

Musni Family Newsletter

Christmas 2009

About the Little Guys...

Max is 4 now and loves trying to do everything the big kids do, including Legos and video games. He has been going to a home preschool 1-2 days a week since March and in September started 2 mornings a week at the preschool Josh and Annie used to attend. **Noah** is 3 going on 13! He is confident and flirtatious, and great at making all of us laugh. He also enjoys attending school with Miss Kellie twice a week. And I must admit that I have never seen a child who enjoys his food as much as Noah!

A Word from Josh...

Snow is awesome! I like making humungous snowballs. Video games are fun and Bugs Bunny is hilarious. I like to play with Legos, especially Star Wars and Indiana Jones. This year my grandma and grandpa took me to all kinds of cool places like a chocolate factory, Yogurt Village, the Academy of Science in San Francisco, and the redwoods. I saw two banana slugs there. This summer I went rafting down the Truckee River. I like 4th grade because we have lots of parties, but the homework is hard.

A Word from Annie...

I am in third grade at Sarah Winnemucca Elementary School. I am 8 years old. My favorite color is purple. I like to play games with my family like Phase 10, Pass-the-Pigs, Uno, and Apples to Apples. But my favorite game is Sequence. I also LOVE to play Legos. I am thankful for my family and for all that we have. One of my favorite things to do is art. My parents sometimes call me "the little artist" because I am so good at art. I hope that someday I could be an artist or be one right now!

I will praise God's name in song and glorify him with thanksgiving. Psalm 69:30

Vickie's View Highlights from '09

January—While still working part-time at Multnomah I was able to fit a class into my schedule. I loved my Homiletics class and made many new friends that semester.

February—Josh turned 9 and Annie 8. We celebrated in Sacramento with all 6 of their cousins! Sadly, my position at the Bible college ended and I took over the marketing and networking for our family business.

March—Just 1 week before their 68th wedding anniversary my grandpa went home to meet Jesus. I am thankful that all 3 of my brothers and I could be with my grandma – and literally hundreds of other loved ones – to celebrate his life.

April—In April I did the Run for Autism at UNR – my first 5K race!

May—Craig and I joined some of his family for a weeklong cruise! Many thanks to Mariano for taking us, and to my parents for giving us the chance to have a kid-free week! Then for my birthday, Craig's brother got us tickets to Wicked!!!

June—A wonderfully busy month for weddings, including a trip to St. Louis (all 6 of us this time!) where we were able to video my cousin's wedding, and enjoy another visit with that side of the family.

July—Craig and I continued to stay very busy with weddings this summer. In addition to our continued involvement with Weddings of the West, I also joined 2 other associations for event professionals: the local chapters of NACE and ADJA as part of my role for our video business.

August—This month's blessings included Max's 4th birthday, our 13th wedding anniversary, several visits to Lake Tahoe as a family, and my first trip to Costco without having to buy diapers!

September—I decided to take Greek this year. It is hands-down the hardest class I've ever taken, but I absolutely LOVE it!

October—Noah turned 3 and Craig turned 40! Craig was genuinely surprised at his party - a video of him growing up is on my facebook, along with pictures of this year's pirate Halloween. ☺ Craig and I also did the Bridge to Bridge in SF.

November—In spite of the economic challenges we are facing this year, we were reminded this Thanksgiving of how God continues to provide for our every need, and for that we are truly thankful.

December—Last weekend I took Annie to St. Louis to visit my grandma. She is an amazing lady to still be battling cancer at 94! We are also enjoying being involved in the college ministry at our church and loved having so many students over for a Christmas party this weekend!

Craig's Corner

Top Ten Things I Learned in 2009

- 10) They make 'em smaller and cheaper, and \$3K will get you a replacement transmission...used! Freakin' Hondas.
- 9) Regardless of what people say, you will get queasy on the cruise ship at least once.
- 8) Nothing makes me miss great grandpa more than hearing my kids say they miss him.
- 7) I guess 30 weddings a year isn't quite enough to live on.
- 6) People are at their best when things are at their worst.
- 5) Had "the talk" with my son...I think I learned more than he did.
- 4) 5 vehicles and counting...anyone want an unregistered, uninsured, slightly damaged Miata with a starter problem? Line forms here.
- 3) Kenny is awesome on stage...until Sammy comes out...and Elfaba rocks!
- 2) 40 is the new 30, right?
- 1) When it all fades away, I will never regret the time I get to spend taking care of my family. Although more bookings for next year would be nice!

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Wishing you a merry Christmas & a blessed new year!

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