Feb '92

FAMILY NEWS:

Well we made it through Christmas again. Kids had a blast! Actually we all did. Febuary 14th will be ten years of wedded bliss for Kathy and I. Would not have missed it for anything. She has even broken me from being a football addict. I fell in love with her the first time I saw her, just had a feeling. Since I've finished up the two degrees I've been working on for FOUR years, its her turn. She's going to become an animal care specialist. She has plenty of cats and dogs to practice on too. She does have a way with animals. She got a new car in March of '91. It's a Ford Escort Wagon. We used it when Kathy and I went to Penn State last summer for my lab. I mention this because now that we have a reliable vehichle, we hope to get away this year with the kids and visit. Consider this fair warning.

Eventually we'll try and expand this letter to four pages. Hopefully the kids will make their own contributions. Don't hold your breath if your expecting Kathy to do the same.

We are all doing well. As we sit down to supper each night, and I look around the table and notice how much older each of them is getting, I sometimes think maybe I'll sprinkle some of Peter Pan's magic dust on them and keep them from growing any more. I'll probably be in the dog house for just mentioning it when Kathy sees this. Her favorite day of the year is the first day school starts after their summer vacation.

TJ

He's 14 now. He'll start baseball practice on Monday. He is now about 2" taller than Mom. Today he played football with some of the guys I work with...He caught the winning touchdown!! Of course he was on my team. He still has awhile before he can beat me in basketball.

We won't mention who is better at Nitendo.

PERRY

Perry is 11 and will turn 12 in May. When Kathy and I were married he was barely walking. Its one of the strangest feelings to look back over 10 years and realize all the changes we've gone through.

Perry has taken after TJ and started a baseball card collection. He is also pretty good with a pencil.

He keeps us on our toes at all times.

JUSTINN

Daddy's little girl is doing alright with 3 brothers. She will be 9 this year and continues to amaze us. Like Perry she spends a lot of time drawing and creating. Someday she's going to come up with the perfect way to make us rich so that I won't have to go to work. Needless to say, I encourage her!

She has long red hair and a powerful karate chop to scare you with.

MARC

Our baby is now 5 and in kindergarden. He's got a way of turning on the charm and saying the cutest things. When we went to our first PTA meeting last year & met his teacher, Kathy got a strange look from the other parents. When his teacher saw him she stopped what she was doing and gave Marc a hug. I don't think she did that for the other kids. He keeps us smiling!!

INTRODUCING:

The first of what we hope will be a regular news letter! Our friends and families are too numerous to write each one on a regular basis, so Kathy and I have decided to send a news letter with the latest information and let everyone know how we are doing.

As time passes we hope the contents of this letter improve. Until then, remember its the thought that counts.

Everyone is doing well here in DeFuniak. At least from our perspective.

One of Our Favorite Thoughts:

"We play our part here upon the stage without the need to fully understand the final plot. We do not need to know the plot because we know the playwright."

Good-bye for now. TG (editor & chief)

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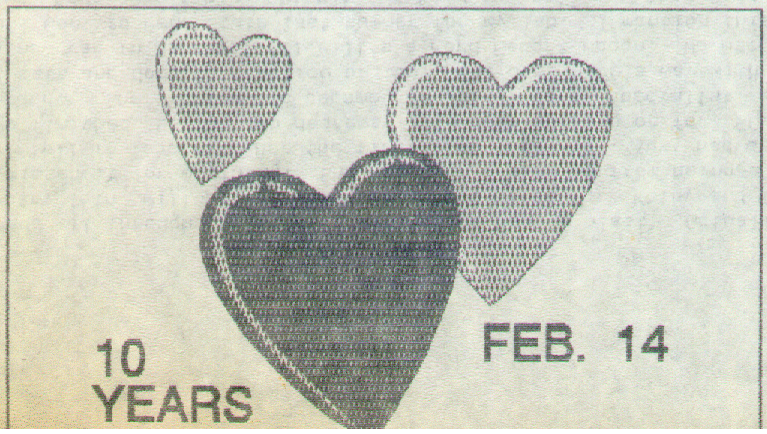


THE LATEST FAMILY *NEWS*

May 11, 1992 Vol. 2

We're Back!

Whether you like it or not we are back. Most of the responses to the first edition were favorable. So of course that encouraged me to continue. So if you didn't like it, then its your own fault for not telling me the truth.

You'll notice that we've already expanded and added two more pages. I did this because each of the kids ***promised*** to make a contribution.

Now if I could just get Kathy to take time out of her busy schedule!

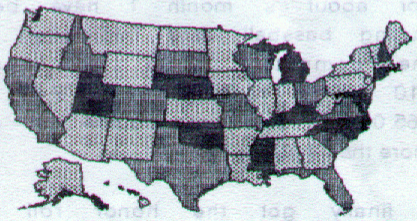
We are all alive and well here in DFS. The whole family has gotten excited about the possibility of adding on to the house. We were watching the intrest rates drop and decided to try and refinance the house. When we do we are hoping to add on so that each of the kids can have their own bedrooms.

We took cereal boxes (we have plenty after TJ eats breakfast), and made a scaled model of the existing house and also of the new addition we are hoping to add. It was a fun project and gave the kids a chance to vis–ualize what we are talking about Never hurts to dream.

Our latest family project has been to get a bicycle for each of us. We all had one except for Kathy. We managed to get hers when our neighbor was out burning trash and the fire got out of control. We went over and helped her put it out. She thanked us by giving Kathy a bicycle she never used.

So if you are driving through and notice a line of six bikes, it might be us!

Traveling?



If anyone is planning a trip this year, let us know where you're going. We would like to see if you will be near our property.

Where is our property? Pick any state and you'll have a state that we have property in!

We own one square inch of land in each of the 50 states. It was a Christmas gift from my mother.

I am compiling a database with facts about the property that I hope to sell to others. We know each county, but thats about it.

There is a company that bought one acre in each of the 50 states and split it up into square inches and sold it. They gave us a listing of each county, but we need more information.

Since there are over six million other owners, we thought we could gather all the information we could about our property and create a booklet to sell for a couple of dollars.

Our one square inch in Florida is in the county next to us, about 40 miles away. We plan to make a trip and plant a flag on a one inch pipe. You can see it from the interstate when passing through.

TJ
AGE 14
GRADE 8th

The following contribution is from TJ Putz. He is soley responsible for its contents. Editor

For about a month I have been putting baseball card information on the computer. So far I got 310 cards ranging from $.40 to $65.00. And of course, I got more than that.

I finally got the honor roll for the first time this year (3 A's and 3 B's). I was very suprised, I thought I was going to get a C or two.

On Christmas last year I got a pair of in line roller skates. At first I could hardly stand up on them, now I can ride on them a little bit better.

I'm on the baseball team, but haven't played in a game yet. I think I might be able to play before the season is over. Our record is 5 wins and 5 losses.

Every once in a while, I beat Tommie in basketball.

Editors note: Once in a while should be translated into: two times in his whole life!

Perry is supposed to be good in tether ball, but I beat him everytime I played him

PERRY
AGE 11
GRADE 5th

The following contribution is from Perry Fannin. He is soley responsible for its contents. Editor

Editors note:
Perry was reluctant to make a contribution. So at the editors suggestion he consented to the following interview:

How tall are you?
4' 9"

What is your favorite color?
Blue

What is your favorite sport?
Baseball

What do you like about school?
Lets skip that one.

What is your favorite TV show?
Fresh Prince

If you were allowed to do anything you want, what would you do?
Buy more legos

If you had 3 wishes:

1. Join a Major league team
2. Meet Ryan Sandburg
3. Three more wishes
4. A Mickey Mantle Rookie card
5. Have my own truck
6. Have a drivers license

JUSTINN
AGE 8
GRADE 2nd

The following contribution is from Justinn Desiree'. She is soley responsible for its contents. Editor

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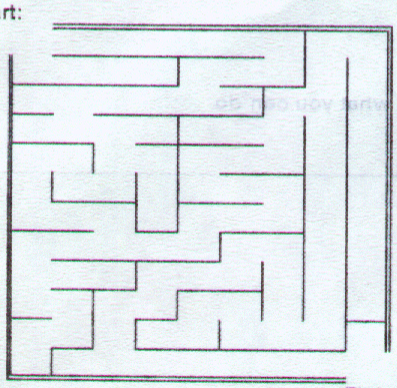

Finish!

MY FAVRIT COLER IS PURPLE.
MY FAVRIT FOOD IS CHESE.
IF I HAD THREE WISHES THAY WOOD BE.
1 1,000000 PIECES OF CHESE
2 1,000000 DOLERS .
3 GET TO SWIME IN OUR POOLAGIN.
I HAVE RED EYES .
I AM 3 10 AND A HAVE FEET TALL.
I AM MAKEING 2 BOOKS A RED 1 AND A PINK 1.

Editors note:

In case you could not tell, Justinn typed in the above information. I decided not to edit the spelling and will let you the reader decipher.

MARC THOMAS
AGE 5
GRADE Kindergarden

The following contribution is from Marc Thomas. He had a little help from his dad. Editor

My name is Marc Thomas Gipson.

My brother Perry is bad sometimes.

I like school and my teacher.

Sometimes we make donuts like today.

I am about to loose my first tooth.

My favorite toy in a Ninja Turtle sword that blows bubbles.

Perry is making a guitar.

I like to swim in our pool.

I sleep on the bottom bed of our bunk beds .

I like to go to parks and caves.

I like going to the beach.

I like every food except vegatables.

I like to look at houses with different colors.

"I can't think of something else I'll just scratch my chin, that will help me think of something else"

I like to drive my dads truck.

I like good dreams, but not bad ones.

I've decided to try and put out an edition every three months. Can't seem to find the time monthly. Besides its difficult to find something newsworthy around here each month.

Our lives are pretty routine with work and school playing a dominant role. But we do manage a picnic every now and then, or playing tennis or something.

Hope this will eliminate all of those comments we get about not writing. If you have any ideas for this I'm always open for suggestions. TG

One of Our Favorite Thoughts:

Sometimes it is better to know what you cannot do than what you can do.

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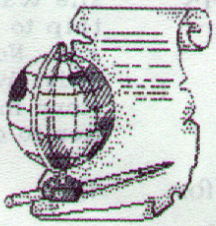

So you thought we had given up on our Newsletter. Wrong. We've just gotten side-tracked.

Theres been alot going on since our last edition this past May. This will be our 3rd edition for this year, which I think is pretty good since I know how the editor likes to procrastinate. But our goal for next year will be an edition every 4 months.

With Cristmas so close I could not put this edition off any longer. Hope you enjoy it. If you know of anyone that should be on our mailing list and isn't, give us a call.

June:

School's out. TJ visits his Dad.

July:

Took the kids to Orlando to visit TJ. Well really we went for a family get together. We stayed with Terresa and Bill. I wonder if that had anything to do with them moving to Tennessee (Grin).

We also left Perry behind to spend a couple of weeks with Grandparents. He had a fantastic time, but I'm afraid Orlando will never be the same again.

Bought a new computer. Our old computer was one of the first to come out.

The kids finally got to experience color on their programs. And Dad learned how to use a modem.

We had an airshow here on the 4th. Justinn and Marc got to fly over town in a plane. Mom wouldn't go up with us. Maybe she knew Marc was going to get to fly the plane. We even flew over our house!

August:

Finally the kids are back in school! Wasn't sure if Mom was going to survive the summer. When she says they drive her crazy, she means it. For example: In one weeks time she fell in the pool while cleaning (clothes and all), she poured a cup of coffee right in an ashtray that was inches from her cup, she placed a hot pot of coffee on a cubbard shelf with the coffee cups instead of

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on the burner 3 feet away, she paid the telephone bill to the Electric Co. (good thing I work for the electric company), and she locked herself in one of the bathrooms and had to have Perry take off a door knob to get her out.

September:

Bought a '72 orange VW Beatle for me to drive back and forth to work. Should do great on gas mileage, but it's tough to squeeze the whole family in it.

October:

The kids had a long weekend so I took some time off and we visited my Uncle Dick and Aunt Darlene in North Carolina. It was a great trip. Marc had to help Mom down the first day of mountain climbing. The next day we found ourselves on the Blue Ridge Parkway. If you ever get the chance, check it out! The kids can now say they have been on the highest point East of the Mississippi (Mt. Mitchel).

November:

One Saturday morning we decided we didn't need the pantry closet in the dining room. TJ had a blast punching holes in the wall with a hammer. It gives us a wider area going to the back door and at least makes it seem like we have more room.

Kathy won two first place ribbons in the Fair this year. Its the first time she has entered, but probably won't be the last.

She was able to go with me on a trip to Atlanta a couple of weeks ago. No cooking, cleaning, or kids. We were also next to a 3 story mall. It was tough getting her to come home. (Grin)

TJ:

TJ started high school this year. I took him to orientation the day before school started. Between the two of us we managed to find all of his classes. It was a strange feeling to be back at school for the first time in ... well a long time.

Its also a strange feeling to realize TJ turns 15 in a couple of weeks. That means he can get his learners permit and DRIVE an automobile!!! I'm not sure about him, but I don't think we're ready for that (Grin).

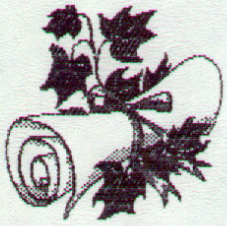
He is taking Spanish this year, but lets not ask him how he is doing.

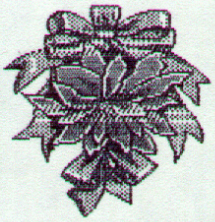
Next thing you know he'll be doing something like going out and getting a job or something.

Guess they can't stay young forever. But Kathy keeps insisting she is NOT that old.

It olny takes one look at the two of them side by side to know that he's not a little boy any more.

ITS THAT TIME OF YEAR!



Perry:

As I mentioned earlier, Perry was able to spend a couple of fun packed weeks in Orlando this past summer. He still talks about Universal Studio.

Our first day of mountain climbing, he and TJ raced ahead and were the first ones to the top. He's the only one who hasn't been on a plane YET, but at the top of the mountain he got a good idea of what its like. Oh yea, Mom has never been up in a plane, but don't expect to see her in one anytime soon.

Perry had a girl friend up until last week. He behaved so well I might become a match-maker for him.

Justinn:

FN: How old are you?

JG: Nine.

FN: What do you like to do most?

JG: Draw and make up things like a character when I draw and then use it for my book.

FN: What did you like most about the fair this year?

JG: I won third place with my drawing.

FN: What did you think of the mountains?

JG: They were fun and quiet and beuatiful. I liked the animals.

FN: Last Words?

JG: Good-Bye and Merry Christmas.

Marc Thomas:

FN: How old are you?

MG: Uh, six years old.

FN: What do you do at school?

MG: I learn how to read. And play with my friends.

FN: What did you think of the mountains?

MG: It was beautiful. Its very high.

FN: What do you like to do most?

MG: Play with the little men and the truck. When I get my Christmas toys I'll play with them. And I like to build with Legos.

FN: Last Words?

MG: Merry Xmas, I'll see you soon.



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One of Our Favorite Thoughts:

Nothing in life is to be feared. It is only to be understood.

Hope you have enjoyed this edition. And I also hope every one has a safe holiday and a:

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

One last thought:

I hope that everyone realizes that this is our Cristmas Card to you. Yes I know thats the easy way out, but with it being so close to Christmas, and since we have 20 people on our mailing list and all, well I just didn't want to be a burden for the postal service. (Grin).