



Sarah & Kurt

Smiles before a Badger Football game in Madison, WI



Cheers! It's Butterfest time in Sparta, WI



Wedding Photos at Mirror Lake State Park in Baraboo, WI



Cheering on Andrew during his football game

Our Story

We met at work 7 years ago when Sarah worked as a lab tech in a butter creamery and Kurt was on the IT Help Desk.

It must be true love if Kurt thought Sarah looked cute in her hairnet and lab coat. 😊

We took our dating relationship slow and Kurt gradually introduced Sarah to his 3 kids.

After 4 years of dating, we got engaged on a fall weekend trip in Northern Wisconsin and were married almost 2 years later in July of 2017.

We've chosen the adoption journey to add to our non-traditional family and hope to welcome you to our family through open adoption, or through any level you feel comfortable with.

We're thankful to have this opportunity and hopeful to get to know you!

Thank You for taking time to get to learn a little more about us!

Sarah

by: Kurt

Ralph and his Mom



Harry Potter Nerd



Sparty – Go Green Go White!!



Work Trip to London, UK

Sarah is a Quality Assurance Manager at a dairy plant and is currently working on her Master's Degree from Michigan State.

On nice summer nights you can always find her relaxing outside in her hammock reading a book.

She fills her time with homework, reading, working out, hiking with the dogs, playing games with the family, and visiting with friends.

Sarah is the most driven person I know, goal orientated, smart, caring, loving and outgoing. She amazes me how she can talk to anyone in any setting.



Sarah with her two best friends!



Kurt, Sarah, and Kayla at 8th Grade Graduation



KURT

By: Sarah

Kurt is a hard worker and likes to keep busy! He works in IT-Network Security, serves in the Army Reserves, and does the most work on our hobby farm.

Kurt has three kids, Andrew, Makayla, and Violet, who spend every other week with us. He loves cuddling on the couch watching movies with his daughters and Snap-Chatting silly things back and forth.

Kurt is creative and handy! His hobbies include classic car repair, making rustic log furniture, ATVing and helping make my home improvement ideas a reality!

I really enjoy watching him be a dad – he's sooo patient, thoughtful, and caring. He truly loves making the kids laugh and being a part of their lives, from the small moments to the big ones he's there to support each of them.



Proud Dad Moment with Andrew

Cutting Alfalfa for our Beef Cattle



Our first escape room, we didn't make it out
But it was a blast trying

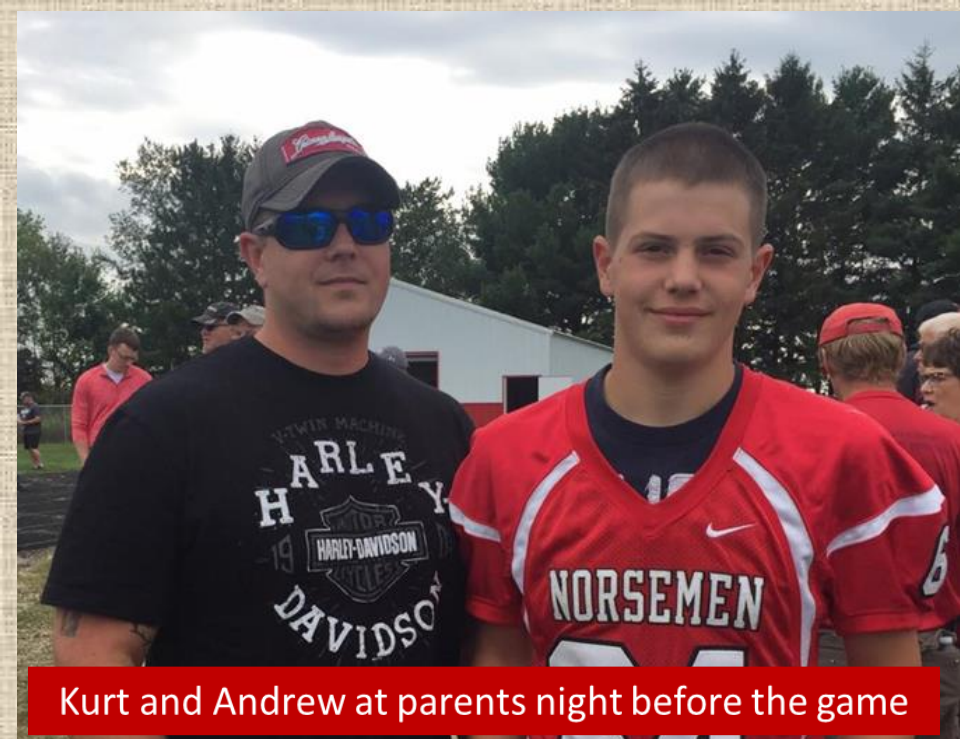
Andrew

Andrew is a junior this year and just got his driving license!

He stays active in football and works nearby on a dairy farm.

He enjoys being outdoors, loves to hunt and fish when he's not working, and helping his dad out on our hobby farm.

Andrew has his own beef cattle and showed poultry at our county fair.



Kurt and Andrew at parents night before the game



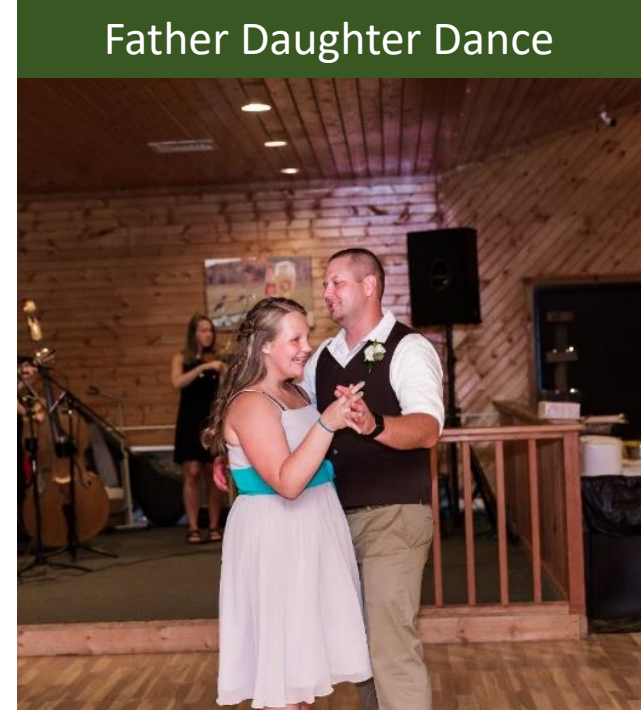
Sibling pic before Prom 2019



Andrew with his grandma and great-grandma



National Honor Society Award Nights



Father Daughter Dance



Zoey



Makayla

Makayla is a freshman and stays busy in volleyball, choir and the band where she plays the clarinet.

She is on National Honor Society, and is a licensed babysitter and has been sitting for family and friends. Kayla is really looking forward to being a big sister again and can't wait for cuddles!

Kayla is an avid reader, loves music, movies, and animals- she has a puppy named Zoey and showed her bunny at the county fair.



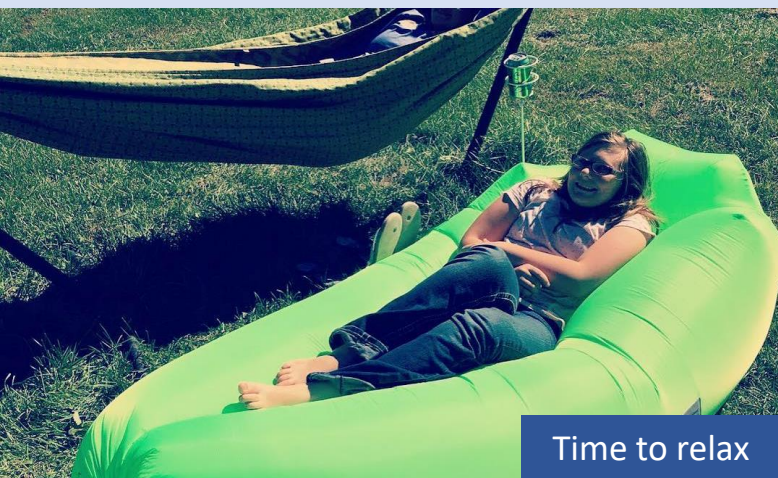
New baby cousin cuddles



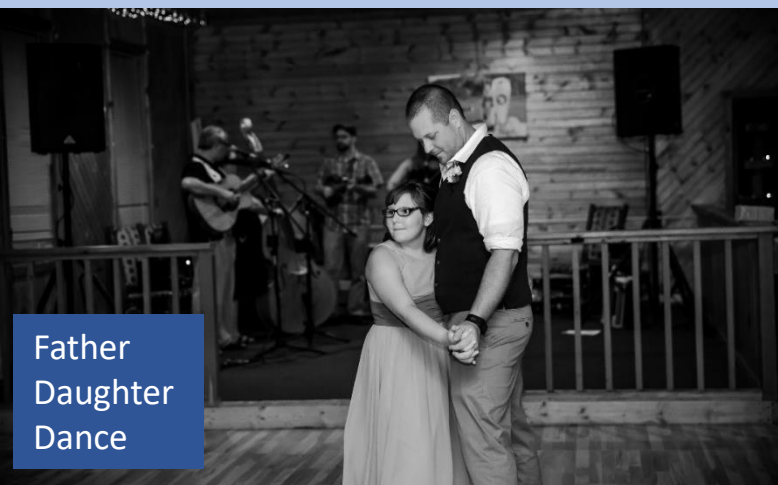
Violet is in the 6th grade and looking forward to participating in choir.

She likes to spend time with family, loves relaxing in her hammock, swimming, movies, music, reading books and is very techy.

She's very excited to be a big sister and is looking forward to teaching us how to properly make a baby bottle, something she's gotten great at since having a baby half-sister at her mom's.



Time to relax



Father
Daughter
Dance

V I O L E T

Family Traditions

Family time is very important to us!
We value our time with Kurt's kids and try to
never miss a school concert or sports game.
Whether helping with homework, visiting nearby
family, or enjoying playing games together,
Family Comes First.



All the kids have shown animals at the county fair!



Canadian Pacific



Dad Moment!
Kurt takes the
kids every year to
see the Christmas
Train concert and
it's become a
family tradition



Christmas Train



The Fair is Sarah's favorite time of the year!



Fair ride faces



Our Favorite Things To Do Together



Prost! Oktoberfest celebrations! Sarah's sister Kristi and husband Dan join us every year along with a mix of other friends, in La Crosse to celebrate and watch the parade!



Game Nights! We love playing card and board games with the kids or friends!!



Badger and Packer Football Games! We go to at least one Badger Football game every year and enjoy taking trips to Lambeau when we can.



Harley Rides!



Friday Night Fish! It's often our date night!



On Wisconsin!



Ralph

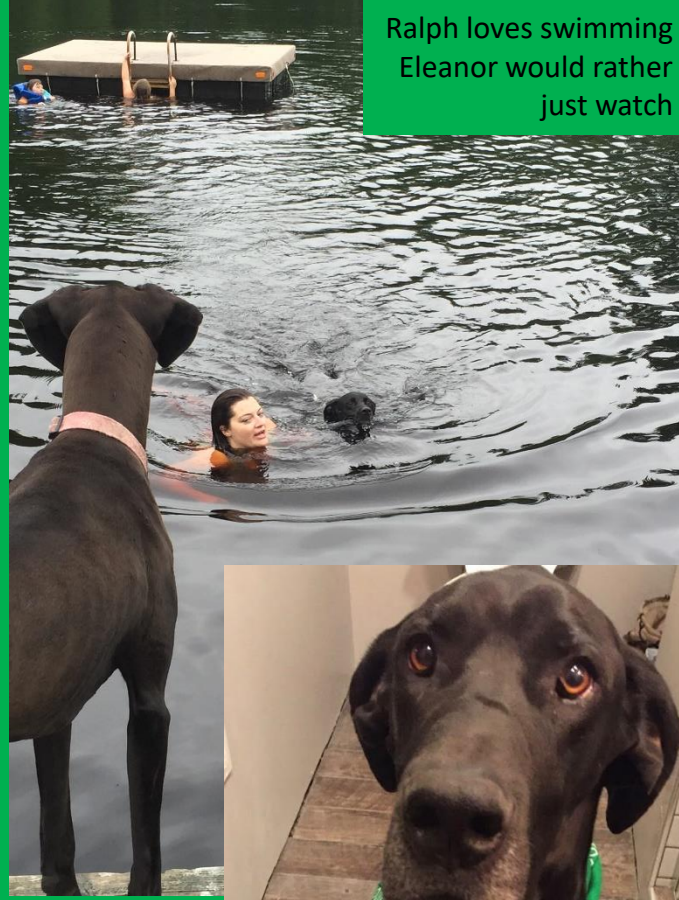


Ralph and Eleanor

Ralph is a 9 year old black lab that Sarah rescued from a shelter when she lived in the Twin Cities.

He is a momma's boy who loves playing in the water and can be bribed with cheese!

Ralph loves swimming
Eleanor would rather
just watch



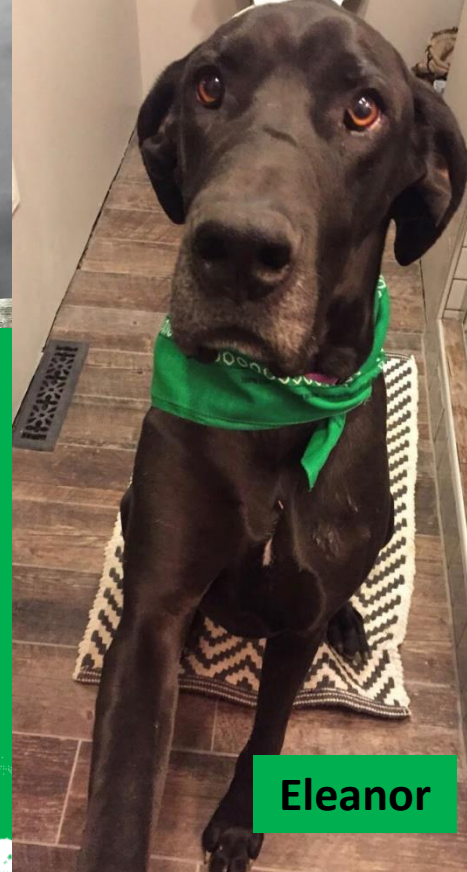
"Watching over our little humans"



Smile

Baby Eleanor car ride

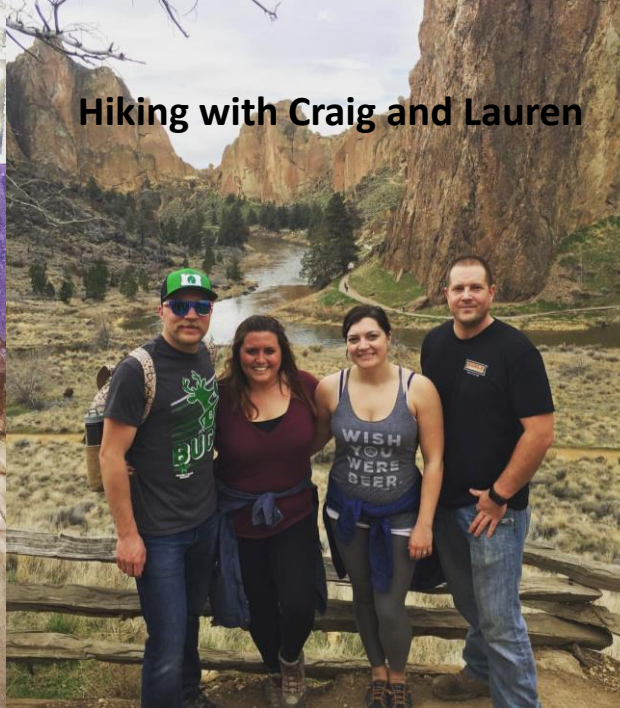
Eleanor is a 5 year old Great Dane and thinks she's a lap dog! She's a total sweetheart who wants to cuddle constantly! She loves her brother Ralph and will follow him anywhere!



Eleanor



Sarah and Kristi at Paint Night



Hiking with Craig and Lauren



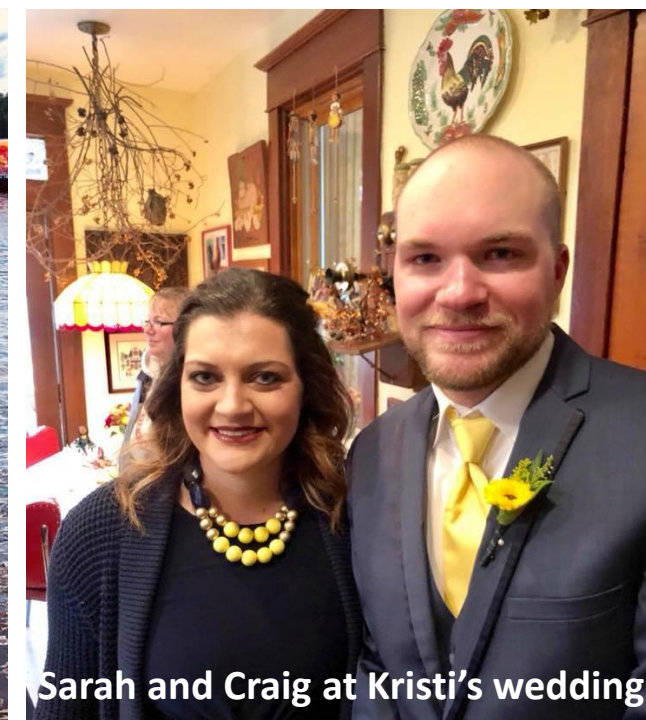
In Memory:
Sarah and Kurt were married on
Sarah's parents wedding
anniversary to celebrate them!



Relaxation Station Lake Style



Family vacation smiles



Sarah and Craig at Kristi's wedding

Sarah's Family

Sarah has a small family. Both of her parents lost their battles with cancer.

Her brother Craig and wife Lauren live with their basset hound Millie in Eugene, Oregon.

Her sister Kristi and husband Dan just got married and are both teachers. They live in Plymouth, WI with their beagle, Ernie.

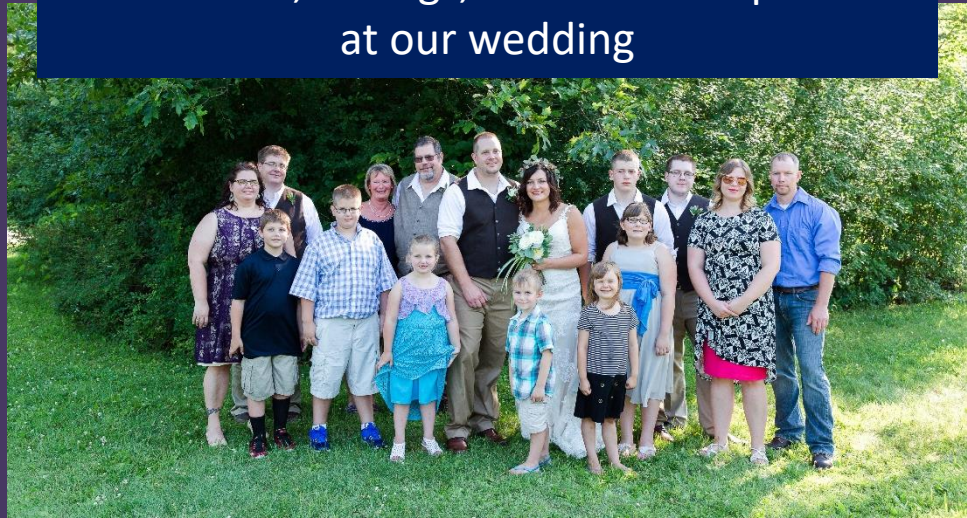
FUN FACT!

Kristi and Sarah are a year and a day apart! Kristi is older and every year we celebrate both birthday's by participating in a triathlon in Northern Wisconsin.



**Kurt and the girls choosing a
Christmas Tree**

**Kurt's dad, siblings, nieces and nephews
at our wedding**



Kurt's Family

Kurt has a large family! He has 2 brothers, 1 sister, 6 step siblings, and 5 nieces and nephews.

His brother, sister, parents and grandparents all live within 15 minutes of us, along with a few of his aunts, uncles, and cousins.

There is always family around to visit and sweet treats from grandparents!

HOBBY FARMING

We live in the original farmhouse Kurt's grandparents bought back in the 1960s and are keeping the family farming tradition alive.

We have a small beef herd and always have calves around!

The farm includes fainting goats and sheep – this year we had 5 lambs and 5 'kids' born on our farm!

Nothing is better than fresh eggs! We raise ducks and chickens every year and keep them and the bunnies, in a moveable pen that we push around the yard.

For fun, we also grow hops and home brew with friends.



Martha, the pygmy goat



Ralph is always a cattle favorite!



Hops plants growing under fainting goat supervision



Newly born black angus calf!



Baby Lamb!



Hiking in Bend, Oregon with Sarah's brother and sister in law, Lauren and Craig



At the top of Pike's Peak in Colorado



Sarah chasing waterfalls in Oregon with her brother Craig

Traveling

We LOVE to travel. Honeymooning in Ireland we fell in love with the green island. We also enjoy visiting Sarah's brother in Oregon and discovering the West Coast.

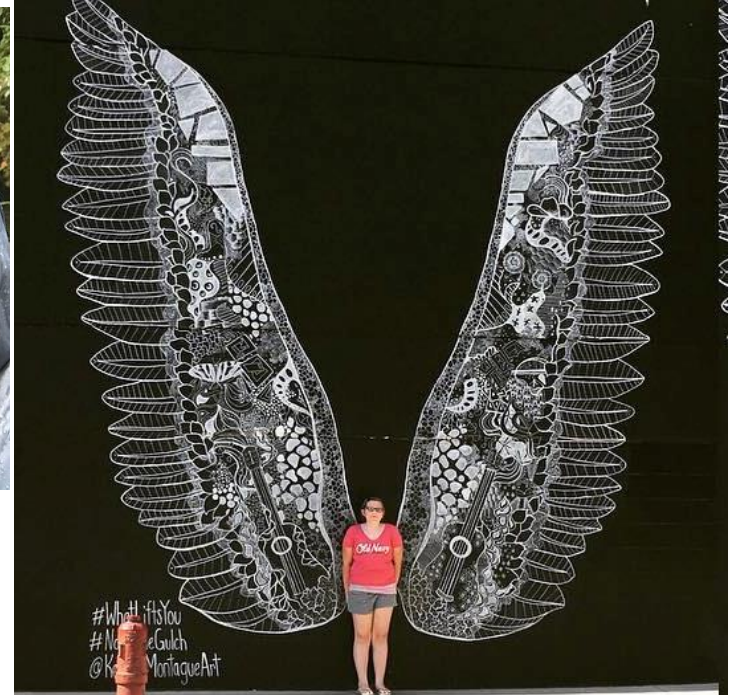
Family vacation last year was a trip with the kids to Nashville, and we try to get to Northern Wisconsin every summer to enjoy the water and beautiful Northwoods.



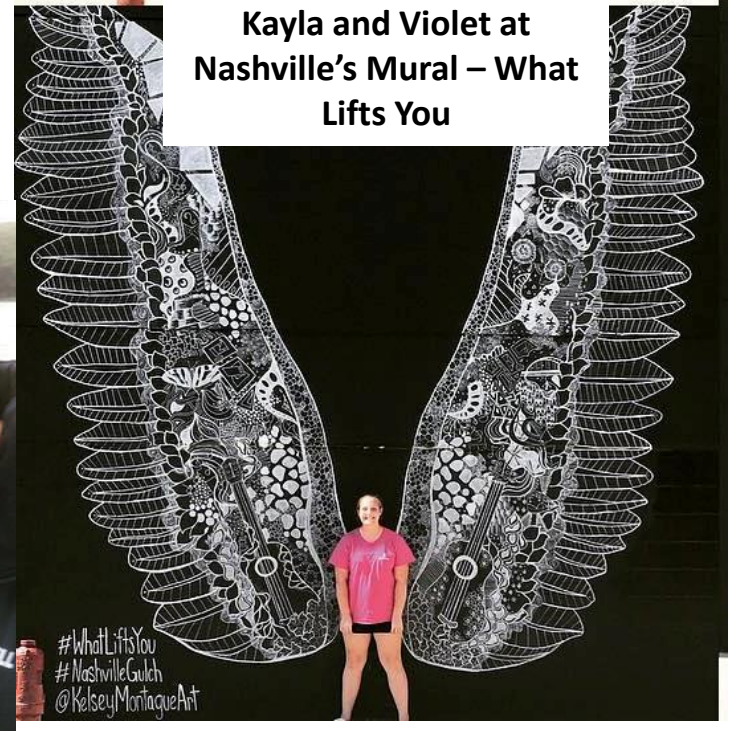
Running around Valley of the Gods, Colorado Springs, CO



Giants Causeway, Northern Ireland



Kayla and Violet at Nashville's Mural – What Lifts You



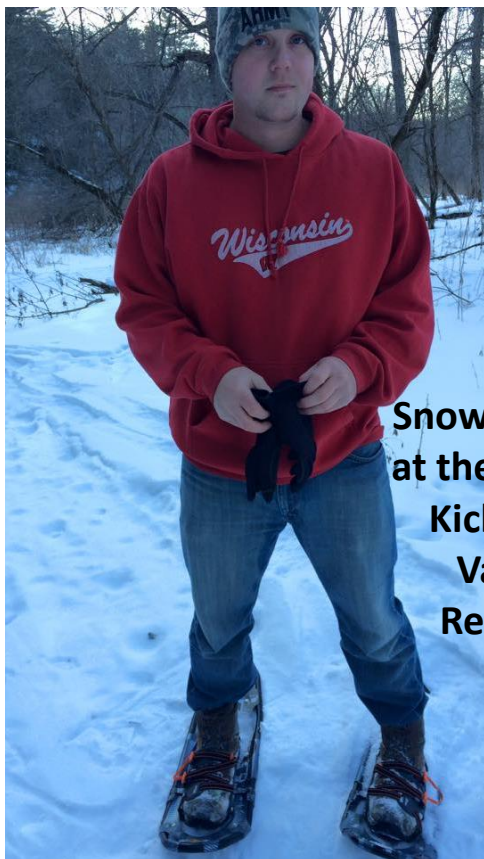
We're Better Together



Kurt, Kayla, Violet, and Zoey kayaking at Sidie Hollow in Viroqua, WI



Canoeing in Boulder Junction, WI



Snowshoeing at the nearby Kickapoo Valley Reserve

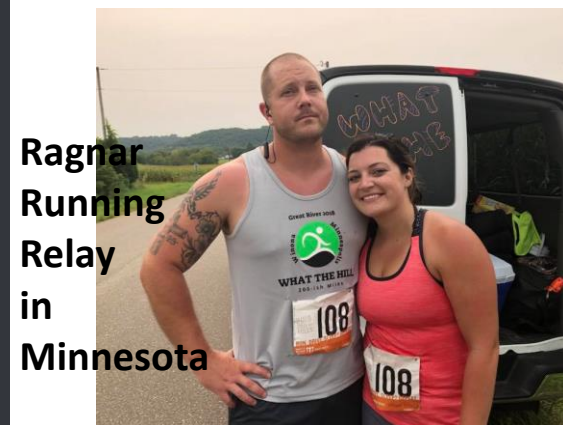


We like to stay busy no matter the season!

Spring through fall we enjoy hiking with the dogs, training for the annual triathlon in Northern Wisconsin, 4-wheeling and biking around.

In summer the whole family enjoys kayaking nearby waters and getting the canoe out.

In winter you can find us snowshoeing local trails.



Ragnar Running Relay in Minnesota

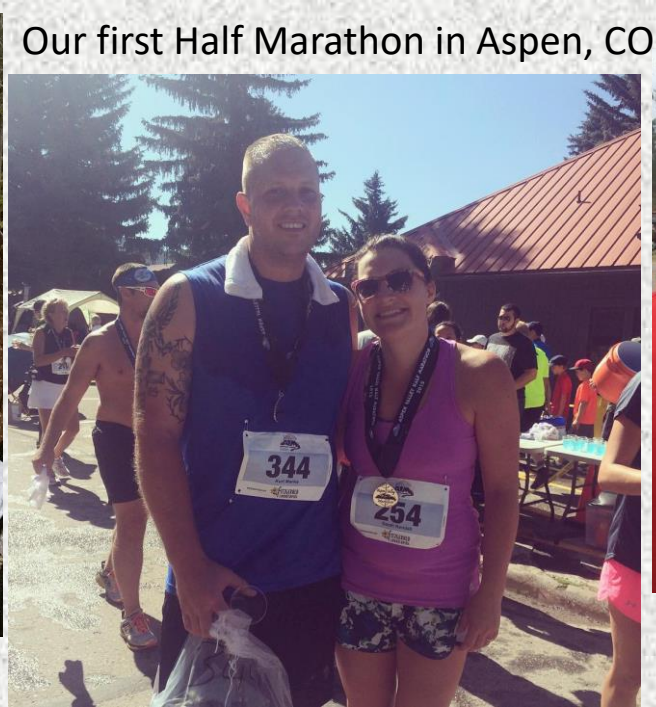


2019 Triathlon Finish in the rain

4 Wheeling in Black
River Falls, WI



Zip Lining in Breckenridge, CO



Our first Half Marathon in Aspen, CO



2018 Triathlon finish on Sarah's 30th
Birthday!

Sarah in her first
CrossFit competition



Half Marathon
Finishers in Cottage
Grove, Oregon

As a couple, we like to push each other to stay active and to try new things in new places.

When we travel we enjoy participating in a local race- our first half marathon was in Aspen, CO., and we've even completed a full marathon on our honeymoon in Ireland (Kurt's Idea of fun...!)

ADVENTURES!

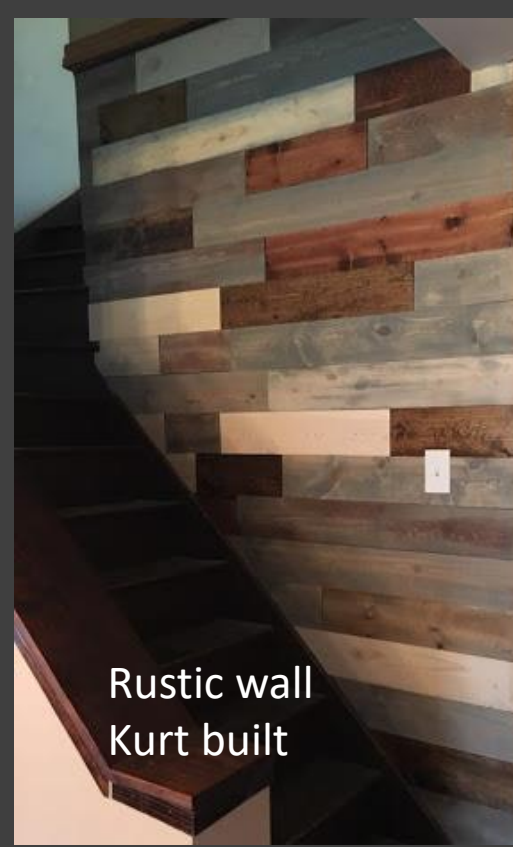
Our Home and Neighborhood

Our home and hobby farm is located in the 'Driftless' region of Wisconsin, the Southwest corner where the glaciers didn't travel, the landscape is gorgeous, dotted with ridges and valleys. Our land has a small stream that runs through it, and the local area is well known for trout stream fishing.

We live outside of a few small towns in the country of Vernon County, about 30 minutes southeast of La Crosse. Our rural home is wonderful for the dogs and animals, and allow all sorts of outside activities (like relaxing in the hammock, having a bonfire, or playing yard games) as well as more room for future animal additions.

We've been continually renovating our home - its 150 years old so thankfully Kurt is very handy! We redid the kitchen, living room, stairs, and upstairs by ourselves, hiring a contractor to help with the bathroom and laundry room remodel. Our next projects include the front entry way and adding an outside deck!

Our closet neighbors are family! Kurt's parents and grandma all own parts of the original farmstead's 120 acres and there is always extended family around to visit. We actually use part of Kurt's dad's land to pasture our beef cattle on.



Rustic wall
Kurt built



All ready for Christmas!



Summer
Nights
Bonfire



Eleanor on her favorite chair



Our Promise To You

We promise to dedicate our lives to creating a loving home for your child.

We will teach honesty, compassion, responsibility, a love of exploring, family values, and humility—core values we share.

Our hope for our future children is that they will grow up to be kind, practice empathy, love others and themselves and be life-long learners. We want them to embrace their adoption story and be proud of who they are! We promise to honor our child's adoption story and celebrate who they are as a family — welcoming openness in a way that works for you!

Thank you for taking the time to get to know us a little better. We are excited about the adoption journey and can't wait to meet you!

with love,

Sarah & Kurt