

# THE GROVE'S

## Family News Update

**Warm greetings at the end of this very strange year!** Our family has been healthy in body and spirit. Since Austin & Janae's house is 5 minutes down the road we have sheltered together, sharing meals several times a week. It has been good for our souls.



We have all been able to work from home for our jobs. For me, work has seemed to be busier than ever. Melanie supports public education. Doing this work by on-line video has certainly been a challenge for everybody, but there are some bright spots too.

Austin's Camden & Eli spent many days here during the summer. They weren't able to have regular play with friends, so being with us was a good change of context. Our trampoline was great for getting out their energy, and often I would jump with them too!

I have done lots of walking and biking and some kayaking for exercise; some trips have been epic. I did a 22 mile walk one day. I biked through an old rail tunnel under Snoqualmie Pass, through the



woods and over trestles. I kayaked from San Juan Island to Stewart Island, and then climbed to its peak for a gorgeous view of the Canadian and American islands.

Our first granddaughter Cami was born a decade ago on the day I had my 50th birthday party. This year I turned 60, so we had a shared 70th birthday party together. :-)

Once again we have a new granddaughter to report. Sheridan was born in October to Andrew and Bethany.

We were able to continue some cherished family traditions:

- Getting the family together for a summer weekend at an airbnb. Alan & Jessi were not able to be with us because of travel restrictions, however the time we had was wonderfully relaxing: beach combing, reading, eating, games, kayaking, etc.
- A multi-course birthday meal for Melanie cooked by our kids. (This time Alan was able to travel and be involved.) There is no better food than what they have made for us over the years!



Cami doing acrobatic stunts with me

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Sheridan and Cami

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May this coming year bring you hope and health and increased fellowship!

Larry & Melanie