Tuesday, March  01, 2016

All data for this month has been lost when on March 16th as Mae was trying to get onto the internet at Shellie’s, our computer crashed.

I will try to add some journal information that took place prior to the computer crash.

Sunday, March 06, 2016

Following our normal Sunday church schedule, Mae and I went to Chelci and Steve’s in Grantsville.  Chelci had prepared a wonderful meal that we enjoyed.  We slept there as we are going to tend their four children for the next four days while Steve and Chelcie take a 10th anniversary trip.

Monday, March 07, 2016

This morning Chelci and Steve left quietly while the twins were busy eating breakfast.  We got Nathan and Addie off to school (Addie goes to preschool). We did get along with the children very well although it was quite a lot of work for us.  Jacob still had some diarrhea, but seemed to be feeling okay. Nathan had a cold or virus, but was doing okay also. Mae brought a lesson on “Obedience” for Family Home Evening. We let the twins play in their playroom upstairs while we held it with Nathan & Addie. They participated and it went well. Afterwards we played games and ate cupcakes which Mae had bought and brought for the refreshments. Their bedtime wasn’t until 9Pm for all of the children, so after we got them all to bed, both Mae and I were tired, so we went to bed also.

Tuesday, March 08, 2016

We woke early with the alarm to get Nathan and Addie off to school and get the twins up, dressed and fed. We took the twins for a walk in their double stroller. They were excited to go and the weather was nice. I wondered if either of the twins were asleep, so I checked and Luke was almost asleep, so we took the twins out of the stroller and I held each one by my hands and we walked the rest of the way to their home while Ken pushed the empty stroller. At home, Mae and I fed them lunch and we put them down for their naps. Chelci said they take their nap from noon to 3:00 pm. They slept even later than that. Addie came home and Mae fixed us all lunch and we played games with Addie. She loved doing that. They have a cute dog that is well trained – a black Crocker Spaniel. When Nathan came home, he and Addie did their chores, and Nathan did his homework. He complained that his stomach hurt and he didn’t feel well, so I called the man who was supposed to pick him up for scouts to tell him that Nathan was sick and wouldn’t be going to scouts. He rested on the couch with his iPod, playing games. He still complained that he wasn’t feeling well and didn’t think he would be able to go to school the next morning. Mae found out that he had a spelling test and a math test the next day, so she helped him study for both tests and told him that he should try to go to school and if he felt worse, he could call us and we could come get him. I got Diarrhea so didn’t sleep much..

Wednesday, March 09, 2016

  Mae bought me some Pepto Bismo, when she took Nathan to his piano lesson this morning, and that seemed to settle things down.  I was concerned about taking my regular morning Acid Reflux prescription with the Pepto Bismo so I went without it a couple of days, I think that was a mistake as this night I got Acid Reflux really bad, so didn’t sleep really good again. We took the twins and Addie for a walk again this morning as they love doing that. Addie had her dance class today after lunch and a neighbor picked her up and brought her home. When they got home, the neighbor asked if Addie could come over and play with her daughter for a couple of hours, so we let her. That way Mae and I were able to take a nap and rest while the twins took their naps. When the twins woke up, they wanted to go outside and play. They have little cars they play in, plus a swing set and the lifetime airplane we gave them – so they had a good time and Mae stayed with them. When Nathan got home from school, he was excited to show us his papers that he had gotten 103% on his spelling test. He went over the 100% because of extra words he could spell. He also got a 98% on his math test. Mae was glad she had helped and encouraged him to go to school and take the tests.

Thursday, March 10, 2016

I started having hiccups today. At first they were just annoying, but they kept coming and going. At night they got worse and again I didn’t sleep well. We are amazed at how good the twins (Jacob and Luke) have been for us. They love to eat, so they climb up into their chairs and fasten themselves in. It’s hard to get them full, especially for breakfast. We fix scrambled eggs and they want more and more. They also eat fruit and cereal in a bowl, but without the milk. They drink milk in their Sippy cups. They are easy to change their diapers as they lie right down on the floor and hold still. Chelci has taught them well. They are easy to dress and go to bed. They each have their own colored pinkie and they only get their binkies when they take their naps or go to bed at night. They go right to sleep. They are happy when they wake up in the mornings. They fight some over their toys, but most of the toys are duplicates – so they each have their own. As Mae is fixing the meals and she hears them fighting, by the time she climbs the stairs to their playroom, they are happy again as one of them has given in to the other. Nathan and Addie have been great too. But we are tired and glad that we will be leaving in the morning, since neither of us feel well and we are tired from having to get up early each morning, especially when we haven’t slept well. We are happy that Chelci and Steve were able to go on this cruse for their 10th anniversary and they wouldn’t have been able to if we hadn’t changed our plans to go to Shellie & Roy’s tomorrow instead of last Friday.

Friday, March 11, 2016

Steve’s parents came this morning at 8AM and got the children so that Mae and I could continue on our planned trip to Arizona.  By the time we got packed up, and the house cleaned up, I was feeling much better.  We debated as to whether we should continue on our trip or return home to be sure that I was ok.  By the time we got to the I-215 junction I felt well, so we continued on.  We arrived at Judy Giles, in Kanab, early evening and soon went out to eat at a Mexican restaurant and enjoyed visiting with Judy there and at her home.  When we went to bed, my hiccups returned and I was awake most of the night, they got really bad and they were loud and several coming at a time, which really hurt my stomach.  .

Saturday, March 12, 2016

We got up about 5am and left Judy’s, debating on whether we should return home or continue south. It was snowing quite hard this morning.  We left Judy’s, then stopped at a service station where we could use the canopy to protect us from the snow as we straightened items in the trunk.  Still debating which way we should go, we offered a prayer.  After praying, I turned south and started out.  We only went a few miles when the hiccups became very severe and my stomach went into convulsions.  I stopped the car and turned around with the decision that I needed medical assistance.  It was snowing very hard and with it being dark I tried to drive on. Mae set our GPS up looking for a Instant Care facility.  Following the GPS we drove North on Highway 89.  When we got to the Sand Dunes road, the GPS indicated that we should turn off the Highway.  I was sure that the road only went to a dead end in the Sand Dunes so I drove on.  A mile further the GPS again indicated that we should turn onto the North entrance to the Sand Dunes but I drove on.  By the time we got to the next town we found a Service station that was open.  By then I was hurting so bad that I had to have Mae take over driving.  Mae went into the station and asked the attendant where we might find a Instant Care facility.  He indicated that the closest Care facility was back in Kanab.  I made the decision that we should go on.  It was now light enough that Mae could drive, although the roads were still snow packed.  By lying very still the hiccups and stomach spasms seem to settle down.  We called David to get some advice from him and he recommended that we find some place that could do a scope to find the cause.  We determined to continue north and David would try to find more information and get back to us.  We continued driving north trying to get to Provo as there isn’t much before then.  David contacted Mike and then he drove to Mike’s in American Fork to pick him up and have him go with him.  David also had Scott call us to get our insurance information so he could find a health facility that would accept our insurance.  David and Mike continued driving south to meet us, where they could take over driving for Mae.  With the use of cell phones we were able to meet at signpost #83 (I think) where David drove our car and Mike drove David’s car.  Mae rode with Mike giving her some relief.  We determined to continue on to Ogden if I continued to feel ok.  We left Mike at Provo where Becky met him.  Mae went back to driving our car and following David.  We drove on to Ogden where I went into the Emergency entrance at the Ogden Regional Hospital. There they ran a complete set of tests from blood test, to x rays and everything in between, but couldn’t find anything wrong.  By then all my symptoms had subsided.  The Doctor finally told me that as far as they could tell I was perfectly ok and she saw no reason that we could not continue on our trip.  David stayed with me through the whole experience.  I felt bad that I put everyone through so much trauma just to find out that I was ok.  It was great to be able to have a good visit with David as he drove our car and while we were at the hospital.  Mae and I came on home where we stayed for the night.

Sunday, March 13, 2016

Mae didn’t feel well this morning, just being physically beat from our experience yesterday.  I let her go back to sleep and I went to the church house planning on attending Sacrament meeting and then returning home.  When I got there the meeting was about to end.  I looked at the clock on the wall and at my watch and it hit me that we had just gone onto Daylight Savings Time.  I came back home and we relaxed the rest of the day.

Monday, March 14, 2016

This morning we repacked the car and left for Kanab again.  Mae reads while I drive and she also drives to spell me off while I take a nap. We are reading the book “The Infinite Atonement” by Tad Callister. Our stake president asked the members of our stake to read this book along with the Book of Mormon. We will finish reading it while on this trip. We stopped at a grocery store and bought some fried chicken and salad before going to Judy’s again.  We really appreciated Judy’s hospitality in allowing us to return and sleep here again.  It is very helpful so that we don’t have to drive straight through or get a motel for the night.

Tuesday, March 15, 2016

We got up and had breakfast and enjoyed visiting with Judy.  She is such a gracious host and good friend.  We arrived at Shellie and Roy’s home about 4:30 PM. Shellie showed us the new cabinet Roy had built and she had finished. Actually they had a company make the drawers. Shellie sanded and refinished all the cabinets in the kitchen and bathrooms. They look beautiful. Now they are going to get marble put on the counters in the kitchen and get new sinks and appliances. We enjoyed being with her and Jase until Roy got home. The weather was in the 70s while we were here so we ate our meals out on their patio overlooking the lake. Jase and I went fishing this afternoon and each of us caught a fair size bass. I was very glad that Jase had caught the first fish. I have hopes that he might gain a love for fishing that will help him enjoy life, but his interest seems to be quite short on fishing. This evening Roy put on a video and we all watched the movie before going to bed.

Wednesday, March 16, 2016

After getting up and enjoying a wonderful breakfast, I set up the laptop computer and started to work on my journals.  While I was doing this, Mae & Shellie were visiting out on the patio and Shellie told Mae that her and Roy don’t have temple recommends now and are not wearing their garments. Shellie said that Roy has never wanted to pay tithing and she has insisted that they do it so they could have temple recommends and go to the temple. Roy didn’t like to go to the temple, but would occasionally go with her. With the trials and problems of their sons, Shellie had gone “over the edge” and got so depressed and despondent and, I guess, angry with God, that she quit going to church for a while and so did Roy and Jase. They finally came back to church, but are not partaking of the sacrament as she told Mae that she didn’t feel worthy to partake of it since she isn’t keeping her covenants. She even turned down a calling in Relief Society. Her R.S. President told Shellie that she trusted her and would wait until she felt she could accept a calling again. This, of course, was very hard on Mae, but she had suspected as much as Patsy (Roy’s mom) had called her and told her she didn’t think they were going to church or the temple now. Mae was hoping that wasn’t the case – but it is. Shellie told Mae, as she knew that we would be planning to go to the temple with her this week. Mae told me about it on Thursday morning when we woke as she didn’t want to tell me this day or night as she wanted me to get a good night’s sleep and knew that I wouldn’t if she told me before. This is really hard on Mae and I since out of our six children, there is only one now (Mike and his wife) who have temple recommends. Sandi is even having her boyfriend, Gary, living with her now. I keep asking myself “What have we done wrong in raising our children?) Mae keeps telling me that she feels we did the best we could and that they have their free agency to make these choices. We just wish they would read the scriptures and pray sincerely and they could gain their testimonies back.

Mae came in later this morning, and asked if she could get on the computer to check on our bank accounts.  As she tried to get the internet set up, the computer failed with an unusual error message.  I tried to reboot the computer by turning it off and restarting it.  Again it failed to reboot.  I called Garrett and he walked me through several recovery steps but with no success.

Jase and I got out on the boat a couple of times fishing (Monday and Wednesday) and each of us caught a nice size catfish. When Jase caught his fish, he got so excited that I thought he was going to jump out of the boat.

Thursday, March 17, 2016

We had a nice breakfast out on the patio again. Some geese come by and Shellie & Jase feed them bread. They eat out of their hands. Shellie told Mae to feed them, so she did too. A while later, Shellie, Jase, Mae and I took a lunch and went to the Phoenix Zoo where we met Garrett, Nora, Maggie and Damon there.  Later Roy also took off work and met us there.  He stayed a couple of hours and sure enjoyed being a Grandpa. We had a good time, but we were surprised that it cost each of us $20 to get into the zoo. We hadn’t planned on it being that much, so Shellie paid half of it. That is a good zoo, but you sure have to walk a lot to get to the different animals. This evening Mae, Shellie, Roy & I got into their hot tub and enjoyed that.

Friday, March 18, 2016

Mae got word that Tom and Sheila Harper’s van had broken down and they couldn’t afford to have it repaired.  I felt great concern about their situation.  I decided to attend the Gilbert Arizona Temple this morning.  Before going into the Temple, I called Bishop Mullin to ask about the Harper’s situation.  He hadn’t heard anything about it but will check into it.  I did add their names to the prayer list.  I went through the Initiatory area before going through an Endowment session.  I really enjoyed my morning in the Temple.  Mae & Shellie took out special Easter plants that Shellie had decorated with ribbon and decorated foam eggs, to her 10 neighbors.  Mae also went visiting teaching with Shellie since Shellie’s companion couldn’t go. While Shellie was fixing supper, she suggested that Mae and I relax and let her do it herself this time, so Mae began reading in the book “The Infinite Atonement” out loud to me. Shellie was listening also as Mae read. Finally, I and Shellie got discussing “Church Activity” and I think I blew it! We both got upset and I said too much.

Saturday, March 19, 2016

 With this crash of the computer, and the problems that we are having with our children, especially after hearing that Shellie is struggling, and she has always been our “strong” one, I became quite depressed.  I finally decided to take a walk.  I walked quite a while.  I stopped at a park to rest and was there quite a while.  When I started out again to go back to Shellie’s, I ended up lost as to how to find my way out of the area I had walked into.  When I finally got to a main street I walked back to a shopping center where I knew where I was and set at a table and rested before going on home.  When I got there Mae was very upset with me as she and Shellie had been very worried as I was gone 4 hours and hadn’t taken my phone or any water.  They went out looking for me in Shellie’s car for about an hour.

Sunday, March 20, 2016

We did attend the block meeting today.  I believe it was this evening that Roy grilled bacon wrapped steak and Shellie cooked baked potatoes and yams for dinner.  Several evenings, Roy would put on a DVD movie on the TV that we all enjoyed.

Monday, March 21, 2016

Mae and I took the paddle boat out on the lake for an enjoyable ride. We played lots of games with Shellie. Jase is back in school this week, so he is working on school work most of the day. He doesn’t like to play games, other than games on the computer or TV. He loves “Mind Craft” and “Blender”. He is very creative. He did play “Battle Ship” once with Mae. She asked if he wanted to play it again, and he said: “Maybe another day”.

Tuesday, March 22, 2016

Mae and I went shopping with Shellie at Costco after breakfast. Later, Mae and Shellie went to Home Depot for Shellie to buy some plants and then they went to the Dollar Store and bought some Easter decorations, pots and ribbon for Shellie to make special Easter gifts for her neighbors. She is very creative and makes them beautiful. Her neighbors love her and I can see why – she is good to them. Mae usually helps Shellie with the meals and cleaning up the dishes and then we play games out on the table on the patio. Shellie loves to play games and so do we.

Wednesday, March 23, 2016

The weather is so beautiful here in Arizona and Shellie & Roy’s home, yard and surroundings are so beautiful. Mae and I decided to go for a walk after breakfast, and Shellie suggested that she drive us to a beautiful area where she bikes. We did that and then walked for probably a couple miles or more, all around beautiful lakes and landscape. We really enjoyed this. We then went to a place which has frozen yogurts with all the toppings. We have gone there before when we have been here. It is made with all pure ingredients, but they are really expensive. I bought them for us and for the three of us, it cost $19.00. They are really good, however.

Thursday, March 24, 2016

This evening Shellie, Jase, Mae and I went to the Easter Pageant held on the Mesa grounds.  On the way over we stopped and bought fried chicken and rolls for dinner.  Nora and the children joined us there at the pageant.  Later Garrett also came and met us there.  It was very enjoyable. Roy was planning to come, but he was on his motorcycle and the traffic was bad, so he decided not to come. Shellie was a little upset with him for not coming.

Friday, March 25, 2016

We got our things packed up this morning and got away for home just before noon.  As we left, Mae became concerned that we hadn’t looked for a computer.  One of the reasons that we left today is that David, our Grandson, told us that he could help us with our computer problems if we could go to his place on Saturday afternoon.  I told her to get on the GPS and find a Best Buy store near where we were then and we would stop..  We found one in Tempe and stopped there.  We were there for almost three hours and purchased a new Hewlett Packard Notebook Laptop.  The Salesman told us that they could get the computer set up for us in just a few minutes.  However, when we went to the geek squad they said that it would take over night.  We told them that we were on our way to Utah and could not wait for that amount of time.  They did get the basic setup done and we left forhome.  The GPS got us lost and we took a longer way through Phoenix.  When we got to the GAP the GPS again gave us faulty directions to go to Page Arizona.  I am concerned with the GPS in giving me false directions.  We got to Judy’s about 9:30 this evening and soon went to bed.

Saturday, March 26, 2016

We got up early and left Judy’s, just saying thanks and giving her a hug.  We just got some fruit at a service station and ate chicken, that Shellie had left over and sent with us.  When we got to Panguitch, the rain turned into snow which continued until we got to Payson.  Roads were slippery with many accidents and travel was slow.  It was 12:30pm when we got home.  We quickly brought in most of the travel items and just kept what we would need for staying overnight at David and Sierra’s.  Mae took the ingredients that she would need to make Lasagna for dinner.  It was almost 4pm when we got to David’s.  He started right to work on our computer trying to recover some of the main files from the crashed computer.  He also got our new computer set up so we can start using it.   While the computers were processing, we had dinner and then after cleaning up from dinner, Sierra, David, Mae and I played games.  David would have to check on the computers every little while to be sure they were still going ok.  We sure enjoyed little Henry and he is growing so fast.  They also have a dog named Tasha, the same name that Shellie’s dog is named.  She is a well behaved dog but still likes to play.

Sunday, March 27, 2016

Mae and I woke when we heard Henry wanting to get up.  He played in bed for over an hour and finally Mae wanted to get him up, so she did and he was such a happy little guy. She changed him and we played with him for a while until David got up and he took him into Sierra to feed.  David was able to finish up startup procedures on our new computer but is still unable to recover the files from our old computer. He will take it to work with him tomorrow and try there where he has more and better equipment.  We were able to get home in time to attend our Block Meetings today.  The Ward Choir put on the Sacrament meeting program with Sister Leah Neilson being the narrator.  Mae also sang with the choir today.  After returning home we had dinner and then we were able to bring up the Women’s Conference on our “Smart TV” and listen to the speakers that spoke at the Women's Conference, Saturday evening.  We also watched the movie “The Robe” before going to bed.

Monday, March 28, 2016

This morning Mae got some of the washing started but we had to hurry in order to attend the Viewing and Funeral for Kent Tule Murdock.  I served in the Bishopric, in the Clearfield 1st Ward in 1970 with Kent Murdock as Bishop. I served as 1st Counselor and John Rose as 2nd Counselor.  Kent has sure been a great man.  Although the service was very appropriate, it left me depressed as I recognized that almost all of his very large family is very active in the Church and holding important leadership positions.  It breaks my heart, when I see only one of our six children holding Temple Recommends in our family.  I don’t know why, but we just keep praying!  After the funeral, we went over to visit Bob.  We took him out to eat at Sizzler’s for lunch.  We then went up to the Commissary on Hill Air Force base.  Mae likes to do some of her grocery shopping there as she can get California Mixed Vegetables and she can’t get this kind anywhere else.  This evening Mae and I watched a very good movie “A Matter of Faith”.  I just wish that Jeff would be willing to watch that show.

Tuesday, March 29, 2016

Mae got busy with housework and putting things away.  I worked on my journal trying to remember what happened on the days that I was unable to have a computer.  I am unfamiliar with this new computer and keyboard so it is easy for me to become frustrated. Our grandson, David, called and said that he had both good news and bad news for us concerning our computer.  The good news was that he was able to recover most of our files from the hard drive and will send them to us on a thumb drive.  The bad news is that the computer is dead.  The hard drive failed because of mechanical failure and is not worth the cost to repair it.  We are ok with that as we now have the new computer.  That is really a blessing that David has the knowledge and ability to help us with these files.  This afternoon I started working on our food storage under the east deck.  We have lost the inventory of what we had and so I am rebuilding that inventory.  After 3 hours under that deck, I was beat and cold so I quit for now.  I got on the new computer, and with Mae’s help I got started reconstructing the past months journal entries.

Wednesday, March 30, 2016

We slept in this morning until Irven called and got us up.  I have worked on my journal for sometime this morning.  I am anxious for Irven and Sandy to come down this evening, as they will be bringing the thumb drive with our recovered files on it.  Rick and Georgia stopped by to bring us some salmon that we are going to prepare on Monday when Mae’s siblings and spousses are gathering here at our place.  We enjoyed visiting with them, but I am afraid that we kept them too long.  We took some items to the D.I. and then stopped and visited Scott and his family for a few minutes.  Mishelle had dinner ready for her family and they invited us to eat but we had just eaten before we left home, so we just set close to them and visited.  We did share one of Mishelle’s fresh baked rolls.  They are too good to pass up.  We then went over to Weber State University in Layton where we thought that we came to hear Jonathan Johnson, who is running for election for the office of Utah State Governor.  Irven and Sandy had told us of the meeting, however, they were mistaken.  They thought it was a town meeting where Jonathan would speak. This was an opportunity for Delegates to meet the Candidates.  We did get to meet Mr. Johnson and visit for just a minute with him.  We were impressed with him.  Mae and I came back home.  Mae got on the computer as well as the phone, so I went into the front room and watched a show on Netflix that was pretty good.  Mae also edited my March Journal entries trying to help me add the information for several days that I am trying to add, due to missing several daily entries, being without a computer.  I had several things that I wanted to accomplish today, but the time quickly slipped away and my list was still waiting for me when the day ended.

Wednesday, March 31, 2016

Mae and I got up this morning and got ready to attend the Temple.  We got discussing our concerns for our family and decided that we should fast before going to the Temple.  Bishop and Sister Mullin’s were at the church house when we got there.  We invited them to ride with us and so they took their car back to their home and we picked them up.  Brother Sam and Sister Diane Hess came in time to attend the same session as us.  Following the session, all of us met at the cafeteria where we ate lunch.  After taking the Mullin’s home, Mae and i went shopping at Costco, then to Best Buy where we turned the warranty on our laptop back in and got our money refunded.  With our grandson, David Michael, in our family we hope that if there are any failures, he can help us out.  He put a program on our computer where he can do it from his home. It’s called “Team Viewer”. We have sure appreciated his help so far.  Mae also wanted to stop at Kmart to get a loaf of French bread to have for supper when Kylan and Ashley are here.  I decided to just wait for her in the car, but after sometime, I called her.  She picked up several other items while she was there as she needed them for the dinner we will be having on Monday when her siblings and spouses come.  When we got home Kylan and Ashley were already there.  It was a good thing that we had given them our code to the key box.  This evening, after dinner, we played games with them.  We played two games of marbles with them of which Kylan and I won both games.  We watched the show “It’s a Matter of Faith” and Kylan and Ashley both seemed to enjoy it.