

Tessa Kaye Zitzow



By Madison Bailie

Tessa Kaye Zitzow was born on April 17, 2008, in Fosston, MN. She was welcomed into a family that has loved her from the very beginning. Her family consists of her mother, Jennifer Scott; her father, Erwin Zitzow; and her sister, Kayla Zitzow. As a baby, she was given a small blanket that quickly became her first prized possession. Even now, it remains a quiet reminder of where she started and the love that has always surrounded her.

Throughout high school, Tessa discovered the places and people that helped shape her into who she is today. She found joy in Mrs. Donovan's ag classes. She took all the classes she could, including Fish & Wildlife, Intro to Ag, Advanced Ag, Global Foods, and Farm to Table. Mrs. Donovan wasn't just a teacher to Tessa—she became a mentor and someone who believed in her. Mrs. Mac, who taught her Health and Medical Careers, became another person she looked up to.

Tessa's dedication showed in everything she did. She earned a place on the B Honor Roll every year since freshman year and became a part of FFA from sophomore through senior year. What she'll miss most isn't the classes—it's the everyday moments with friends, the laughter in the hallways, and the conversations that made even the longest days feel lighter. Her advice to underclassmen is to walk on the right side of the hallway, and life will go a little smoother.

After graduation, Tessa will begin a new chapter at North Dakota State University, majoring in vet-

erinary technology and minoring in equine science. She hopes to join the rodeo team behind the scenes. Her love for animals, especially horses, grew from her time working at the Granbois Farm. She once said, "Working on the farm has made me want to do veterinary technology and equine science because I would get to work with the horses there and bring them to the vet." That experience didn't just inspire her, but it gave her a sense of direction and a dream worth chasing.

Outside of school, Tessa's life is full of the things that bring her joy. She loves attending church youth events like Steubenville and plans to join a Bible study in college. She also loves to bake, especially cookies, cakes, banana bread, cake pops, and cheesecake. When she needs a break, she turns on Grey's Anatomy, takes a trip to Bemidji for shopping and 7 Brew, or visits her sister in Fargo. One of her most cherished memories is her trip to Colorado, where she stayed with a friend, went to barrel races, and explored the mountains.

Tessa is someone full of kindness and determination. She will move into her future carrying the lessons, friendships, and memories that shaped her into who she is today. Even though she is leaving high school behind, she will always be a part of it.

Brennen Zahnow *Continued*

By Koltyn Larson

Brennen William Zahnow was born on September 25, 2007.

Brennen and his family consist of his mother, Abby Zahnow; his father, Jaime Helland; and his sisters, Adeline Helland, Cadence Helland, Jayla Helland, Emma Helland, and Penelope Zahnow.

He moved from Albert Lea, where he attended school from 5th through 8th grade, then to Stephen-Argyle, where he attended from 8th through 10th grade, and finally to Fosston for his junior and senior years.

Brennen plans to attend Bemidji State University, where he will study music education. He will be living on campus for his first year.

Brennen's biggest pet peeve is when people chew with their mouths open—"it is not that serious."

In Brennen's house, it is quite a zoo, with a dog, four cats, and a bunny. Some people might call it his own menagerie. His cats lay around all day, and you might see his dog outside. Then there is the bunny, the one he relaxes with for a large part of the day.

Brennen's favorite class is band. Growing up, he always loved listening to music, so when he had the opportunity to play music himself, he took it. Music has been something he has enjoyed throughout his life, and now that he has the chance to pursue his passion, he plans to take hold of it with both hands.

Brennen's favorite food is buffalo bone-in wings. This is important because while he is watching sports, he likes to enjoy a nice plate of wings.

Brennen's quote whenever people talk about wings is, "Boneless chicken wings are just bigger chicken nuggets."



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