

## In the news . . .

### The RCFD

by Seth Stamp

The Rockwell City Fire Department works hard to keep us safe. They routinely practice their jobs with controlled fires and training to make sure they're able to protect people.

Last fall, I went to the controlled burn of an old house to take pictures. Once they started the fire, they kept it contained with ease, despite trees being within ten feet of the house. The fire burned for three hours and made the fall air feel like a summer heat wave, but even in the fire gear, the fire-fighters didn't waver from keeping the fire controlled. Towards the end of the fire when there was almost no flame left, they let a little girl, who they saved from a grain bin, and her family use the hoses.

Recently, the fire department renewed their ice water rescue training. They wore protective suits and rescued each other out of the duck pond, which they

cut a large hole into. Towards the end when they were done, they started having fun and let Hunter Voith of Rockwell city take a turn. The RCFD cares and wants to help people in need, and I think that they are doing a great job of it.

### Academic Decathlon

by Jordan Ludwig

With the regional competition having taken place, the season for Academic Decathlon has officially begun. With the state competition coming up in a short month, the team is preparing to bring SCC another banner.

At the regional competition, students took seven tests in addition to giving a speech and attending an interview. SCC placed first as a team at regionals, bringing home a total of 62 ribbons and nine medals. Scoring over 36,000 points, this year's competition is off to a great start.

Academic Decathlon has a team consisting of nine individuals, three at each academic level. While they have more than nine members on

the team, they still only have nine spots at state, so our kids support and challenge each other in order to land on the State roster.

Senior Ryan Brown claimed, "we did very well and I'm proud of our team for accomplishments." Good luck to each team member at the state competition; show everyone what SCC can do!

### Gamers' Life

by Cody Schumacher

Gamers have a different world from everyone else; they see things differently and analyze things more, and they have faster reflexes as well, which in turn helps with everything in life. I interviewed four gamers; they average about eight to ten hours a week of gaming. They've all concluded that the reason they game is because they have nothing better to do, it keeps them competitive, and they learn moves from it.

When asked what the greatest game they ever played was, the answers were Battlefield 1, Skyrim, and Nintendo

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### Upcoming Events . . .

- 1-23 BB @ EMMETSBURG 6:15 PM
- 1-26 AD @ EMMETSBURG
- 1-26 BOYS SWIMMING @ CARROLL 5:30 PM
- 1-27 BBALL @ NEWELL 6:00 PM
- 1-28 SCC DUAL WRESTLING @ RC 10:00 AM
- 1-28 BB @ POMEROY 6:00 PM
- 1-30 BB VS. HUMBOLDT @ RC 6:00 PM
- 1-31 BB @ GOWRIE 6:00 PM
- 1-31 WRESTLING @ GILMORE CITY 6:00 PM
- 2-2 MORNINGSIDE JAZZ FESTIVAL
- 2-2 BB VS. WBM @ RC 6:00 PM
- 2-3 BB VS. MNWW @ RC 6:00 PM
- 2-4 SECTIONAL WRESTLING TOURNAMENT
- 2-4 STATE LARGE GROUP SPEECH
- 2-4 BOYS DISTRICT SWIM MEET



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### Emily Henkenius

by Sydnie Schultz

After high school, Emily plans to go to college. She plans to get her associate's degree and become a physical therapist's assistant. In high school, she has been involved in basketball, track, and volleyball. Her favorite pastime is spending time with her family and friends. She likes to go out to eat and go to movies with them.

The thing Emily will miss

the most about high school is being able to see all of her classmates and friends she has made over the last four years. She will also miss all of the teachers she had the last four years. Emily's best high school memory was being able to play sports and making memories throughout her high school career.

In ten years, Emily sees herself working in the hospital as a PTA. She hopes to be living in a house, getting married, and having a

family. She looks forward to college because she will be studying something that she wants to be when she was older. She also looks forward to meeting new people and making new friends along the way.

The thing that inspires Emily the most is her family, teachers, friends, and Faith. Her advice to underclassmen is to enjoy every moment you get during high school and get involved. It will make your years of high school fun and memorable.



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### Trevor Dettman

by Austin Wiskus

Trevor Dettman is a senior at South Central Calhoun High School. He enjoys his art classes. After high school, Trevor wants to go to Iowa Central. He is going to study Robotics and Engineering. He enjoys playing video games with his friends. He also enjoys

his job at GameStop.

Trevor's dream job is to either create video games or help make robots for many different programs from robot fights to helping citizens. In five years, he sees himself with his dream job and in a pretty good looking house with an amazing girlfriend. His favorite food is hot wings and claims to be a pro at making them.

Trevor is a nice, kind person and is a great friend to those who are his friend. He cares about them and says he would do anything for them. He loves talking to new kids and making them feel welcome. He loves being at school and being around his friends. Out of all the things school gives, he is going to miss his friends the most. He said, "I will keep all the memories I have made in high school."



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### Brandon Assman

by Aspen Ellis

Brandon's plans after high school are to attend the power lineman program in Sheldon, Iowa after high school. He has been very active throughout all four years of high school. Brandon has been involved in

football, track, wrestling, basketball, FFA, and FCA. Sports are one thing that Brandon says he is going to miss the most.

When he is not occupied with school activities, Brandon can be found spending time boating around Twin Lakes. If school has taught Brandon anything, it is how to get

along with different types of people. He advises younger students to work hard, and it will pay off in the long run. Although we all know Brandon is a talker, he didn't have a whole lot to say about his post-graduation plans; he was just looking forward to graduating and making a living.



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### **Vanessa Squier**

by Aspen Ellis

This fall, Vanessa plans to attend the University of Iowa to major in business marketing and minor in graphic design. Throughout high school, she was very active in a range of activities. Vanessa has been in softball for four years, football and basketball cheerleading for three years, golf for two years, and track, cross-country, and individual and group speech for one year.

As a senior, Vanessa joined the SCC FFA and is the dance team manager. Her favorite high school memory is going to State basketball and cheering on her sister. After high school, she says she's going to miss all of her friends and the sports. She's going to miss waking up to go to dance team or being with her high school friends.

"It is hard to imagine that we're all going off in different directions," says Vanessa.

Miss Anderson, a former teacher, gave Vanessa the best advice, which is that everybody has a story, so don't judge them by a glance. Vanessa's advice to underclassmen is to "not get caught up in drama; it's only four years of your life. It goes fast. Have fun and enjoy being a kid."



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### **Megan Ukena**

By Myk Schoop

Megan Ukena is a senior at South Central Calhoun. She plans to go to Morningside College after high school and swim. She wants to get her BSN degree, and she will eventually become a traveling nurse. Her favorite high school memory is going up to the square after the tor-

nado and getting good food. She will miss being so young and not having to worry about so many life decisions the most.

Megan likes to ski, longboard, and participate in sports in her free time. She is involved in band, jazz band, vocal, Jazz choir, mixed Patriots, rotary interact, swim, track, and National Honor Society. If Megan could travel any-

where, it would be everywhere. Her dream is to travel while working. Megan's advice for underclassmen is, "don't wish life away waiting for some day. Life goes way too fast already. Live life to the fullest and live in the moment."



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### **Matt Toms**

By Cade Carstens

Matthew Brady Toms is a senior at SCC and once he graduates, he will be going to college. He still has yet to determine where he will attend college. During his four years of high school, he played golf, baseball, soccer, and football for one year.

Matt's best high school memory was in Mass Comm when Tyler Wagner smashed fingers in a window.

Matt is going to miss his friends the most when he leaves. Like most seniors here, he is looking forward to being on his own. In ten years, Matt sees himself

living around here and working.

Matt's favorite pastimes are playing video games and going hunting. Matt would like to travel to Montana sometime in his life. Matt's advice to underclassmen is to do your best and work hard.

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## Gamer's

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football. They said these games are the best because Nintendo needed only two buttons, and they have throwback teams with Bo Jackson. For Battlefield 1, it comes with the ability to play with teammates, and it is a real first person shooter game with detailed maps and vehicles. For Skyrim, the draw was the vast amounts of things you can play and do.

When asked what kinds of systems are preferred, my interviewees all said a PS4 because all their friends have it, and they can all play together.

When asked why they like to play these games, the gamers said, "it's competitive, online, realistic, and easy to play with friends." Finally, I asked if the gamers could live without video games. One person said he could not; his life revolves around video games and play an important role in his life. Everyone else said that they could live without them; they are just an enhancement.

After this interview, I've concluded that games are very important to people who use them. They keep them busy and give players a chance to better themselves with their reflexes and communication.

