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Sugar Plums Dance In Your Heads

Vagabonds At Last!

Grant and Linda finally got their trip in this summer. The first stop was a great visit at Grant's sister's place in Park City, Utah. The PGA Senior Golf Tour was in town - what a treat! Then it was on to several National Parks and Monuments. The Explorer pulled the Scamp with ease the whole time. You can see a few pictures of the trip at the family Website which has moved since last year. The new address is:

<http://www.bodwell.org>

This is no joke - it really works! Patrick registered the domain name last year and we have put a few things there that might interest our family and friends. To see the pictures you must click on Sonoma Bodwells and then click on the various pages.

For those of you who do not do the internet - the trip included visits to: Flaming Gorge, Dinosaur National Monument, The Grand Tetons, Yellowstone, Craters of the Moon in Idaho, John Day Fossil Beds in eastern Oregon, Crater Lake, Lava Beds National Monument and Lassen Volcanic National Park. The trip took over three weeks and even though many stops were included, they were all within easy driving distances from each other.

Charlie and Kevin

Both boys are at home and are now driving big dump trucks for the same company. They get up early and go out to drive and return sometimes way into the evening. They are making enough to pay the bills and then some. Their trucks are bigger than Tonkas, but the boys still get dirty just the same!



Excelsior Geyser, Yellowstone

Charlie and Pat's Projects

Two mechanical projects are under way in the back yard. The old John Deer is in smaller pieces than last year - but progress has been made. It actually ran for a time this summer! However, that demonstrated certain needs that can only be met through disintegration and reincarnation. The former was accomplished, and we are waiting for the latter to arrive.

The newcomer project is a 1946 Jeep CJ2 that was on a ranch up the mountain from us. It has a frozen motor and likewise needs disintegration and reincarnation. Is there a pattern here? Some say that you need three instances for a trend or pattern to emerge. Is it necessary to establish a pattern? How much room is there in the typical back yard anyway? If you feel the need to respond to any of these eternal questions please email charlie@bodwell.org

Sewing Up A Storm

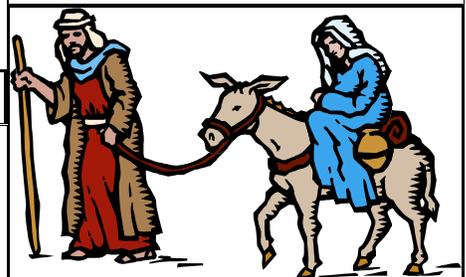
Linda has added two items to her sewing room this year. A computer to help with the embroidery and a new top of the line serger to add new techniques and speed to her projects. It took both Linda and Grant just to learn how to thread the darn thing. (Pun intended - but a weak link)

Grant's Big News

After thirty-three years Grant has hung it up! No more bells, no more lesson plans, no more report cards, no more parent conferences, no more evaluations, no more faculty meetings, no more yard duties which is a relief. However, also no more talent shows, no more teasing kids, no more sing alongs, no more reading neat stories to kids, no more daily exchange with colleagues which will be missed. On to projects around home that have needed attention for years, new windows, a patio and grape arbor to start and then who knows? Maybe another job in what is known as the real world.

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Merry Christmas