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"Happy Holidays from Kentucky"

As always, another year has gone by so very quickly. We are fine and farm life is becoming more active as Millie delivered an all black bull calf, Macho Man and Maggie delivered a white face bull calf, Skippy. They are soooooo cute running around the fields.

Unfortunately Lee is no longer able to update our website - eye / hand coordination not good enough. His neurologists is seeing subtle signs that the PLS is progressing into ALS. We are rejecting that and praying for complete recovery and ask everyone to pray with us!!!!!!

We were blessed with two more great grandsons, Heather & David had Reese Maddox Murray on Feb 18 and Jessica & Grant had Jayce Caudill on May 18. Congratulations to both parents!!

Alexis & Ryan were married in their new home town, Pocatello, ID on July 30th and the whole family got to go. Tammy & Mark drove us out there, it was a long 3 day trip. As we crossed the NE & WY state line we ran into a rain squall line so hard Tammy had to pull off the road. While sitting there it started hailing and didn't let up for 20 minutes. The noise in the van was so loud we couldn't hear each other. It was piling up on the road and looked to the size of a golf ball. The van was pummeled, the windshield was covered with 'stars'. Fortunately there were no penetrations and the driver's view was clear enough to keep going. Mark called our insurance agent and authorized to have the windshield replaced at our hotel in Pocatello. When we got home the insurance appraisal was not totaled but they would pay the \$14K+ to repair it. It took two weeks and looks good and everything works.

The wedding was beautiful and everyone had a good time. Afterwards we {LaPalmes and their kids and Thad, Anabel & Jacob and us) spent 4 days sightseeing. We went to Yellowstone NP and watched Old Faithful do it's thing. Then went to the Grand Canyon of Yellowstone where most of the group walked down to the bottom. The next day we went to Jackson Hole, WY where they went white water rafting. They seemed to have enjoyed themselves. The last day they rented four wheelers and went out on the trails and had fun. It was a fun trip except Lee's back where his boney back was rubbed bad so he won't be making long trips again.

In September we were surprised with a short visit by Marge's sister, Marilyn, and her brother, Jim & wife, Merry. We haven't been together since 2009 on our last trip to Jamestown. It was nice to catch up.

The next big surprise was Thad & Anabel took Jacob to Washington State University (Jessica & Grant's alma mater) to finish his bachelor degree. When they got back to Renton put their house up for sale (sold quickly) and moved to Harrodsburg. They are living with Tammy & Mark while looking for a house nearby. His employer in WA was able to transfer the position here and he works from home.

We want to thank all those that were able to donate to the "**2016 TeamWalk for Our Cures**". Proceeds will support the Research Awards to fund HSP and PLS Research. Lee has placed a link to donate on our web site.

God has greatly blessed us and we give Him all the thanks and praise! We hope you all know Jesus as Lord and Savior. If not, what better time than now, as we celebrate His birth!!

As always we want to wish you and yours a very **Merry Christmas** and a **Happy and Prosperous 2017 !!!!!!!** Looking forward to **hearing from you.**