

## November Birthday Celebrations X 3!

Not only did Chris and Miles celebrate birthdays on November 1st, Morgan celebrated a birthday on November 10th. Chris turned 51. Miles turned three. Morgan turned two.

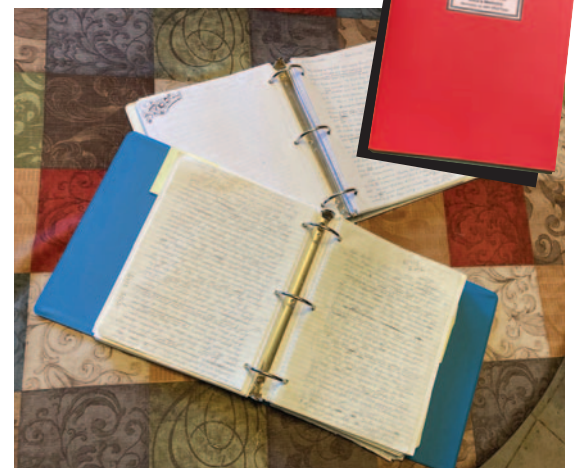
Chris received two custom designed shirts made by Sticker Mule from us. Miles had the honor of being the star on one of the two shirts. We also gave Chris three dozen homemade orange and black frosted sugar cookies.

Morgan enjoyed a birthday cake made from a can of cat food decorated in little dog biscuits surrounded by big dog biscuits accented with celery.



## Creative Costuming

Chris and Sierra went all out with Halloween costuming this year. Chris dressed up as a Cobra Trooper, Sierra as Fey from Maleficent. Chris decided to go with a costume of a character who actually wears a mask. He made the helmet and found everything else online or in his closet. Sierra made the horns for her costume using her 3D printer. Her wings are covered in REAL feathers!



## A Book to Behold

When I first injured my foot, I welcomed the extra time recuperating to work on a book I have wanted to create for years, a book of my Mom's stories. I now have over 500 handwritten pages organized and ready to be transcribed, writings she handed me last spring, writings she did while taking a legacy class between 2013 and early 2017, writings originally in six different folders and notebooks, writings sectioned into stories with different subjects unique in what she wrote is not her life in chronological order but written as experiences and adventures in short stories about family and

friends, writings of stories she has told me many times over the years each now filled with even more detail... decorated with doodles she made in the margins here and there which will be incorporated into the design of the final book.

My Mom's stories are filled with fascinating tidbits, coincidences, and unusual events reflecting life all the way back to her childhood. It will be a book you can pick up and read like a Reader's Digest except reading one a day will take you more than three months even though her stories are much shorter than stories found in a Reader's Digest.

To date I have transcribed 37 stories. I estimate this to be about 30% of the total stories she has written. With each story I transcribe, I am eager to start on the next one to read more. I am compiling the stories into sets of 20 and putting into temporary soft folder books as drafts to send to my Mom as I go. Eventually I will congregate all her stories into a hard cover book or a PDF depending on how many pages there are and the cost of publishing.