

Merry Christmas

Our year was bookended with the Kansas Sesquicentennial celebration on January 29 at the farm, and Daniel and Gabi's wedding at the farm on 11/11/11. We were blessed with perfect weather for both events. The house was repointed this summer, the beginning of a long list of refurbishing projects.

Daniel and Gabi reside in Tacoma, Washington where Daniel works as a Key Bank teller, and Gabi is a JC Penny jewelry consultant. A reception is planned for this summer; watch for details. There are rumors of a migration back to Kansas for these two.

Alan is working for an engineering firm in Toronto, Ontario. He is enjoying working again, and exploring Canada and northern New York. He is able to take weekend trips to see friends and family all over the country. He usually sports a shaved head, but allowed his hair to grow back so he can get his head shaved for St. Baldrick's cancer fundraiser in Las Vegas in February.

Eric continues biking and woodworking. He rode across Wisconsin in June, plus numerous other rides throughout the biking season. He completed a few woodworking projects, all of which he chronicles on his website: www.kansasfolks.net. He is still practicing in Louisburg. He taught a couple of med students and a couple of nurse practitioner students this year. His office will be going to computerized medical records in a couple months. Eric has served the last couple years on the EMR steering committee for the health system. He is excited to get his 200 diabetic patients onto computerized tracking.

Margie continues as a respiratory therapist at KU Hospital. Storms at the farm kept her busy this summer as Mother Nature gleefully threw trees and barn roof hither and yon. Despite the drought and heat, we had a limited crop of soybeans, and next year's wheat is green for the winter. Her sewing projects included a couple quilts and sewing for the wedding, including Gabi's dress. She finished a year as president of the Camp Wood Board. If you have not seen Camp Wood in the last couple years, you are really missing out. We hosted the Shaft House for the Chase County Country Christmas homes tour the Saturday after Thanksgiving. It will be great to host it again when the house is fully operating again, in about ten years or so.

We look forward to another year of connecting with family and friends in 2012.