

Lynnae Bigler

My name is Lynnae Bigler. I'm 18 years old and a 2007 graduate of Decorah High School. I have enrolled and been accepted to the University of Northern Iowa and plan to pursue a career in Nursing.

While in high school I participated in basketball and football cheerleading, speech and drama, chorus, manager of the football team, BOOMERRANG, D-Club, Community Club, DWALU Camp Counselor, Honor Choir, Just for Kix (Dance team), and FFA. I really enjoyed being active in high school, it taught me responsibility and the value of hard work.

Outside of school I'm a member of the Glenwood 4-H Club where I have served in all offices and am currently the President. I am also a two-year member of the Winneshiek County 4-H Council.

When I'm not active with school activities or 4-H I keep busy with scrap booking, working as a waitress at a local family restaurant, helping with chores on the farm and hanging out with my friends. I also enjoy watching summer sports and going to horse shows anywhere and everywhere. I'm very excited about starting school in the fall I really think that UNI is going to be a great place for me to get an education and I hope to someday move back to Decorah and raise a family.

IaAHA

I have been a member of the Iowa Arabian Horse Association for the past five years. I have held the office of Secretary and currently hold the office of the Treasurer of the Youth group. I have also served as the Senior Queen and participated in the 2006 Cowgirl Queen Contest at the Iowa State Fair where I was named second attendant. Being active with the Youth has shown me how good teamwork can pay off. Our Youth hold silent auctions, pancake breakfasts, chili feeds, fun classes and bake sales throughout the show season. We use the money raised to finance three delegates trips to Youth Nationals. We also have a Youth judging team, which I was a member of last year.

At Arabian shows I have been very competitive in Showmanship, Western Pleasure, Western Seat Equitation and Horsemanship. I have always been a fan of equitation classes because the judging is on how the person shows or rides and not on the horse so you don't have to have the most expensive horse in the ring to place. I have really enjoyed my youth years with IaAHA and am looking forward to moving into the next age division. I will definitely miss the equitation classes but you have to grow up sometime.

I haven't been able to be as active as I have wanted to be this past year, due to graduation and preparing for college. But the years I spent with IaAHA have had a major impact on my life.