

# Summers' Family Scrapbook

## 1999

**T**he year and the decade seem to have flown by. It is amazing that as we get older, time travels faster. As I sit down to write our annual newsletter, the family is busily making plans to celebrate Christmas and then the ringing in of the new year and the new century. The children are all very excited, especially the older kids at the thoughts of beginning a new millennium. I on the other hand am struggling to determine what effects this event will have on the various computer systems around the house. I cannot help but be excited as well since each New Year brings about new and exciting opportunities. This past year was no exception. As I look back over 1999, I am astounded at all that we were able to do and to see. So pull out those reading glasses and find a comfortable easy chair as we reminisce about the events of last year.

### January

The year started with a flurry of activity. To begin the month, Whitney had her fifth birthday. It is hard to believe she is now five and will be starting school this fall. She celebrated her birthday by learning to ride her bicycle by herself. She is so excited. Trina is not sure it is such a good thing since Whitney is always gone now. Ashley started driver's education, which is even scarier than Whitney riding her bike. Trina ended the month with her sister KayeLynn visiting from Indiana. Trina wanted to celebrate by redecorating the downstairs bathroom. Unfortunately, she also redecorated the carpet when dark green paint was spilled all over the floor. Although Jeff and the kids thought it was hilarious, Trina found no humor in the situation. Jeff spent the month working with the young men coaching basketball. The boys seem to enjoy Jeff's company and he is having fun.

### February

February came with Jeff and Trina shopping for new flooring for the house. Jeff has decided the paint spill was merely a way for Trina to get her carpet replaced. Of course Trina denies this as she picks out new tile. By the middle of the month, Jeff is pacing back and forth waiting for baseball season to begin. Trina finally sends him to the ballpark to watch as the teams report for spring training. He and Dakota are getting to be good friends and Jeff takes him with him to the ballpark. Whitney lost her first tooth this month. She hates to lose teeth but she thinks the tooth fairy is pretty cool when she gets a silver dollar for her first tooth. Ashley has been called to be on the committee for youth conference for the stake. She is very excited at this opportunity. The end of the month, Ashley receives her patriarchal blessing. It is a wonderful blessing and Jeff and Trina are very proud of her and her accomplishments.

### March

March begins with Jeff playing and coaching softball. Ashley stays involved by keeping score although Jeff thinks she does this just so she can hang around with the boys at the ballgame. Mallorie is again playing the flute and she has concerts this month. She is getting very good and everyone comments on how much talent she has for music. Mallorie is also running track this year. She is sprinting, long jumping, and throwing the discus. Jeff kids her that she weighs the same as the discus. This month, Trina is called as a counselor to the Young Women's presidency. She is nervous but the girls are very excited. For Jeff's birthday, the family went to a spring training baseball game. Tiffany especially had fun as some of the players took her hat and ran onto the field. She was upset at first but when they gave her

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a baseball, she was very excited. The month ended with Trina's Aunt Helen and Uncle Clyde visiting from Idaho. It was great to see them.

### April

April began with the new tile being laid in the house. Jeff thought that was the end but instead it is just the beginning. Trina now has plans for new rugs and perhaps redecorating the house. Jeff agrees as long as Trina doesn't touch the paint cans. For Easter this year, the family has their annual egg hunt before Jeff and Mallorie go to the ballpark to watch a baseball game. The baseball season started this month and Jeff is again living at the ballpark. The kids are excited to spend time with dad. Tiffany is especially looking forward to this. She has become the biggest fan of all. April ended with Dakota's birthday. He is growing so quickly it is hard to remember him as a baby. He has quickly learned that if dad is leaving, chances are he is going to the game. Each time Jeff reaches for his car keys, Dakota says, "I go ballgame too." Mallorie and Ashley are again involved in track. Ashley is hurt most of the year but still qualifies for state in the triple jump. By the end of the season, she is ranked in the top 10 in the state.

### May

This month started with Ashley getting a job. For the summer, she will be working for the City of Chandler as a lifeguard at one of the city pools. She is very excited to be able to get paid for getting a tan. Jeff again takes the kids shopping for mother's day. This has become a big holiday for the family as Jeff has instituted the Mother's Day Frog tradition. The magical Mother's Day Frog comes and hides Trina's gifts around the house and she is required to find them. The kids enjoy this tremendously. Ashley and Mallorie both have

a birthday this month. Ashley turns 16 and has now reached the age to date. Jeff is enjoying meeting each of her dates. He gives each of them a test before allowing them to leave. They are required to take batting practice before he allows them to go. If they do not hit better than Ashley, the date is off. Mallorie is grateful she is only 13 so that she does not have to go through this ritual yet. As school gets out, Ashley and Mallorie go to girl's camp leaving only the younger kids at home.

### June

Now that school is out, Trina has the job of keeping the kids busy while not making them work too hard. The children have grand plans for the summer, which do not include any working. Ashley attended Youth Conference this month. She enjoyed it tremendously. Jeff's brother Rod married Darlene Barker and they had their reception this month. Jeff's parents came down and they were able to spend some time with the kids. Everyone enjoyed the time together. Jeff took Tiffany to the Diamondbacks game for her birthday. Tiffany was able to get an autograph from Todd Stottlemyre on a bright orange hat. Whenever Tiffany takes this hat to the game, the Diamondbacks win. It has become the lucky hat and no one is allowed to go to the game without it. Trina forgot the hat and the St. Louis Cardinals pitcher threw a no-hitter. Tiffany still blames her mother for that.

### July

July began with the washer and dryer going out. This meant appliance shopping. Trina should have left Jeff at home. They ended up buying a set that is computerized. Jeff is trying to decide if he can network the washer and dryer so that he can do laundry and surf the Internet simultaneously. During the first week of July, Trina received word that her

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Grandma Baker passed away. The family made arrangements to attend the funeral driving all night to arrive. After the funeral, Jeff flew back to Arizona to be with Ashley while Trina and the kids stayed in Idaho. They then flew back to Idaho at the end of the month so that Jeff and Trina could attend their High School 20-Year Reunion. It was interesting to see how everyone had changed over 20 years. Trina of course was the talk of the reunion. Most wanted to know how she stayed so thin while the rest wanted to know how she stayed married to Jeff.

### August

As August began, the family was headed back to Arizona. Trina's niece Kaeloni came back with and stayed for a week. The kids had fun taking her around and showing her what life was like in Arizona. By mid month, the kids were back to school. This year Ashley is a Junior, Mallorie is in 8<sup>th</sup> grade, Tiffany is in 4<sup>th</sup> grade, and Whitney began kindergarten. This is Whitney's first year of school and she is really enjoying it. She can hardly wait to get there every day. Ashley now has her driver's license, a thought that scares Jeff and Trina to death. Jeff is still spending all of his free time at the ballpark. His Diamondbacks are doing well and are in first place. While at one of the games, Jeff was visited by Rich Dozer, president of the Diamondbacks. Mr. Dozer gave him an autographed baseball as thanks for coming to all of the games. Jeff and the Diamondbacks are becoming inseparable.

### September

September was a wild and exciting month for the family. It started with Ashley working at the new West Chandler Aquatic Center. She is really enjoying her job especially at the new pool. Jeff is spending all of his spare time at the ballpark. This is especially the case as

the Diamondbacks clinched the National League Western Division title. When the Diamondbacks clinched the title, the Tribune newspaper spent the evening with Jeff and Trina. They were doing a story on die-hard Diamondbacks fans and wanted to interview the family. A very nice picture of Jeff and Dakota appeared the next day in the paper along with a great article. As the month ended, Jeff and Trina were again out on the playing field as part of a Ceremonial First Pitch event. This year, Jeff's brother Rod won the opportunity to throw the ball. Jeff was a lot less nervous this year but Rod more than made up for it.

### October

October marked the end of the baseball season. Jeff was depressed that there would be no more baseball until next year. He is already counting down the days until Spring Training starts. Trina was busy this month as she was released from one church calling and put into another. Trina is now the Young Women's President for the ward. Even with all of her time constraints, Trina still managed to make costumes for the kids for Halloween. Mallorie went as Britney Spears while Whitney was a princess. Dakota dressed up as Steve Young of the San Francisco 49ers. Tiffany again went all out dressing up as a mummy. They were all very cute and had a lot of fun. Dakota especially liked the begging for candy part. He thinks every day should be Halloween.

### November

As November arrived, the family was again at Bank One Ballpark this time selecting where they would sit for the 2000 season. Jeff made this an all day event. Trina thinks he just didn't want to leave the ballpark. Jeff was contacted this month about possibly selling the Diamondbacks web site he



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developed. The company would like Jeff to run their Diamondbacks site for them. Jeff is still considering this opportunity. Trina is busy with her job as Young Women's President and is always on the go. The girls all love her and the job she is doing. For Thanksgiving, Rod and Darlene came over for dessert. They brought Grandma Olsen with them. She stayed with Jeff and Trina. It was great to visit with her. Dakota especially warmed up to Grandma and even cried when it was time for her to leave. He still asks about her and what she is doing.

### December

December opens with Trina, Ashley, and Mallorie being involved in the Young Women in Excellence presentation. They have all done a wonderful job and many people have commented on how well it went. Jeff is busy at work as always, especially this year as everyone braces for the Y2K. Mallorie is again playing the flute and she has a concert this month. She is doing quite well and she will be performing in California next April. Tiffany and Whitney are busy in school each of them is doing very well. Ashley is busy with all of her extra curricular activities but seems to find time to be at home once in a while. Dakota is a handful. He is extremely excited for Christmas having seen Santa on numerous occasions. He and Santa have an agreement. Dakota will be good and Santa will bring him a Red bicycle. No one is sure what will happen if a bike does not appear under the tree on Christmas morning.

With each passing year it seems our family is busier. It is hard to believe that 1999 is nearly up. We are all eagerly awaiting the arrival of the year 2000 although Mallorie keeps reminding all of us that the Millennium does not officially start until January 1, 2001. It is an exciting time to be alive and we look

forward to all that lies ahead for our family. We are all looking forward to sharing the beginning of a new decade and in a year a new Millennium with our family and friends. Our lives have been blessed by the company we keep and we appreciate everything that has been given to us. As the year ends, we are busily upgrading our web site. Our cyber address has moved as we have outgrown our current web server. We will now be located at <http://www.nowhitting.com>. The family all struggled to find a domain name that we could all agree upon. My one requirement was that it be baseball related. Ashley and Mallorie just said, "don't make it lame dad." Trina just wanted something that would be easy to remember. Tiffany wanted something fun, Whitney requested it be related to anything on Nickelodeon. And Dakota, his only comment was, "I want to go to the ballgame dad." With our new web address comes new e-mail addresses as well. To make it easy on everyone, we have made the addresses simple and self-explanatory. You can reach us at:

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Trina says the last thing a two-year-old needs is an e-mail address so you can reach Dakota by sending mail to one of the other family members. During this holiday season, we would like to take time to give thanks to our Heavenly Father for all that He has given us. Our family has been blessed beyond measure. Please take time to send us e-mail and let us know all that has been going on in your lives.