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THE MARSHALLS

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2024: WE SIMPLY ADORE!

Life has been equal part success and chaos. We have been building family time around sports. It's been fulfilling to watch the kids excel as athletes and embody Jenalee and Rian's aptitude in various sports. We joke that we loathe watching professional teams play, but love cheering on Jade and Preston from the sidelines! The time has flown by for 2024 and we look at our extended families getting older. Everyone is "doing their own thing" and we think, "let's keep traditions alive and connections strong." So despite our hectic lives, we plan lots of parties, reunions and game nights. One day we'll look back on this year and more, with gratitude for the time we made for each other, our friends and families. We have noticed if you don't put in the effort, ties fade away. So on that note, we invite you to see what each of us was up to this year. Welcome to the world of the Marshalls. We are so happy to have you in our lives!

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JADE

She just turned 12, is already 5'-7" and fits into Jen's clothes. That makes for interesting times! Jade excels at sports, acting, math, reading, art and making friends. She was accepted in to Math Club at school, won district art competitions, and enjoyed theatre at Viewmont. Jade wasn't without challenges. We navigated physical health issues linked with anxiety and worries about attending school. Defining it and pushing through it helped Jade to correlate her own feelings and mindset with her stomach health. No one would ever guess how much she has dealt with! She is strong.

Jade made the same Murray competitive soccer club team...a year-long commitment. She also tried out for (with Jen's encouragement) the middle school volleyball team and made the top A team. She competed with girls 3 years older than her and excelled! This led her to try out for another competitive volleyball team based in Murray. She made the 14-year-old team and will play through 2025!

OUR 2025 MOTTO: SHOW



PRESTON

Oh my, what a hottie! Preston is 14 years old, 5'-11" and still growing. His intelligence, athleticism, drive and looks are off the charts. Preston won the national PTA logo competition for Reflections and placed in state for his painting "doggo". As a Sophomore, he took advanced AP and college credit classes and his lowest grade is 98%!

Preston played for the Murray High Tennis Team in 2024. He also is in Robotics Club and FBLA. He is so self-sufficient! Preston bikes to school and work at the Murray Rec Center and gets up early in the morning to weight train. He has reffed soccer and other sports, plus ran alongside the track team at his job (just to motivate them). Preston is industrious and we love finding opportunities for him to excel and expand his interests.

Preston eventually wants to study Applied Physics, Engineering or Construction Management. But honestly, he could double major and we wouldn't be surprised. So stay tuned for Preston's future. Epic.



Preston averaged 4.6 miles a day biking during "dry days" in 2024.



Jade begged to skip a grade like her brother. She's excited for Junior High.



Preston was secretary for the Teacher's Quorum. He loves serving others.



Jade loved doing baptisms at the Taylorsville Temple. She reminds us to go.

JENALEE

It's so hard to sum up 2024. But here's a try: *Blessed*.

Jenalee has been able to achieve success and flexibility in her life. She supports the kids in their passions as well as keeps them on task in our everyday schedules. Her day is full and beautiful, filled with designing, cooking, working out, reflection, planning, cheering on and more.

The habit of scripture study has been a weakness her entire life, yet Jenalee has marvelously been able to study spiritual topics with the kids each weekday morning since 2019. She also teaches 14-year-olds at church about the Gospel and they teach her with their strength.

She has grown her business www.JenaleeDesign.com which organically led to an opportunity to be interviewed for a 25 minute episode of Latter-day Profiles. This aired globally in July! When Jenalee has time, she's busy planning for future vacations on warm sunny beaches, watching HGTV, hosting parties galore and finding ways to serve others and to be kind. She still believes and lives: *Food is Medicine*. So if you want to enjoy paleo, keto, or whole30 cuisine, come on over!



Rian

turned 43! He will retire from the Air Force at the age of 45.



Jenalee

added 19 new clients last year. Including a rugby team and solar co.



Rian

acquired 2 new guns to his collection. The prior year he bought 47.



Jenalee

planned a girl's trip to Las Vegas for 4 days. It was absolutely perfect.

RIAN

We swear he is like a well-oiled machine. He bounces from day to night shifts, from tennis games to soccer practice, from teaching 14-year-olds at church to running a flight of Airmen. Rian lets Jenalee coordinate all of the chaotic day-to-day tasks and always shows up. He is set to retire from the U.S. Air Force with full benefits in a year and a half! So two newsletters from now he will have a new career to announce. It's all exciting and daunting at the same time.

Rian feels blessed to have the love of his life supporting him and two very talented and good kids who adore him. He couldn't do all of this without them and he knows it.

Rian loved to go shooting at TNT (where he works once a month for fun). He also enjoyed camping at the lake and helping with church summer camp-outs and retreats. Anime and *Gun-Talk Radio* have been a welcome diversion from all of the work in his life as well as college classes prepping him for a Masters in Social Work.



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