

In what should have been the 20th creative year, Julie succumbed to the tyranny of the urgent and did not find time to be clever enough to set the family update into a theme. Actually, the ZaFam didn't even find time to take a formal family portrait this year...the horror! The seven Za's have rarely been together in the same room, let alone photogenic at the same time. Thanks to the modern marvel of photo editing, Nate was cropped into the family to capture this gem – though not precisely to scale ;)

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News Briefs:

Todd & Julie made the best of still not being able to travel as desired with short trips to hotel/casinos in French Lick, Michigan City and New Buffalo. And there were several nights of live music at local bars, and even a house party, to be entertained by talented friends (and Julie if someone's playing "Hey Jealousy"). Long time readers

won't be surprised to learn that Todd's company had a name change this year, now known as NPAA. He's clocked in at the same site for 29 years now. But there's no fantasy football trophy on the mantel this year. Julie's museum life took on a whole new dimension with the re-theming to The Museum at Lassen's Resort on May 7th – in conjunction with the 100th anniversary of the grand opening of the historic hotel in which the museum is housed. A gorgeous new exhibit gallery, the debut of a steamboat operation, and countless (though Julie did keep count) hours of museum restoration and staffing made the year exciting. Come visit in 2022! www.lassensresort.org

After receiving his Associates in Server Administration from Ivy Tech, Justin took a job with Sunrise Futures in Chicago as a Systems Administrator. He started in June and hasn't been bothered too much by the commute, but winter's coming. He's contemplating a Bachelor's in Computer Information Systems next and turning 21 in March. What?!

Julie managed to graduate Tim from high school in May, by the skin of both their teeth. Now 19, he's undecided about his career path and continues to work his job at Strack & VanTil (a local grocery store). His hair is currently half black and half blue (but he still loves all things pink). He's developed an affinity for tattoos this year as well.

Nate has senioritis, though he's only in his junior year of high school. He's been laboring at Burger King and subjected to Todd's stories from his "glory days" at the Cal City BK. He's undecided if he'll be going to college or following in dad's footsteps for a second time to take a job at NPAA after graduation.

Alice is just about as tall at Julie as you can see at only 10.5 years old! She loves that! She's doing well in her fifth grade studies. We've lost count of how long she's been playing the violin, but still goes for lessons. Narnia, Harry Potter, and Star Wars marathons have become a thing around here after Ali's urging.

Mary Helen is our queen of quips. She's turning 7 in January and in the middle of her first grade year. She mastered reading over the summer and the big focus is on those math facts now. As Julie was grading her math recently she says, "It's all correct." A few problems were not and she retorted, "Hey! You'll be hearing from my lawyer. I'm gonna sue you." In addition to her budding proclivity for the legal system, she also continues violin lessons. And is highly amused that "people always call me a 'little Julie.'"



We hope that you had a Merry Christmas and enjoy a blessed New Year!

Todd, Julie, Justin, Tim, Nate, Ali, Mary Helen