

Dear Family:

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March was an interesting month. I learned that this is not the time to hire any new engineers. House sales are fair, but not nearly as strong as last year. I had hoped that the recession would be over along with the war in Iraq. It wasn't. I doubt that I will try to hire anyone again before next year. The business is doing well enough for one, but not enough for two.

You may recall that Charlotte is primary president in our ward. I was released as the ward executive secretary the Sunday before General Conference. Charlotte and I were just too busy serving in the church to be able to get our kids to church Sunday mornings by 9:00 a.m. Something had to give. I am now the new cub scout master. Hyrum turned eight and joined the pack last month. It will be a fun calling.

Charlotte's schedule is busier than ever now that baseball has started. Sarah and Hyrum both have games twice a week. They also have one ball practice each week. I go to Hyrum's practices as often as occasion permits. On top of piano lessons, cub scouts, pre-school for Willis three times a week, helping out at the school, Merry-miss activities for Hannah and who knows what else Charlotte is one busy mom. Charlotte has a T-shirt that reads, "If a mother's place is in the home, why am I always in the car?" Life is only going to get busier. It gives us a perspective of the Hall side of the family with older children.

Sarah and Hyrum both had their first game Saturday April 13. Sarah is in a girl's fast pitch league. The girls pitch the ball fairly fast. Sarah's team won 18 to 9. She went 3 for 4 and had one walk. There were a lot of walks. Sarah plays short-stop. Her coach is the district chairman. He is an exceptionally good with the girls and knows a great deal about coaching. Sarah will have a fun season.

Hyrum is in the first year of hardball. He is not as aggressive as the other boys and he is a little bit afraid of the ball. He would do better if I had more time to play catch with him. In Hyrum's league there are no walks and everyone on the roster bats. If the opposing pitcher throws four balls, then the coach of your own team finishes pitching to that batter. Hyrum's team lost 1 to 2. They played one of two other teams from his school so all the kids knew each other. For that matter the parents on our team knew the parents on the opposing team. It was a very friendly game without stress. Everyone cheered for everyone.

Hannah has been somewhat lost since her best friend moved out of state at the end of December. She has had difficulty in making the adjustment. We have been encouraging her to invite friends over after school. She is starting to come around.

Willis is ready for kindergarten. He has six more weeks of preschool left. He enjoyed having his brother and sisters home during spring break. He also seems to be very interested in baseball. The whole family enjoys watching the Portland Trail Blazers play basketball.

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