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Under the Hood

samantha swizdor

Cars were a big part of sophomore Sammy Swizdor's life. "I like cars because I'm in them so much," she said. Swizdor moved to Johnston when she was six from Ohio. Her family travelled frequently back to Ohio to visit family. The 10-hour car rides were peaceful for Sammy. It was a bonding experience with her family.

Her bond with her father grew working on cars. The 1977 Ford F-350 pickup truck went back three generations in the Swizdor family. Swizdor helped her father maintain the pickup originally bought from her great-grandfather. Maintenance involved anything from replacing spark plugs to spraying wasp nest out of the engine.

"I remember almost every detail (from small engines)," she said. She grasped lots of concepts easily, being a quick learner. Building came naturally to her, from small engines to guns to welding to cars. "I like knowing how things work," she said. She planned to put her mind to use. Swizdor hoped to find a future in the automotive industry. "There's so many things to learn about a car."

If you were moving, what one item would you take with you?

Her Best Friend

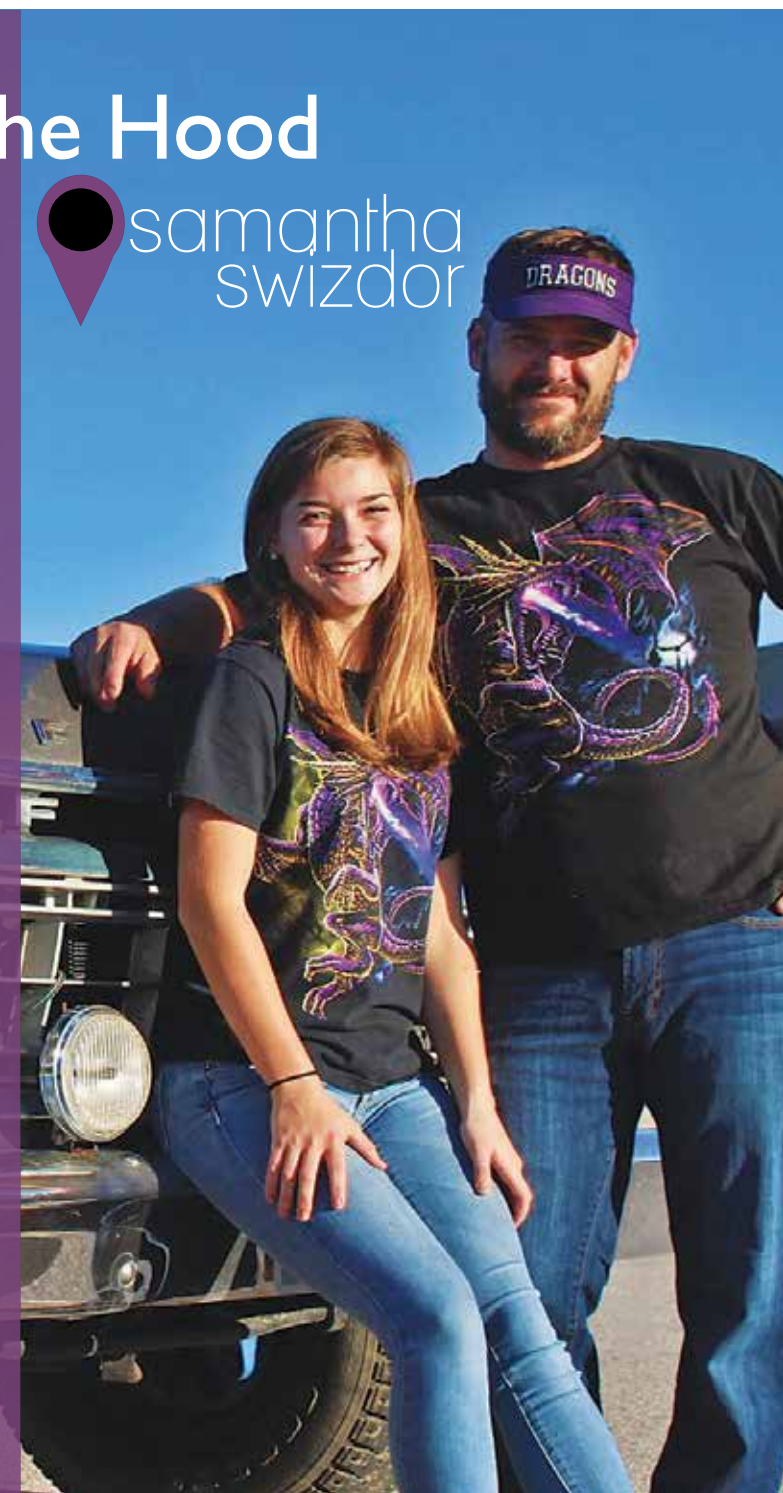


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