

## Sydney Lynn Thom



By Bret Westby

On April 8, 2008, something magical happened. Travis Thom and Ashley Slawson were blessed to have their second child, Sydney Lynn Thom. Later, Travis and Kari were blessed to have Adalyn, Katelyn, and James Thom. But today we're talking about the myths and legends of Sydney. If you have met her, you know that she is the most caring person in the world and has a wonderful sense of humor, with her saying, "I drive safely with my two flat tires" and creating art that makes Bob Ross drawings look like a child's finger painting.

Her most memorable moment was during her freshman year, when she went on an art trip to the cities, learning more about art and being mesmerized by it.

But now, when she graduates, she's going to study to become a respiratory therapist at Northland, following the steps of step-mother Kari Thom, who is also a respiratory therapist. I wish her the best of luck in her endeavors, even though I know she's going to become a wonderful therapist.

Her favorite show ever is *The Walking Dead*, and if you spark up any conversation with her, she's bound to talk about it at one point or another. Her favorite actor is Robin Williams, and her favorite movie is *Interstellar*.

What she'll miss most about high school is her friends that she has made for years, the people that she's grown up with.

In high school, her favorite teacher was Mike Ofstedal

due to him caring deeply about his students and his ability to show that he cared to put forth the post effort to get to know people and their issues and talk to them to help them fix them. And because of this, her favorite class is also college biology.

Sydney's inspiration in life was because of her sister Chloe Thom. Chloe showed Sydney all the things you can do in life, how to push through difficult times, and still complete your goals, and that's why Sydney looks up to Chloe because despite the hardships that she was given, she was still just as strong as ever and didn't let the challenges control her life. What is Sydney's advice to younger classmates? Her advice is to do everything, people will not care, and forge your own path in life.

I think everyone can agree that Sydney Lynn Thom is an incredible person. We all love Sydney, and I personally wish her the best of luck in whatever her future holds.

## Reilly James Templin



By Caden Murphy

Reilly was born in Monticello on September 7, 2007, to Dean and Stacy Templin, and four years later, his brother Kaiden was born. He grew up in Hutchinson until he was 10, then moved to Island Lake, where he has lived ever since.

Reilly really enjoys working on his cars, especially his Trailblazer. He plans to graduate this spring and become an electrician afterward.

Reilly is skilled at working on real cars, but he also designs mods for cars in online games. He even makes decent money from designing these mods in his free time, while his day job is working at Ace. He also

spends his free time hanging out with friends.

His life goal is to live in a log house with a big garage on a lake somewhere in Minnesota while continuing to work as an electrician. When he is ready to retire, he hopes to become a truck driver.

## Tanner James Vig



By Jonah Noel

Tanner James Vig was born on May 2, 2008, in Fosston, MN. Tanner lives with his family, which includes his dad, Mike; his mother, Terisa Vig; and his brother, Trevor.

After high school, Tanner plans to attend SDSU to study ag systems technology. After college, he plans to return home and take over the family farm with his brother Trevor and cousin. Tanner once said, "Try anything and everything."

Tanner is very involved in school. He participates in student council, National Honor Society, football, baseball, and FFA. He has also been on the A honor roll throughout high school. He stays busy helping his dad on the farm and working at Ace Hardware in town.

Tanner's pet peeve is when people peek at his phone, and his advice to underclassmen is to respect upperclassmen. His favorite activity is being outside.

What Tanner will miss most is hanging out with his buddies all day. He will also miss being in Mrs. Donovan's classes.



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