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Heather is attending BYU-I online, majoring in [Marriage & Family Studies](#). She created a bog called "[Teach Me How to Mamma](#)", is a part-time Party Hostess at [Children's Health StarCenter ice rink in McKinney](#), is jogging and biking regularly, and is off sweets and refined grain.



She enjoys spending more time with children (especially her nephews) and trying out tactics taught in her parenting classes and books. Heather continues preparing to serve a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, learning Chinese, learning 3D drawing on VR, pursuing a career as a Marriage and Family Therapist, and someday being a fantastic mom.

Andrew enjoyed much of his year on stage. He entertained us as Freddy in "Dirty Rotten Scoundrels," Gaston in "Beauty and the Beast," and Fred (Scrooge's nephew) in "A Christmas Carol," as well as several numbers in Stage Door's "Showtunes for a Cause," for childhood diabetes awareness. Having been promoted to store manager at his employment, he pretty much lives and breathes work and theatre. He loves his dog, Lulu (a Basenji mix) and building gaming PCs.



Jonathan is working at the [Children's Health StarCenter ice rink in McKinney](#) as Operations Technician and Zamboni Driver. He enjoys rubbing shoulders with the people there and the perk of free ice skating.

He has spent many of his weekend's scuba diving with Harold at the [Scuba Ranch](#) in Terrell, TX. Harold and Jonathan both earned their PADI Advanced Open Water Diver certifications. During the summer, Jonathan drove alone to Florida, met-up with Harold there, and had an amazing 3-week dive-



trip! The two scuba buddies, logged over 20 dives, camped in the Florida Keys, dove in the ocean, in caves, and explored reefs off the Florida coast. The highlights for Jonathan were (1) diving 100 feet deep next to a school of 5ft-long great barracudas near the [USNS Vandenburg shipwreck](#), and (2) visiting the [Georgia Aquarium](#) in Atlanta, where he took a background operations tour and witnessed the whale sharks feeding from above.

Jonathan is working toward moving close to the ocean where he can participate in Marine Life studies and rehabilitation. He looks forward to beginning freshwater plant husbandry and someday saltwater plants and coral husbandry. Jonathan is also working on his PADI Rescue Diver and Master Scuba Diver certifications. One day he would very much like to dive with Whale Sharks at the Atlanta Aquarium (or in the ocean). Either would be a great experience.

David and Julie Ann

keep busy with Nathaniel (3 yrs) and Ronan (2 yrs). Both boys are learning both American Sign Language (ASL) and Spanish. Ronan is starting to learn how to use a tablet, while Nathaniel is already loving his tablet and computer. Add PAW Patrol



doggies (despite having never seen the show), fire engines, and the deep sandbox Grandpa built them, and life is wonderful.

In May, David and Julie Ann went to Miami for a business convention and Orlando for ... Harry Potter World! of course.

Julie Ann is working full-time as a Medical Assistant (finally, again) and loves her job. David has been watching their kids, studying business, and has begun seriously writing a novel and is looking forward to finishing it.

Holly absolutely loves being greeted by her two grandsons every day and hearing them ask “Grandma, may I come in [to your room]?” She enjoyed her trip with Heather to Utah in the Summer, to see family, work on family history research at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, and to have her father [sealed to his parents in the temple](#).

Her big goal for 2020 is to reach a fitness level in which she can run around with her family while experiencing little (or no) pain. Holly endeavors to live by Helen Keller’s “*life is an adventure, or it is nothing.*” She has had many “adventures” this year. She appreciates the A+ [UT Southwestern Neuro and Radiology Surgery](#) teams with which the Lord has blessed her the last few years. And she’s grateful for the [peace the Spirit brings](#)

Holly’s 2019 summary sung to the tune of “The Twelve Days of Christmas”:

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| 12 Mouths to feed | 6+ Days of Migraines |
| 11 Chiropractor visits | 5 X-rays |
| 10 Bouts of nausea | 4 MRI’s |
| 9 ft New Christmas tree | 3 Fall injuries |
| 8 Blood tests | 2 Grandkids smiling & |
| 7 Wolves cub scouting | 1 Gamma Knife surgery |

while one is presented challenges and losing loved ones: Joe and Ron Toomey and Pappy Toomey this year, and Marcia Toomey and Ralph Morrow last year.

Harold left [McAfee](#) after 13 years and began working for [United Technologies Corp.](#) (UTC), who makes commercial aircraft jet engines and aviation electronics. So, in a way, it’s back to his aerospace/Air Force roots. As Assoc. Director of Product Security, he gets to work from home! In Q2 2020, UTC has plans to [merge with Raytheon](#). Raytheon has a large facility just 1 mile away.

Harold runs half marathons but now focuses on scuba diving. Milestones he has met this year include (1) PADI Advanced Open Water Scuba certification, (2) 25 years as a Scoutmaster / Asst. SM, and (3) surviving a cramped household of 9 people and 3 dogs.

Harold continues to tutor STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) students. He is saving hard for a couples’ mission and retirement. He looks forward to earning his [MS & Ph.D. in Mathematics](#), for which UTC has said they would help pay for.

Highlights of Harold’s year have been making a 2’ deep 75 square-foot sandbox for the grand-kids (dug by hand and with 240 toy dinosaurs buried within), and of course, the 3-week scuba trip to Florida with Jonathan. Difficult events for Harold have been the passing of his eldest brother (Ron) to colon cancer and his father (Joe) to a stroke at age 95.

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*You are in our thoughts and prayers.
Have a wonderful new year!*



Quotes of the Year

P.S. – Context matters

1. “That’s right, sit your bum on the pizza.”
2. “Lulu can’t hold her licker.”
3. “Ow! Don’t eat my armpits.”
4. “I’m not eating sugar. I’m just eating cake.”
5. “I love you. This is better than reliving kissing Voldemort.”
6. “It’s a hallowed Toomey tradition to defeat Deacons with cake.”
7. “Stop hugging the appliances...[and] the piano; it’s time to go to bed.”
8. “I’ve got peanut butter under my nails. It’s probably drugged peanut butter, too.”