

Dear Family:

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We just got back from spending the weekend in Port Townsend, WA with Barry, Virginia and the Wood family reunion. They came so far (Arlington, Virginia) it would be a shame to miss them. Their clan had rented the officers quarters at Fort Wordan which is now a state park. We were a stones throw away from the bluff that overlooks the beach. We had relatively good weather considering it had rained every day for the previous week. The kids seemed to enjoy sliding down the steep, sandy bluffs the most. The cousins enjoyed each other and got reacquainted. Sarah was sorry to miss Nathan who was stuck taking driver's education. The Halls are about due for another reunion don't you think?

Willis has started taking piano lessons this summer. He is still Hyrum's buddy, but he has a circle of his own friends too. It is nice to see him form relationships outside his own family. Willis is progressing nicely in swimming lessons. He likes the water.

Hyrum is also taking piano lessons and swimming lessons this summer. Hyrum enjoys reading books that are fun for his 10 year old age. He wants to be outside a lot. Willis and Hyrum like to shoot hoops down at the neighbor's house.

Hannah is playing a lot of soccer. Her soccer team practices three times a week. Their season doesn't even start until September. She is also participating in a couple of soccer camps for advanced youth. We are glad that the practices and camps are both being held at the elementary school that is less than a mile away. If she wants to go, she can walk!

Sarah tried out for the Portland Girls Symphonic Choir. There were over 150 who tried out. Sarah made it. Their season runs from September through May. In the summer those who want to go on tour. This last summer they went to Europe. Sarah is still taking private voice lessons and started up on piano lessons again after a year off. Sarah sang a very nice piece from Le Misrables at her teacher's recital. She has talent if I do say so myself.

Charlotte and I have finished making house improvements for awhile. We have another set of upper and lower cabinets and counter space that extend into the family room. We also built a study desk, shelves and drawers in the boys room. Charlotte also bought a used set of oak kitchen cabinets that were advertized in the penny saver. I installed them in the sewing room. I had to put new formica over the top. We have also done a few other things inside the house.

Outside I finally finished building a two tiered retaining wall in our backyard. I had to bring in 30 yards of material so that the backyard would be level. The kids helped a little bit on building the cedar fence. The whole family worked together to get the grass planted. The grass is now up, but it is not ready for its first mowing. We plan to paint the house exterior next year.

With the backyard complete the kids want a dog. Looks like we are going to get one after we get back from the Weight reunion in August. We look forward to seeing the Weights in Montana.

Love from: Bryan, Charlotte, Sarah, Hannah, Hyrum & Willis Weight