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Happy Holidays!

As another year comes to a close, we are thankful for all our blessings. We wish you, and your family, the best of health, and the ability to cope with whatever life sends and the time to enjoy precious moments with loved ones.

Adam is in his third and final year at Syracuse University. He's managed to compress four years worth of study into three years, give or take a couple of credits, and so is planning to graduate this coming May. This past summer Adam consulted as a computer support specialist at TRW, and they've asked him back this winter break. So although Adam will graduate with a magazine degree, with his three years working in the school's computer labs and the TRW experience, who knows where or what he'll be doing after graduation

Sarah had a wonderful year. She was co-valedictorian of her high school class. Her senior science project brought Sarah to her second consecutive International Science and Engineering Fair, this year in Fort Worth, Texas. Sarah's Girl Scout troop went out with a bang – visiting the International Girl Scout Facility in Switzerland this summer with a short detour to the Lord Baden-Powell house in London. She also worked as a researcher for the United States Geological Survey during her senior year and over the summer when she wasn't on the road. The Virginia State Democratic Committee recognized her with a grassroots organizer plaque at their statewide dinner, and at the their state wide convention, the Virginia Young Democrats elected her as their vice-president. This fall she started as a first year student at the University of Virginia as an Echol's scholar, which means she has the freedom to make up her major. And she decided to join the woman's rugby club. We can hardly keep track of her or her schedule.



Jeff changed jobs this fall, and now is working for PRC on a project to update the FBI's fingerprint computer system. By taking two classes a semester at Virginia Tech, Jeff should be getting his master's degree in Information Systems this spring. In fact, his graduation weekend is the same as Adam's. But since he's had his day in the sun, we're all planning to head up to Syracuse that weekend to see Adam graduate. The funny thing about Jeff and Adam is they worked so close to each other this summer, they were able to carpool together, driving on the restricted carpool lanes with their own two-person carpool!

After working part-time for many years, Daria found a full-time librarian position. She is now an assistant branch manager. This means she no longer has to work every Sunday, which makes Jeff happy. Daria now provides classes on the Internet at her library, and is considered the technology lead there.

Pooka, our 22-year old cat, passed away this year. Daria found another stray, Bradley (who plays with Ike – blame the military names on Adam), and so we're back to being a four-cat family.



Daria's dad, who we see every weekend, is in good health, having fully recovered from his prostate surgery. With our kids off to school, dad's visits on the weekends bring some activity back into the house.

Take care. Happy New Year!