



# MADDISON FAMILY HOLIDAY TIMES

Christmas 2019

## Where did our year go?

Yup, another year...

For the first time we were **Anna-less** during most of the year, as she continued studying **Environmental Toxicology** at **UC Davis** (where she's been featured in "**Global Education**" and has made the **Dean's list**...).

At the beginning of the year **Todd** visited **Seattle** and had a nice visit with the **Gallaghers** as well as some old friends (**Poul and Ben**) and a little side trip to the **Oregon Coast**.

**Todd** was back in **Minnesota** in **March** to attend **Aunt Vicki and Uncle Darrell's 50th wedding anniversary** party. It was great to see the entire family attending, including Uncle **John Musech** (who, regrettably, passed away a short time later, at 94.)

He was also able to spend some time visiting his Dad, **Harry**, who had just spent time in the hospital (but is now doing well.)

Mary continued to perform with the **Star Theater's "Glee"** group, making an appearance on a local TV news station as part of that.

Spring was time for **swim** for **Katherine** (who swam on the on the El Camino High team), who was also finishing up her tenure as the **President** of the Best Buddy's club at the school.

...And a production of **The Wizard of Oz** for **Mary**, where she played **The Wizard**.

**Both Grandmas** came out for a visit in **May**, of course always great to see them anytime!

Summer saw **Anna** return from Davis to join the family, with a trip to **Minnesota** and the cabin for all. That included some time with **Cousin Barry** and his family, who we haven't seen in decades!

In the spring and summer **Patty** was able to make several trips to **Detroit** to be with her father, **Ben**, as well as the rest of the

family.

Unfortunately **Ben** passed way in August, at 86. He will certainly be missed by all of us. The trip to **Detroit** was a sad one, but good to see the family there always.

Throughout the year **Todd** continued his work with the **public watchdog agency Transparent California** (and with the local schools), and **Patty** continued working for environmental testing company **Weston Solutions**.

**Anna** was accepted into Davis' "**study abroad**" program, to spend Winter Quarter in **Nottingham, England**. She and **Patty** took advantage of that to spend a couple weeks travelling through **Switzerland, Germany, and Austria** prior to dropping her off in the UK for the quarter.

**Patty** was also fortunate enough to get in another visit to **Michigan** in the fall, this time a happy event, **Marilyn's birthday!**

**Todd** spent another fall at the cabin in **Minnesota** with brother **Mark** (where he was lucky enough to hit the fall color dead on this year), and of course visits with **Dad and Mom**.

Up ahead, we round out the year with a visit by **Grandma Marilyn**, and a trip for the entire family to **England** for the holidays, to bring back **Anna!**

**On to 2020!**



## Kids keep going....!

working on making her own decisions on where she'd like to go to college and what to study there. The rubber is meeting the road, she'll be writing essays and filling out applications all fall and winter....

**Anna** spent the year studying at UC Davis, working as a **supervisor** at the UC Davis recreational facilities, and finished her first year on the **Dean's Honor List**... Starting in fall 2019 she's spending the winger quarter in Nottingham England studying organic chemistry.

**Katherine** continues to be involved in **everything**—Girl Scouts, Model United Nations, Best Buddies, National Honor Society, while

**Mary?** Her first year in High School went great (as always, of course...) She took extra English classes over the summer (doing classwork at the cabin at times) to allow her to take Play Production in her sophomore year, and continues her involvement with local theaters, not only on the stage with the Star Theatre but off of it, working behind the scenes for other theater groups....

## Visitations!



Last winter we hosted **Alex**, a foreign

exchange student from **France**, then saw **Ben Bryant** (and friend



**John**) here for a visit over spring break,

so we got a double dose of sightseeing opportunities.

Then we got a double dose of Grandmas, with both **Marilyn** and

**Judy** coming to visit in May and getting the chance to see Mary in the **Wizard of Oz!**

The **Friebergers** made a visit at the end of summer, of

course it was great to see them again as well!



## Birthdays!

**Mary? 15??**  
Does that mean she's going to be driving soon? What???



Speaking of driving.... **Katherine** made it to 17, and in the

fall became a senior. Last year in high school!



**Anna** was home from college for her 19th birthday. ... and then left again, and is now doing a whole bunch of travelling throughout England and Europe!



## Projects?

Of course the year involved many projects...

Car repairs, home



repairs, painting, computer

over-hauls....



and the biggest project this year, putting together a new section of patio with a fire pit!



Links in the text above lead to more pictures, if you can stand it....

## Todd visits the Northwest...



**Todd** needed to visit Seattle to deal with some issues at the rental house, and took the opportunity to make the

rounds, visiting some friends he hadn't seen in a while.

He had a great time with **Sean and**



**Therese** in Seattle (thanks for the stay!), then moved on to a visit with **Poul and Tanya** (and the horses) in

southern Washington before chaining up to get over the pass in a snow storm and spend a couple nights with **Ben and**



**Elisa** in Bend, Oregon (snowshoeing, anyone?).

From there, on to the Oregon Coast for a night by Haystack Rock, through **Fort Clatsop**



for some

**Lewis and Clark** history, and then back to Seattle and the flight home!



## ... and the family goes to Minnesota!



We got a few opportunities to visit Minnesota

long.... And then some time in Bloomington with **Grandma Judy....!**



**Todd** then got to

this year, **Todd** visited in March for his aunt and uncle's **50th wedding anniversary**, then a **family trip** to the cabin in July, with Uncle



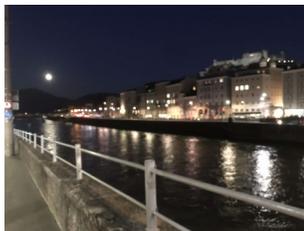
to make his usual solo **fall photography expedition**, managing to hit the color change perfectly and help Mark close up the cabin for the season...



**Mark** and a visit to Grandpa **Harry**, and seeing Cousin **Barry and Leann**, who we haven't seen in.... Well.... Much too



## Patty and Anna—off to Europe!



Since **Anna** was heading to England for the fall quarter, why not

weeks travelling through **Switzerland** (Zurich), **Germany** (Munich and surrounding), **Austria** (Salzburg), and back to London for



a quick visit with a friend of **Patty's** from high school.

take that opportunity to do some travelling?



So.... Off they go! **Patty** joined her for a September trip, spending a couple



## Sports....



**Katherine** started out the year trying out water polo, and had a lot of fun with that and her friends there.



Then back to swim, joining the [El Camino swim team](#), again, where



she did great throughout the season.

So much so that she ended up getting a job at the local YMCA—teaching swimming!

## ... and dogs...



As always, this is just a **gratuitous** placeholder for pictures of **Harper** and the kids...



## ... and Theater!



rounds of the local retirement homes and street fairs (with some appearances on the local TV station this year...), as well as their breakout “**Totally In Tune**” (TNT) acapella small group .



classes.

Meanwhile, **Todd** continues his photography work with the Star, shooting some promo stills and videos of both their stage productions as well as their show choir, choir groups and the [Gin'N'Tonix](#) vocal group....

**Mary** continues to perform with the [Star Theater](#), in their musical products as well as show choir, as well as expanding into working backstage and on tech crews



In musical theater, the year started with a turn as the **Wizard** (in “[The Wizard of Oz](#)”, of course...) Pay no attention to the girl behind the curtain (and be sure to ask for a brain if you get the opportunity...)

In 2019 she continued her help with the littler kids in the “Star Kids” group, as well as helping with the Star’s **Summer theatre camp**



Next up? The Christmas season is on us!

More pictures from various productions throughout the



for various productions around town.

She loves the **show choir**, keeping up her part in the [Glee](#) group in both spring and fall seasons as they make the

production of “[Suessical](#)”

Next up, the late summer production of [Mamma Mia!](#), which had her back singing and dancing with her friends.

**Backstage** she’s been continuing to work with the [Moonlight Youth Theatre](#), as well as helping the Star with some of their adult productions, and now helping with tech at her local school—[El Camino High](#)—as part of her “Play Production”

years are [here](#)....



