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AN ENGAGEMENT?...

A trip to Grand Canyon and announcement highlight the year.



This Year's Spotlight:

Our summer vacation to the Grand Canyon!

Our 17 day (4,500 miles!) road trip was a lot of fun and we saw many great sights.





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You may be asking yourself, who is that other person in the photo next to Dave above? That is Marci, my fiancé. Did I mention that we are engaged? Well, we got engaged on November 5 it happened to be Marci's birthday (no forgetting that date - smart on my part, right?). We are busy planning a spring wedding and getting Marci's house ready to sell. Anyone interested in buying her house? (picture on back - it is in Northeast Minneapolis, Windom Park neighborhood - very nice). We are taking the best offer! For those that know Marci already and do not know me, the next sentence is for you. I am Dave, and the people in the picture on the right are my two children Jacob and Hannah (see back side for more details!). We hope that catches you all up on the exciting news! Now on to our Grand Canyon trip...Jacob, Hannah and I went on a 17 day road trip that went through South Dakota, Wyoming, Colorado, Utah, Arizona, New Mexico, Nebraska and Iowa. Everyone handled the trip well and we got to see God's spectacular beauty in the landscapes in the Southwest. Jacob & Hannah loved being Junior Rangers and Mt. Rushmore, Arches, Zion, and Grand Canyon National Parks. We spent 3 days at a lodge right on the North Rim of the Grand Canyon. Beautiful views coupled with a nice and relaxing environment. The other highlights in Arizona were driving on Route 66 and going on a "Pink Jeep Tour" in Sedona - both Jacob & Hannah loved the bumpy ride! We also saw Hunter and his family along with Grant (Dave's friends) when we were traveling through Colorado. One of our last big outings on the trip was on July 3rd we saw the Colorado Rockies baseball game followed by a spectacular fireworks show at Coors field. We were very fortunate to not have rain spoil ANY of our adventures!

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Jacob's Jottings

I am in 5th grade and 10 years old. My favorite subject in school is 6th grade math. I was put in the advanced math

class this year. This year I did a video project on New Ulm, a city in

Southern Minnesota for a Social Studies MN history assignment. I was in baseball this summer and

now I'm playing basketball and still sing in the Minnesota Boychoir. We went to Arizona this year and it was



very fun. I'm now working on a prototype car company named "Campen Motorwerks". I am excited for next year because I get to be a junior groomsman for Dad and Marci's wedding. I also get to go on a cruise ship in Alaska with the

Minnesota Boychoir. Have a very Merry Christmas! ©



Hannah's Happenings

I am in 2nd grade now. I will be eight years old in February. Math is my favorite subject in school. I am in Brownies this

year. I like to play games with my friends. I am in gymnastics and it is so fun! My favorite

sport is volleyball. My favorite movie is High School Musical 3. My favorite holiday is Christmas because Jesus was born and I get toys. I went to



Arizona and it was very fun! for next year because I get

to be a junior bridesmaid in Daddy and Marci's wedding and I am going to Alaska on a cruise ship. I am so excited! I like to put up the

Christmas tree so I can put up the ornaments. It is so fun!



It has been a year of exciting changes. The best change of course is meeting Dave, Jacob & Hannah and joining the Campen family. After enjoying the summer off, I decided to make another change and did not return to teaching. Instead I am working

as a business analyst for Infinite Campus. The job seems to be a good fit for me as it allows me to use my business skills while working for a company that helps schools. After the wedding, I will be moving to Richfield



(for my future address see bottom of front page). I have enjoyed living in my grandparents' house but look forward to making Richfield my home - plus there is a walk-in closet! It has been a year full of wonderful changes and blessings.

Dave's Declarations

I am still working at TIES (I have been there 4 years now - it is amazing how time flies!) as a consultant in our Data Services department. I am also still directing the choir at my church (7 years already!), which I enjoy very much. Jacob and Hannah are attending Mt. Calvary Lutheran school (K-8) in Richfield again this year. Marci has been a



wonderful blessing to our family and we definitely are very glad she is part of the family!

We hope everyone has a very Merry Christmas and a safe, healthy and peaceful New Year!!!

Dave, Marci, Jacob and Hannah









