



MADDISON FAMILY HOLIDAY TIMES

Christmas 2018

Whew! Are we there yet?

Time seems to fly faster every year, last year was no exception.

Grandma Marilyn came out for a visit at **Christmas 2017**, and of course a great time was had with the her and the kids.

Anna flew out—to **Paris**—right after Xmas day to spend some time with Camille, a French student we had hosted in Oceanside earlier in the year.

2018 started problematical for the family, with both Patty's father and Todd fighting cancer.

Todd went through a few months of radiation and chemo. It was difficult at times but some tremendous help from Patty and friends made it bearable. And in the end the scans came out clean so.... **So far so good....**

Spring found us doing some college visits, with a trip to check out Cornell (and a nice stay in Boston with Al and his family), Todd and Bill making a quick visit

to the Vogels in Colorado, and a trip to the cabin with brother Mark (**and great help from Cheryl and the cousins!**).

Spring was time for swim for Anna and Katherine, and both springtime show choir a production of "**Joseph and the Technicolor Dreamcoat**" for Mary.

Oh.... And Anna was accepted at UC Davis, majoring in **Environmental Toxicology!**

Todd backed away a bit from his involvement with the local school district, resigning from the budget committee as well as the district's Parent Advisory Committees, in part as a protest over their trend to spend money on pay raises for themselves rather than services for the kids.

With that time he's now volunteering for the **TransparentCalifornia** organization, collecting public data on pay and pensions for government employees and post-

ing that online.

In order to support Todd in his cancer treatments, have flexibility to go back to MI to visit her dad and family, and to manage the household during Todd's extended trips to MN, Patty opted to work temp jobs. The more significant jobs included storm water sampling and surveying marketing materials for 60 bank locations.

And of course continued to be instrumental in **keeping the girls on track** while getting Anna prepared for college.

Summer had the Maddison family on a **whitewater rafting trip**, Anna and friends in Yosemite, Patty in Michigan for her Dad's birthday, and then.... **Ann and Ted's wedding!** It was great to spend time with the family.



Fall was time for Anna's Big Move, **on to college**, where she's both studying and working as a supervisor at their rec center.

Todd got a chance to spend some time at the cabin again with Mark again, and by amazing good luck hit both the peak of fall color AND had it **snow!**

Mary found herself in the Star's Christmas show choir and their fall production of **Little Shop of Horrors** ("feed me Seymour!") and Katherine is trying a new sport, **water polo!**

On to next year!



Kids keep going....!

Katherine continues to be involved in **everything**—Girl Scouts, Model United Nations, President of her school's Best Buddies organization, National Honor Society, and member of her school's site council (along with her Dad....)

Mary? Finishing off Middle School with a bang (4.0 GPA, "Highest Honors"), and diving into her **first year at High School**. Continuing her involvement with local theaters, not only on the stage with the Star Theatre but off of it, working behind the scenes in costuming, stage crew, photography and audio production for other theater groups....

Somehow they keep getting bigger...

Anna finished off High School in the **top of her class**, involved in sports, Model UN, Girl Scouts, and National Honor Society, all while continuing to work as a Lifeguard on Camp Pendleton. And then graduated and moved on to college, more on that later...

Visitations!



Grandma Marilyn came to visit for Xmas 2017, we saw the **Riebers and Kira (with Bonnie)** in Oceanside, but of course the he Big Event this year was **Anna's graduation**.

We kept the airlines busy with that, seeing **Grandma Judy and Mark** in Oceanside as well as **Ann and Ted**, with a cameo appearance by Jonesy!

When are **YOU** going to visit?

California?



Birthdays!

Mary hit 14 this year, which meant the end of middle school and the **start of High School** for her!



Katherine not only made it to 16 and started her junior year of high school but also **got her driver's license!**



Anna? Eighteen!? What? How could that happen? Girl Number One is not only an **adult** now, but



graduated with honors and off to college!

Rafting!



Early in the year (maybe late last year) the **Survilas** family came up with a great idea—let's all go rafting this summer!

A trek to Northern California was planned, which involved a few days driving up **highway 49**, then a meet-up with the Survilas (who brought Anna with them from Yosemite) and a day long rafting trip on the **Middle Fork of the American River**.

A nice little bit of browsing among **Gold Rush historical sites**, and then back home!



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The Graduate.... And on to College!



One of those "hard to imagine it happened so quickly" things! Wasn't she **just going into Kindergarten?**

Anna spent Winter 2017 and Spring 2018 studying for tests

(getting great scores on her SAT and ACT, beating Dad and Mom on both...), making sure her GPA stayed up (**5.0, 7th in her class**), and writing essays... and writing.... and writing....

She's decided she'd like to focus on the envi-



ronment, and **UC Davis** had one of the best Environmental Toxicology programs in the country. Her efforts paid off when she was accepted into

their **Class of 2022!** Her efforts also paid off in scholarship applications—she applied to over 60 scholarships, and ended up with over \$12,000 in scholarship money.

And a job at Davis, as a supervisor at their Rec Center.

Way to go Anna!



Minnesota....



Todd got a couple opportunities to visit the cabin this year and

In the fall he made it again, and happened to hit the timing



spend some time with his **Mom, brother, and cousins**.

First in the spring. It was a bit touch and go when ice-out was delayed (and recovery from cancer treatment went slowly...)



but eventually he made it up. And **with great help from his brother and Cousins Beth, Allen, and Cheryl** (and a lot of mid-afternoon napping) he had a great time.



a couple days before he had to head back!

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for fall color perfectly. And then got a real bonus when it **snowed**



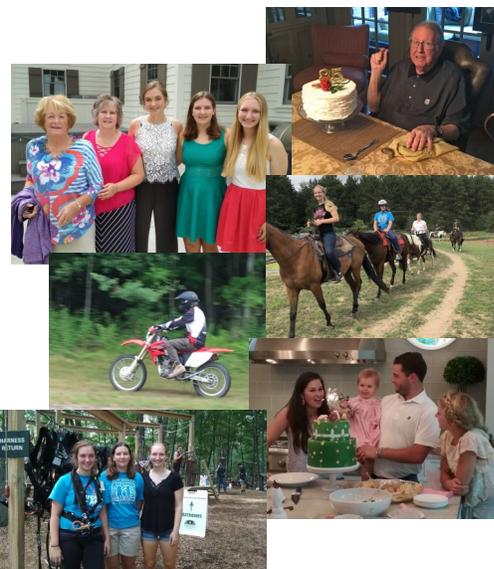
... and Michigan!

This year multiple trips were made to Michigan, some to see Patty's **Dad**, who is fighting his own battle with cancer, and the Big Event this summer, **Ann and Ted's wedding!**

Patty was there for her Dad's birthday, and again to give a hand to Kathie (who has been **indispensable**) in the fall.

Meanwhile, the summer trip for the family was great. The **wedding was beautiful** and a nice opportunity to see the extended family, and time at the lake was perfect.

Jet ski's, horses, and dirt bikes were ridden, zip lines were zipped, we saw a performance of the Young Americans, were there for **Charlotte's birthday** as well as a bit of the preparation for the Dream Cruise on Woodward as well!



Sports....



Another year of **swim** for both Anna and Katherine on the El Camino swim teams, with Anna

going to CIF's on the Varsity team and Katherine doing well on the JV squad.



This fall, Katherine decided to try something new and is currently on the **Water Polo** team as well!



... and dogs...



This is just a **gratuitous** placeholder for pictures of **Harper** and the kids...



... and Theater!



Mary continues to be the **theatrical** part of the Maddison family, continuing to be involved in..... everything....

She loves the **show**

choir, keeping up



her part in the **Glee** group in both spring and fall seasons as they make the rounds of the local retirement homes and street fairs, as well as their breakout "**Totally In Tune**" (TNT) acapella small group .

This year she's also stepped up her help with the littler kids in the "Star Kids" group, as well as helping with the Star's **Summer theatre camp**.

On the big stage, she appeared as one of the brothers in the spring production—**Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat**—and had roles in the fall production of **Little Shop of Horrors**.



Backstage she's been interning as both costume and crew for the Moonlight Youth Theatre, as well as helping the Star with some of their adult productions.

Meanwhile, Todd continues his work with the Star, shooting some promo stills and videos of both their stage productions as well as their show choir.



