

Calhoun's View of 2018

We are thankful for what we've seen in 2018:

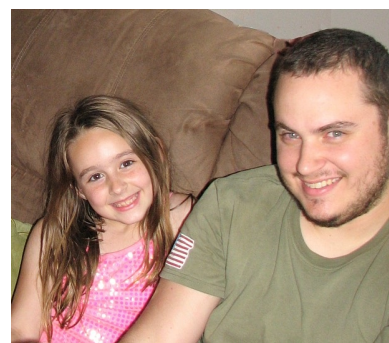
The biggest event was the high school graduation of our youngest grandchild, Brennen LaMastres. The celebration brought in lots of people (grandparents; parents Edith & Danny; siblings Andrew, Laura, Caleb; and Uncle Aaron) to wish him well. See more at <http://ncalhoun.sdf.org/brennen/>



*Standing on stairs:
Aaron, Brennen, Caleb*



Danny, Brennen, Edith



Arianna with her dad Andrew



Laura and Edith

We took our usual fall trip to Graceland University for an unusually-wet Homecoming Weekend. Grandson Caleb is a junior there, so Edith and Danny went, and it became a mini-family get-together. On the way home, we were able to visit Brennen at North West Missouri University where he is a freshman. The rain held off enough for him to show us around the campus.

Nancy's cousin Rita and her husband Glen came for a short visit. It was fun to show them around our place and we hope to visit them in their new location in South Dakota someday.





The Apple Core Tet

It is fun to see Myron enjoying his Barbershop quartet and the bigger chorus. Nancy enjoys playing her bassoon in Manhattan’s summer band, in a regional band, and with a small group of musical friends. She also plays recorders in a recorder consort and piano at church.

Most of our traveling this year was in the central eastern part of Kansas from Manhattan to Topeka, Lawrence, and Overland Park. The rolling hills are lovely to see. This year Kansas has had all the typical weather for the states all around us – late warm winter days, late arrival of spring, drought, flooding, and early fall freeze. The flooding just gave us waterfront property, although many people upstream had water damage.



Myron photographs lower-pasture flooding.

We’ve had recent sightings of our neighborhood red fox and a beautiful (but smelly) skunk. I didn’t get a picture of them. The usual deer, raccoons, squirrels, o’possums, birds, cats, and snakes are still here.

There seem to be more things breaking than projects finished this year, but we are learning to hire/buy what we need and start fewer DIY projects. We continue to like where we live (2001 Dunbar Road, Manhattan, KS 66502) and hope to be able to keep up with all it takes to continue living here . We are thankful to have gentle rain showers that soak the dry ground and water the perennial flowers that began blooming in April and were just recently killed by the cold weather.

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