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What an amazing year **Tara Burke McMurray** has had! Travels with her husband took her to Hawaii, Las Vegas and Boston. Her son gave her the experience of a White Sox box, her daughter gave her a new grandson, and her younger son gave her an engagement to a lovely future daughter.

Ann Roering Bak reports that all is well. She continues teaching ESOL part-time which allows her and George to follow their son, Chris, as he competes for the USA. Turkey, Greece, Monaco and Italy were on the roster this year. Her oldest, Andrew, proposed to Amber and she said YES!

María Frech happily calls Guatemala home, where she works as a family business consultant. Her greatest joy is her close-knit family: son Scott, daughter-in-law Mafer, and twin granddaughters Liah and Alexia. When not working, they escape to the Pacific Coast for sun, laughter and sandy adventures together as often possible.

Lisa Robison Ellis reports that life revolves around cows, corn and serving as the only woman on her county board. She still works for Aetna from her front porch office and enjoys the flexibility and being able to work in her jammies!

Julie Farris Hofmeister writes that her family is doing well. Her three children are all planning weddings in the coming year. She is planning a solo to Ireland in April for a bit of an "Eat, Pray, Love."

Joan Frisz says there's nothing new under the sun in Louisville. She's got the same job, the same house and the same dog. In short, it's the same Joan. She

is happy to continue her biannual visits with **Paula Keeton**, a tradition they started four years ago. The highlight of the last year was a Frisz family reunion at Shades State Park, which her family owned prior to selling it to the state of Indiana. Fifty Frisz families descended upon the park to hike the Frisz Ravine and connect with each other and their ancestors.

Shirlee Fager-Baldwin writes, "I can't believe it has been so long. I obtained my Masters in Theology in 2022. I retired as Public Defender in Marion County Mississippi only to "unretire" in 2026 to another full-time Public Defender position in Lamar County Mississippi. I have 11 grandchildren. And I am still so proud to be a graduate of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College"

Barb Edgcomb Davis-Robinson says, "I started a new job in June 2025 with the State of Indiana. It is interesting work and keeps me very busy. Owen turned 10 in January. He is playing 2-handed touch football and on two different basketball teams this winter. He will be starting travel baseball in March. Genevieve turned 6 years old in February. She takes dance class, gymnastics and will start softball in the spring. Lauren and Justin are very busy parents. I only get an occasional weekend sleepover with the grandkids, but I am thrilled for any one-on-one time with them. I am excited to see everyone at Reunion."

Danielle Harrington continues to work for the Delaware State Hospital for the chronically ill. She recently received a promotion to Medical Records Specialist and is enjoying watching the progress being made in building a new facility for their patients, eager for the day they get to use the new facility for residents and staff. The change brings an increased workload, but she enjoys staying busy. She is also busy outside of work. She continues to ride and show her horse and is looking forward to a great season. She is active in her parish and enjoys singing in one of the choirs. She is also a member of Delaware Choral Society, which performs concerts twice yearly. She is

enjoying the sense of community and newfound friendships that come with being in these choirs. She will be traveling to California this summer for a large and festive family gathering in San Jose. Afterwards, she will travel back to the east coast by train, something she has always wanted to do. She is looking forward to seeing classmates and campus for Reunion this year and invites any Woodsies who are traveling to Delaware and her beautiful part of the country to reach out and look her up.

Mary Collins Dove sends news from Southern California. "I pray all is well with each of you. Not much new here. I still enjoy teaching and serving as Vice Principal. It's my third year in middle school. Let me tell you, it's a long way from 4th grade, but I love it. Mark and I were empty nesters - for about six months. We were having a great time, but still were very happy to welcome our daughter, Maura, home, as she finishes up school. Our other three girls are up in Northern California, living their best lives - finishing up school and working. In between work and a few family trips, we will have two more college graduations. One of my highlights of the past year was spending time in Indy with **Angela White, CFRE** and Matt Donovan (and their son, Patrick) and attending **Dawn Tomaszewski's, SP, '74** Golden Jubilee at The Woods with Angela and **Elizabeth "Beth" Dietzen Purcell '84**. I was absolutely overwhelmed - lots of tears - when I saw the beautiful faces of so many dear friends: **Veronica "Roni" O'Connor Kindley '88, Tracey Brown Barody '84, Mary Bee Barody Haworth '84, Joan Frisz, Sheila Galvin '87, Maria Price '87 and Regina Hartman '84**. It was also great to have lunch with **Tracy Collings Richardson '88, Ph.D.** in Terre Haute and dinner with Roni and her husband, Mike, before I flew out of Indy. After the Jubilee, I had a great visit in Kansas City with my sister and nieces before heading home for a new school year. In October, our family was back to the Midwest for my niece's wedding in Kansas City. A girls trip to Florida, visiting friends in Tampa and then over to St. Augustine, kicked off 2026. We still have a few trips planned. Next, we are heading to Montana for a family wedding in the summer and are trying to stretch that into an Alaskan adventure. Our last scheduled trip is a birthday

celebration in Nashville in the Fall. My visit to The Woods was such a whirlwind, I didn't get a chance to catch up with everyone. I was really looking forward to seeing all of you in May. Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend Reunion this year. At this point, it coincides with the final date for my niece's Commissioning Ceremony into the Army Corps of Nurses. We are SO proud of her. Know that I will miss seeing you. I know you'll have a great time!! As always, I send my love to everyone and prayers for good health and happiness!"

Linda Peters shared wonderful news. "All is well here in St Louis. My happy news is I've joined the grandmothers club on January 23, when my daughter Nancy had a baby boy Beau! (Say that three times!) Our precious little guy and his mom and dad are doing well too and adjusting to this little nugget"

Kymberli Huet Payonk has had a great year as well. "My husband and I continue to do a lot of traveling in retirement by camper, cruise ship, plane or road trip. In 2025 we found ourselves in Florida, Isle of Palms in South Carolina, Jekyll Island in Georgia, Maui, Iceland, Norway, Belgium, Netherlands and England. So many fantastic trips can blur together in my mind, so I've started journaling so we can look back on our adventures later. Our family is well and our grandchildren are a source of great joy. Our biggest news of the year is our daughter's engagement to a wonderful young man. I am also looking forward to seeing friends gather on campus for our 40th Reunion this year."