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Tom, Christina, Tiffany, Heidi, Kyle, & Madeleine

A Growing Household

We added a new member to the family (Madeleine) in March and Kyle now attends school here so is with us most of the time.

We remain active in the community with Girl and Boy Scouts, the school, and the church. We've made some progress on the house, mainly painting the inside, and plan much more of the same this next year.

Tom

Still travelling to Detroit for Odetics on a frequent basis; to date 23 trips in less than two years. This project is winding down so the trips will decline, but there will be new ones somewhere else.

Kyle wanted to join Cub Scouts so, as with Christina and the Girl Scouts, Tom is the den leader. We meet once a week at our house and presently have four boys. It really is a rewarding experience.

Tom is taking programming classes at the university and will have a certificate in Visual Basic by the end of the year. This is a good way to learn new skills and keep current in the industry.

Christina

Has been keeping busy with four children at home! She stopped her small at home day care at the end of the summer to have more time for her family, and the family is proving they can keep her as busy, if not busier, than before!

She continues to run a Brownie troop and loves it more all the time. The troop has grown to eleven girls this year and is working on earning several badges in addition to participating in several service projects as well.



In her free time (hee hee), Christina is trying to paint the house, very slowly, room by room. She has also been working on many crafts and started learning some new ones.

Tiffany

Is developing into a young woman. She is beginning to cherish her alone time with family and friends and to value her privacy.

Tiffany's schoolwork is improving this year and really likes her teacher. She is in third grade and has had several long-term assignments to complete. She is very good at planning them out herself and getting them out of the way before the deadline.

She continues to love to read and has started reading chapter books this year and she now has book reports to complete for school. She also loves to play teacher with Heidi and Kyle and to tutor them or give them practice tests for spelling.

Heidi

As bouncy and loving as ever! She cannot leave school grounds in the afternoon without stopping to hug many people along the way.

She always seems to have a smile on her face and to be excited about everything in life. Heidi has been an especially big help around the house this year, particularly with little Madeleine. She is a natural with the baby.

She is doing well in second grade and has a lot of friends. Her favorite extracurricular

activities of late have been roller-blading and hand ball. She has also been trying to help Kyle learn to roller-blade better.

Kyle

Started living with us full time this school year, after being with us daily over the summer as well. He is attending

Woodsboro Elementary with the girls; he and Heidi are even in the same class! He continues to excel in reading. He has also developed a great interest in drawing and is really very good. We find his talented pictures everywhere, including on the back of his homework, as he loves to draw.

Kyle has been practicing his rollerblading quite frequently. He has also lost his first four teeth this year - and without any help from crashing in his rollerblades! ☺

Kyle joined Cub Scouts this year and is enjoying making new friends and playing games. Another favorite activity of Kyle's has been building a space ship and boat and racing them against fellow Cub Scouts.

Madeleine

Our newest addition to the family! We have all enjoyed discovering new things with her. In turn, Madeleine's face lights up

whenever she sees her brother, sisters, mom or dad. She is very easy going and is almost always bouncing and laughing. She has recently begun babbling quite a lot and is very active; crawling all over the house and standing up on anything she can!

Maddie has six teeth already and she now prefers to eat what the family eats at mealtimes; she wants to eat what she can chew! Everyone adores her and showers her with attention so we know she will never be lacking for attention.