

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

Dear Family and Friends,

As we write the 2008 edition of our Christmas letter, a light snow is falling, cookies are baking in the oven, and the lights are twinkling on our tree. We hope you, too, are enjoying all this season has to offer.

Dave has indeed put his master's degree to use this year. In addition to his full-time job at VCSU, where he has worked for five years, he assumed the role of project administrator for Notifind, an emergency mass communications system for the North Dakota University System's 11 campuses. Dave received a special award this fall from the Board of Higher Education for his work. He kept busy at home installing new flooring in the kitchen and dining room with the help of brother Curt and building a new deck onto the house. Also this year, Dave enjoyed lots of kayaking, biking, cooking, as well as playing some hockey with niece Brianna, nephew Thomas and brother-in-law Steve at a favorite outdoor rink.

I still prefer to lace up my figure skates and steer clear of those puck chasers. In the warmer months, biking and kayaking were high on the list. We brought the kayaks all the way up to Lake Upsilon twice this year, and of course we enjoyed them many times on the Jamestown Reservoir. I continue in my job as news writer at Jamestown College; with six years under my belt, I am one of the "veterans" in my department. I moved to a different office (with a better view!). I played oboe and English horn for the fall musical, "Camelot," which was very well received, and I'll be picking both instruments up again in the spring as we perform a couple of orchestra concerts. I'm especially looking forward to the English horn solo in Aaron Copland's "Quiet City."

We made a repeat trip in July to Washington, D.C., where Dave had the honor of being a groomsman for longtime friend Steve and his bride Anne. Our closer-to-home trips were Willmar, Minn., in February, Aberdeen, S.D. and Medora/Dickinson, N.D. in June, Rolla/Lake Upsilon, N.D. in August and September, and Rochester/Minneapolis. Nubs the cat preferred the comfort of our home where she continues to fulfill her role as neighborhood watchcat.

In closing, we wish you a Blessed Christmas and a very Happy 2009!

Dave, Erin & Nubs



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