

The Lavin Family 2005 Christmas Update

First of all we would like to wish all of our friends and family a very merry Christmas and a blessed new year! With all that changes in our world we are so thankful for the relationships that endure through these changes. We hope you enjoy this update on our family and we earnestly thank you for being part of our experience.



Wendy ran the full San Diego Marathon this year and has another one coming up in January. In addition, I think her New Year's resolution is going to be to complete her dissertation for her PHD. As amazing as she is though, I think Grandpa wore her out dancing at Ashley's wedding! By the way, grandpa turned 87 this year, bought a new SUV and took a trip to Ireland...Go grandpa, go!



Breanna and Danny are expecting another boy in May. Aidan is already 16 months old and is amazing us every day with his charm and curiosity. Breanna is busy working at home and Danny is busy working at the Bangor Submarine Base.



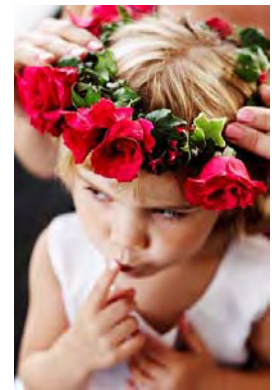
Janelle decided that Hollywood was not all that was cracked up to be and longed for the green, green grass of home...so she moved back to Washington and got an apartment with a friend in Seattle. She is going to college and is firmly undecided on her eventual major so she is working at Tully's and enjoying life while she figures it out.

Sarah is 16 now and starting to drive, "Free at last, free at last!" She is a sophomore at North Mason High School, plays on the high school soccer team and she is heading to England, France and Italy this summer with her school. Look out world here she comes ☺



Jacob is seven and he is doing excellent in school, often getting awards for his achievement as well as his character. He loves playing video games, riding his bike and is doing great in soccer. He also wants to start his own business as soon as possible...

Madison is doing great in school and in all of her other activities as well. She loves to hang out with her "brothers" (she still considers Aidan to be her brother instead of her nephew) and sisters and she has really been enjoying doing art projects with her Gramma Becca; our house is full of them to prove it!



I turned 40 this year and I am still keeping busy managing my hedge funds (which I am starting to phase out) and trying to get the funding completed for the golf courses and resort I am developing in Dallas. If all goes well, I will be able to start working on the modular home factories that I want to build early this year...which, if you can believe, is part of my plan to be able to slow down and spend more time at my favorite place, home with my family, so I can enjoy more of this truly wonderful life!

Merry Christmas from all of us.

P.S. – If you want to see more pictures of the family you can go to our website www.calicodog.com

MERRY CHRISTMAS



From the Lavin Family

The Reason for the Season.... ...and everything else!

I noticed this year that a lot of retailers are refusing to use the word "Christmas" in their advertising and also not allowing it to be displayed in their stores. The main reason given for this seems to be something about the word being too offensive.

Christmas, too offensive?

I guess that is fine for them but "as for me and my house"; we are so excited to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ during this holiday season. The day that God came to earth as a man and set aside all of His glory and power for one profound reason; to die in our place so that each and every one of us could someday join Him in heaven.

I sincerely hope that everyone receiving this letter is celebrating the same joyous event that our family is this year.



These are a few of our favorite things...

