

Dear Family:

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It has been awhile since we have made an entry. I should start with thanking Marian for the nice couch comforters she sent us for Christmas. We have found ourselves using them regularly while watching the news or a movie. Each time we get them out I think of who gave them to us. Thank you Marian!

We bought bunk beds for the boys last week. They are ecstatic about it. Willis won the coin flip for who gets to sleep on the top bunk first. Hyrum will get his turn next week. We signed Hyrum up for baseball again. The season starts in April.

Willis and Hyrum both learned how to ride a bike last month. Hyrum will be nine and Willis is six years old. It took them longer than normal to learn because we live at the top of a hill. The hill is too steep for learning. Learning to ride has been a low priority for Hyrum and he has been afraid of it. Hyrum saw a terrible bicycle accident when we lived in Snohomish, Washington. We have had to take them and their bikes in the car to the school to practice. We haven't given them enough attention to learn.

Hyrum got his wolf badge a couple of months ago. He got his gold arrow point at the blue and gold dinner. We had our blue and gold dinner last week. I was pleased that everyone came through on their food and program assignments. We had lots of help on clean up. Being cub master is a fun calling.

Hannah is an avid reader. Her best friend right now is Nancy Drew. She wanted to sign up for indoor soccer this spring. She had a good learning experience last fall in outdoor soccer. It is also an opportunity to be with friends.

Sarah is learning a lot in junior high. She is a good student, but shines especially well in social skills. She is friends with everyone, but has also learned that family financial status can have some affect on acceptance. Girls, even in the church, can be cliquish. She has been to the two school dances and has had a great time. Boys and the telephone are becoming more and more important. Yes, we allow her to talk to boys on the phone. We have used this necessary moment to reestablish our family (not just church) values. In our family we do not date until sixteen years old. The teenage years are definitely here!

Charlotte has been as busy as ever with the primary. The children made valentines for the people in a retirement home. Yesterday, they had their activity day and delivered them. It was a good experience for the seniors as well as the children.

During the last three months business has been very good. We have had more work this winter than we have ever had. I decided it is time to expand the business and hire an engineer. I put an add in the paper and got a bunch of resumes. There were only five applicants considered. I interviewed three and took them with me on inspections. I have an engineer in training now. He is being paid a base salary during the training period. He will be paid a commission on all work performed after fully trained. I do not expect him to be productive until the middle of March.

Love: Bryan, Charlotte, Sarah, Hannah, Hyrum & Willis.

