

# FRIDAY FOLLIES

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Hope you had a great Valentine's Day! I sure did! So glad I pulled out all of the stuff and decorated this year! I really enjoyed the decorations during those cold, drab, snowy days! Among other things, I spent Valentine's *day* with Kai. We played, went to the park, and I gave him his first real sugar cookies! He was not sure about them at first, but after he ate one, the entire rest of the day he kept running to the counter and pointing to where I had the cookie jar saying, "Uh, Uh, Uh!" I ended up having to hide them! (Smile) Out of sight, out of mind!

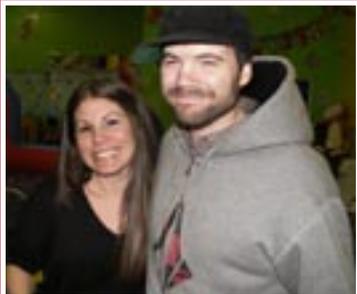
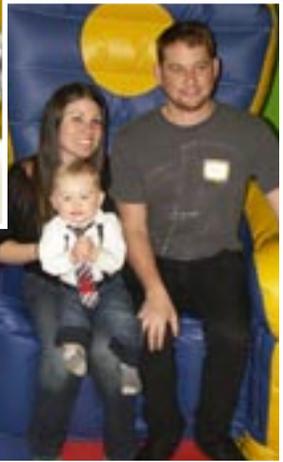
We also celebrated Kai's first birthday on January 29, I placed a lot of the photos from the party throughout this issue. I will not caption them, but look through them at the huge smile on his face in practically every one! He had the BEST time! They had it at a children's indoor park called "The Jumping Money". The place was filled with huge, inflatable toys and had a private party room. It was just perfect for the babies and the adults. Very little stress. No clean-up. Lots of cameras and smiles.

Jessica asked me to make him the tie he wore. It was a cute little neck tie and I sewed on a red, felt number one. Too cute. She has such great ideas.





Here is Kai with his other grandparents and some shots of him just running, jumping, and having the best time!!! The whole thing was just too cute!



Well, things continue to be very interesting, to say the least. It is hard to believe all of the life changes that have occurred since last May. I will catch you up on things as time allows and as they “play out.” Not all bad, certainly, but all certainly enough to make you stop and take a deep breath! I am just waiting to exhale...

Hey! Just when I thought I might be able to jump in the car and head to Mississippi to visit my sweet sister, gas prices go through the roof! I really wanted to go at the end of March because that is when all of the flowers and trees are in bloom. Looks like that trip may have to be postponed for the time being. Maybe this summer. All of you Mississippi friends, I will let you know.

Lost ten pounds last week! Over the course of the winter and holidays, I packed on an extra 15 pounds! Stress eating - no doubt. Went back to eating what I learned on Weight Watchers and the extra is falling off! Yay! Still a ways to go before summer, though.

Well - in anticipation of spring, I got out in the yard finally the other day and raked up 23 bags of gum balls, leaves, and twigs! After such a long, hard winter, it was the first halfway decent day to get out there. My poor dog was having a hard time walking in all of those stupid gum balls! I don't have any trees in my yard, but my neighbor to the back has eight, tall, gum ball trees, and they ALL fall in my tiny, little yard.

I made a post on Facebook about it and I got some of the funniest responses. One of my friends in the UK could not figure out what I was talking about. When I posted the photos, she said, “OH! We have those, but we call them ‘Prickly Bom Boms!’” Ha. I thought it was funny.



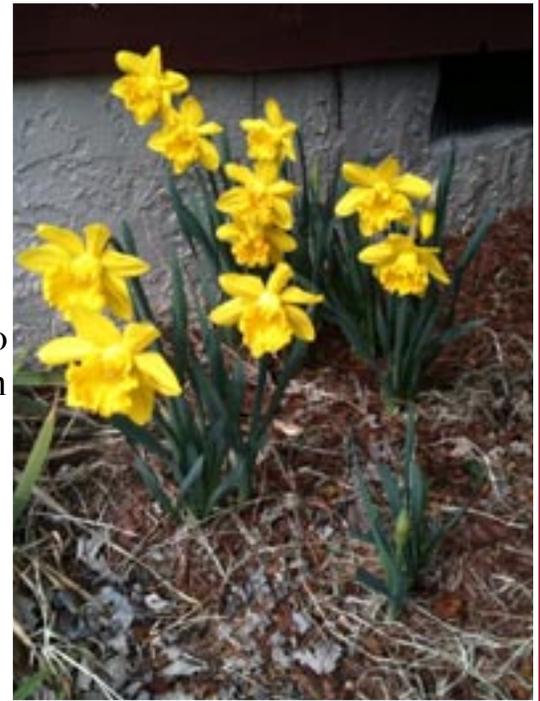


What was NOT funny was that after I hauled the 23 bags to the street, I went out on the back deck to rest for just a moment and looked up! What I saw was hundreds more gum balls just waiting to fall. ARGH!

It is OK, though, because spring is literally around the corner. These two signs of spring were on one of my walks with Oliver this past week. Ahhh!

OK. Not much to go into here. I will catch up with you all soon and let you know what is happening!

Hope all is well!  
Much love attached!



To all of you on my Friday Follies List, whether you are in Manila, Singapore, Kuwait, Bermuda, Virginia Beach, Mississippi, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Minnesota, Indiana, Colorado, Lake Tahoe, Philadelphia, Key West, New Jersey, North Carolina, Indonesia, Washington D.C., Iraq, Costa Rica, Poland, Maryland, West (By-God) Virginia, Nashville, Florida, Saudi Arabia, New Hampshire, Tampa, Chattanooga, France, Phoenix, New York, Oregon, Russia, Maine, Australia, Bangkok, or Yuma, have a wonderful, wonderful week!

**G**od bless.  
Remember, life is short!  
We need to make it a good one.  
Grow in peace and wisdom.  
Your Friday Friend,



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