

**Greetings to family and friends!**  
**We hope this letter finds you all well.**

This has been a difficult year for our family. The overshadowing event of the year was the illness of Patty's horse. In July we had to have Rusty put to sleep due to a rare cancer. This event has had a terrible impact on all of us, but particularly Patty. He was a wonderful individual, was too young to die, and is missed sorely by all of us. Cody, Patty's former horseback riding teacher, gave us a beautiful rose bush as a memorial and Patty chose to forgo a birthday present to get more roses to make a bigger garden.



their accomplishments. The first ladies were creepy looking dolls located upstairs.

In October Amy decided she'd had enough of management for a while, and she took a position in the Human Resources department at Bassett. Her primary role in her new position is "data girl". She is responsible for the retrieval and manipulation of Human Resources related information from the hospital's computer systems. She's having a great

time in her new job.

Matthew is still plugging along through pharmacy school and is anxious to be done. He will be completing his coursework in the spring semester and is looking forward to getting started on his clinical year.

In the spring, Matthew and Patty both participated in the school's medieval festival. Matthew and Patty built a trebuchet (sort of like a catapult) for the competition, and Matthew,



dressed as a monk (complete with tonsured head!!), gave lectures and demonstrations on soap making. Now in seventh grade, Patty is finding school considerably more challenging – particularly her advanced math class. She continues to play flute in the band and she joined the field hockey team this fall. She continues her horseback riding lessons at the barn down the road.

Our backyard chickens continue to be a great source of entertainment for us, we've added several to the flock and we have our first home bred/hatched peeps!

***In closing, we wish you all the best for a happy holiday, and a healthy and happy 2007.***

The most joyful event of the year was the wedding of Amy's brother David, to Cynthia (Cindy) Vinson. They married on a wickedly hot day at the end of May, near Alexandria, Virginia, where they are now living. We are thrilled to have Cindy in our family, and Patty enjoyed her second stint as a bridesmaid.

***To see more pictures from the past year, visit Matthew's web pages:***

**Dave and Cindy's Wedding, Alexandria VA!**



Dave and Cindy's wedding:

<http://home.stny.rr.com/vk/dcwed.htm>

Our trip to Hershey PA:

<http://home.stny.rr.com/vk/hershey.htm>

Our Chicken Page! – Lots of cute chicken pics!

<http://home.stny.rr.com/vk/chick.htm>

Matthew's Photography Projects:

<http://home.stny.rr.com/vk/phc.htm>

In August, our family plus Patty's friend Julia enjoyed a camping trip to Hershey PA. While visiting, we very much enjoyed the ten (!! ) roller coasters at Hershey Park. We were pleased to have Dave and Cindy join us for a day. From Hershey, we took a day trip to Gettysburg where Amy, misguided by her avid love of history, managed to pick out the cheesiest tourist trap we've ever experienced - "The Hall of Presidents and First Ladies." It consisted of several rooms that smelled like Granny's attic with metal bleachers and bad wax presidential dummies who each "read" a brief speech of

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