
PLAIN BROWN RAPPER

News for the Tandy and Grace Brown Family

Spring 2002

There doesn't seem to be any memories from anyone, so I will devote this newsletter to catching everyone up on weddings, graduations, moves and general news. Would love to have some memories. Feel free to e-mail them (dolfe96@aol.com) or write them. No matter how you send them, I would love to use them. How about some of the grandchildren. Maybe some memories from the Beardslee family or the French family or Denny and Rosemary, you came to visit one summer. How about telling about being in Cheyenne.

FAMILY NEWS

PAT'S FAMILY TRULY APPRECIATED YOUR PRAYERS

In a horrific car accident on April 20, Pat's daughter, Janet White, her children Patrick and Julena and Janet's friend Don, hit an icy patch and rolled their pickup. Don and Patrick received the least injury, cuts and bruises and were discharged from the hospital. Janet's injuries were severe, some broken vertebrae, broken ribs and a punctured lung. She is (at this writing) finally back in her own home recovering and going to rehabilitation. Julena received head injuries but has come out of her coma and spent several days in Children's Hospital in Denver where they have a Pediatric Neurologist. She is also home with Janet with her jaw wired shut. She will completely recover and without many scars. Pat says she looks great. Janet still looks a bit beaten up. Please continue to keep them in your prayers and I will try to keep you current on their condition.

Pat sends her thanks for your prayers and concerns. She said if someone didn't believe in the power of prayer they sure would if they went through a situation like this one.

A VERY NICE APPOINTMENT!!!!

Dick and Marty's Daughter, Mary Ruble has been appointed to the newly formed "Portland Parks and Recreation Citizen Advisory Board." The twelve members on this board are all leaders in the Portland Community and Mary is the Chairperson.

This commission has been formed to allow the City of Portland to have an advocate for the use and growth of their City Parks. In the words of the Parks Commissioner, Jim Francesconi, "The Parks Board will bring a fresh citizen perspective to the policy and decision making involving one of our most important city assets – our parks and open spaces. I'm also very pleased with the level of expertise, the broad community perspective, and the commitment this board will bring to Parks."

In order to get the information I needed about Mary's appointment, I went on line to the Portland City Information site and asked for the information. As a result, I received a very nice reply from one of the Parks and Recreation Personnel who said, "you should be so proud of Mary. She has been appointed to the newly formed Portland Parks and Recreation Citizen Advisory Board." Then she went on to tell me about the board. When I responded to thank her for the information I was surprised to receive another response. This one with a little different tone. To

quote the person who sent me this information, "I just found out two minutes ago that Mary is the new Chairperson of this board. I guess she must be a 'mover and shaker' in town." To say I was amused is right, she went from the how nice it is tone, "we should be very proud" to a more – wow!, she is a "mover and shaker."

The City of Portland is second in the United States for size of areas dedicated to Parks and open spaces.

Mary is Vice President of the Portland Branch of the US Bank. She and her husband Craig and their daughter, Maggie, live in Lake Oswego.

Congratulations Mary, we'll be anxious to see the results of your Advisory Board. Keep us informed.

UPDATE

Martha Wyrsh who is currently attending an Advanced Management Course at Harvard University is really enjoying the opportunity. She told her Dad that the class has many people from several countries. It is apparently quite an opportunity. Martha, Gerry and their two children Peter and Molly will move to North Carolina in June. As soon as I have a new address for her, I'll send it along.

WEDDING BELLS

The highlight of the "Spring Social Season" was the wedding of Bob and Nancy's son Matt Treadway and Debbie Hampton. Their big day was May 18th and the family celebrated!!!! Understand it was a very beautiful wedding and the reception was lots of fun. They will be at home at 703 W Allison Road, Cheyenne, WY 82007. Congratulations Matt and Debbie!!!



MOVING TO CHEYENNE

Lt. Col. Bob Beardslee, his wife, Kim and their two young sons, Robert and Jason are all set for their move to Cheyenne. They have been here and are currently in Texas visiting with Bob and Caroline. Kim and Bob will return to Cheyenne and prepare for their move into Quarters 80 on Warren Air Force Base. If you aren't familiar with those old quarters, you should know they are really beautiful four story homes, all hard wood floors, fireplaces everywhere and because they are on the Historical Register, they are maintained nicely. We can hardly wait for them to have their first party so we can get in to see the place. Kim said she was very excited!!!

GRADUATIONS

Bob and I have two graduations this year. Our oldest Grandson, David Robert Nash (Barbara and Walter's son) graduated from Creighton University on May 18th. He received his Ph. D. in Pharmacy. His residency is at the Children's Hospital in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He begins on June 1st. And, now we can say, "we have a Doctor in the house!!!"

Our grandson, Drew Michael VanAlyne (Roger and Susan's son) will graduate from Douglas County High School in Gardnerville, Nevada. He has received a "Millennium Scholarship" and will attend the University of Nevada at Reno. (Nevada's use of the Tobacco Settlement is to give each graduating Senior in the State of Nevada who has maintained at least a 3.0 GPA for their entire four years of high school a \$10,000 Millennium Scholarship to attend a University or College in Nevada.) He is all registered, has his dorm assignment and is ready to become an educator.

Frank and Marilyn's grandsons, Martin Edward and Lewis Parker Metz (Chris and Don's sons) graduated from Estes Park High School on Sunday, May 26th. Good Job Marty and Lewis!!!!

Pat's grandson, David Allen White (Burke and Marlene's son) will graduate from the Thunderbird High School in Phoenix, Arizona. He is the recipient of a Naval ROTC Scholarship. In the fall he will attend University of Arizona at Tucson. Congratulations David!!!!

Hopefully you will let me know about your graduations and where and what those students will be doing.

NEW BABIES

Pat proudly announces the birth of a grandson. Bruce and Sarka White gave birth to Hobarth White on April 16. He arrived at 6:35 p.m. weighing in at 6 pounds 12 ounces. Congratulations to Pat and, of course, Bruce and Sarka!!!

MOVING TO GEORGIA

Joanna Jacka (Anna and Norman's Daughter) moving to Atlanta. Her address is 104 Sutton Place, Avondale Estates, GA 30002. The move will take place around the first of June. As soon as she has a phone, she will let us know what it is. Joanne will be moving close to her daughter Laurie and her family. She will be close to those two precious grandchildren. Good Luck!!!

MOVING TO KANSAS

Frank and Marilyn's daughter, Chris Metz and her family will be moving to Jewell, Kansas. They will be at home at 306 Columbus or P O Box 126, Jewell, Kansas 66949. Their Phone number will be 785-438-3525. Needless to say, Frank and Marilyn are excited to have them closer to Belleville.