

In August, we celebrated Aubrey and Doris Clayton's 50th wedding anniversary. It was organized and hosted by their daughter, Lois.



Top: Dave, Lois, Dennis. Bottom: Aubrey, Doris

The bash lasted five days from beginning to end. Dave flew down from Palmer, Alaska, and Dennis came from Richland, Washington. The original family was completely together for the first time since Dave's wedding in 1972. Now the 5 have grown to 20. 12 of whom were able to attend. We went to Der Rheinland, a German Restaurant, where we were joined by Doris's Sister-in-law, Vesta, her son, Owen, and his wife, Rose, and their children. The next day we all went on a buffet cruise on the Willamette River. Sunday we had an open house. Displayed were Doris's wedding dress and pictures of Aubrey and Doris during the past 74 years. A special anniversary album was made about the whole weekend.



Ben, Doris, Aubrey, Dave, Dennis, Don, Stacia

Don and Lois Colton Family Newsletter Christmas 1994 Edition



Stacia, Daniel, Isaac, Larissa, Don, Joseph, Lois, Benjamin
The Coltons — July 93

*Enjoy the
Celebration of the
Birth of Jesus*

Happy Christmas and Happy New Year to you and yours from the Coltons

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To our Family and Friends:
Thank you for joining us!

Jesus Christ

We believe Jesus is the Divine Son of Heavenly Father. He is our Savior and the Savior of the world. Without His atoning sacrifice we would not be able to return to Heaven and be with our Heavenly Father. It is through Jesus that we can hope for a resurrection. It is a privi-

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lege to worship our Lord and Savior at this time of year as we celebrate His birth, and throughout the entire year.

A friend gave us an advent candle this year. It is a red dinner candle with little white dots printed vertically on the side. It has one dot for each day of December up until Christmas. Each night we burn it down to the next dot. We have been enjoying burning the candle, reading scriptures, and singing songs each night.

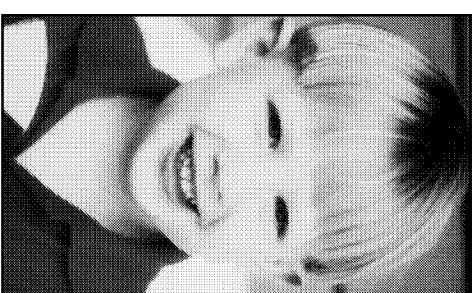
Some Highlights of the Year

In February Isaac discovered that by standing on a chair and simultaneously pressing the [#] and [*] keys on our house alarm system, it would make lots of noise. He shared this discovery with the entire neighborhood. This was quite exciting to us, because the previous owners sort of forgot to tell us the "combination." It was an exciting weekend, but eventually Don learned far more about the alarm system than he ever wanted to know. (By the way, it works just fine now.)

The Fourth of July is a fun day in our cul-de-sac. The morning begins with the children's parade. There are a lot of children in the neighborhood so the line-up is pretty long. The decorations are great. This year we even had a float. (OK, it was a child's wagon decorated.) The parade goes down Dana Court, which has twenty houses along

Isaac

I have changed a lot since last year, but then I'm still young. Because I'm young I get away with actions that my siblings can't get away with. The Saturday before Thanksgiving I put two matchbox cars and a McDonald's car down the toilet. I didn't know what would happen, but it caused the toilet to overflow. Lots of water flooded the bathroom and went down the heat vent. The heating ducts under the house filled up with water and ripped off from the floorboards, thus causing the heat to stop circulating to a couple of rooms. Then on Thanksgiving day, while 24 relatives were in the house, it happened again. This time it also caused the house sewer to back up into the main bathtub, the master toilet, and the master shower. Uncle Jim and Dad went out back and opened the sewer opening. Yuck. They put a garden hose down it and ran the hose out about 40 feet to the back property line and blew away a blockage. Mom has taken up having nightmares about water flooding the



Favorites

- Friends: my family, Kevin Hall (next door), and anyone that will play with me.
- Foods: Cheese, Cookies, Candy, Teriyaki Seaweed
- Toys: Computer, VCR, Fort in backyard.
- Computer Games: Mathblaster, Mother Goose, A.J's World of Discovery, Commander Keen, and clicking on the icons in Windows to see what they do.
- Activities: Watching videos and memorizing the script. I have too many favorites to list, but I generally like Disney movies and scripture videos.
- Animals: Dogs, cats, Jays, Crows, and bugs.
- Wanna be: Playing, Exploring, and going places. I like it when I get to go for walks or go in the car.



Stacia

I am eight years old. In August, on my birthday, I got have my second party with friends attending. Then the first Saturday in September I was baptized.

I dressed up as a Princess for Halloween. I got lots of candy on Halloween.

I am in Third Grade now. I like to read chapter books, especially Sweet Valley Kids, and Sweet Valley Twins. My mom can't keep up with all the books I like to read.

This year I have been riding my bike to school most of the time. I have also been enjoying rollerblading some after school.

Almost everyday I do my homework right after school. Mom never needs to remind me. I am good in math. There are two of us in class who already did Third grade spelling last year. We make up our own spelling lists or use words from "most common misspelled words."

I have been going to Sign Language Class after school on Thursdays. We have been learning the signs for songs. One of the songs is "We Wish You A Merry Christmas."

My mom made Christmas vests for me and two of my teachers. And they each loved it when they saw it and they've been wearing it a lot. One teacher asked me if I was a miniature Mrs. Bush. Another day he asked me if I was a miniature Mrs. Hogard.



Favorites

Friends: Courtney McBroom, Cassie Evans, Lisa Gurney, Celeste Polson, Whitney Steek, Danielle Loftus, Jenny Neilson, Brooke, and myself.

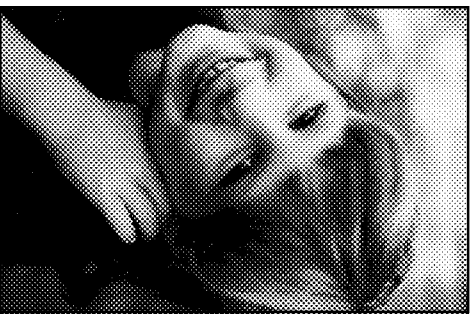
Foods: Cookies, Cake, Bananas, Cheese, Water, Milk, and Crackers.

Toys: Ponies, Cars, Books, Magic Cards, Barbies, and the Computer.
Parts of School: Lunch, Reading, Spelling, English, Social Studies.

Hobbies: reading, rollerblading, and playing with my brother Isaac.

Activities: Coloring, doing experiments, reading the scriptures when alone and I can't think of anything else.

Christmas Wants: \$2,000 and three candy canes.



it, then turns and goes one block north and then through the park, and back through another cul-de-sac and back to ours. After the parade it's "get the barbecues out time" and start setting up for the big picnic. There was lots of food and fun for all. Don's parents were with us for the day and that made it even better. After the barbeque came the water fun and children's games. This kept them busy for awhile, but it was still a long time until the fireworks began. Ben and Joseph had a lot of fun tying fireworks together to make them more impressive. As you can imagine, the fireworks display was pretty good for a neighborhood. Lots of oohs and aahs.

Don, Joseph, Ben, Daniel, and Stacia were able to go Richland, WA for a few days in August to visit with all the Coltons. When Don went to pick up the car he reserved at the rental place it wasn't there, so instead they rented him a minivan for the same price. The kids said that they really would have liked to have kept the van. The kids were able to see the Colton cousins from Washington, Texas, and California. They got to go roller skating.

One day Don and Lois decided they'd lived in the Portland Area long enough and that they should really check the "city" out. We walked to the bus

stop and went to Portland. Our first stop was to check out where the Daisy Kingdom Warehouse Sale was going to be the following week. Then we looked for the MAX and decided instead to take the vintage trolley to Lloyd Center (they follow the same route). We passed the Saturday Market and made a note that it needed further investigation later. It looked like a great place to go with relatives and waste a lot of time and money. We walked through Lloyd Center and checked out the skating rink in the middle. Lois was surprised how much it had shrunk since she had last seen it 21 years before. We decided it was time for lunch, so we checked out Farrell's Restaurant. The ice cream selections looked the same as when we were kids. While we were there a group of teenagers came in with a blindfolded 16-year-old. They made her stand on a chair, take off the blindfold, and then they sang "Happy Birthday." From there we rode the bus to Jantzen Beach (by the Columbia River). We passed people going to the Circus.

Jantzen Beach has a Computer City Store, and that was what we really wanted to check out. Soon night was falling so we rode back to Portland, changed buses and went back to our neighborhood. We decided it was a pretty easy city to sight-see and shop in.

Don

As some of you may know, I brought my family to Oregon so they could watch me get my PhD in Speech Recognition by Machine. I was indeed blessed to: (a) Get my first scholarly publication even before being admitted to graduate school; (b) Get two really wonderful letters of recommendation from professors at the University of Washington (judging by their effectiveness); (c) Get admitted to Oregon Graduate Institute (near Portland) for Summer 1993, when Griffin College suddenly closed its doors that same Spring (after I had taught there five years); (d) Pass the written PhD qualifier exams a year ahead of schedule; (e) Land not one but two graduate fellowships to pay for my studies (the same two that gave me honorable mention in 1992); (f) Pass the research proficiency exam, thus gaining formal admission as Candidate for Ph. D. (also known as the A.B. D. degree: All But Dissertation); and (g) Select a topic and actually start writing my Dissertation. Whew. I now estimate that I could finish my degree as early as June 1996, and as late as who knows when.

At church, I have been a Primary Teacher (age 7-8 children) for about 16 months. Recently I was called to be an Assistant Ward Clerk.

Other recent accomplishments include: I built my own desk from a sheet of oak plywood and two short filing cabinets. I got elected to student council for a year. I finished reading the dictionary from cover to cover (it took me about eight years). I spoke at Commencement at OGI - the only student to do so. I had a root canal (wonderful experience) on my wedding anniversary. I read the entire DUNE series. I earned \$100 plus tutoring a student. I got hired to teach a class to PhD students next Spring.

Life has been a whirlwind. My only advice right now is "Never Say Never." I said I would never live in Massachusetts. Then I lived there four years. I thought I would never go back to school after I got my MBA in 1978. Here I am. I thought I would stay in industry. I ended up teaching five years, and may continue. So, at least in my own lifetime I keep relearning the lesson that it's a good idea to just "hang loose" and see what happens. Someone said "Life is what happens to you when you had other plans." I guess for me that has been true. So, here's to Life.

Don



Favorites

Relaxation: Sleeping at my desk and in class
 Friends: Lois and the Internet
 Foods: Milk, Orange Juice, Pizza
 Movies: Stargate
 Colors: Burgundy
 Hobbies: being a Student
 Radio Station: NPR, wherever it is
 Singers: John Denver, Neil Diamond
 Activities: Solving puzzles
 Achievement: ABD in Computer Science
 Books: Dune
 Vacation: what's a vacation?
 Wanna be: Computer Science Professor
 Christmas Wants (for the next year): Do great on the class I will teach. Publish something. Get my PhD topic approved and my committee formed and most of my research done.

Daniel

I am 11 years old. I am in Mrs. Richards sixth grade class at Tobias Elementary. Mrs. Richards is a strict teacher, but you're sure to get your work done. I get to have two teachers, but I once had three teachers, but I got moved up to the top math class, so my teachers names are, Mrs. Richards and Mr. Carlisle. I have just recently involved myself in a game called "Magic".

I myself am a sports fan and player, the sports that I play are baseball, soccer, tennis, and volleyball. My favorite sport is volleyball.

I do collect legos and started collecting "Magic" cards on November 22, 94 with a slow start.

On family reunions at the Duckabush we go swimming in a big creek in inner-tubes for two days.

This year for Christmas I'm going to buy myself the greatest present I can buy.



Favorites

Relaxation: Sleeping
 Friends: Brad D, Jason L, Matt S, Eric J, Ian G
 Foods: Pizza, Hamburgers,
 Toys: Computer, Radio
 Parts of School:
 P.E., Lunch, Recess
 Games: Fire Ball Island, Clue, Monopoly, Chinese Checkers
 Movies: Terminator II, Spaceballs
 Colors: Red, Blue
 Hobbies: Collecting Cards
 Radio Station: Z100
 Songs: 4PM
 Singer: 4PM
 Activities: Running, Biking, Swimming
 Animals: Zebra, Fox
 Achievement: 1st Class Scout
 Books: Dictionary
 Vacation: Oregon Coast, Olympic Coast
 Wanna be: Space Engineer
 Christmas Wants: A whole bunch of Money



Benjamin

I am fourteen years old.
I attend Brown Jr High. I am in the Ninth Grade.

I like math and computers.

I enjoy inviting my friends over.

We usually play on the computer.

For Halloween I was a Spy.

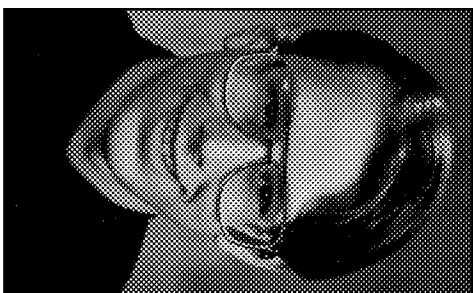
In Scouts I hold the rank of Life.

I have about 22 merit badges, including most of the ones required for Eagle.

One of the computer games I like is "Dune 2." In it you can play the team you like, then try to win battles and take over the planet. I like the Tharkonens because they have "troopers" and the "Devastators." The troopers can be made early in the game and they can shoot missiles over walls but others can't. The Devastator has the strongest armor and the strongest fire power, plus if it gets close to an enemy it can self-destruct.

Although I like the computer, I play other games for most of the day (other than work & school). I like to work out and get strong.

I'm now in Seminary and I like the class and the teacher, there is a lot of stuff we talk about and it is never boring.



Favorites

Relaxation: the Computer.

Friends: Matt Garhart, Josh Dorro, Colton Ingrim, and Ryan Gibbons.

Foods: All Italian foods, Potatoes, Corn, Ice Cream, Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, and Turkey Sandwiches.

Toys: the Computer, Cards

Classes: Biology, P.E., Math, and Typing.

Games: Monopoly, Battle Drome, Life, Dune2.

Movies: The Shadow, Forest Gump, and The Lion King.

Colors: Blue, Black, White, Red, and Green.

Hobbies: Playing card games.

Sports: Track, and weights. Activities: Computer playing, Swimming, Capture the

Flag, and Card games

Animals: Monkeys, Cougars, Achievement: Getting A's in school

Books:

Christmas Wants: A new computer game, Some Cards, and Money.

Lois

This year was a great year for me. In January, I started a notebook about my front garden. Don helped me make up a page on the computer. On each page I list the plant and it's description, soil and water needs, when it is supposed to come up, when it actually comes out of the ground and when it actually blooms. I've taken pictures of the flowers and put them on the page also. Next year I will see if all the work I did will really be helpful or not. I thought the book would help me to remember where I planted things. I still had trouble planting new bulbs and plants because I found I was digging up old bulbs. I need x-ray eyes, I guess. I am eagerly waiting to see how much the plants have grown over the winter, and to see how much better the garden is this next year. Next year I have a landscaping project for the backyard.

Our vegetable garden in the back was very successful. I even had enough tomatoes to can some. My goal this year was to fill ALL my empty canning bottles. I fell way short, but it was still a successful canning season. One of the things I canned was 70 quarts of peaches. I recently discovered the Daisy Kingdom Warehouse Sale. It was so much fun, that I ended up going twice. So after spending all the money on fabric, I had to start sewing. I made Larissa and Stracia matching skirts and vests for Christmas. I also made Isaac and Daniel vests out of the same material. Then one of Stracia's teachers at school liked her vest so much that I made both teachers each a vest for Christmas. I still have a few scraps of the Christmas material, and am hoping to make another vest. Don was laughing about me making a quilt out of the scraps, as they get smaller and smaller.

Some of the highlights for me this year were: Don being awarded two fellowships, watching Larissa grow because of her trials, flying to Utah to use Pedersen's wedding and seeing almost all the Pedersens again, four of the children earning money, my parents 50th wedding anniversary 5-day party that I organized and hosted, and Thanksgiving weekend with the Coltons.

Don has been trying to convert me to CD's. (They do have their advantages - more Isaac proof than tapes.) So this year I bought a Manheim Streamroller Christmas CD. We really like the tape that we have, and we also like the CD. We played the CD for five hours while the family made a gingerbread town. No one seemed to get tired of it. The town turned out wonderful and we will enjoy eating it. Christmas Night.

I pray that your joys throughout the year have been exquisite, and that your sorrows have been endurable. I love you all and wish you the best.



Favorites

Relaxation: Dreaming,

Reading, Jigsaw Puzzles, Working in the gardens.

Friends: Don, lots of others

Foods: Mexican, Mongolian Grill.

Toys: Computer

Games: Civilization,

Dominoes, trying to keep a balanced budget.

Movies: A Little Princess, Secret Garden

Hobbies: Gardening,

Photography, Sewing, Shopping (wish I could)

Songs: Cat's Cradle, my new birthday John Denver CD, Christmas Songs, and Hymns

Books: L. M. Montgomery

Christmas Wants: To enjoy my family, and to put together a jigsaw puzzle

I've been saving for the holiday.

Lots of Love,
Lois

Larissa

I am 17 and a Senior at Hillsboro High School. My classes include Physics, Spanish 4, English, Seminary, People and Politics, Tech Math, and Personal Finance.

I am a Laurel II in Church, and was just released as the President of the Laurel class.

In most of my time outside of school I either work or go out with my friends. I usually work about 20 hours a week during school and close to 35 during the summer. I am rarely at home. I guess that could be considered sort of good for my parents since next year I won't be at home at all. Instead I will be happily enjoying myself in Utah.

I was recently accepted to Brigham Young University and I will be attending beginning in the fall of 1995. I am really excited.

During Spring break this year I am going to fly down to Utah to visit and look for a job. I am going to stay with one of my friends who is attending BYU. I am going with two of her sisters. I can't wait.

I have become the family transportation system as I am the only owner of a car. Last March I got into a little accident and had to buy a new car in order to be able to get to work. My Dad let me borrow the money for the car, and I am slowly paying it off. My parents decided not to get another car. It would be cheaper for

them to borrow mine in those few instances that they would need transportation.

You might be asking where I work - well I am currently employed at Godfather's Pizza and I have been working there since the store opened almost a year ago. I helped to prepare the store for opening which included sweeping tons and tons of sawdust off of the floor. (That stuff just doesn't want to come up.) I am sort of up for a promotion, but I am only 17 and so they are hesitating in moving me. (Not to mention the fact that I am leaving for college in August.) My boss did say that anytime I came back to visit I could come in to work. I would always have a job there. I love my job. The people are great (except on Friday nights) and we have a lot of fun together (except on Friday nights).

The only other major thing that I can think of in my life at this moment is that I am going to Washington in less than two weeks in order to be a Maid of Honor at my best friend Jori's wedding. (She is two years older than me - calm down!) But it is really weird knowing that I am close to the age where my friends are all getting married. I, of course, will not be getting married for at least another 5 years.



Favorites

Relaxation: Listening to music. Friends: everyone.

Foods: Mexican.

Toys: Car and Radio.

Classes: English, Seminary, and Spanish.

Movies: Top Gun, The Cutting Edge, and Aladdin.

Colors: Navy and Emerald Green.

Hobbies: Working, Sleeping, and Driving around and hangin' with my friends.

Radio Stations: KWLJ and KUPL.

Songs: Lwin' on love, The Dance, if you came back from Heaven, I try to think about Elvis.

Singers: Garth Brooks, Trisha Yearwood, Lorrie Morgan,

Alan Jackson and many more.

Activities: Scooping guys.

Sports: Basketball and Baseball.

Animals: Panda Bear and Horses.

Achievement: Getting accepted to BYU.

Books: Crystal Singer, and Kiliashandra, Crystal Line.

Vacation: Every time I go to visit Washington.

Wanna be: a Mother and a Business Management Major.

Christmas Wants: The rest of the Garth Brooks tapes and a selection of other tapes from my other favorite singers.

Joseph

I'm finally sixteen, and I don't even have a driving permit yet. But I do have work and food handlers permits. It's interesting how everything in life seems to be based on permits and licenses.

This is my second year attending Hillsboro High, and it's going pretty good so far (only because I'm a Junior, not a sophomore).

Currently I'm taking all the basic classes, except science, and I'm also taking Psychology, Japanese 2, and Seminary.

As an after school activity first and last trimester, I'm doing Cross-country and Track. Those are a few of the only real sports created.

I also have started working. I worked last summer at Oregon Graduate Institute, pushing a cart around, delivering interdepartmental mail and UPS packages.

Currently I'm working at Taco Bell filling the roles of Taco stuffer, Diningroom mopper, Drive-Thru order taker, Front Counter tiller, Break taker, and everything else.

Sometimes, we have mini food fights in the back, where none of the customers can see us.

Here are a few items I've seen used: Sour Cream gun, Sticky Tortillas, Cheese, Mexi Nuggets, and the Dish Sprayer. I didn't say that there was any sour cream in the gun though. I'm also starting a new job working for Alpha Computers, setting up computers and starting demos (A very hard job.. ha, ha). At Alpha I get to wear a white shirt and tie.

When I'm at home I like to play on the computer. I recently bought the CD Versions of Kings Quest VI, SimCity 2000, and Dune I. My favorite games are Dune I and II, the Quest for Glory series and Betrayal at Krondor.



Favorites

Relaxation: Is best spent dreaming of making large orders of Tacos at the Bell.

Foods: Tacos and Pizza of course!

Toys: Defnantly Computers.

Classes: Psychology, Seminary and Japanese II.

Games: Board: Risk, Monopoly, and Stratago.

Games-Computer: Read what I wrote about myself to the left.

Movies: The Princess Bride, Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves, TMNTurtles!, and Top Gun.

Colors: Red and Dark Blue (a little lighter than Navy/Blue).

Hobbies: Reading, Sleeping, Running, Computer Using, and last but defnantly not least, Filting.

Achievement: Getting an Ain English, this last quarter.

Books: RiftWar Saga, by Raymond E. Feist and the Redwall books.

Sports: Track and Cross-country.