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*The Foutty Family*

## Erin Foutty Wants to Take over the World

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#### TEAM

Marketing Coordinator

#### HOMETOWN

Wadsworth, OH

By day, Erin Foutty is a mild, mannered Marketing Coordinator in our Orrville Service Center. At night, she is building her ancient empire so she can take over the world, but her heart will always belong to Mario. If you followed any of that, then you're either a gamer or you live with one!

Erin is an avid gamer who grew up playing video games like Mario, Donkey Kong, and Zelda on the Nintendo. Over the years she's logged a lot of hours on the PlayStation console and has recently gotten more into PC gaming. "My birthday present this year was a new gaming laptop," she said.

Her current addiction, one she shares with her husband Bryan, is Age of Empires, a history-based real-time strategy game. But she's not a one-game girl. She also plays a lot of Civilization, a turn-based strategy

game in which you attempt to build an empire and take over the world. Are you sensing a pattern here?

"Bryan and I probably play about 10-15 hours a week, depending on how busy our weekend is," she said, adding they only game every other weekend. The off weekends are a whirlwind of fun activities when Bryan's 6-year-old daughter Sydney comes to visit. "When your time together is short, you start to appreciate every minute together," Erin said. "Our weekends with Sydney are exhausting, but so worth it."

Erin and Bryan make their home in Wadsworth, Ohio, a small town near Akron. "We love it there because it has a small-town feel, but it is close enough to the city that we can go out for a night on the town without worrying about a long drive," she said. "The best part of a small town is how quiet it

can be. The other day I was standing on my balcony watching a doe right across the street eating. You just don't get that kind of peace and quiet in the city."

Another thing Erin doesn't get is cats. A wannabe crazy

cat lady, she is particularly bummed about this one. "I have a 3-year-old Calico named Zoey. She was a barn cat that we picked up when she was about 8 weeks old. She loves the outdoors and is quite the huntress," Erin said. "Unfortunately, my apartment does not allow cats, so she has been living with my grandmother in the country, and loving every minute of it."

In addition to wanting cats, Erin would also love to travel. "I love visiting new places and seeing different cultures," she said. While building lost civilizations in video games is a lot of fun, it's just not the same thing as seeing the real thing.

Speaking of video games, we asked Erin who would win in a head-to-head matchup between her and her husband. "Bryan for sure," she laughed. "Most of the time we play on the same team so he doesn't have to feel so bad about winning by so much." So much for world domination.



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