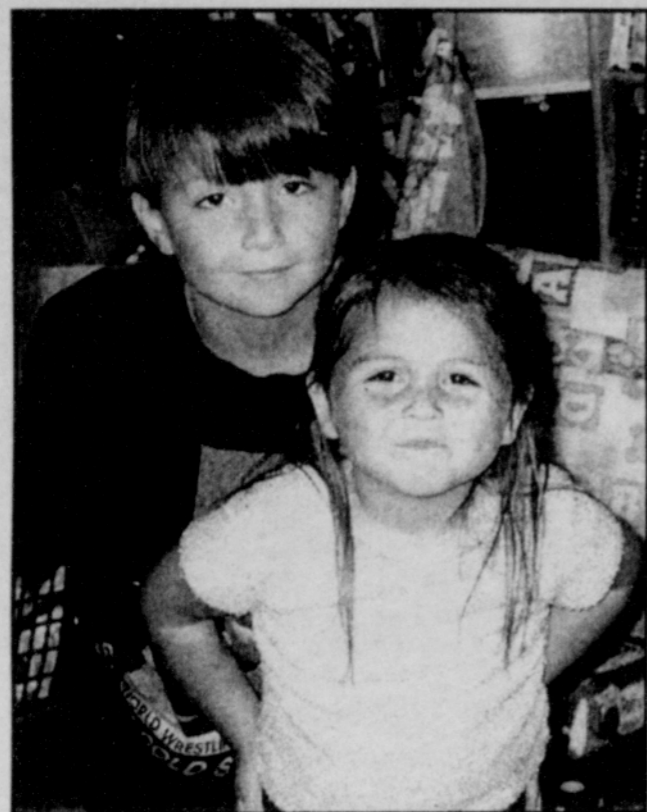


PASSAGES



A big birthday wish for Chazie girl! Wow, 4 years old on Jan. 7. You're getting so big, where has all the time gone? We love you lots, baby girl, and there will always be more birthdays to come for you and they will be just as special as you are to us. Girl, you have your 'tude. That's good, but remember it's not to be used with your momma! May all your Barbie doll wishes be as sweet as you.

Love you, baby girl – Momma, Daddy, Ryan, Doodz, and Con-Bon

Ryan Williams – Happy 8th Birthday to you, Lovey! Your 8th birthday, wow, on 12/11/01. Pretty soon you're going to want to borrow the van. We all love you, son, and you're the best big brother any girl could have, and you are doing so well in school bringing home on-task notes. May all your wishes and dreams come true. Never forget how special you are to all of us.

Lots of love for you, Lovey – Mom, Dad, Chaz, Doodz, and Con-Bon

Happy 23rd Birthday to our daddy on Jan. 2. We love you lots, Daddy. **No one can ever top you!**

Love you more, Dad – Ryan, Chaz, Doodz, and Con-Bon

Happy 23rd Birthday to my soon-to-be Chad on 1-2-02. I hope that your birthday is the greatest one yet, and happy anniversary to you, too. All my heart belongs to only you, baby.

Lovin' you more always, Christine

Cha-met Jackson (12-31-89) and Lydia Jackson (12-28-92) – Happy Birthday, girls! I am truly blessed to have you girls in my life!

Love ya', Mom

Happy 14th Birthday, Doughboy!
Love, Dad

Happy Birthday, Robbie and Matthew.
Love always, Amie and Mike

Happy 15th Birthday, Matthew.
Love, Mom, Justine, and Chris

Happy Birthday, Grandma Connie!
Love, Amie and Mike

Happy 63rd Birthday, Great-grandma Connie!
Love, Kaetlin, Robert, and Kane

Happy Birthday to MaryAnne Pullam on Jan. 1.
Love, Tina

Happy Birthday to Darcy Lal on Jan. 5.
Love, Mom

Happy Birthday to Mark Pullam on Jan. 15.
Love your **favorite sister**, Tina

Happy Birthday, Princess Jazmyne.
Love, Auntie Trish, Tyrone, Donovan, and Miakoda

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A Rain Kind Of Day

by Eva Clayton

It rained so hard last night it took the morning rain away. A good ole northwestern foot-stomping rain dance.

A bit of early morning blue came shining through, but was quickly replaced by wind-blown clouds.

It looks to be a rain shine kind of day. Indoor chores, a warmer jacket to run that errand. I find that no matter what gets thrown at you, with a bit of creativity and a good mind set, you've got the pitch witch on the run!

After the fast pace of the holidays, January is when I commit to my new year resolutions. The list seems to be getting larger as I (mature). Does anyone ever accomplish 1-5 on this list? I try to put more important to the front, better odds.

My children have to laugh at what was once their room. Revamped into an office, later a computer room. Let's be honest, Jim will love this (my junk room). There I said it!

Everything gets thrown into this room. You know, for rainy day sort-outs. Company coming, stash it in the (room), I'll deal with it later kind of thing.

Surely, I am not the only one with junk drawers, a bit of this a bunch of that. Bulging closets, that extra room with a padlock on the door. By the time you locate the key, the urge to hose the room out has passed you by.

I (was) headed for the junk room. Carefully peeking in, how can worldly treasures turn to junk? Dust collectors, space robbers. Overwhelming piles of clutter trails. This room has to be dissected in layers! My conclusion, (baby steps), I've got a priority matter going on elsewhere, of course.

Come spring, I'll have my room back, let's see, was this resolution number 4 or 15. Everyone, please remember to vote. It matters.



Congratulations, Chrystal, for graduating from the International Air Academy on Nov. 21, 2001, with a GPA of 3.93. We are so proud of you!

Love you with all our **hearts**, Mom, Dad, and family

Happy 25th B-day to my special love, Tyrone Scott, on Jan. 21. I love you, babe, with all my heart. Hope your day is special.

Love always, Trish (babygirl)

Happy B-day to my sister, Valayne Scott. Love ya', Sis.

Tyrone, Trish, Donovan, and Baby

Happy 12th Birthday, Kayla McCord, on Jan. 26.

Mom, Dad, Kenyon, Max, and Krysten

Congratulations, Kayla McCord, on your 2.87 GPA. Keep up the good work!

Mom and Dad

I would like to wish my "brother-in-law," Rod Ben, a very happy birthday on Jan. 2. Rod, you are a great brother-in-law. It is so much fun having you in our lives.

Sue

Also, Happy Birthday to Avery Perkins on Jan. 3! You're the best grandson! I love you very much!

Grammy

Sorry, I missed wishing Brett Hodges a very happy birthday on Dec. 21. I love you, Brett!

Aunt Sue

Then there is Lawney Walker Staggs, my great-nephew, who had a birthday on Dec. 27. And I do mean great! I love you, Lawney.

Happy 17th Birthday to Tiffany Dawn Stuart.

Love, Mom and Dad, Tommy and Timmy

Happy Birthday, Tommy Jr.

From Mom and Dad, Timmy, and Tiff

Happy Birthday to the Rilatos family – Bobby Joe Brandt, Sidney and Robbie, and Randy.

From Thomas and Marlene, Tom Jr., Timmy, and Tiff

Since I forgot to say Merry Christmas to my Mom and to my oldest boy, Maurice, I wish you a Happy New Year. I love you guys always.

Love, Jen

To all my other friends and family, Happy New Year.

Love, Jen

To my one and only nephew (Willie), I forgot you, too. You are so special. I'm glad I'm here to watch you grow – wow – you are awesome! Happy New Year, Neph. And Merry Christmas.

Love, your Auntie