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Happy New Year!

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Love makes a house a home," is the slogan attached to a wall above the sofa in David Woeckener's trailer home in rural Port Byron.

The love shared by this father with sons Jacob, 14, and Zachary, 12, is evident in the way they banter and finish each others' sentences.

Woeckener has been the custodial parent for his sons for 11 years.

"It's basically the three of us," he says.

In the summer, they frequent nearby fishing spots in Moline and Geneseo. In the winter, they "hibernate in the house," Woeckener laughs, saying they watch movies and hang out. The boys enjoy playing outside in the snow, too.

"We try to have a lot of fun," Woeckener said. "They both do really well in school."

In between, the boys are busy with athletics.

Jacob, an eighth-grader at Northeast Junior High School in East Moline, proudly shows a visitor numerous medals he has won in Special Olympics. Born with cerebral palsy, he gets around with a walker or wheelchair. Some of his medals are from the softball throw, and he wants to try sled hockey next.

"They told us when he was born that he'd never walk," Woeckener said. "Now, he has close to 30 medals."

Football is Zachary's sport, and the sixth-grader at Northeast has played on the Junior Panthers, with hopes of eventually landing a spot on the "big Panthers" when he gets to United Township High School. Woeckener has helped coach Zachary's team.

The Woeckener family was nominated for Wish List Quad-Cities by Johnnie M. Woods, a counselor with YSB Counseling Service in Rock Island.

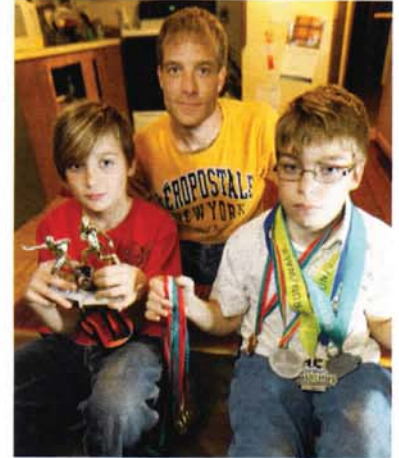
Woods speaks highly of Woeckener's devotion to his sons.

And while he has a job at Fol-Da-Tank Co. in Milan, which makes portable water tanks for fire departments, Woods said money is "very tight" in the family, and the growing boys could use clothing, winter coats and boots. She also said that Woeckener asks for nothing for himself, but a gas card for his daily commute to work would be helpful.

Woeckener is raising his boys to be able to cook and mend. He noted that Zachary took a needle and thread to a worn comforter the other day, so twin bedding for the boys would be appreciated, too, he said.

"Zack is an aspiring master chef," he said. Pork chops and grilled cheese are specialties. "Jacob does a lot of mixing.

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David Woeckener, of rural Port Byron, and sons, Zachary, 12, left, and Jacob, 14, show off the boys' athletic trophies and medals at their home.

(Quad-City Times photo by Louis Brems)



Welcome New Staff

The Youth Service Bureau is pleased to welcome Nicole Zook to the agency! Nicole served her Masters Internship at YSB and most recently joined the agency in the role as Family Therapist!

Nicole received her B.A. in Psychology from Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame, in 2006. Upon graduation she enlisted in the United States Marine Corps, leaving as a sergeant in 2010 after deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan where she earned multiple personal awards. After receiving an honorable discharge, she returned to Northeastern Illinois University and received her M.A. in Clinical Mental Health Counseling in 2014. She is currently a member of the American Counseling Association, American Mental Health Counselors Association, and Illinois Counseling Association. Nicole has worked with children, adolescents, and families for 5 years and enjoys working with individuals struggling with depression, play therapy techniques, parent-child relational problems, military families and veterans' issues.



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