

Jonathon & Jannelle

Thank you for taking the time to learn about our family and consider us as you make the difficult decision of who will parent your child. We hope that this book will give you a small glimpse into our lives, the love we have each other, our family and friends, and for our future child.

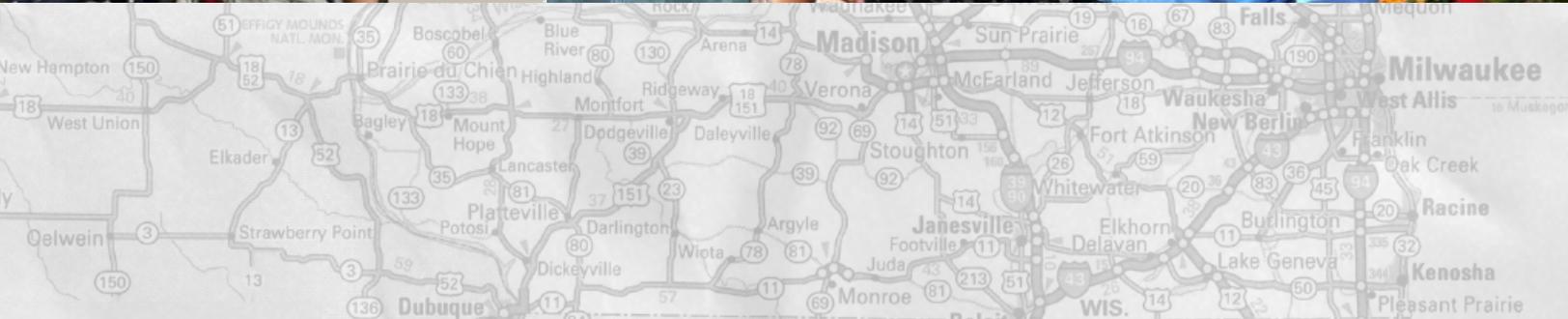
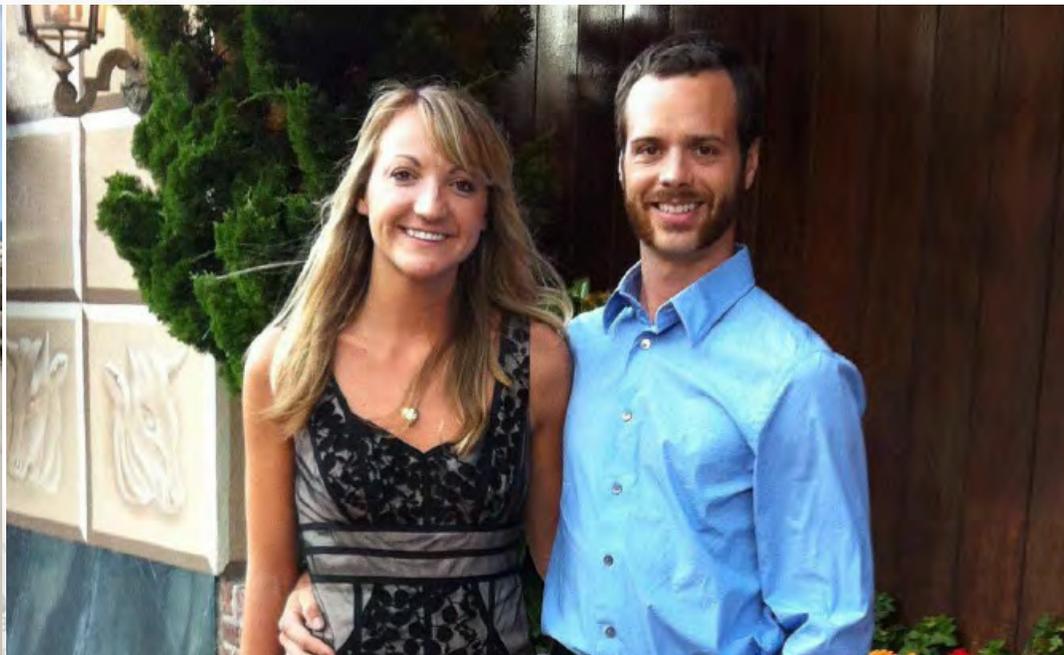
We have been married for 7 terrific years and we have

always had a desire to have children and raise a family together. In 2011, we moved from Wisconsin to Northern California for a career opportunity. After three adventurous years on the west coast, we made the decision to move back to Wisconsin to grow our family and be closer to family.

We want you to know how much respect we feel for you

already. We cannot imagine how difficult this decision is for you. Thank you for taking this step and for taking the time to get to know us. We look forward to meeting you and getting to know you as well.

Jannelle and Jonathon





Our Wedding Day



Frey family birthday celebration



Exploring Washington Island, WI



Hiking in Colorado



Sailing in Eureka, California



Drews family cabin weekend

... About Us

WE WERE BOTH BORN AND RAISED IN WISCONSIN.

Jonathon grew up in the country in northern WI—fishing and camping with his family. Jannelle grew up on an organic dairy farm in southeastern WI—playing outdoors on the farm, gardening and cooking with her family. We met in college at the University of Wisconsin-Madison 11 years ago while at the Memorial Union Terrace. We connected immediately, and after 4 years of dating, Jon proposed to Jannelle at the top of Bascom Hill. We were married on August 7, 2010 at the Capitol in Madison.

A few months later, we moved out to Santa Rosa, California as Jon had a career opportunity that we couldn't pass up. We loved living on the West coast and had many adventures together (hiking the redwood forests, biking through vineyards, picnicking on the beach, meeting wonderful friends, and rescuing our little buddy named Trudy (our dog). After living and working in CA for 3 years, we decided to move back to WI. We bought a house in a small town outside of Madison and we are looking forward to raising a family here.

We enjoy spending time together by taking Trudy for long walks, hiking, kayaking,

camping, cooking dinner, exploring towns on our tandem bike, watching movies, and gardening. We love to travel and visit new places and we can't wait to bring your child along with us! Together, we've been to Costa Rica, Barbados, Germany, France, Jamaica, California, Oregon, Washington, Nevada, Illinois, Minnesota, Kentucky, and Colorado.

Meet Jonathon

(Written by Jannelle)

I couldn't imagine spending my life with anyone other than Jon. He is very caring and easy to talk to. Jon is very intelligent, loves to read, and learn new things. He is always up for an adventure and is full of life. I love seeing him interact with our 4 nieces and 6 nephews. They absolutely love Jon's playful demeanor and his willingness to talk about life. Jon is also a talented carpenter and he surprised our nephew with a play wooden sword and me with dining room molding.

Jon is very active and he loves being outside—mountain biking, road biking, fishing, gardening, camping, and hiking. Animals also love Jon. He has a special bond with Trudy, our dog, and Lillie, our cat. They wait by the door until he comes home.

I cannot wait to see Jon as a father. I know he will be a wonderful dad and will provide unconditional love.



Pool time with our nephews



Fishing with his dad and brother



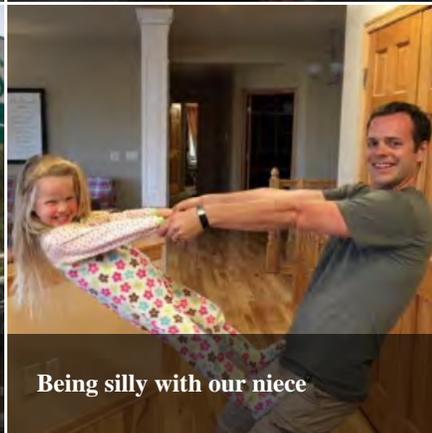
Jon loves breakfast food



Biking across Wisconsin in 3 days



Being silly with our niece



Officiating a friend's wedding

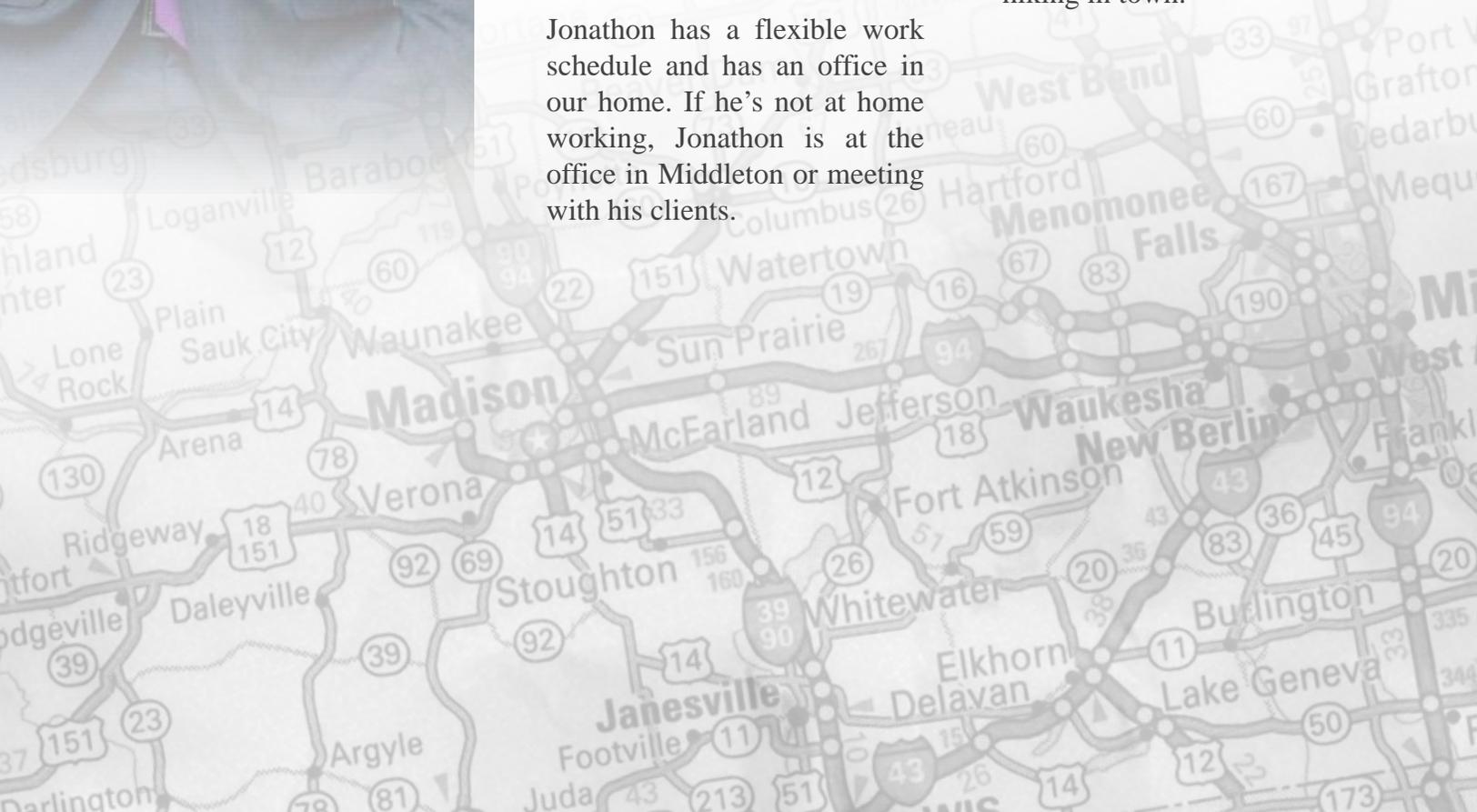


Jonathon's Work

Jonathon works in Financial Services. He enjoys building relationships with his clients and helping them build and secure their financial future. He assists clients with estate planning, retirement planning, life insurance, annuities, long term care needs, and mutual funds and bonds.

Jonathon has a flexible work schedule and has an office in our home. If he's not at home working, Jonathon is at the office in Middleton or meeting with his clients.

Jonathon enjoys giving back to the community, and being involved in important changes that effect the town. For the last two years, Jonathon served as an elected city councilman, representing citizens from his district, where he worked to bring signage for the city parks as well as expanding trails and hiking in town.





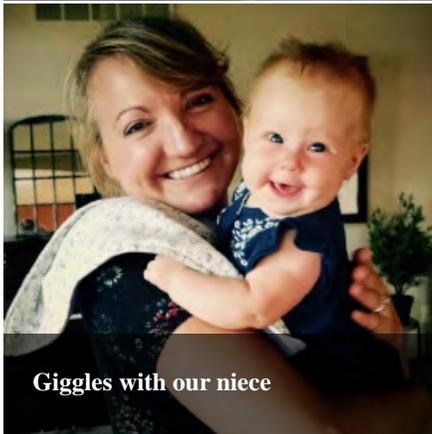
Spending time with my mom



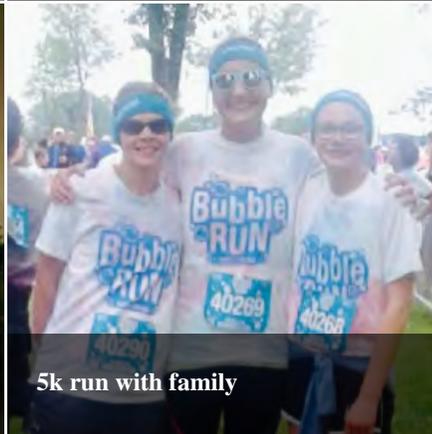
Shopping with our niece



Early morning reading with nieces and nephews



Giggles with our niece



5k run with family



Hiking with Trudy

Meet Jannelle

(Written by Jonathon)

Kind-hearted. That is the first thing that comes to mind when I think of my lovely wife. She constantly displays a concern for and genuine interest in the well-being of the people in our lives. Always ready with a hug, and armed with a terrific sense of humor, Jannelle puts family and friends first. She is gentle and she is affectionate.

Relentless. As the old saying goes, "when the going gets tough...". I have personally seen Jannelle adapt to stressful

and challenging situations in the courses of travels, her professional life, and our relationship in ways that were remarkable. She has strength of spirit and a positive attitude, even when it would be easier to be the opposite. Some would say she's stubborn, but if it is something she believes in, she doesn't settle.

She is a beautiful soul, and motherhood will suit her perfectly.



Jannelle's Work

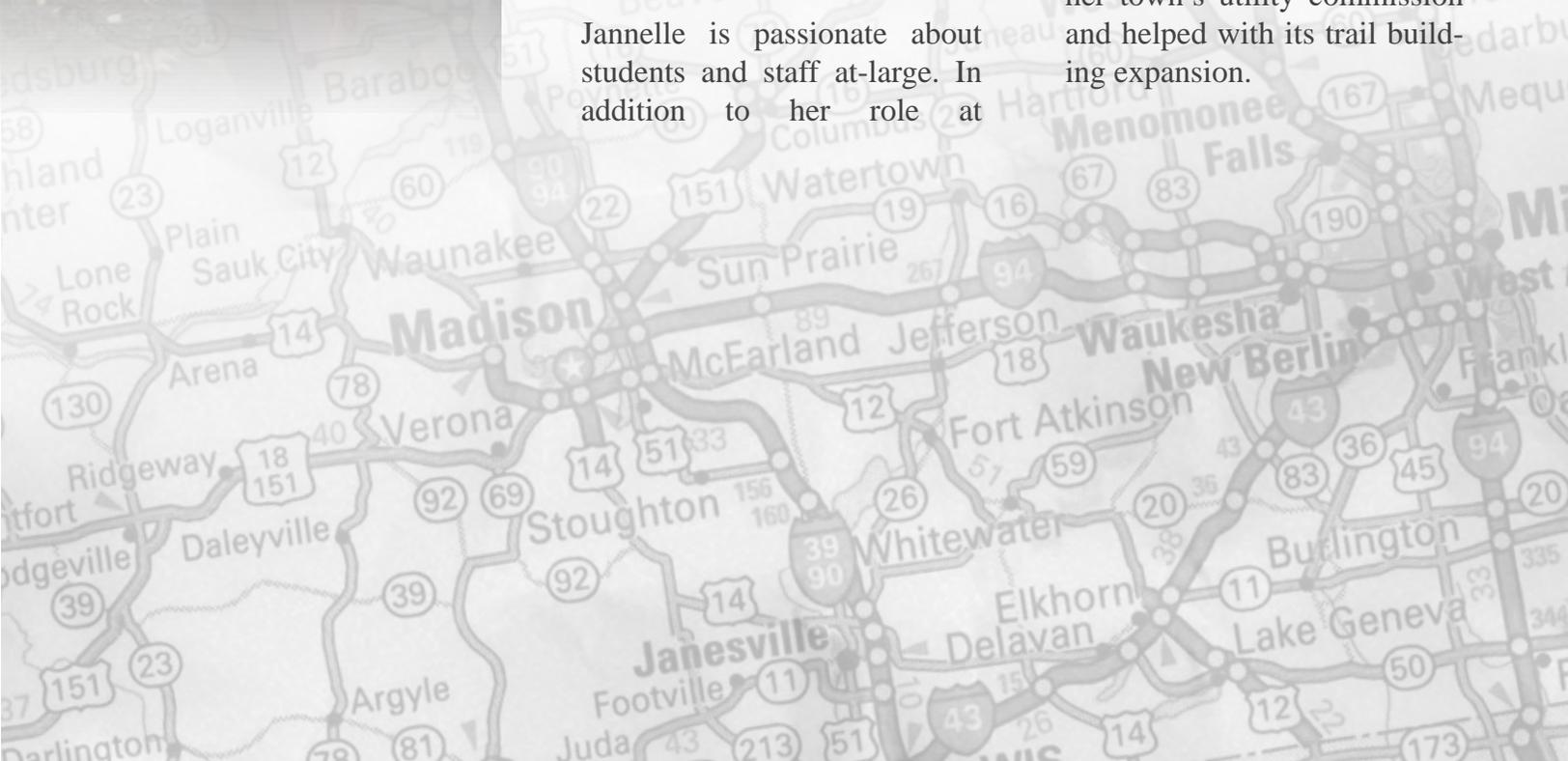
Jannelle has her Master's Degree in Counseling with an emphasis in College Counseling. She works as an Admissions Coordinator for a professional degree program at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Jannelle enjoys helping students achieve their professional goals by advising them through the admissions process. She loves seeing students so excited to begin the program on their first day of class.

Jannelle is passionate about students and staff at-large. In addition to her role at

UW-Madison, Jannelle serves in leadership positions on campus committees pertaining to admission and student scholarships. She also is a member of the Committee on Academic Staff Issues. This committee is charged with developing and reviewing policies and procedures as well as promoting professional development and networking opportunities for staff in her unit.

As a dedicated member of her community, Jannelle serves on her town's utility commission and helped with its trail building expansion.



Jannelle's Family



Christmas baking day



Meeting our new niece



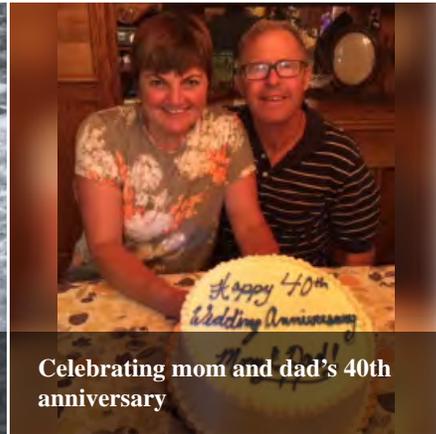
Crop inspection with fam



Our nephew's birthday party



Checking out a frozen lake



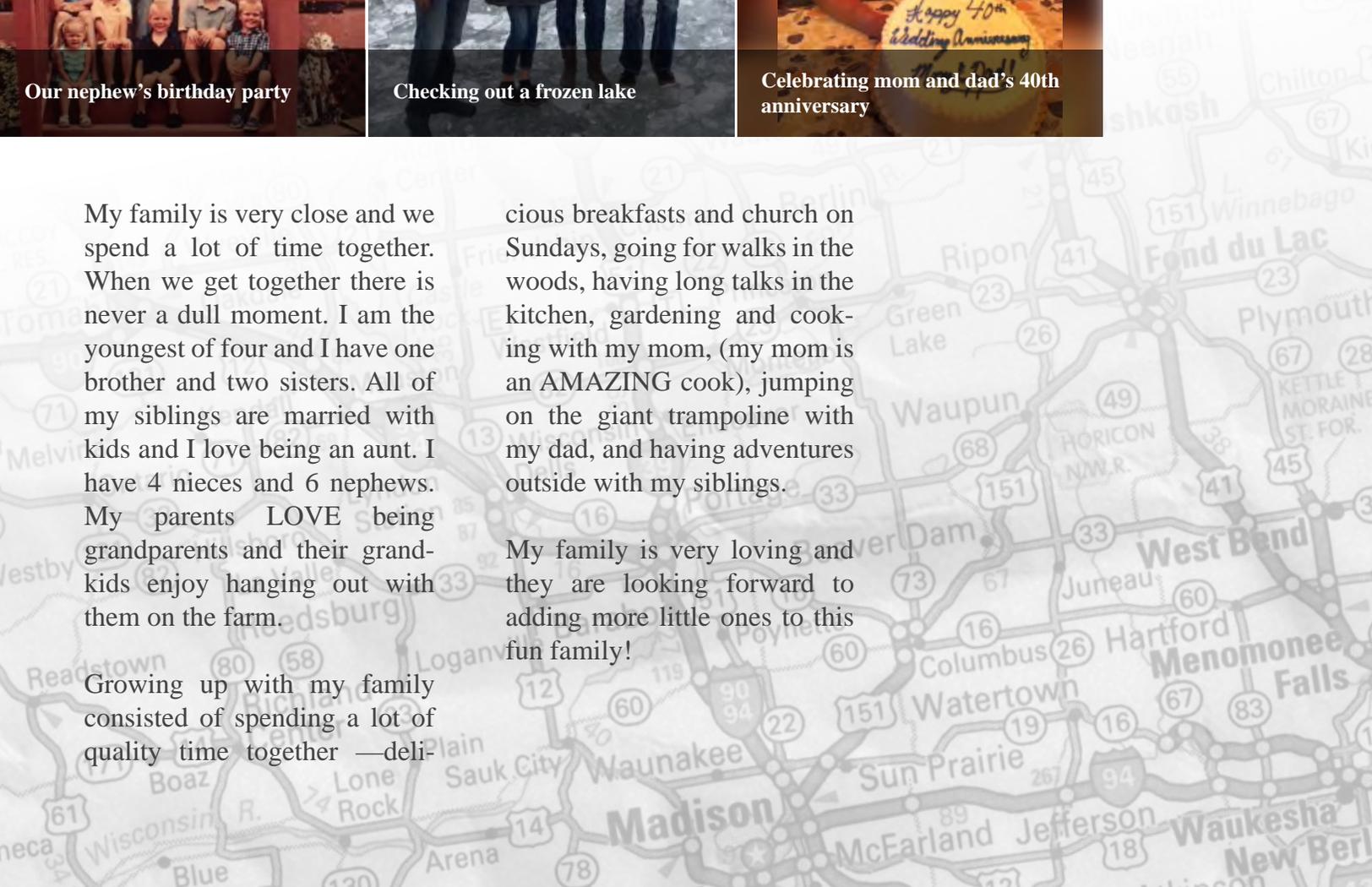
Celebrating mom and dad's 40th anniversary

My family is very close and we spend a lot of time together. When we get together there is never a dull moment. I am the youngest of four and I have one brother and two sisters. All of my siblings are married with kids and I love being an aunt. I have 4 nieces and 6 nephews. My parents LOVE being grandparents and their grandkids enjoy hanging out with them on the farm.

Growing up with my family consisted of spending a lot of quality time together —delicious

breakfasts and church on Sundays, going for walks in the woods, having long talks in the kitchen, gardening and cooking with my mom, (my mom is an AMAZING cook), jumping on the giant trampoline with my dad, and having adventures outside with my siblings.

My family is very loving and they are looking forward to adding more little ones to this fun family!



Jonathon's Family



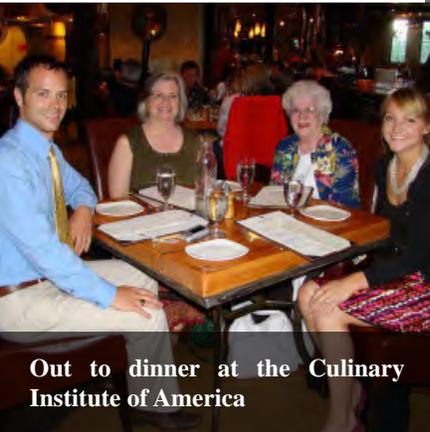
Exploring shops in San Francisco



Family photo



Wine tasting in Sonoma, CA



Out to dinner at the Culinary Institute of America



Fishing in Lake Michigan



Annual trip to Door County

My family has 4 members—my two parents, myself, and my younger brother. My younger brother and I are best friends and have a great relationship. There is no doubt he will be an involved and loving uncle. One of his goals is to visit every state park and forest in Wisconsin, and has said that he intends to bring our future child along on some of his journeys.

My parents have always been supportive and giving. They are both retired and enjoy

spending time at home in the country. Mom is an accomplished quilter and seamstress, and my Dad raises butterflies for study and conservation efforts. Since the 1940's my family has held an annual camping trip to Door County and we haven't missed a year. We enjoy boating, grilling, and gardening. They are looking forward to their first grandchild and can't wait to welcome him or her into the family.

My grandma is quite the pistol (has a great sense of humor), and is very sweet and loving. While growing up we would visit her and Grandpa in the Northwoods and go on many day-trips to local flea markets, petting zoos, and Klondike Days. She cannot wait to be a great-grandma.

Meet Trudy & Lillie

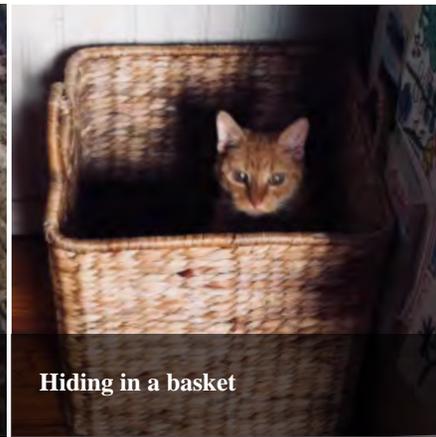
Trudy and Lillie are a big part of our family. We rescued them both from the humane society. Trudy is 7 years old and Lillie is 17 years old. Trudy is our adventure buddy. She loves hiking, car rides, traveling, mountain biking with Jon, food, and cuddling. Lillie loves to cuddle and play. Her favorite place in the house is on a human lap. Trudy and Lillie are excited to have another cuddle buddy to love.



Trudy



Lillie



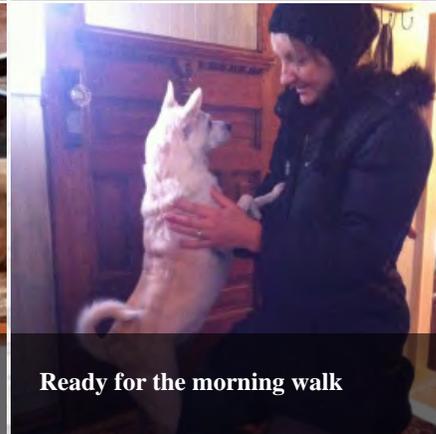
Hiding in a basket



Trudy listening intently



Sunshine face licks



Ready for the morning walk



Our Community

We are blessed to have a wonderful community of loving, talented, and caring people in our lives. Our family and friends are all excited that we are adopting and are thrilled to welcome home a child.



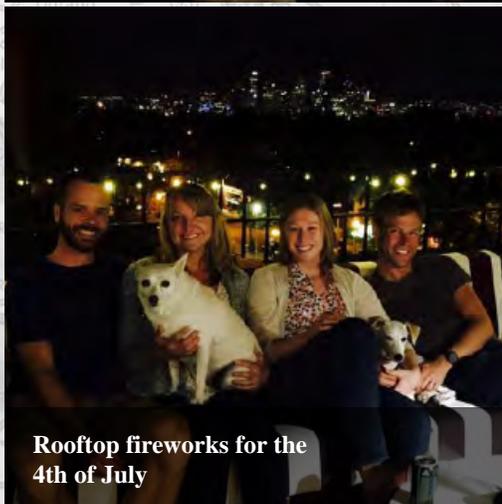
Friend's wedding



California friends



Trip to Washington Island



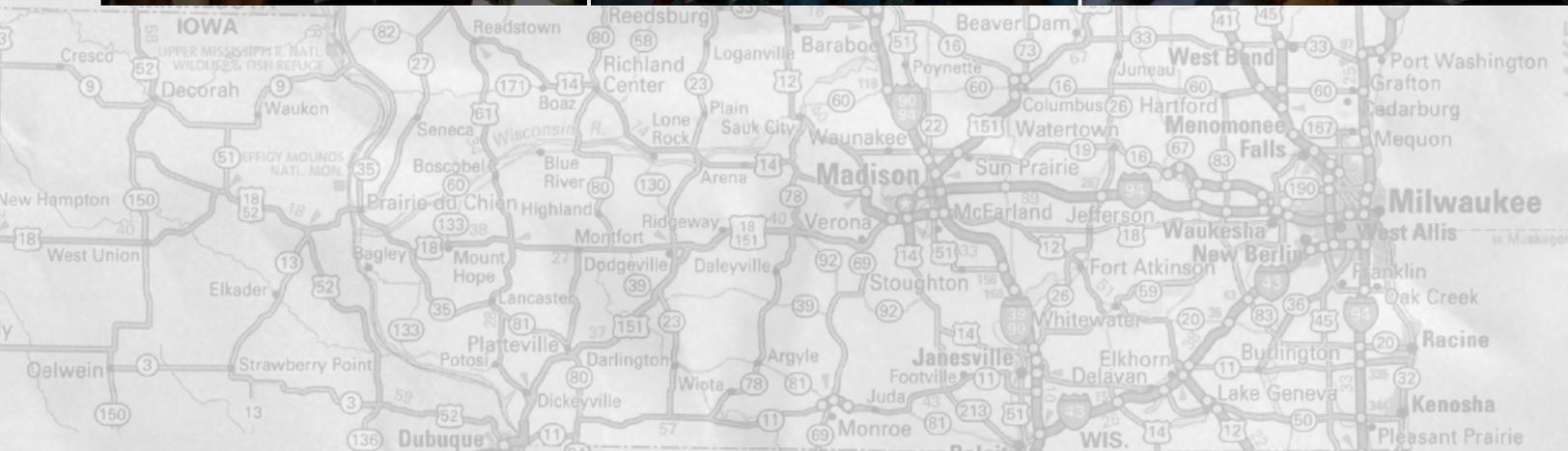
Rooftop fireworks for the 4th of July



Christmas with friends



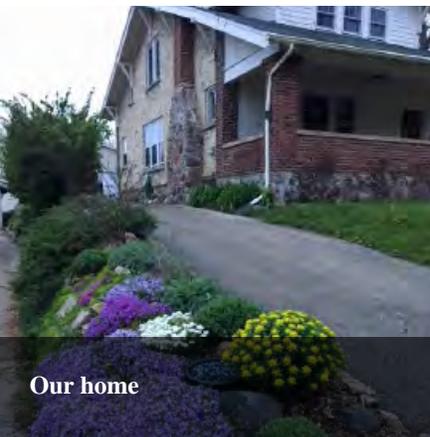
Playtime with Summer & Juniper



Our Home

We live in a small, idyllic community about 20 minutes outside of Madison. We purchased our home 4 years ago and have been enjoying adding personal touches here and there.

Our home is a craftsman style bungalow built in 1921 and it has 3 bedrooms, 1.5 bath, and backyard with plenty of room to play. Our home is within walking distance to the city pool, two large parks, and the elementary school.



Our home



Kitchen



City pool



Living room



Backyard



City park



Thank you...

Thank you for taking the time to get to know us. We hope that we are able to get to know you more and we are look forward to meeting you. We think that you are so loving, selfless, and brave for considering adoption for your child. We want you to know that we will love your child unconditionally. We will be there to love, support, teach, and laugh with him or her. Thank you again for considering us.



Family photo



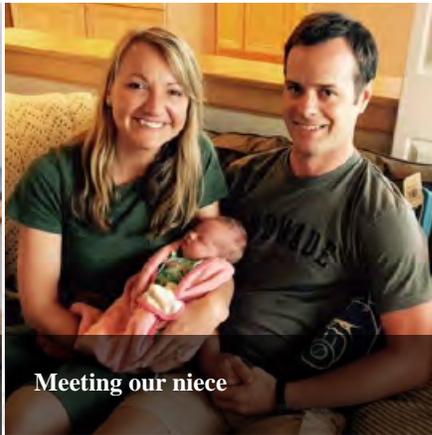
Jannelle's 1st Packers Game



Kayaking in northern Wisconsin



Bike ride in Door County



Meeting our niece



Hanging out with Bucky Badger

