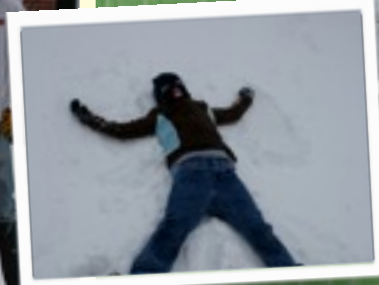


Russell Family

MARCH 2008

AS FOR ME AND MY HOUSE...

ISSUE THREE



The area got between 3 and 9 inches of snow, we ended up with about 5 inches.

Mom, It's Snowing!

It started snowing around 11 am and it was beautiful large flakes. It continued to snow for several hours.

It sounded at times more like a rain storm as it there was thunder and lightening, but it was just a snow thunder storm. Darrel came home from work early, and was glad he did as he saw several cars that did not make it home safely



due to the snow and slick roads.

Snow Angels Each of the kids try making snow angels, they have a wonderful snow ball fight and made a couple of snow men. Daddy enjoyed making the snow man with them and was pretty good in the snowball fight.

True to Texas Weather The snow did not last a long time, in a couple of days it was gone and it was

back up in the high 70's. Crazy. But we enjoyed the fun time in the snow.

Can we go outside now
momma? How about
now? Can we go out
now? When can we go
out?..... brrrr it's cold!

Ginger and Missy Ginger has always loved the snow and Missy is so fun to watch as she tries to catch the snow flakes on their way down.

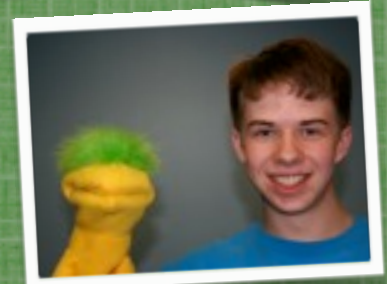
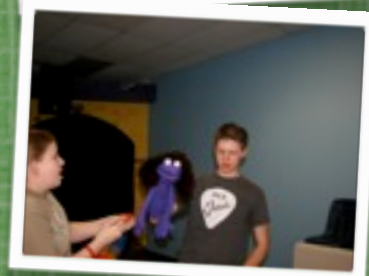
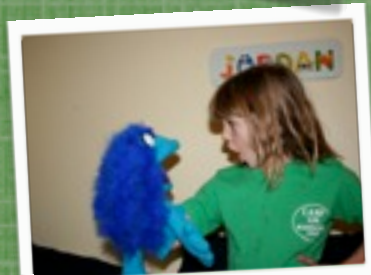
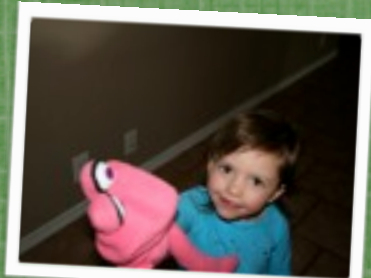
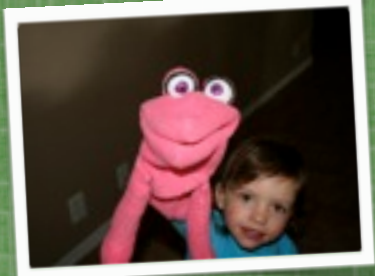


Our house looks very pretty all covered in white!



Daniel gets in on the fun from inside where it is warm. The kids throw snow at him as he looks out the window and laughs at them.





Puppet Making

Joshua, Jonny, Sarah and LeAnn took a puppet making class.

Mrs. Fondee taught us how to make this wonderful puppet. We used fleece for the body, ping pong balls for the eyes, felt for mouth, eye brows and different things for the hair. It was a fun day of learning a new skill.

Puppets multiply! What do you get when you give the mom a new idea, a new pattern, material and a little time? She makes a few puppet friends to go with the ones they made in the class. Stephen has a camo puppet, mom made a fuzzy pink puppy puppet, and Sarah made Hannah a pink "Hannah Ruth Puppet". To add to the yellow one Joshua made, purple one Jonny made, peach one Sarah made and blue one mom made at the class. I wonder what color will be next? Joshua has black and wants to make a skunk... little stinker!



Jordan loves getting to know the new blue puppet.

Though the little red momma did not grow the grain the big blue daddy did buy the grain. So the little red momma asked the little pink, blue, red, purple and green children "Will you help me mill the grain?" All the little children said "Yes, we will help you mill the grain." And they measured it and they put it into the mill and they turned it on and laughed about the sound of the mill. Then they waited and waited and waited... 10-15 minutes can be a long time for the little children. Then the momma said "Let's look at the flour" And they opened it and looked at the smooth flour and they wanted to taste the flour and so they did. Then the momma said "Will you help me

measure the flour to make the bread and they all said yes, and they



each helped to measure the flour and the oil and the honey and the other ingredients and then they watched and watched and watched as the mixer mixed and kneaded the dough. When it was done the momma said "Will you help me knead and shape the dough?" And they all said yes and so they each pulled some out of the bowl and kneaded it in their hands and shaped it into wonderful bread shapes and then they left it to rise. It was hard for them to

wait for it to rise... "Is it done yet? How about now, is it done now?" When it was done the momma put it



into the oven and they all eagerly waited for it to be done. Their mouths watered as they could smell the wonderful aroma of the fresh bread baking. As soon as it was out of the oven, all the children said "We will help you eat the bread and they did!"

"Let's do it again they all exclaimed" But momma said "Will you help me clean up the mess?".... and they all didd.

Like the Little Red Hen, Mom said: "Will you help..



me mill the grain?

Darrel got me a grain mill so I can now mill my own grain into flour. I have had a wonderful time making many many different breads. I have made regular bread like for sandwiches, dinner rolls, cinnamon rolls (several varieties), garlic cheese rolls, pizza crust, and garlic pizza. We have also made cookies, gravy, etc using the flour that we have milled. I am eagerly awaiting some new grains so I can try some new recipes.

Is it hard? It is not hard, the machines do all the work. To mill the grain takes about 10 minutes for 15 cups of flour. Then you make the bread and it takes about 12 -15 minutes to prepare,



then you let it rise. Then you bake it. Unless it is pizza crust and you cook it right away without letting it rise. You can also put it in the refrigerator and then pull it out the next day, let it rise and bake it. I have done that too! To get the most nutritional value you want to use the flour right away. But it can last 3 days and still be nutritional and 7 days before the oils make it go bad.

Stephen did ask "Mom, are we ever going to buy bread from the store again?" I told him we probably would, but not if I could help it.

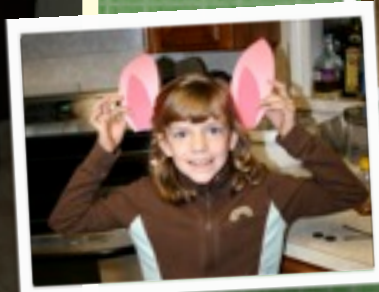
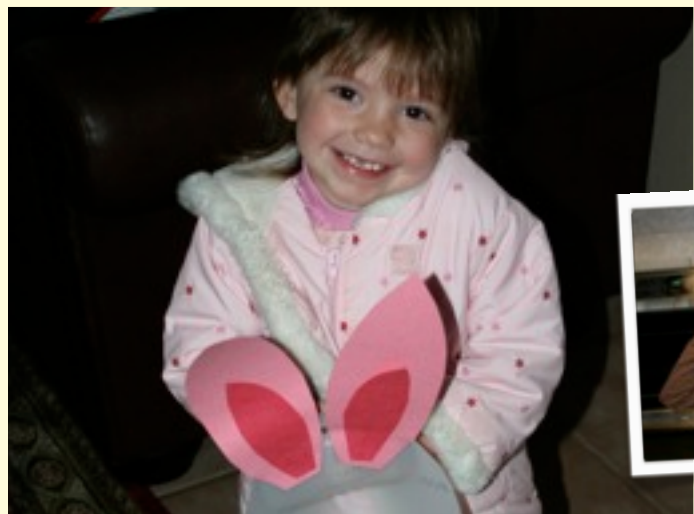
We also planted some of the grain and are watching it grow. In just a few days it is several inches tall. The kids have chosen which ones they think will win the growing contest.

Day before Easter

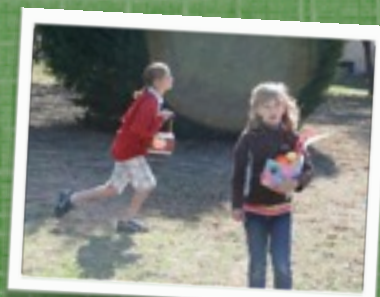
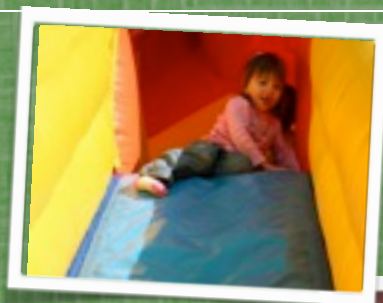
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HE IS RISEN!

BLESSED



Annual Easter Egg hunt and Ricky and Cappy Snider's house. Lots of eggs and lots of freinds equals lots of fun!



Day before Easter

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HE IS RISEN!

BLESSED



A fun afternoon spent with the Moffetts. Playing in the sand, volleyball and Daniel's first outdoor swing adventure!



The big kids and Darrel enjoyed playing volleyball. The little kids played in the sand and with the swingset.



Drive-in Movie

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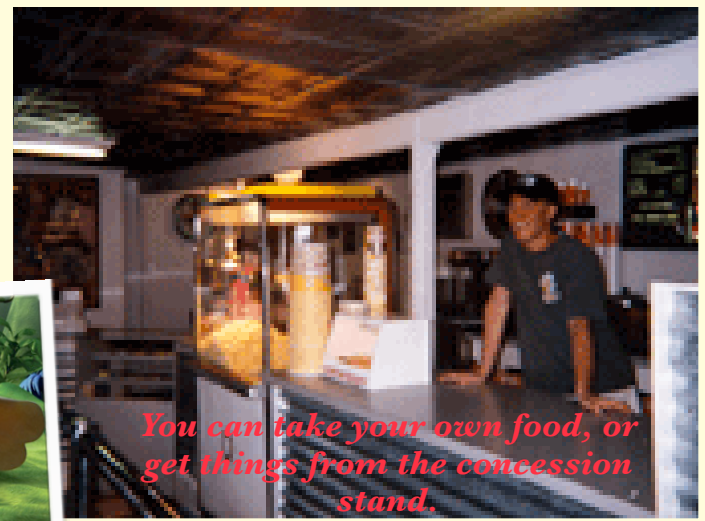
FAMILY FUN



We went to a drive in Movie Theater to see 'Horton Hears a Who'. It was a great family event.



Before the show, the kids and dad played frisbee and football in front of the big screen.



You can take your own food, or get things from the concession stand.

It was a double feature, but we only stayed for the first feature. As the second was not as kids friendly.



I remember going to the drive in as a kid with my dad to see John Wayne movies.

I would love for him to come up and go to a drive in movie with us now.



Easter Morning

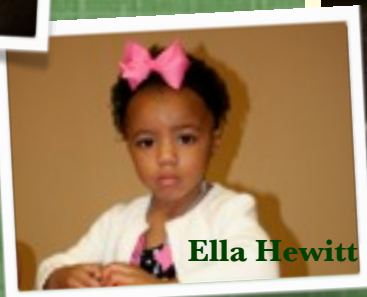
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Pastor did an illustrated sermon and the children enjoyed lots of wonderful activities to celebrate the resurrection.



Ella Hewitt



The Moffett Family

Easter

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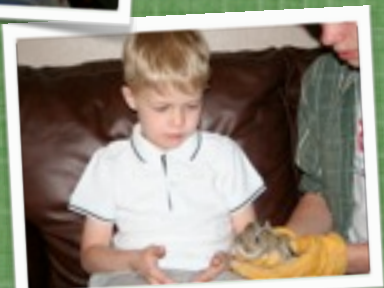
While mowing in the back yard, Jonny found two little baby bunnies... what a wonderful Easter surprise!



After a few hours of watching and loving on them, mom decided to let them go back home to their mommy for the night.



Hannah wanted to show the bunnies, her bunny basket.



Daniel Turns 1

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ISSUE ONE



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Happy Birthday, Daniel Josiah Russell

Amid the craziness, Daniel turns one.

A crazy mutating type virus hits our house. First, Daniel gets it. He has pink eye, a fever, sore throat, ears hurting, and who knows what else. After a few days we take him to the doctor. They test him for flu and for strep, both are negative. I talk them out of antibiotic, because he breaks out in a horrible yeast infection with them. So they say I can watch for improvement for 24 hours and then they will call one in. They do give him drops for the pink eye. The next day he starts showing improvement, but mom starts getting it. Thursday, Mom and Jonny and Daniel have to run



errands, looking for formal clothes for Jonny (and other kids) for a party Friday night, Mom has fever all day and feels really bad. Friday, we go and help a friend paint her house from 9-1 then dad comes home from the airport (Los Cruces, NM) Mom makes a shaw for Sarah's formal dress, irons 5 kids clothes, makes a batch of bread for the dinner and then gets dressed to go. She takes the little ones to the party for about 45 minutes. Sarah Josh and Jonny stay for the whole party, but Jordan stayed home in bed, she has the crud. Then mom goes home takes care of little ones so dad can go to a meeting. That was Daniel's birthday!

Saturday Joshua's birthday is just as busy. We have our county convention for the Republican party at 9 am in Weatherford so we leave the house at 8

am. Darrel is the precinct chair and I was also a delegate. Joshua went because he wanted to be one, but was not quiet old enough. I am sure he will be one

Happy Birthday to my little king. You are such a wonderful blessing to your family. We love you!

next time. He is more educated on the process than I am. The convention got a little contentious with some people who came in and tried to shut it down through protests. But we finished up around 1pm.



We collect lions for Daniel. So he is Daniel in a lion's den.



We know that he will come to know his Lord and Savior early like King Josiah of the Bible.



Joshua Darrel Turns 18!

Seems he should be turning one.



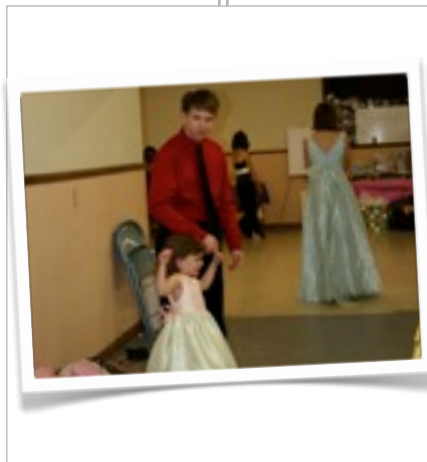
In the midst of the business we pause to thank our Lord for the blessings of our sons: Joshua and Daniel on their birthdays.

Saturday Saga Continued

After the convention, a few of the couples were going to eat. We said no, we needed to do something for Joshua's birthday. He said he would really like to go with them and listen to their opinions about the political stuff. So we went. When we went in, we saw our State Rep. Phil King, who we did a little campaigning for this year. At the end of the meal, we found out that he paid for all of our meals. How very nice of him. He really is a great guy and our state is blessed to have him working for us. We then went home, did a few things and then took Joshua out to eat for his birthday. (He didn't like the place we went for lunch and he knew it before he decided he wanted to go. He just wanted to go for the conversation. After his birthday dinner, we came home and I made a batch of bread for an all church lunch tomorrow. (Still not feeling good! Eyes look really horrible)

Sunday During the night, Darrel starts getting the sickness. Joshua has to be at church at 7:30 for worship and Jonny and Sarah needed to be there at 8 for a song they were doing at church. So they went early. When I got out of the shower, Jordan was dressed and had Stephen and Hannah dressed. I took their temperatures and JORDAN was 102 and Hannah was 99.9 and Stephen had no fever but had a cough. So I told them to change clothes we were staying home. They were bummed! They older kids went to both services, performed in both services, then went to the lunch at church. They then came home. Sarah had a fever and mostly went to bed. Jonny spent several hours outside working on the yard and building a knife in the shop.

Then Joshua drove Darrel to the airport, even though Darrel had the chills, pink eye, sore throat, and a head ache, he had to fly to San Diego to start training tomorrow for two weeks. We will see him on April 11th. I think tomorrow, the last day of March... we will simply rest.



It is so weird to think that Joshua is 18. I look at him and although I know he is my child, I see a young man. A man that I am proud to call my son. I believe he has so very much to offer the world and am curious to see what his future holds. I know that it holds him seeking the face of God and following His will and I know God has wonderful plans for Him. But it will be exciting to see what those plans are and how they unfold. The last 18 years have been a joy and a privilege, though yes, at times they have been taxing. hee hee.

First Formal

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A FRIENDS 16TH BIRTHDAY IS FORMAL

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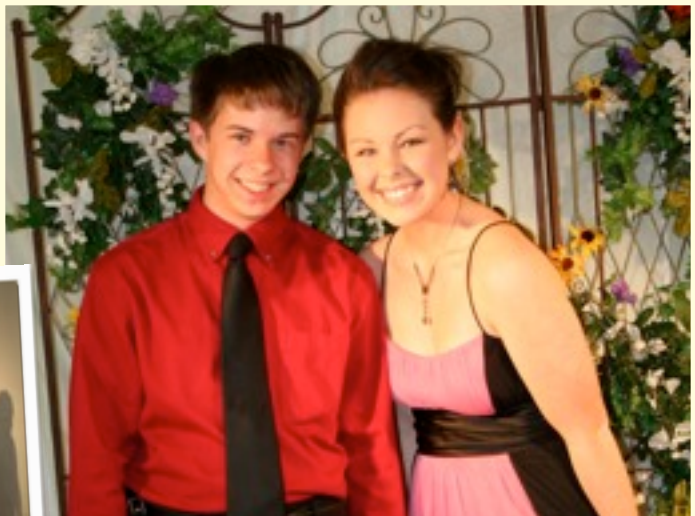
*Above is Sarah,
Heather and Alizabeth
Skidmore*



*To the left: Sonya
Skidmore and Hannah*



*Below is Sarah,
Shelby Hewitt,
Debany Collins
and Autumn
Grant.*



Joshua and a friend, Taylor Huse

*Hannah said "I liked
Gennifer the princess and
Sarah princess was pinky
beautiful and all the other
princesses were all so
beautiful!"*



*Sarah and the
birthday girl,
Gennifer
Skidmore.*



*Jonny and a friend,
Brittany Moffett*

