



THE BUN KER FAMILY: Cindy, Michael, Teri and Isaac.

“It was a really, really little kid book,” Isaac says, “and I couldn’t even read that.”

But Isaac worked hard, his moms say, and he improved. He had some hurdles – like one year where he did nothing but watch Netflix during class – but in the end, he says his moms helped him.

“They constantly nag me a lot about school,” he says, “but if they didn’t I wouldn’t do anything at school.”

Michael and Isaac, now adults, are markedly different – while Michael seems like he’d be the one in the front of the chemistry lab diligently following instructions, Isaac seems like he’d be in the back, creating his own

experiments. But both brothers have a cool confidence, one that they had to have gotten from their moms.

Michael starts college this fall at Oregon State University, where he’s studying biology. He wants to be a doctor, like Teri. Isaac will graduate from technical school in the summer. He plans to be a firefighter. Cindy and Teri have reason to be proud.

“When you become a parent, your entire life gets turned on its head,” Teri says, “but it’s even better than we expected.” §

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