

Future of Burwell

Meet some of our community's young families!

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FUTURE OF
BURWELL:
MEET THE
DOYLE
FAMILY!



CONNOR, JOSHUA (5), LILYANNA (3), KAYTLYN
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TELL US ABOUT YOUR FAMILY:



KAYTLYN GREW UP ON A RANCH IN AINSWORTH, NE. CONNOR MOVED FROM GOTHENBURG, NE TO AINSWORTH, NE WHEN HE WAS IN MIDDLE SCHOOL. UPON GRADUATION, BOTH CONNOR & KAYTLYN ATTENDED THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA AT KEARNEY. ONCE THEIR BACHELOR'S DEGREES WERE OBTAINED, JOB OFFERS TOOK THEM TO PAPILLION, A SUBURB OF OMAHA. CONNOR FOUND HIS NICHE IN RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL REMODELING, WHILE KAYTLYN ENJOYED HER POSITION WITH A MEDICAL STAFFING AGENCY. THEY WELCOMED INTO THE WORLD TWO CHARISMATIC CHILDREN, JOSHUA & LILYANNA. IN SPRING OF 2020 THEY RELOCATED TO BURWELL BRINGING THEIR KIDS AND CAREERS WITH THEM.

WHAT DO YOU LOVE ABOUT BURWELL?

RELOCATING WAS A DIFFICULT DECISION BUT AS THE KIDS GREW SO DID THEIR FAMILY'S DESIRE TO BE BACK IN THE SANDHILLS. LOCATED IN CENTRAL NEBRASKA, BURWELL IS KNOWN FOR ITS BEAUTIFUL LAKE, THE BIG RODEO, AND ITS COMMUNITY CHARM. BEING LOCATED BETWEEN TWO GROUPS OF EXTENDED FAMILY, IT SEEMED AN OBVIOUS CHOICE.



SO, YOU MOVED...HOW DID FINDING CHILDCARE WORK?



ONCE HOUSING WAS SECURED, CHILDCARE WAS THE VERY NEXT DECISION THAT NEEDED TO BE MADE. TYPICALLY THEY WOULD HAVE LIKED TO SPEAK WITH, AND POSSIBLY MEET, PROVIDERS BEFORE MAKING A DECISION. HOWEVER, THE FIRST CALL KAYTLYN MADE, SHE WAS INFORMED THAT ANOTHER PROVIDER IN THE COMMUNITY HAD DECIDED TO CLOSE THEIR DOORS & THEY WERE EXPECTING AN INFLUX OF INQUIRIES FROM THE PARENTS THAT WOULD NO LONGER HAVE CHILD CARE. WITH THAT CALL ALONE, THEY MADE THE DECISION TO GO WITH THE FIRST PERSON THEY CALLED, KNOWING THAT IN SMALL TOWNS CHILDCARE CAN BE QUITE LIMITED. TO BE SAFE, THEY DID CALL A FEW OTHER PROVIDERS & AS THEY EXPECTED, THEY HAD NO AVAILABILITY. THEY, AND THEIR KIDS, HAVE REALLY ENJOYED THEIR CHILDCARE SITUATION SINCE RELOCATING.

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LOGAN, JEN, LANDRY (1)

TELL US ABOUT YOUR FAMILY:



HAILING FROM BREWSTER, LOGAN MOVED TO BURWELL IN 2013 TO CONTINUE HIS CAREER WITH NEBRASKA GAME & PARKS COMMISSION AT CALAMUS SRA AFTER SPENDING SUMMERS IN COLLEGE WORKING AT THE LAKE. ONLY A MONTH LATER, JEN, ORIGINALLY FROM OXFORD, GRADUATED FROM UNL AND MOVED TO BURWELL TO BEGIN HER CAREER AS A 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT EDUCATOR WITH NEBRASKA EXTENSION. THEIR PATHS FINALLY CROSSED IN 2016 AND THEY MARRIED A YEAR LATER. IN OCTOBER 2019, THEY WELCOMED LANDRY INTO THEIR FAMILY. IN THEIR FREE TIME, THEY ENJOY SPENDING TIME OUTDOORS AND INTRODUCING LANDRY TO AGRICULTURE WHILE VISITING THE GRANDPARENTS.

WHAT DO YOU LOVE ABOUT BURWELL?



WHILE WE BOTH MOVED TO BURWELL FOR JOBS, WE HAVE STAYED IN BURWELL BECAUSE THE COMMUNITY HAS SO MUCH TO OFFER. WE HAVE FOUND A SENSE OF BELONGING WITHIN OUR CHURCH AND BUILT FRIENDSHIPS THROUGH COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS. IT ISN'T ALWAYS EASY TO MOVE TO A SMALL TOWN AS AN OUTSIDER, BUT BURWELL ISN'T JUST ANY SMALL TOWN. IT IS WELCOMING, PROGRESSIVE AND A PERFECT PLACE TO RAISE A FAMILY.

TELL US ABOUT YOUR CHILDCARE SITUATION.



LOGAN AND JEN BOTH HAVE CAREERS THAT REQUIRE WORKING WEEKENDS AND EVENINGS. THE PANDEMIC HAS ONLY ADDED TO THE STRUGGLE TO HAVE ENOUGH CHILDCARE TO MEET THOSE DEMANDS WITHOUT FAMILY NEARBY TO FILL THE GAPS. THEY HAVE BEEN SO FORTUNATE TO HAVE RECEIVED HIGH QUALITY CHILDCARE FROM TWO DIFFERENT PROVIDERS THIS YEAR. JEN IS ALSO GRATEFUL THAT HER EMPLOYER OFFERS HER THE FLEXIBILITY TO WORK FROM HOME WITH A FLEXIBLE SCHEDULE WHEN CHILDCARE IS NOT AVAILABLE.

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PAIGE, BROCK, EMORY (11 MONTHS)

TELL US ABOUT YOUR FAMILY:



BROCK AND PAIGE ARE BOTH FAMILIAR WITH SMALL TOWN LIFE. PAIGE GREW UP IN BURWELL AND BROCK, IN BUTTE. AFTER GETTING MARRIED, THEY WERE EXCITED TO RETURN TO BURWELL TO START A FAMILY!

BROCK CURRENTLY WORKS FOR THE NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND PAIGE WORKS FOR BURWELL PUBLIC SCHOOLS, TEACHING JR. HIGH ENGLISH, READING, & CAREERS. SHE ALSO COACHES JR. HIGH VOLLEYBALL AND VARSITY TRACK.

EMORY, WHO WILL TURN ONE SOON, IS A HUGE JOY IN THEIR LIVES!

WHAT DO YOU LOVE ABOUT BURWELL?



AS PEOPLE WHO LOVE THE GREAT OUTDOORS AND ENJOY HUNTING & FISHING, THE BURWELL AREA IS PERFECT FOR THE BREWSTER FAMILY! BEING CLOSE TO PAIGE'S FAMILY IS ALSO A GREAT BLESSING.

MOST OF ALL THOUGH, BROCK & PAIGE LOVE THE SMALL-TOWN ATMOSPHERE OF BURWELL, WHERE EVERYONE IS HERE TO SUPPORT EVERYONE.

TELL US ABOUT YOUR CHILDCARE SITUATION.



WHEN BROCK & PAIGE LEARNED THEY WERE EXPECTING EMORY, THEY BEGAN THE CHILDCARE SEARCH. IN ADDITION TO WORKING FULLTIME AND NEEDING DAYCARE, THEY VALUE THE INTERACTION WITH OTHER KIDS THAT DAYCARE PROVIDES AND KNEW THAT WOULD BE IMPORTANT FOR THEIR DAUGHTER'S DEVELOPMENT. AFTER CONTACTING SEVERAL EXISTING DAYCARE OPTIONS IN TOWN AND FINDING NO OPENINGS, THEY GOT CREATIVE AND STARTED MAKING PHONE CALLS TO TRUSTED FAMILY FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS, AND BURWELL RESIDENTS. THANKFULLY, SOMEONE AGREED TO THE PROPOSITION AND HAS BEEN WATCHING EMORY EVER SINCE.

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LEXY & COLBY

TELL US ABOUT YOURSELVES



COLBY GREW UP IN BURWELL AND LEXY GREW UP IN GRAND ISLAND. BOTH ATTENDED UNK WHERE THEY MET AND BEGAN DATING. COLBY OFTEN TALKED ABOUT WANTING TO MOVE BACK TO BURWELL SOMEDAY AND AFTER VISITING A FEW TIMES, LEXY KNEW IT WAS A NICE SMALL TOWN WITH FRIENDLY PEOPLE. AFTER GETTING MARRIED IN 2016, THE FAMILY MOVED TO BURWELL WHERE COLBY WORKS AT HEARTLAND BANK AND LEXY TEACHES 3RD AND 4TH GRADE IN TAYLOR. THE WURSTS ENJOY BEING ACTIVE BY GOING FOR WALKS AROUND TOWN TOGETHER AND SPENDING TIME AT THE CALAMUS IN THE SUMMER.

WHAT DO YOU LOVE ABOUT BURWELL?



WE LOVE THE FRIENDLY PEOPLE IN BURWELL AND APPRECIATE THAT PEOPLE HAVE MADE US FEEL WELCOME OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS AS WE HAVE MADE BURWELL OUR FIRST HOME TOGETHER. WE LOVE THE POTENTIAL BURWELL HAS TO CONTINUE GROWING AND THRIVING, AND WE THINK WELCOMING IN AND RETAINING OTHER YOUNG FAMILIES IS KEY TO KEEPING THE COMMUNITY GOING. WE ENJOY BEING CLOSE TO THE CALAMUS AND THE NATURAL BEAUTY AND WILDLIFE THE AREA HAS TO OFFER. WE ARE THANKFUL FOR THE CAREER OPPORTUNITIES WE HAVE IN BURWELL AS WELL.

WHAT COULD SANDHILLS FIRST STEPS MEAN FOR YOUR FUTURE?



WHILE WE DON'T CURRENTLY HAVE ANY CHILDREN, WE TALK ABOUT THEM OFTEN AND DREAM OF ADDING KIDS TO OUR FAMILY IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS. THE TOPIC OF CHILDCARE OFTEN COMES UP IN OUR CONVERSATIONS. AS PEOPLE WHO LIKE TO HAVE A PLAN, WE HAVE DISCOVERED THAT WHEN IT COMES TO CHILDCARE, WE ARE NOT SURE WHAT WE WILL DO AND WE WANT TO SEE THE COMMUNITY HAVE MORE OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO HELP US AND OTHER YOUNG COUPLES TO HAVE ACCESS TO HIGH QUALITY CHILDCARE IN BURWELL.