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Natalie is 17 and a junior in high school. If we see her more than ten minutes in one day, it’s by sheer luck. Softball remains her first love and she is always busy doing SOMETHING, like currently making and selling headbands, bows, and flower hairclips. (“Like” her “Giggly Girls Bowtique” on Facebook!) Natalie enjoyed Rocky Mountain High church camp this summer, but didn’t care so much for the mountains—that’s our farm girl! She is an officer for the FFA, on the student council, and was accepted to a two year position on the “State of Iowa Youth Advisory Council” this fall. She seems to need gas money more often this year!

Kyle is 12 and started middle school (6th grade) this year. Football remains his first love, but really he just loves any sport that involves a ball and running. He ran for over 150 yards in one football game, but also loves playing defense where he can hit, tackle, and cause fumbles. Kyle enjoyed fixing up our fire pit as a 4H project for the county fair and while he was AT the fair, he certainly couldn’t pass up the greased pig contest!

Scott and I are pretty much the same. He still farms, I still teach, and we still love going to ball games. We are busy, but blessed! Crops were decent this year despite an abundance of rain in the spring, and a severe lack of rain in the fall. God is good and we pray that you have been reminded of the true meaning of Christmas this season. Have a HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Scott, Michelle, Natalie, and Kyle