

The Braaap-Blazing Brady Bunch Of Barnesville

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On any given race weekend, the Kenyon-Schmitz family loads up more than helmets, sleds, and go-karts. They bring snacks, tools, nerves, and adrenaline, along with four kids who race hard, cheer harder, and somehow manage to stay on the same team as engines roar and helmets click into place.

Described by mom Lindsey Schmitz as a “modern-day Brady Bunch,” the blended Barnesville family has turned motorsports into a shared way of life. Between snocross tracks and go-kart circuits, their kids race side by side and, at times, against each other, learning resilience, sportsmanship, and what it means to belong to something bigger than themselves.

What began with one boy watching his racing hero fly across the snow has grown into a full-family commitment, powered by speed, support, and a racing community that feels like family.

From One Spark To A Family Passion

The family’s racing story traces back to a single moment. After Arlan watched his all-time favorite racer, Tucker Hibbert, compete at Buffalo River Speedway, flying across the snow at full speed, he was hooked.

“They went and tried out racing on Arlan’s 120, and he’s been hooked since,” Lindsey said.

When Lindsey and Joe Kenyon met, Arlan was already racing snocross. Lindsey later asked Joe if he would help pit crew for her daughter Liv in go-karts. That simple



Arlan, Chase, Bailey and Liv together at the Barnesville Sports Arena during one of Bailey’s recent dance performances, with Joe Kenyon and Lindsey Schmitz behind them — returning the support Bailey gives her siblings at the track.

ask quickly grew into something much bigger.

“Next thing we knew, three of our four kids were racing go-karts and snowmobiles,” Lindsey said.

Today, the family includes Joe and Lindsey, their four kids, Arlan,

Chase, Liv, and Bailey, and two Labradors, Bear and Rooty, who round out the crew. While three of the kids currently compete in racing, Bailey raced snocross for two years before shifting her focus to other passions.

Growing With The Sport

As the kids gained experience, they progressed through racing classes, moving into faster and more competitive divisions that demanded greater skill and focus.

In snocross, that progression meant starting in youth sleds and advancing into higher-powered machines. In go-kart racing, each season brought a move into quicker classes that required sharper control and confidence.

That growth came with commitment. Go-kart races are held Monday nights, while snocross competitions take place on weekends. Weekday evenings are often spent in the shop, where Joe preps tires, works on sleds and karts, and fixes whatever broke last, which is often determined by who pushed things just a little too hard.

“I usually spend Thursdays prepping snacks, food, and getting the trailer ready,” Lindsey said. “Joe spends time in the shop depending on which kid broke what.”

More Than Winning

Racing demands time, energy, and no small amount of grit. For the Kenyon-Schmitz family, however, the rewards go far beyond trophies.

“The kids enjoy it so much, the adrenaline,” Lindsey said. “That’s what keeps us coming back.”

Along the way, the kids have learned lessons that don’t always come from traditional activities.

“Being tough. Getting back on after getting knocked off, even when it’s scary,” Lindsey said. “Sportsmanship. There’s nothing like being part of a racing family with all the other families.”

One moment, in particular, stands out. When all three racing kids first entered go-karts, they ended up in the same class. Joe and Lindsey worried the ride home would be filled with finger-pointing, frustration, and arguments over who passed who.

“Surprisingly, they were all great and cheering each other on,” Lindsey said.

Life Beyond The Track

While racing plays a major role in family life, it does not define the kids entirely.

Arlan enjoys camping, dirt bikes, football, and spending time with family. A self-described motorhead, he is happiest riding, wrenching, or helping in the shop.

Chase loves basketball and baseball and spends downtime playing Roblox. Lindsey describes him as kind and competitive in the best ways.

Liv is an all-around athlete who participates in cross country and

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Arlan and Liv pose with their go-karts in this earlier photo. Classmates before becoming siblings, the two have long shared a love of racing.



Liv launches into the air during a snocross race, a moment that captures the confidence and determination she has built in the sport.

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