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Dear Family,

Sorry we haven't written for so long! That's good though, it helps to make things more interesting.

For starters, you can look forward to seeing our fancy jeep in Petersons 4-Wheel and Off Road Magazine, June issue, which will hit the newstands on May 15th. We have heard that there will be a 2 page color spread! Since those pictures were taken over a year ago, Doug has changed tires again to "Ground Hawg" 44" size. (16 inches wide, 44 inches tall.) He has also chromed more stuff under the frame like his gas tank cover, steering arms, differential cover (sp?) U-bolts, Oil pan, springs, etc. etc. It looks good enough to eat off of. We can sit up underneath the jeep without hitting our heads. It's nice to be able to polish the underneath without lying on your back. We just got back from the Boise Idaho Roadster show which is an ISCA sponsored car show. Since we belong to the ISCA association, they offered to pay us 25¢ per mile go go and show the jeep for 4 days. We thought it would be a good change of pace since Doug has 2 weeks of Annual leave that he either has to take soon, or lose..because he has accumulated too many Annual leave hours this year. (I think he has about 2 months leave still to come this year.) We went with some people from American fork that we had met at a previous show that really turned out to be sleezy! (the people we went out with, not the show.) They seemed really nice at first, but we soon found out that they both liked to drink it up, and one of them stepped out on the other one (Adultery) and they used us to pack them everywhere, and didn't offer to pay our gas and I could go on and on. Doug and I were sorry that we agreed to go with them. Oh well, It taught us a lesson. We realized how important we were to each other, and how ~~much~~ important standards & morals were to us. We did have a good time overall, despite all the bad stuff that happened, and it was good to get away. By the way (Brag, Brag...) we took First Place in the 4x4 RV division as always, and brought back a nice trophe.

In the Nancy news....I have been at work learning the art of doing stained glass windows. The real thing! I have learned how to cut glass into different shapes and sizes, and of different textures. I have learned how to do different techniques like lead cane windows, and copper foil windows. Within the past 5-6 weeks I have constructed 5 good sized windows. @ 2 sidelights that are 3' long and 6" wide. It's done in beveled glass, clear water glass, and clear glue-chip glass. (all clear, but different textured glass.) It was done with lead cane, sottered, and cemented to waterproof it. They turned out quite nice. Then I made a 22 1/8" x 22 1/8" window for the old store in payson. (Mom's rental house.) It was done in dk. reds, greens, and clear glass, with a little gold colored glass too. It's a victorian theme window, with a tulip's. Then I made 2 windows in the same colors, to match the same theme as the 22x22 window, to go above the wood-framed windows on either side of the door on the front of the same house. They were done in copper foil. (lots of work!!!!) Professionals charge appx. \$60.00 to \$70.00 per sq. foot for stained glass windows in copper-foil. Mom would have had to pay over 850.00 for these 3 windows, but of course for mom, I only charged her for the materials. They turned out really pretty.

By the way, the last 2 windows I mentioned, were 3' x 1'4"...so you can see that they were quite large. I'm hoping that I will be able to pick up a few odd jobs doing windows for contractors and new home builders etc. The best part is, I really love doing them! Every minute is super fun. (alot of time & work, and sore fingers, but rewarding.) ...and besides all that, I happen to think I'm pretty good at it too! (brag, brag again.)

Carli went to the dentist last week, who happens to be Dr. Ed. Pinegar, whom you all might know as a spiritual writer for our church. (whew! that was a long sentence. You can all take a deep breath now.) We were seated in the dentists chair by the nurse, and in walks this new dentist, Dr. Pinegars son Steve. we call him Dr. Steve. I was surprised to see that this dumb kid (at least I thought he was dumb...) that I grew up with, was practicing dentistry. He used to chase me & susan harris home from school threatening to "Pants" us. ...If you know what I mean. (How awful!) We got a good laugh reflecting our carefree ~~XXXX~~ youth. Well anyhow, he looked over Carli, and guess what! To our surprise, she only had 1 cavity, a very small surface cavity on a baby tooth, that was painlessly filled without novicane. I was really proud of her. (last years bill for carli & I came to over 1,600. biggies!) You can imagine my relief.

Get a load out of Chelsey's first short sentence; "Mom, I stink." and from there, "Dad, I Stink!" and dad said; "Go tell mom you stink." AAAhhhhhh the joys of motherhood.

She'll be 2 pretty soon. Her favorite drink is bath water, Her favorite food is cold green beans which she can eat by the ton. She'll go through 2 or 3 cans at one sitting. She loves "Nannas" if you can figure that one out...and walks around most of the day saying E! E! E! (translated, Eat! Eat! Eat!)

Carli & Chelsey spend alot of time dancing to Michael Jackson Music. One day I was lazing in bed, when I heard chelsey come in the room. She wasn't aware that I was watching her. She planted herself in front of my full legnth mirror, and with carli's Mr. Microphone in hand. Pretended she was singing. It really cracked me up. She watches too much T.V.

We have some new neighbors. They purchased the house next door (exactly like ours, but a different color) for 45,000. (bank foreclosure) We paid 58,400. for our home 5 years ago. Boy were we zapped! This economy is really weird. I've been meaning to be a good neighbor and take them over some nice hot cookies or something nice, but havn't gotten around to it yet. (Nancy the "procrastinator") See! I doo have some imperfections! For example my typing.

Well it was good to write again...I hope everyone was entertained for a second or so....

Love y'all! Doug & Nancy & Carli Anne & Chelsey Kae etc.