

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM YOUR FAVORITE FAMILY

THE MARSHALLS

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2023 IN A NUTSHELL

We keep on thinking that life will slow down and just coast for a bit, but nope. The Marshalls are as busy as ever. First on the list, vacation! After masking and vax was lifted for traveling, we booked a family cruise for Spring Break 2023. Fulfilling a lifelong dream of wandering the plantations and historic districts of New Orleans, our family enjoyed an epic 11-day vacation. White beaches, snorkeling, holding jungle animals, exotic cuisine, swimming with dolphins, ancient ruins, rope courses, dune buggies and more. We did it all. And still have the tans to prove it. Learn about each of us as you read on in our newsletter. Changes galore during 2023! So what does the future hold for the Marshall family? (Hopefully more trips.) 99% sure we will be in Utah. 99% sure www.JenaleeDesign.com will be online. 99% sure Rian will be in the Air Force. 99% sure our family will still be a family of four. Sorry, Grandma.



JADE

At age 11, she is the spunk in our lives. Jade has big thoughts, emotions and goals. You will find her on the soccer field playing for a competitive private team year round.

As if that wasn't enough to fill her weekdays, Jade also spends time creating beauty (like her Mom). She paints, makes jewelry, and designs outfits. Plus Jade won first place for pottery in a Taylorsville City art show.

Building from last year, Jade has opinions and no longer holds back. So cheers to "girl power" and being a strong force for good. She's so much like her Mom...when they agree. Ha!

TO 2024 WE SAY:

BRING IT



PRESTON

This handsome 13 year-old has surpassed our wildest expectations. He skipped the 8th grade and is thriving. Preston looks for leadership opportunities as well as academic programs outside of school. He's a whiz at mathematics, physics, sciences, history, and P.E. (this kid can run!). We find him teaching us facts on a daily basis from all of the things he studies. Who needs the Discovery Channel?! We have Preston.

Preston was placed first doubles in Middle School tennis league and will be moving onto the Murray High School team starting Spring 2024! He looks for any excuse to exercise like riding his bike to school each day no matter the weather.



Preston split time at the Jr. High and High School because of advanced classes.



Jade was in 2 plays at school. Frozen, the Musical. And Suessical.



Preston was invited to attend 3 academic conferences at the University of Utah.



Jade averages 4 practices or games a week for her soccer club. Wow.



PRESTON
is now as tall as Mommy



20
YEARS

Rian and Jenalee celebrated their epic 20th wedding anniversary. As Rian would say, "here's to eternity!"

RIAN

He discovered Moab white water rafting this summer with Preston, but still prefers the Salmon River rapids in “cooler” Idaho. But other than attending roughly 20 soccer games this year, not much has changed for Rian. Not even getting more gray hairs. He still has a baby face which is ironic because he compliments Jen’s eternal youth on a daily basis.

Rian is looking into Master’s Degree programs as a PTSD Therapist in Social Work right now. He retires in about 3 years from the U.S. Air Force. Until then, Rian serves with the local Youth in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. They must have thought, “Let’s put that Eagle Scout to good use!” And they do...with herding 13 year-olds.



Rian

managed to get more sleep this year. 6 to 14 hours a day. *Not a typo.*



Jenalee

won first place in two Art Competitions for Taylorsville City.



Rian

snorkeled in the Carribbean and fell in love with exploring the ocean.



Jenalee

only hosted 10 parties this year. Her personal best was 14 in 2021.

JENALEE

Just when her business couldn’t get better, 2023 hit. Boom! www.JenaleeDesign.com set record revenues month after month. Jen has been balancing work, kids, cooking, working out, downtime and (sometimes) fun. She’s intense, serious and charismatic all at once. That’s still how she rolls. Which is what led to the next change: a new calling.

She serves in her ward in the Relief Society Presidency in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints which puts to work her masterful organization and people skills. This helps keep her busy and adaptable and humble...yeah.

This year was Jenalee’s first time coaching volleyball for Preston. Cheering her little athletes every week has been a blessing. No one is louder...in the best possible way.



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