



## Senior Spotlights...

### Cory Ray Lamons...

... is the 19-year-old son of Kenneth and Becky Lamons of Tahlequah. Coming to Markoma his 8<sup>th</sup> grade year, Cory is a diligent student and has quite possibly attended the most days of any student in Markoma history. He has a track record for great attendance as was evidenced by his award for the 2001-2002 school year of Perfect Attendance (along with his younger sister Shelli).

Cory's tendency for punctuality and consistency most likely stem from his responsibilities on his family's dairy farm.

"I've been helping out on the farm since I was born, I think," Cory stated smiling. A typical day for Cory would not be typical for most students of Markoma. His day begins shortly after 5 a.m. with bottle feeding calves, grain feeding the other animals or helping with the actual milking process

depending on the day of the week. "On the weekends, I do more since I don't have to be at school". Cory commented, "I usually grab a snack as I go out but wait for breakfast until the chores are done". After a full day of school, many of the chores are repeated for the evening milking, then comes family time and homework before bed. Cory notes that dairy farming is 7 days a week, 52 weeks a year. "You don't get days off and sometimes you have to work when you're sick. The cows won't wait!" While he is a very busy young man, Cory still finds time to watch sports on TV and enjoys playing ping-pong, foosball and video games. "I also like to listen to music," Cory said, "but I only listen to good music." After graduation, Cory's plans are to keep up the family business.

### Jenny Lynn Myers...

... the daughter of Monte and Brenda Myers of Tahlequah, has attended Markoma since her 8<sup>th</sup> grade year. An athletic 17-year-old, sports have played a major role in Jenny's life at Markoma. Participating in volleyball for five years, basketball for four years, golf for one year and one year of girl's soccer, she remains very active and busy. Even though she works 12 – 15

hours a week at Drug Warehouse, she finds the time to tutor elementary children at Shiloh Christian School in reading and math, three days a week. "I'm busy, but my dad really keeps me focused and accountable in my spiritual life," Jenny commented. "I sometimes want to think we should live in a perfect world but my dad keeps my feet on the ground." Jenny commented that she thinks her parents are great, "My mom is very supportive of everything I do, even though she doesn't always agree with every decision".



While at Markoma, Jenny has felt that "friendships" are key. "My friendships are totally awesome. As a senior class of four, we're very close and we hold each other accountable. I'll really miss that after graduation". Of the many teachers Jenny has had at Markoma, a couple stand out. She, Mr. Stoll and Cory share the bond of coming to Markoma at the same time. After two years of Spanish and two years as his teacher's aid, Mr. Merrick has played an important part in Jenny's life as well. "Because we've had a small class, our class time has been more personal," Jenny stated, "Mr. Merrick has helped me with wise counsel and truly cares about each student's problems and struggles."

Jenny has been involved with Student Council every year at Markoma and currently serves as the STUCO Co-President. In 2001 and 2002 Jenny was awarded All State in Volleyball and has been nominated for the USAA National Merit Achievement Award for Math and Science. She also completed and was awarded her certification in the Outdoor Leadership Skills program. Her future plans include college to prepare for athletic training or physical therapy school. After that ... "I'll get married, have some kids and when they go off to school, I'll become an aerobics instructor!" Sounds like an active future for Jenny Myers.



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