

2005 YEAR IN REVIEW

Gary & Jeanel Gressel

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Brian & Michelle Gressel

Brother Brian and Michelle Hardeman were married September 24th. Michelle has two children, Jacob and Chloe. They've re-



about 15 minutes south of us in Gardner.

Brian is a deputy with the Johnson County Sheriff's Department and Michelle is the sales manager

for the Marriott Residence Inn in Overland Park. Son Jason and his longtime girlfriend Andrea now live in Olathe, about a mile south-east of Jeanel's brother

Jerry.
They
continue
to ensure
that we
have
"good
fast-food"
as assis-



tant managers of McDonalds & Popeye's, respectively. Living with them is their dog Lucky, a very cute little Jack Russell Terrier.



We once again hosted T-Bones pitcher David Viane in our home for the summer baseball season. We apologized continuously to him for forcing him to live in



a construction zone throughout the summer (see left).

Next year he'll reap the benefits of the home theater.

Mid-year he moved from a middle reliever to a starter for the team. On his eighth start he pitched a complete-game shutout! This summer we also met David's family—his brother drove out with him in the spring and his parents visited during the season.

www.tbonesbaseball.com

Gary became a voting member of the Mascot Hall of Fame.



Yeah, so he just paid a fee to become one, but it is kind of cool!

www.mascothalloffame.com

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We attended the June wedding of Linsdey, daughter of long time friend/co-workers of Jeanel, Sharon and Paul Earl.



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Gary's uncle Brad Russell and wife Tania welcomed their second

child, Tanner. He joins brother Braedon.

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We traveled to Sioux City, lowa, to watch the T-Bones play the Explorers over the July 4th weekend. It was two great games and a chance to meet several players' families and girlfriends. Turns out there isn't much to do in Sioux City though.

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Friends
Woody and
Maria
Acosta had
their first
child,
daughter



Adyson, on August 30th.

Jeanel's Frozen Shoulder

Like many people, Jeanel began taking Lipitor for high cholesterol. Soon after though her shoulder began hurting. It was several weeks later before a link between the medicine and her worsening shoulder was established. The result is a condition known as "frozen shoulder" which as you would expect means her shoulders don't like

cently moved into a house

to move without pain.

Since then she's been off the drug and doing rehab. The rehab is expected to take around a year before she can fully use her right arm again. Most people of course never have this reaction—she just happened to be the lucky one.

Home Theater or Game Room?

For Christmas last year, Jeanel had Gary buy an X-Box with an Internet connec-

tion. One reason Gary no longer played video games was that he had nobody to play with. With the Internet, you can play most games with several other players around the world—and even talk to them. Problem solved.

Gary spent
nearly seven months leading the effort, working on the project while the entire

untold to be in booksh

basement was littered with

boxes and piles of stuff that

use to be stored nicely. Jeanel had enough and called in professional help

from friend Jerry Jackson.

Three weeks later Jerry had the room ready for action—just in time for a family gathering before Brian & Michelle's wedding.

Since then the room has seen plenty of television, movies, and

untold hours of gaming. Still to be installed are several bookshelves along the side walls and small finishing touches. We started the year with a trip to Miami, FL, to spend three days on the Nature's Wav. a sailboat owned by two of Jeanel's friends, Kim & Steve. Although the weather was uncooperative, we had a fabulous time sailing and seeing the



Miami area. We're already discussing when we can make it down again for this very relaxing diversion. Great area, on board food, and company!

www.natureswaydreams.com



Brother-in-law Brad Randall's pizza stores began franchising this year

with a store in Louisville. That joins his existing stores in Bloomington and Columbus.

www.averspizza.com

We took our first trip to Branson together. Branson has dozens of theatres and other attractions in southern Missouri. Durina our trip we saw Ray



and David Copperfield performances. The final night we took a trip on the Showboat Branson Bell and saw a tremendously funny ventriloquist Todd Oliver who used several live dogs. He didn't just talk for the dogs. He had a gadget that made it look like they were actually talking. Even from a distance, it was roll on the floor funny!



Besides these shows we also saw the portable Vietnam Wall Memorial that was in town, the Budweiser Clydesdales, and the Stone Hill Winery.

www.toddoliver.com www.bransonchamber.com

For our yearly fall trip to Vegas, we saw one of the new Cirque Du Soleil shows, KA. Whereas most Cirque



shows are about the performers and their amazing physical skills, this show was as much about telling the story with help from an

amazing stage. A 300,000 pound 25x50' stage is raised, revolved, and moved throughout the performance offering an incredibly unique way for



the show to be given. Another Cirque Du Soleil show, another fabulous experience. www.cirquedusoleil.com

Jim Brickman made another trip to Kansas City and as you would expect, we made it to his show. We've lost track, but we think that makes six performances we've seen? His next concert is in the spring with the KC orchestrawe already have tickets!

www.jimbrickman.com





Theatre. Although the outdoor theater did five performances, we only made it to West Side Story and Beauty and the Beast. At New Theatre, where we split tickets with brother Mike, we saw Two Can Play



and 2 Across. www.newtheatre.com www.theatreinthepark.org

Jeanel's brother Mike turned 50 this year. His wife Sally held a surprise party at Dick Clark's Bandstand and arranged for one of Mike's favorite groups, Liverpool (a Beatles tribute band) to perform.

www.beatletributeband.com www.abgrill.com



We both continue to work for the same corporations, but both corporations have changed significantly. Sprint merged with Nextel and AT&T was bought by SBC.

Gary continues to work on the board of directors of a local credit union but resigned his seven-year position as Chairman. He now servers as secretary / treasurer.

Jeanel continues to do a small amount of work with her company but is mostly concentrating on her full time job. Through Jeanel's company Gary maintains several small websites including a new one (cehs86.org) for his upcoming 20th high school reunion and has created some new applications that might be used by the T-Bones during the 2006 season.

As always we hope the year has treated you well and that blessings will continue through 2006. Happy Holidays!!!

-Gary & Jeanel