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# THE GROVE'S

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## Family News Update



**Warm greetings from our family to yours.** What a strange new normal it has become! It feels like nothing happened, but actually there is lots of news.

- Austin & Janae did a major project on their house, re-finishing floors, walls and ceilings. During the project they lived with us. For a month we had extra people, dogs, cats, critters and plants.
- Melanie had foot reconstruction surgery early this summer. Recovery has been slow - crutches, knee scooter, and lots of patience. She had a follow-up procedure last week, and has a casted foot again.
- The biggest event of the year was getting all the family together at an airbnb on the water. Alan was able to come from New York with his fiancé Lindsey. It was a wonderful time together.

- My mom wrote a biography of me for my grandkids, and Austin turned it into a book at his work.
- I did a three day kayak trip in the San Juan Islands with some friends. What a beautiful area! There was a cave we could float into.
- There were walks to the rope swing in the woods with grandkids and others. There were many walks in local places with my sister when she stopped in. I played in a cello recital outside in a park!
- Melanie's birthday dinner was exceptional again. The cooks in our family amaze me.
- Work continues very busy for me, and Melanie was back at in-person school this year.
- This year Melanie and I were able to go to a Christmas choral concert. Sublime. I had missed the shared music experience.



Cami and I getting ramen



One of my walking places.



The rope swing. It was first put up when my boys were young.



Sheridan: Continuing the tradition of a bath in the sink.



Eli and their big bulldog



Bethany's Yule log cake on Christmas Eve



Melanie, her creation, and her little dog

Blessings to you, and may you have a new year with good things to encourage you.

**Larry & Melanie**