



# Highlights of 2017

Newest family members:  
Papyrus is a Holland Lops rabbit.

The chicks:  
Hermione (brown)  
Jesse (black)



## Our new driveway

With both parents now in heaven, Carol wanted something *physical* to remember the life of love they gave her. This pavers driveway leading to Pebble was a gift from them (via inheritance).

The route had been a natural wash. Ray 'changed the course of nature' with several new irrigation ditches. He also spread and compacted 90 tons of fill to prepare the base. He had fun playing with big machines: backhoe, spreader, and vibrating compactor.

Come and visit! Now, you can get to us without damaging your vehicles!



## Pebble: our new tiny home

We moved in mid-February 2017, and are so happy to be back out in the country! Pebble is 'the house that Ray built'—construction, electrical, plumbing, roofing, cabinetry, HVAC—*everything!* It's just under 400 square feet, plus two lofts. Ray has a pictorial tour online. Check it out!

<http://rayburnsfamily.org/Pebble>



Ray built the gorgeous coop!

Art (Ray's biological Dad) lives on the property, and joins us for wonderful family dinners most nights.

This (left) was Bethany's 14<sup>th</sup> birthday party, so Joshua (Ray's son, Bethany's brother) was visiting. Here's a glimpse of Pebble's interior!

Bethany's current interests are: RWBY (pronounced 'Ruby'), Wings of Fire, circus classes, band, Undertale, and writing fan fiction.

Ray got a four month 'vacation' after *many* 80+ hour weeks building Pebble (other than paid work, he only did something if he *wanted* to). Carol and Ray are dancing for an hour, 4–5 times each week. Ray was one of the dance teachers for a big production in which 2100+ youth, ages 12 to 18, celebrated the dedication of the Tucson Temple with song and dance!



- (left) The Vreeland Siblings Selfie: Sandy, Mary Ann, Carol, and Rick
- (right) Carol's most recent (scrap) quilt

Carol is almost done with her online Precalculus course (Google 'Carol Burns Precalculus'). If you search for 'Book of Mormon Sentence Shuffle' at bing.com, you can play with Carol and Ray's first prototype for an 'active reading' game. Such games will be used in Carol's math curriculum to encourage users to 'linger longer' with important concepts.

