Baker - 1/4/17  
Aubrey W. Harvey, Jr. - 3/3/17

## **Class of '68**

Rickey (Rick) Ford - 5/27/17

## **Class of '72**

Debra (Bartlett) Green - 3/24/17

## **Class of '73**

Sue (Kubiak) Holtschult - 3/19/17  
Gloria Smith-Durant - 5/6/17

## **Class of '76**

Eugene (Geno) F. Hernandez -  
6/9/17

## **Class of '77**

David Funnell - 12/8/16  
Patricia (Leasman) Peed - 1/3/17

## **Class of '79**

Gwyn Drawyer - 5/15/17

## **Class of '83**

Douglas D. DeMay - 12/16/16

## **Class of '89**

Aaron "Kirk" Zimmerman -  
12/1/16

## **Class of '93**

Wyatt Scott - 12/12/17

## **Class of '97**

Christopher Lough - 1/5/17

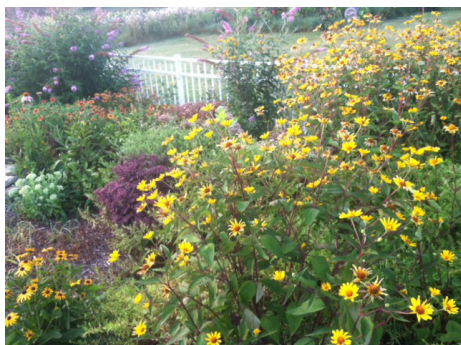
## **Class of '08**

Gabina Garcia - 4/9/17



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