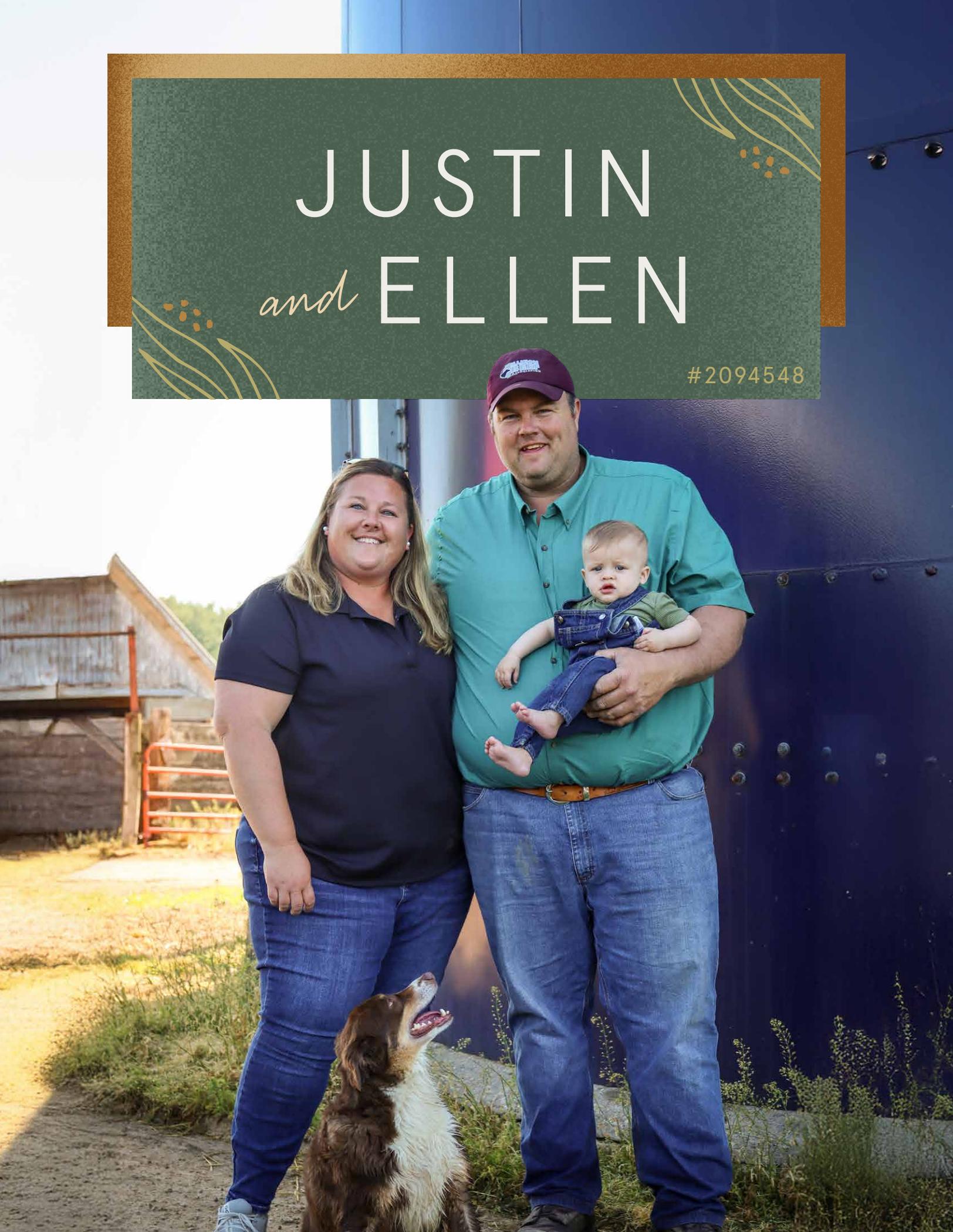


JUSTIN
and ELLEN
#2094548



*We are so grateful
that you are here!*



WE'RE JUSTIN, ELLEN & EVAN,
FARMERS FROM ILLINOIS AND OVERLY
JOYED TO GROW OUR FAMILY.



We know this can be an overwhelming time as you decide on your adoption plan. Just know we are here, we are ready and would love nothing more than to provide a nurturing and loving home. **We love being parents to our adopted son Evan and dream of him becoming a big brother.** Unfortunately, we can't have biological children and God is leading us down this path for a reason. We promise to provide a home filled with love, laughter and comfort for them to prosper. We are keeping our options open in regards to open or closed adoptions. Essentially, we want to do what you feel is best, as you will be giving us the greatest gift. **Please know, that we admire you, respect you, and love you for considering us to be a part of your child's life.**

Our STORY

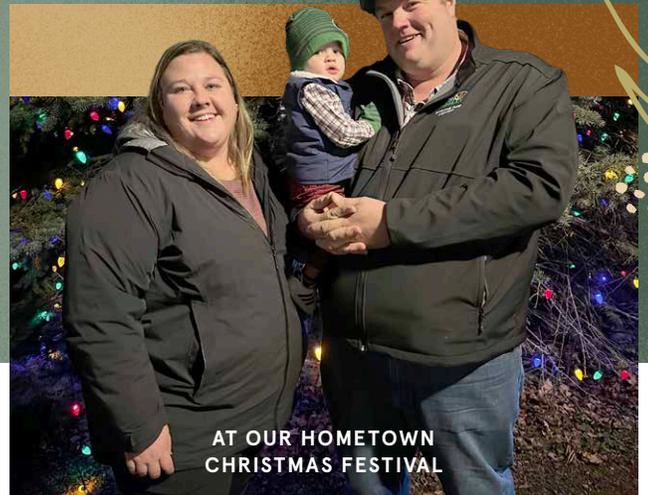
WE FIRST MET THROUGH
MUTUAL FRIENDS ON A SUNDAY
AFTERNOON OUTING.

While our initial connection was special, our paths went in different directions at that time. Ten years later, we reconnected and instantly knew it was meant to be. After a few years of dating, we married in our cattle pasture, surrounded by friends, family and of course cows.



OUR WEDDING DAY—BEST DAY EVER!

AFTERNOON DRIVE CHECKING OUR FIELDS



AT OUR HOMETOWN
CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

Our fertility journey didn't unfold as we had hoped, and we came to understand that having biological children wasn't part of our story. **But we also felt God leading us toward adoption, and in 2023, we were blessed to adopt our son Evan.** Life has been nothing short of a gift ever since. We felt so fortunate to be his adoptive parents and are filled with love and gratitude every single day as we watch him grow. **In addition to the joy Evan brings us, we can't wait to expand our family and make him a big brother, continuing this beautiful journey of love and growth together.**



MEET ELLEN

*written by
Justin*

MY WIFE IS TRULY AN
INCREDIBLE MOTHER.

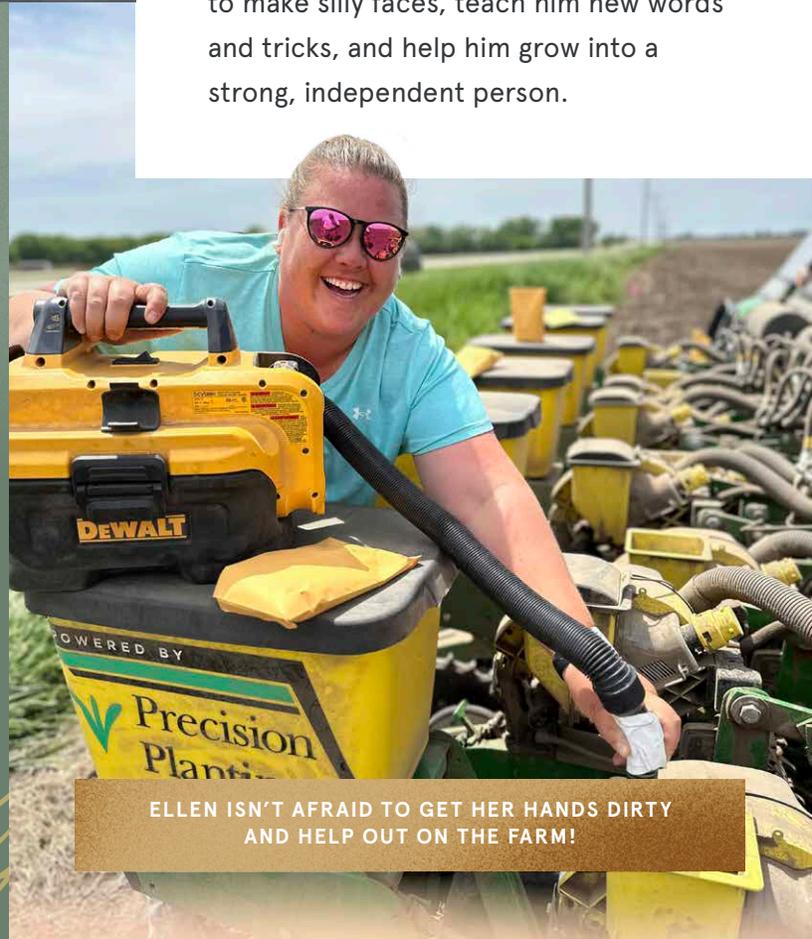
She has all the natural instincts, always knowing exactly how to care for, nurture, and love Evan unconditionally. **She isn't afraid to get her hands dirty, whether it's jumping in to help with a messy task or getting on the floor to play with him.** She'll always drop whatever she's doing to make silly faces, teach him new words and tricks, and help him grow into a strong, independent person.



CRAFTING A
BIRTHDAY CARD
WITH EVAN

Ellen's heart

IS BIGGER THAN SHE EVEN REALIZES,
AND THE LOVE AND PATIENCE SHE
SHOWS EVERY DAY IS NOTHING SHORT
OF INSPIRING.



ELLEN ISN'T AFRAID TO GET HER HANDS DIRTY
AND HELP OUT ON THE FARM!



ENJOYING CHICAGO DURING THE SUMMER



HELPING SERVE AT THE STATE FAIR



FUN FACTS

and favorites

1

Vacation Spot
THE BEACH

6

Seasonal Activity
PLANTING A GARDEN

2

Place to Take A Child
DISNEY WORLD

7

Dessert
CUPCAKES

3

Hobby
CRAFTING

8

Dream Job
STAY AT HOME MOM

4

Children's Book
THE POLAR EXPRESS

9

Sport You Like to Play
VOLLEYBALL

5

Languages
SMALL AMOUNT OF
SPANISH

10

Ice Cream Flavor
MINT OREO





MEET
JUSTIN

written by
Ellen

MY HUSBAND IS BUILT LIKE AN OX—
STRONG, SOLID, AND TOUGH—BUT
AT HEART, HE'S A TRUE TEDDY BEAR.

He's always willing to get down on the floor
with Evan, especially when it comes to playing
with tractors and trains. He loves taking Evan
out to the farm, showing him the ropes and
introducing him to the cows. **Watching their
bond grow and seeing the way they learn and
explore together has been one of the greatest
gifts I've ever had the privilege of witnessing.**



WORKING ON OUR FARM

Justin's strength
IS MATCHED ONLY BY THE TENDERNESS
AND LOVE HE SHOWS TO BOTH OF
US EVERY DAY.



STROLLING THROUGH FARM & FLEET



FILLING GRASS SEED ON THE FARM

FUN FACTS

and favorites

5

Vacation Spot
WESTERN PLAINS

5

Hobby
WOODWORKING

5

Place to Take A Child
WISCONSIN DELLS

5

Dessert
PIE

5

Musical Artist
MONTGOMERY
GENTRY

5

Sport You Like to Play
FOOTBALL

5

Lunch Box Snack
CHEESE

5

Ice Cream Flavor
BROWNIE PIECES
AND PEANUT BUTTER

5

Children's Book
JOHNNY TRACTOR
SERIES

5

Sports Team
CHICAGO BEARS,
CHICAGO CUBS



LOOKING AT TOYS AT THE FARM SHOW





MEET EVAN

Our son Evan
IS JUST OVER A YEAR OLD,
WALKING AND TALKING UP A
STORM, AND HE'S ALREADY
SHOWING OFF THE BEST
PERSONALITY!

We had only four days to prepare for him during our first adoption journey, and those days felt like a beautiful blessing. **He loves being silly and can't resist laughing, especially when others are laughing with him.** We enjoy teaching him sign language, hoping it will help give him a broader perspective on the world. He adores spending time with his cousins and playing with other kids, and it's no surprise that he's definitely grandma and grandpa's favorite.



THE HAPPIEST LITTLE BOY YOU'LL EVER MEET!



*Evan brings
so much joy*

TO OUR LIVES EVERY
SINGLE DAY!

EASTER EGG HUNT AT
GRANDMA'S HOUSE



AFTERNOON SWIM AS A FAMILY



OUR HOME

and community



WE LOVE OUR LIFE ON THE FARM!

We live on our farm, about 6 miles from town. Our home is situated 1/4 mile off the road. **We love how peaceful it is and enjoy the abundant amount of yard for gardening, a swing set and lots of space for a game of tag.** We have a small pasture behind our house where the creek flows through. We love watching the sunrise over the pasture and the sunset over the fields throughout the year.

We live in a rural community, in fact our County only has 1 stop light. It's kind of our claim to fame around here.

WE LOVE OUR TIGHT KNIT COMMUNITY. THERE'S ALWAYS SOMEONE THERE TO CHEER YOU ON, OR HELP YOU OUT IN A TIME OF NEED.

We're both very actively involved in our community and enjoy volunteering when the need arises. We have some berry farms and orchards close by, which make for a great family outing when they're in season. During the summer months its easy to spot a farmers market filled with an abundant amount of fresh fruit and vegetables.



WALKING TO THE 4TH OF JULY PARADE



OUR FAMILY

WE BOTH COME FROM BIG FAMILIES AND WE ARE FORTUNATE THAT BOTH OF OUR FAMILIES ARE CLOSE.

Ellen's family

Ellen's parents have been married for 60 years and worked along side one another on the farm since day one. **She has 3 siblings, 7 nieces and nephews and 5 great nieces and 2 great nephews.** At Christmas, they like to spice things up a bit and do a family scavenger hunt instead of gifts. It's become quite the tradition and bragging rights, in fact we get people in our community that ask to be a part of it! We put out a family calendar every year, showing off different photo's from each of our families and they list everyone's birthday and anniversary. Every Christmas Eve, Ellen's mom bakes up cinnamon rolls for everyone to enjoy on Christmas morning.

Justin's family

Justin's parents have been married for 39 years and too have worked along side one another on the farm since day one. **Justin has 4 siblings, 8 nieces and nephews.** Every other year Justin's family hosts Christmas in the barn. A live nativity scene opens for the entire community to enjoy. When we gather for birthday celebrations, his mom will put out a special plate. They too enjoy a family calendar.



AT A FARM SHOW WITH OUR NIECES AND NEPHEWS

ELLEN'S BROTHER WITH EVAN



JUSTIN'S GRANDMA WITH GREAT GRANDKIDS



BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION WITH JUSTIN'S SIDE OF THE FAMILY





DINNER WITH OUR LOVED ONES



ELLEN'S PARENTS WITH GREAT GRANDKIDS

Our family and friends

LOVE WATCHING US WITH EVAN AND ARE ALWAYS ASKING HOW HE'S DOING, EAGER TO SEE HIM GROW AND THRIVE.

They're excited for us as we continue to grow our family, and we feel so grateful for their support. We're passionate about surrounding our children with the love and encouragement of those who care about us, creating a community of warmth and joy around them.

MEET MAX

HE'S A MINI AUSTRALIAN SHEPHERD.

He enjoys playing fetch, swimming in the creek, chasing cows, and snuggles. He loves playing with Evan and stealing snacks from anyone that will feed him. He knows how to sit, lay down, roll over, give high fives and of course kisses.

MAX LOVES TO KEEP AN EYE ON THE BABY CALVES!



OUR FAITH

WE ATTEND A SMALLER COUNTRY CHURCH THAT IS

rich in faith.



OUR CHURCH



CELEBRATING EVAN'S DEDICATION

We are both actively involved in our church and in fact you will find us there every Sunday morning. We love watching Evan grow alongside our church family and plan to continue instilling these same values in our future children.



Watch your step!
Loose rocks

OUR
THOUGHTS ON
Parenting

WE WERE BOTH RAISED ON A FARM, WHERE OUR PARENTS INSTILLED A STRONG WORK ETHIC, A HUMBLE MINDSET AND ABOVE ALL ELSE A STRONG FAITH.

These are all characteristics that we wish to pass on to our children. We want them to see the value in a hard days work, the ability to see a greater picture and know that God has a plan for all of us and to trust in his faith as he will provide.

JUSTIN AND EVAN RIDING THE PEDAL TRACTOR



We've kept our options open in regards to race/ethnicity. We vow to always educate and celebrate them on their heritage. We also love the idea of an open adoption and letting them know that they grew in our hearts but in their birth mother's belly.

WE WANT TO BE AS OPEN AS WE CAN, SO THEY KNOW YOUR SELFLESS ACT AND YOUR COURAGEOUS AMOUNT OF *love* IN SEEKING AN ADOPTION PLAN.



We thank you

FOR TAKING THE TIME
TO LOOK THROUGH OUR
PROFILE AND WE HOPE IT
HAS GIVEN YOU A GLIMPSE
OF WHO WE ARE AND THE
LOVE WE HAVE TO SHARE.



WE LOVE THE IDEA OF AN OPEN
ADOPTION AND EXTENDING OUT
OUR FAMILY TREE, IF YOU SO
CHOOSE. PLEASE KNOW THAT WE
DEEPLY RESPECT YOUR WISHES,
WE ADMIRE YOUR COMPASSION
AND COURAGEOUSNESS.

Our promise to you, is that we will raise your child with strong faith, admiration and knowing right from wrong. We promise to encourage positive growth and always seek out new adventures and experiences. We promise they will always celebrate their adoption and understand your courage and love. **Above all else, we promise to love them unconditionally.** We thank you for considering us to be a part of your child's life. We hope and pray that you too will want to be a branch of our family tree.

Family INFORMATION

DATE OF MARRIAGE: 6/24/2017

CHILDREN: Evan, 10/18/23, adopted. Evan enjoys playing outdoors, watching the cows and just being silly any chance he can.

INTERESTS AND HOBBIES: We both enjoy visiting with people, giving back to our community and spending time around the farm. We each have our own hobbies; Ellen enjoys crafting and Justin enjoys wood working.

HOME: We live in a small rural area on our farm about 6 miles from town. Our house is nestled back ¼ mile off the road, where its quite peaceful and has lots of area for our dog Max, farm cats and of course Evan to play.

PETS: We have 1 dog, Max. He is a mini Australian Shepherd and loves to chase cattle. We also have several farm cats, that love to soak up on the sun on our front porch.

WHY ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BUILDING YOUR FAMILY THROUGH ADOPTION? Unfortunately, we cannot have children of our own and we would love to have a big family. We were lucky enough to become Evan's adopted parents last year and we can't wait to share the joy with him in bringing home another brother or sister.

OPENNESS TO BIRTHPARENT(S): We want to keep all our options open and are willing to share as much or as little as the birthparents would like. Essentially, we are willing to do what they would prefer, as they are giving us the greatest gift.

CHILDCARE PLANS: We currently have a loving Mennonite family, that watches Evan during the day throughout the week. Sometimes during the winter months, he isn't there as often as Ellen is able to stay home more. Our plan would be to do the same with our future adopted child.



Ellen

Occupation
Seed Sales

Education
College

Religion
Christian

Date of birth
11/24/1986

Hair color
Blonde/Brown

Eye color
Blue

Height
5'10"

Justin

Occupation
Farmer

Education
College

Religion
Christian

Date of birth
02/24/1986

Hair color
Brown

Eye color
Blue

Height
6'6"



We would love
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