

Merry Christmas

We send best wishes in this time of change and uncertainty. This picture was taken at the annual KU-KSU football game. Alan believes it will be the last KU victory now that Bill Snyder is at the helm again at KSU.

Eric continues to practice in Louisburg. Over the years his practice has changed as he went from doing OB and having lots of young patients to now having quite a few older patients with chronic conditions. He went to Mexico again for medical mission the week after Easter. He got some bike riding in while in Colorado with Margie the first week in August. We realized that it had been quite a few years since we had gotten away, just the two of us, without doing missions in a Central American country, and we had a great time. We'll have to try that again sometime.

Margie got tired of working and going to school all the time. She worked the last five years as a respiratory therapy manager at KU Hospital, and was going to school part time the last two years. Starting this August, she now works two twelve hour shifts a week as a resource therapist at KU Hospital. This allows her time to manage a full time school load. She is now just one semester away from getting her masters in health care administration. This has also allowed her to concentrate a little more on the farm house, which needs much tender loving care. Starting in January, the house will be vacant for the first time in 13 years, and it will be a good time to get some evaluation and work done.

Alan is experiencing the housing bust with his new house in Vegas. There are many leaving their homes and others getting a short sale. He's hoping the market returns when he is ready to sell. He is working as a project leader for a building project for a tribal casino in Spokane, Washington. He enjoys the cooler weather when he travels there for site visits. He continues to like the hiking around Vegas, and he has started biking to work. We helped him paint his bedroom and bathroom in-between going to KSU basketball games in Vegas at Thanksgiving.

Daniel started working for Jason's Deli in March. This fall he started the manager training program, and he is now working as an assistant manager for Jason's Deli in Lawrence. He is happy to have a steady paycheck, benefits, and he's enjoying his work. He is able to continue seeing his buddies in Lawrence and to fence with the Lawrence fencing club. This next year he plans to start the process of applying to grad school. He thinks library and information science at the University of Washington would be just great.

In these uncertain times, we are thankful for a roof over our heads, steady work, and all the time we can spend with family and friends. We hope to see many of you in the coming year.

Eric and Margie Dyck
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