

Dear Family:

March 22, 1993

In early March Charlotte and had the privilage of witnessing a very special sealing. Marilyn and John Brennan have adopted a lovely girl who is a couple of years older than Tamera. Heather was formerly adopted as a youngster, but she had an unhappy childhood. She was totally rejected by her family after she joined the church in her late teens. Heather served a mission in the Hood River, OR ward a couple of years ago. While serving there Heather and Marilyn bonded. After serving an honorable mission, Heather moved from the east coast to live permanently in Hood River. Her legal name is now Heather Brennan. Welcome to the family cousin!

The lower corner of our backyard is seven feet below the patio. In January I designed a seven foot high concrete retaining wall so that we can have a level yard, but the city wouldn't give me a building permit. I am now building a retaining wall out of pressure-treated lumber that is only 3'-6" high, so that I can go ahead without a building permit. I am building it in two tiers. This is a big project.

I enjoy my calling as a stake missionary and ward mission leader. I go out with the missionaries about once a week plus meetings. I believe our ward is starting to awaken to a new level of missionary consciousness. It is nice to see slow progress.

Charlotte has had a terrible, nagging cough for about a month. It was one of those coughs that keep you awake nights. She saw an ENT doctor, but he offered nothing by way of encouragement. He said to gargle with salt water. Charlotte is improving.

Charlotte has been serving as the cub scout den leader assistant. She will be moving up to the Webelo leader in April with Hyrum. Charlotte has also been helping out a lot at school. Enclosed are journal entries Charlotte typed for the children.

Willis T. Weight / March 21, 1993

Thursday was my first practice for T-ball. We had a lot of fun there and our game goes at Hallinan. We start at five in the evening. On Saturday we started at 9 AM. I felt like I couldn't wait until my first practice of T-Ball that we had to do a lot. (Willis came up to me before that first practice and told me he was so excited to go to his first T-ball practice and that he felt like he had a smile in his heart that wouldn't go away!)

I was in a play on Wednesday. It was kind of boring being on stage because the play was kind of short. My mom got a green flower (carnation) from Mrs. Odman because she liked the play and she wanted to give a flower to kid's parents who directed the plays and who helped to do the plays. The plays, there were four plays and it was like a pattern. First it goes Mrs. Shrader's class, then Mrs. O's class, then Mrs. Shrader's class and then last Mrs. O's class. We were the last play to do it. It took 30 minutes until our play was on stage. I got to wear a leprechaun costume and my own clothes because I was peasant boy. Granny's wig, that was Whitney, everyone laughed a little. The first time she put her wig on the whole school kids saw it and laughed at her wig.

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Hannah and Sarah got another room. And their room is in the toy room. They took the toy room's place. So we put the toy room in where they used to sleep and they have a new bedroom. And this way we don't have to the toy room for a job anymore. That person just has to do the bathrooms now. But our toy room will have to be in the garage since it is as wide as the toy room. We had to put all the stuff in the toy room. It is really going to be hard the whole family is going to have to work. What a job it is going to be. It's going to take about a day to make a new toy room.

Hyrum R. Weight / March 21, 1993

Tomorrow is the first day of spring break. I invited Nif (neighbor boy) to spend the night Monday night. We were going to play lots of games in the toy room, but that was before mom put Sarah and Hannah in the toy room. Now Sarah says that she doesn't want us in her room. We plan to sleep in the living room.

The 18th we went to KOIN TV station with our Cub Scout pack. Our tour guide was Randy Queren the weather man of KOIN TV. He showed us the news room, editing room, the cameras, the weather desk, the five day forecast on his computer and the lighting room.

Yesterday Michael, Nif and I made a passageway through dead black berry bushes. On Friday we started it but we didn't get to finish it because Michael had to go in to dinner early. We each took one spot. One was near the fence, and three others were kind of close together. We made passageways to hook them together. I wanted to go down and do that today but my mom says I have to stay around.

I was really behind in Math. I was 7 assignments behind. I finished all of them in four days. I felt really good when I was all caught up. My goal is to never get behind again. I felt kind of worried when I was behind.

I got a hair cut by mom. I wanted to go outside and play but mom wouldn't let me until I got my haircut and my room was clean.

I got my Bear badge at the Pack Meeting. We flew kites at the pack meeting. My kite flew a little bit but there wasn't enough wind to keep them up. You had to run in order to keep them off the ground. I'm now working on my Webelo.

Hannah Weight / March 21, 1993

I just completed a research project on New Zealand. First we had to make note cards, then an outline, rough draft and then a final copy. After that we were required to make a box and in the box we had to put something about each of the topics in our reports. My final report was 13 pages typed (Hannah typed the entire report by herself), plus a box and 2 visuals. I got 99% on the

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whole project. After everyone had give an oral presentation to the class, we displayed our boxes, visuals and reports in the gym. We had to stand for an hour while parents and students cameto the "World Faire" and asked us questions about our countries. My next research project will be on a country in Africa. This is the first 6th grade research project. (Hannah earned straight A's every quarter this year. She is a very diligent student.)

I just got a new room. My old room was very small. I had to share it with my sister too so that made it even smaller! Most of the time it was cluttered with clothes and stuff thrown all over the floor. This room is much bigger! It faces east so in the morning the sun comes through the windows. The only bad part is that it doesn't have a ready fire escape. (There are lots of windows, but they are on the second floor.) We have a new bedside table with a drawer where we keep our pajamas. We also got a new dresser with a hutch. The fold out sleeper coach is in our room too. We keep all our stuffed animals on it. We also have a desk in the corner with a chair to match. And Sarah has a new head/foot board for her bed. We need a closet because the room only has a really small closet because it is really a bonus room not a bedroom.

We are going to get a dog. So far we have saved up \$65.75. We are going to name the dog Tanner (if Hannah gets to name him). There are two other dogs in this street whose names start with a T. So it will be interesting. We're not sure what type of dog we are going to get yet. But we know we are going to get a male.

Sarah Weight / March 21, 1993

Hannah and I switched our room. We moved from our upstairs bedroom to the toy room. It looks alot better and we have a lot more space. We got some new furniture--a desk, dresser, night stand, a hutch and a bed set. It looks really good and we have a lot more space now. We also have the upstairs hide-a-bed couch. In about 15 minutes I'm going on a short bike ride with Erin. (Erin Brady is one of Sarah's best friends.)

Spring break is here. This week I'm working for dad again. I have a chance to earn \$100. (My secretary is on vacation during spring break.) I might spend it on goind to camp with Erin, it's called camp Collins. Or I might go to a week basketball over-night camp with here. Either one sounds like a lot of fun. I'm not sure which one and if my parents will pay the other half.

Basketball season is over. Our record was 7 wins out of 11 games. (Sarah is in 8th grade junior team. She started first string, but the coach played everyone on the team equal time. They might have won a few more games otherwise. They had a lot of fun.)

Love to you all, B.C.S.H.H.W. Weight