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## Little People, Big World New Season

Posted by Debby - 2007/04/10 11:49

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Did anyone see the season premiere last night? It was the follow up to the pumpkin sling accident on the farm. I thought it was really good. Thank goodness everyone is okay.

Did you notice that after the accident Amy asked about her son's location and someone said that he had been moved. Why do you think they moved a person with a head injury? Just curious.

Also, I couldn't tell if Matt is still working for that marketing firm or not. Did they mention that at all or did I miss it?

The entire family was on the Today Show yesterday. It appears they have become kinda like celebs.

I just pray that this season Amy gets an attitude adjustment. Her criticism of Matt is sooo old. Maybe she will settle down a little if their finances are not so tight. This show should have helped them out in that way.

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## Re:Little People, Big World New Season

Posted by grizzlys4 - 2007/04/11 02:32

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I'm tivoing the new season!!! I really enjoy this series. Because it's real.....and there are things I agree with and would love to do, and things I do completely differently! But I do love watching it!!

Debby.....there are two different reasons Jacob may have been moved. 1. There were only bystanders there who had no medical training/common knowledge and just reacted. OR 2. There was an immediate danger type of reason he was moved. Oh soooo glad they're all okay.....that whole incident could have been tremendously worse!!!

Next week shows Matt's dad in a car accident too.....I really feel for the guy when he was talking about the Roloff's having a lot of tough times! But I think most of us do go thru those times of it seeming to be consistently rough.....then consistently blessed!!!!

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## Re:Little People, Big World New Season

Posted by Debby - 2007/04/11 11:15

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Thanks for the med info Grizz. I hadn't forgotten you are an emergency medical professional if my memory serves me correctly.

I have always been taught to never move someone who has been injured unless there is a good reason such as they are in a burning car or something extreme. I suspect that they did get the actual incident on tape but didn't use it out of sensity to all involved. PerhaPS they didn't know what else to do.

When Matt arrived, it looked as if there were some people with some medical knowledge applying pressure to Mike's bleeding head. I forgot the number of stitches he got but it was a lot! To be hit by that large object and survive is a miracle!

I love Matt and all, but, the minute I saw that pumpkin sling I cringed. It looks very dangerous. I would not put myself nor my child within a mile of it. I don't know what they were thinking when they used it as a source of entertainment. I hope they now have health insurance.

Now, the zip line Matt had built on the farm looked okay to me. He had it checked out by experts for safety and they said it was okay. I think it looked fine, although, a young man from our county was with his church group a few months ago on a zip line and he went down head first, which is inappropriate, and was killed. It was very sad. Accidents can happen anywhere amd anytime. I hope Matt's dad isn't hurt too bad.

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## Re:Little People, Big World New Season

Posted by grizzlys4 - 2007/04/15 19:55

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I'm so with ya Debby on the safety issues!! I think the trebuchet would be fun entertainment AFTER it had been checked by professionals and everyone had to be a safe distance!!! It is fun to watch those things.....but there are ways to do it to keep everyone safe.....especially children!!!

I think there's a balance to raising kids too paranoid or too dangerous. Always comes down to that balance and safety issue, doesn't it?? LOL

That is sad about the zip line accident. I think with all the fun activities, there is just no reason to push the envelope into danger!!

I hope everything turns out well too.....guess we'll see tonight!!

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## Re:Little People, Big World New Season

Posted by Debby - 2007/04/16 14:26

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I can't wait. I see the show's ads for the upcoming show on ALL the time. I wonder how that is affecting the kids. I don't know how I would react with a clip of me on tv along with my family being broadcasts ever 15 minutes. I'm sure those guys friends see the same thing we do. I swear, they run the previews for the upcoming show ALL day.

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## Re:Little People, Big World New Season

Posted by wish - 2007/04/16 16:34

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Watched a couple episodes did not like the show that much.

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## Re:Little People, Big World New Season

Posted by Debby - 2007/05/08 12:30

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Did anyone see the show last night. I think it was one of those now airing that they call the lost episodes. It was about Zach and Jeremy on the high school soccer team. I couldn't tell if it was filmed for this season or not. Anyway, Zack was complaining to his soccer coach, Mike, that he felt that the regular size guys on the team didn't give him respect because of his size. Mike said he understood, but that he could not make the team give him respect, that he would have to earn it for himself. Amy jumps in and says, Mike, I agree with Zach on this. Mike held his ground and reiterated what he has just said.

I ask you, "Does Amy have some kind of vendetta against men?" I think she was out of line by disagreeing with her son's coach in his presence. It's just the way she deals with Matt all the time, but I was surprised to see her do it with other people too.

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## Re:Little People, Big World New Season

Posted by KPW1956 - 2007/05/08 12:48

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I thought she was coming at it as a little person though... Probably the struggle of constantly having to prove yourself. I think that was what Zach was struggling with. He said something to the effect of you can do 10 things right and one mistake wipes the slate.

That was my take on it..

I know alot of the recent shows seem to be a mismash of stuff.

I think alot of it is the personality differences between Amy and Matt.... Some of it is a cynical sarcasm tendency. I do agree it goes way too far sometimes.. I get the feeling that they are focusing on that sometimes with Matt's little comments.

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All that dirt coming in there...was a much earlier episode before the house remodeling.. Matt seems to have his devious ways of getting what he wants and doing what he wants anyway.

What did you think about that apple fighting fort..? I would have had a cow if I had been a parent of any of them! They were on the roofs of some of those forts and throwing apples at each other. All I ever thinkof if someone gets hit in the eye or falls off! It did look it could have been a fun activity with some guidelines.. (wet nerf balls or whiffle balls or something..) and stay off the roofs!

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## Re:Little People, Big World New Season

Posted by Debby - 2007/05/08 13:11

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I hold my breath on almost every show. They do all kinds of things that my parents would consider too dangerous. Jacob is especially accident prone. Remember all the times he has gotten stung, cut, hit, etc. He seems to get the worst of it.

When I saw Jeremy sitting outside at night with a shotgun to hunt moles, I freaked. The way he yelled at Jeremy about not to point the gun at his feet, lead me to believe that the kids haven't had gun safety classes. That is a must IMO.

I just hope they make it to adulthood. LOL.

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## Re:Little People, Big World New Season

Posted by grizzlys4 - 2007/05/09 00:23

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I totally agree about gun safety.....that is just ridiculous!!! I have no issues with hunting.....even kids, but it is only common sense (and law where we are!) to have gun/hunter safety courses!!!!

Some of the stuff is just kids growing up on a farm and rural life.....to me like seeing kids in the city grow up crossing busy streets!!! But sometimes they do have too much of a lack of supervision!!

I understand that Amy, as a mom, wants "fairness" for her kids. I do too!! I have had to learn to let it go sometimes and let my kids learn that sometimes things are really, really unfair. I think it's even harder for her to do this with Zach since he does have more of a mountain to climb. It's a tough balancing act. But I also think that Mike should stand his ground with exactly how he feels and that's the way the ball bounces.....literally!!!!

I think both Amy and Matt both take turns getting what they want! ;)

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## Re:Little People, Big World New Season

Posted by Debby - 2007/05/22 16:45

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Okay, I know I have been quite hard on Amy in the past, but PLEASE....if you saw last night's lost episode, you know she just takes the cake. What a piece of work. Her husband's health situation is so serious that it makes me hurt just to watch him walk, but she insist he work at a job that requires extensive travel. To top it off she doesn't even appreciate it. She turns on him whenever she gets the chance.

Last night Matt suggested the family have a Fall Festival/Halloween party. He brought up some ideas and asked the family for their reaction. Jeremy and Molly were in support but then of course Zach has to throw his little temper tantrum and dis the idea. He is such a party pooper. Wonder where he got that from? Then of course Amy has to jump on Zach's side even though there was no reason for it. She attacks Matt as if it were a criminal idea he suggested.

I'm sure part of having that show is to make it interesting. Having the party would have been a good opportunity to bring in some new faces and show the family having some fun rather than sitting around and listening to Amy complain and put her husband down over and over. It seems that work for her is just unbearable but if it's work for Matt, well that's just fine.

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## Re:Little People, Big World New Season

Posted by grizzlys4 - 2007/05/26 23:31

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I know I've tried to have a balanced view about both.....neither are perfect and certainly can irritate the other.

But I'm just seeing too much negativity in Amy that TOTALLY is obviously rubbing off on Zach. I'm sorry he has a difficult future.....but sooooooooooooo many people do in many different ways!!!! And not helping them to see the positives and ENJOY the life they can make for themselves really is robbing them of something!!!!

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## Re:Little People, Big World New Season

Posted by Debby - 2007/05/29 13:13

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Did you see it last night? I now think I know why they cater to Zach so much. I think it is because they feel sorry for him and all the surgeries he has undergone. Of course Matt had many more in his life, but I don't think his parents caved in the way Amy does.

I know it must be difficult to see your child in pain. I can't even imagine.

I don't think that Amy has a bad attitude about her own condition nor Matt's, but I do think she is angry over Zach's condition. She takes it out on everybody else. Unfortunately Zach is picking up the bad attitude right along with her.

And I still say she got it honest. Do you remember when her parents came to visit and her Dad just complained and complained...about everthing Matt had done or not done on the farm. Matt was proud and thought Amy's dad would be pleased, but no he just picked everything apart the way Amy does and he did it at the family table during the meal. Thank God they don't live near by and show up often.

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## Re:Little People, Big World New Season

Posted by grizzlys4 - 2007/05/30 19:44

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Debby.....you're right.....Amy really is a product of her upbringing and environment.

The sad thing is that Amy and Matt both seemed to accomplish more and be happier as children.

I totally get that she aches and hurts for her child, but it really is about balance.....between catering to him as he really DOES need that sometimes!!! And also between helping him find joy and happiness and purpose in his life!!!!

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## Re:Little People, Big World New Season

Posted by Debby - 2007/05/31 10:41

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I read somewhere that Zach has now recovered from the surgery and is doing quite fine. According to the show, his surgery was done over the Christmas break. From the previews it looks like he went through a lot of pain. Of course, they bascially break your leg, so I would assume that really hurts. I have never had a broken bone before, so I can only imagine.

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## Re:Little People, Big World New Season

Posted by grizzlys4 - 2007/05/31 16:30

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I know!!! It looks like very painful procedure and long recovery!! I sure hope he gets some wonderful benefit and mobility without as much pain now!!! He really IS a brave kid!!

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## Re:Little People, Big World New Season

Posted by Debby - 2007/06/07 16:53

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This past week's episode was about Zach's after surgery care and him coming home from the hospital. It was pretty good.

I didn't realize Matt has a brother. Is he a little person too? Is he still alive? The parents were saying that the brother had more surgeries than Matt! I was shocked.

Next week, it looks like Matt finally has enough of the trash dump in the boy's bedroom. He brings in a huge storage unit to clean the junk out of the house. LOL. Thank God.

I know it must make you sick to remodel your home to such a beautiful condition and then have it be totally trashed all the time, even on national television. It's hard to believe someone could allow that and not be sooo embarrassd. I know, I know, some people just don't care about being tidy. They just don't think it is important at all and you can never change these people. I tried for years with a couple of different boyfriends and it never worked. All I ever got was resentful and hurt. They just blew it off and never gave it another thought. At times I actually thought they enjoyed making a mess and seeing my reaction.

In the scheme of life I suppose a neat and clean house is not the most important thing in the world, but it sure makes life much lighter, especially if you have limited space and live with other people. Having a system of organization is quite helpful and time saving.

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## Re:Little People, Big World New Season

Posted by Debby - 2007/06/07 16:59

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Why do you think people differ on the issue of being tidy? My father, both my brothers and I are quite tidy. My mother is NOT. She is clean but not neat at all. I grew up doing most all the household work. My mom just wasn't in to it.

Now, my dad does most of the housework. He is retired except for 1 day a week, and my mom still teaches. It seems to work out okay. He does a good job, because he never did any house work until he was in his 60's. LOL.

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## Re:Little People, Big World New Season

Posted by KPW1956 - 2007/06/07 17:10

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I think people have tendencies.. Could be about how we were raised.. I myself tend to be bit disorganized.. Nothing like Amy though..

I had to laugh last week. The show on before the Roloff's show was the family that had 16 kids.. They traveled across half the country and it was quite amazing how well behaved and organized they were.

Then there are the Roloff's...

Loveable, warts and all! The contrast between the families is amazing though..

I know on one recent show, Amy did admit she didn't do a very good job making the kids do things.. Now they are paying dearly for it!

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## Re:Little People, Big World New Season

Posted by KPW1956 - 2007/06/07 18:08

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You know I'm just realizing they never show Molly or Jacob's room.

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Molly seems to pitch in more willingly than the others.. And they don't show Amy and Matt's room either.. I'm sure they probably have their own clutter issues in them too.

I think it was also mentioned by Amy once that her resistance to being more organized is a rebellion of sorts because the home in which she grew up in was obsessively organized..

Somewhere in the middle is a right approach I guess..

I know my mother is one extreme and my mother in law the other.. I've always felt like I was in the middle somewhere but I find the older I get, I'm procrastinating more... I get these dreadful feelings that "I'm becoming my mother!".... I like to blame menopause on everything! But truthfully it is my tendency to procrastinate... and then I wonder why my kids are the way they are! They are great kids... but much to my chagrine.. have picked up the best of their father and the worst of me!

I'm fortunate to have a husband who is much more organized and patient towards me and our children and understanding than I am.

Debby, your dad sounds like a gem.. My brother in law does alot around his house.. Moreso, because his wife has some arthritis issues and he likes to vacuum. The guy whips out the vacuum on vacations every afternoon! Love him... but being either extreme can be annoying.. It's good that they've found what works for them..

I think I saw something about Amy agreeing to do the show on the agreement that she will be honest about who and how she is...

She's been consistant.. LOL!

Me, I go into overdrive if I'm having company so that people don't see or won't know just how 'un' domestic I tend to be...

My mother was the youngest of 6... I think she was spoiled and then lost her father at an early age.. I don't think she knew how to teach us better when we were growing up...and so the tendencies continue...

What's the saying "The apple doesn't fall far from the tree"?

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## Re:Little People, Big World New Season

Posted by grizzlys4 - 2007/06/08 00:49

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Good points! I think, too.....sooooo much of what we are is what we know!!

I've come sooooooooooooo long in organizing.....I was always clean, but had clutter.....I think it was the old S.O. board I first read about Flylady and her tiny babystep approach.....now THAT was something I could handle!!! LOL

I never, never have had a mess like the Rolloff's.....don't get me wrong.....I won't judge them.....we all have issues. But I AM glad they're at least tackling the boys' room.....WHEW!!!

Watching Zach AND his folks and grandparents go thru the surgeries was really tough!!! Made me thankful that with all we've faced.....it's still much less than this family has had to overcome!

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## Re:Little People, Big World New Season

Posted by Debby - 2007/06/08 12:45

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I think you're both right. Balance is the key, although I have gone through phases where I was in cleaning overload. I remember getting up early EVERY Saturday and cleaning everything in the house....floors, bathrooms, kitchen. I would LYsol and bleach like crazy. It was like therapy for me. Now days I don't do that anymore. LOL.

I would LOVE to get into that Roloff house without them in it so I could really clean it up. It would take me several days at least.

I remember one episode when Amy and Matt were out of town and Matt's parents were there his mother cleaned the

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kitchen and living room. It looked so nice when Amy returned and Matt commented on it. Amy looked put off and wretched about grandma buying skim milk instead of regular. I don't think she appreciated the contribution.

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## Re:Little People, Big World New Season

Posted by Debby - 2007/06/12 19:39

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I can't believe I did this. but I did. I changed the channel during the show last night. I was so sick of seeing those unappreciative brats blow off any task they are handed. I just couldn't take it anymore.

I changed back in time to see a little of the stars painted on Jacobs ceiling.

Did they get their act together finally?

Did you see those bedrooms!?! In some places like on the Dr. Phil show, that kind of a situation is indicative of mental illness. I'm serious. I don't think the parents there are doing their kids any service by allowing them to live that way. Besides safety issues, you end up with roommates who hate you, girlfriends who detest to be in your space and spouses who suffer.

Did you see the show where Jacob admitted he changed his socks only every few days?

Okay, I'll now get off my soap box. Let me know what happened.

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## Re:Little People, Big World New Season

Posted by grizzlys4 - 2007/06/13 01:05

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I almost changed the channel. I understand clutter (which I've learned how to deal with little by little).....but not disgusting, unhealthy living conditions.....YUK!!!!

To me there's a huge difference in putting up with some teen laziness and not holding them to Drill Sergeant standards.....and honestly living in absolute filth!!!!

And maybe I'm too strict a mom.....but I MAKE my kids shower and change clothes daily!!!!!!

Yeah.....the boys finally did help and earn some money. I wouldn't have allowed any other kids into that bedroom!!! And Zach does use his leg as an excuse not to what he doesn't want to. He sure goes without wheelchair, etc. when he wants to. And Jacob telling the camera how they all hate cleaning and so disrespectful to mom. Yeah.....I don't choose to raise my kids like this.....and I try to understand and not be judgemental because we certainly are far from perfect!!!!

But we have some "lines in the sand" that are not negotiable and just like you said Debby.....are for their own benefit as they turn into adults and for roommates/spouses/etc.

I do watch the show because I enjoy some of the educational factor of dwarfism and many of the outreach type things they do.

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## Re:Little People, Big World New Season

Posted by KPW1956 - 2007/06/13 07:06

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I'm beginning to see the end of the line for the show..

I think Matt wants to use the show's platform to educate people about little people but he also seems to want to be somewhat of an opportunist. I got the feeling that the guy who painted Jacob's room did it for free... It was pretty cool... I don't know if they ever showed the twins room again after they showed it finally emptied out. I thought Matt was dragging him over to that room after he finished Jacob's.

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I think Matt does for his kids what he himself would have wanted. I'm not sure if Jacob really appreciates it.

The show to me is getting to be really discombobulated... Sometimes it's been a hodgepodge of different times melded together on one show. I think they covered a lot of things from last summer and interspersed them into some Fall activities.. Maybe the accident on the farm created that.

The show on Monday... showed a huge mess in the house ...then Matt going out to pick up his LOA friends to see the farm.. (I thought that's what he said) ... Then they show them going out to dinner.. and Amy starting a conversation about Molly possibly needing a role model of a normal sized person. I thought that incredibly odd. Maybe I don't understand where she is coming from? My kids have several friends whose mom's are like other mothers.. and extra eyes for me! My kids have a lot of other adults in their lives because of our church.. I know the Roloff's go to a christian school so I would think that there would be some semblance of role models there.

After dinner, Amy and some of the friends went to Target and shopped picking up a bday gift for Jacob.. then they went back to the house... Some sort of conversation about the word Dwarfs or Dwarves... and Matt having to spell it out and showing people.. I think it was a teaching moment... They never resolved how the mess got cleaned up.. Maybe Matt's mom came over... they showed her there at some point during the show doing dishes..

To me, the show was very discombobulated... I'm not enjoying it nearly as much as the first season or 2.. Maybe because the flaws are starting to become overwhelming. Each of the family has their flaws. Molly has escaped unscathed for the most part... She seems to be a nice kid.. The boys are another matter. Maybe Matt has indulged them way too much! Living his youth vicariously through them!

Sometimes I think Matt wants to be seen as the wise father.. Him taking Jacob up the hill in the jeep and giving him the talk that now that he's 10...he'll need to start helping out on the farm more..

I think they need a show where they bring in a family therapist!

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## Re:Little People, Big World New Season

Posted by Debby - 2007/06/13 13:03

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KPW1956 wrote:

I think they need a show where they bring in a family therapist!

Yeah. that's the ticket! LOL. I'm not sure if you are kidding or not, but it's a great idea. Of course if you think Amy got upset about Matt bringing in the closet organizer person, just imagine her reaction to a therapist. She would go ballistic. LOL.

I had not thought about it in the terms you describe KP, but I think you are correct. Something is off to me. Maybe things at home are not as rosey as they seem on the show. Maybe that bickering is indicative of a problem in the marriage. I don't think Matt or Amy believe in divorce so I'm sure they'll work out their problems.

When I got so frustrated with the kids and their attitudes, the first name that came to mind was Paris. LOL. I know there is a big difference there, but still, being famous for people following you around with cameras as you act like a spoiled brat, is sad no matter what your last name is.

Molly does seem to be the good girl, except for a few times she has talked disrespectfully to her father. Do they have higher standards for her. Is it just boys being boys?

When Amy talked about no average size role model for Molly, I wondered what did she consider her mother and Matt's mother. Matt's mom seems to be around a lot and appears to be well liked by all the kids. I think I might have felt slighted if I were Matt's mom and saw that scene.

I will continue to watch. I still like them, but I hope they make some changes within the family. It would be nice to see some personal growth with the kids and their parents.

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## Re:Little People, Big World New Season

Yeah, I hadn't thought of Matt's mom! She seems to be a wonderful role model.. I had thought maybe since some shows issues seem to focus more on something to do with the boys that maybe she was trying to bring some focus to Amy and give her a little limelight.

I'm sure the pressure of having cameras in their faces scrutinizing and capturing every negative and sometimes positive moments... must add family pressure and arguments about how they are portrayed or how the show is edited.

I had wondered some time ago if this show could actually backfire on them with regards to the kids and their attitudes..

At least it provides Matt with revenue to expand the farm... and all his projects.. I sure hope they are squirreling some of it away..

I'm just thinking that the editing is stranger than usual.. Maybe Matt has alot of creative voice in the editing process. I realize that some of what he does is a public service type issue regarding educating about issues involving Little people.. I'm sure he's established enough that he could probably be a great consultant and the family wouldn't have to rely on a reality show format for income. Something about exploiting their dysfunctional family in the guise of entertainment is beginning to bother me..

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## Re:Little People, Big World New Season

Posted by Debby - 2007/06/19 17:16

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I know I have had more than a few choice words about Zach on this show. He is rude, spoiled, and disrespectful, however I must admit I felt for him last night. His school class was having a formal on a large ship. He hesitated to go because of his leg still healing, but he went anyway. I thought it was very sad. I know, nobody wants to be pitied. I know I don't, but you just had to see it. My heart went out to him.

I think he is really feeling left out with the teenager social scene, since he doesn't have a little person in his area to date. He denies it, but you can really tell it is bothering him. It must bother Jeremy too. They tried to make him feel welcome but it just looks tough.

I saw some more disjointed scenes last night. After the formal, Matt took Molly on a business trip with him. She has some good ideas for travel. I think The Roloffs Go To China would be a great special.

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## Re:Little People, Big World New Season

Posted by KPW1956 - 2007/06/19 17:47

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I could see it coming when they opened the show (or when I tuned in anyway) and they had the maps out... Then Matt took Molly out for lunch and talked to her about places she'd like to go...

I could see they might have been laying down plans for this summer! I thought Matt talked about taking her with him... but maybe I didn't see the other half hour show.. I thought they just went out to lunch together.. and he was taking dubious notes.

I think Molly is the more studious daughter.. Thankfully she probably helps balance the house a bit more. Those boys are a handful.

I think alot of Zach's issues are based on teenage angst type stuff...and his own set or dilemmas... On one hand he tries to come off confident being a dwarf and seemingly being realistic... but the other hand it must get to him with Jeremy always having his friends or girlfriend there in the house..

I wouldn't want to be a teenager again for anything! Just remembering that insecure feeling as a younger person exploring more grown up issues and relationships makes me a bit more sympathetic to Zack.. Since he has more than an average number of issues to navigate.

I missed the top part of the show I guess where they showed the formal.. Since they go a christian high school it was probably pretty small...and hopefully more of a friendly environment.. My own daughter just went to her prom with a

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group and not with a date per se.. I think it is much more acceptable to do that these days. Back in my day absolutely not! Now, I think they want the experience... Which I can understand..

I'll try to catch a rerun this week... I think it's on several times!

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## Re:Little People, Big World New Season

Posted by Debby - 2007/06/20 12:04

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Try to catch it again. Zach seemed very sad to me. It was a nice time, but still. I think he is feeling the odd one out more and more.

Molly went with her dad on a short business trip to somewhere in California I think. She's a dreamer too by listening to her travel desires. I agree they are probably thinking of a trip for the show. It seemed like they may be leaning towards Canada.

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## Re:Little People, Big World New Season

Posted by KPW1956 - 2007/06/20 12:50

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If they do Canada, I wonder if it is because they might be able to tap into some sort of fanbase up there. I think they receive alot of the same cable programming.. Also I wonder if there is an equivalent of LPA (Little People of America) in Canada?

I think an Alaskan Cruise/Canada trip would be a fun!  
Since they are on the Pacific side of the States.. I don't know too much about that part of Canada.. I tend to be more familiar with Toronto and Montreal..

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## Re:Little People, Big World New Season

Posted by Debby - 2007/06/20 13:07

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I forget exactly where in Canada they mentioned, but Matt got a sort of odd grin on his face when it came up, so I think something is in the works.

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## Re:Little People, Big World New Season

Posted by grizzlys4 - 2007/06/21 03:46

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Oh I hear ya about the Formal Dance.....I don't agree with how Zach is still with the disrespect.....BUT.....he has impressed me with his recovering from his major surgery and sucking it up and going to the dance. I also thought it was very cool that they have close friends that will carry him up the stairs, out of cars, etc. and don't feel awkward.....that Zach and his needs are a part of their daily interactions and friendships!!! I think a smaller school definitely helps along those lines!!!!!!!

Oh.....me too.....the maps came out and they went to Rand McNally for obviously a private tour.....they definitely are seeing some way cool perks!!!! I think Matt really is invested in being hands-on with the kids as he does expect to be very disabled as he gets older.

Molly and Jacob fighting over the wheelchair is one of the most hilarious things I've seen!!!! :laugh: :laugh:

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## Re:Little People, Big World New Season

Posted by Debby - 2007/06/21 12:27

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I went to a small private school when I was in high school. I must say that while kids will find a way to do some teasing, it was far less than what I saw in public school. We had several students in our school with disabilities are various sorts. All of them were very obvious and the kids were very traumatized from the verbal abuse they had sustained in public school. Once at our school, these kids came back to themself again because most everyone accepted them for who they were and didn't call them names all the time.

The older kids set the standard of how everyone was treated and the younger ones followed behind. I think Zack's schoolmates have learned a lot from his example.

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## Re:Little People, Big World New Season

Posted by Debby - 2007/06/27 13:23

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Okay, can some of you who have teens tell me if I'm just crazy or what? You know I'm a huge Matt fan, however, is it reasonable to buy your child a car when he is failing in his school work? Did you see the show Monday night?

Why is Jeremy getting F's and D's on his report card? Have they had him tested for some kind of learning disability? What about setting him up with a professional tutor for 2 hours after school, at least 3 days per week, even if it interferes with soccer. Have him go to the tutor's house so the time is very structured and he can't just get up and walk out like he does at home.

Don't most schools require that you maintain passing grades to participate in sports?

Maybe I am overreacting, but, bad grades just from laziness are just not acceptable. Is this common? I guess I'm fortunate that all the kids in our family have always done either average or excellent. I don't know what would happen if you didn't.

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## Re:Little People, Big World New Season

Posted by KPW1956 - 2007/06/27 14:35

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Debby,

When I saw that episode, I thought much the same thing... One minute Matt is saying one thing and then the next thing you know he's out buying the car and then out teaching him and his friends to drive stick.. (I wonder if the other parent knew????)

I think this show has run it's course.. It's beginning to be absurd..

If the kids have behavior problems and trouble doing the things they are told to do... then I'd guess that some of the blame could be on the disruption to their lives because of the reality aspect of their lives. I doubt Matt would want to give it up for all the perks... He seems to always want to be the good guy and almost plays to the camera.. The episode about him and Molly talking about the 7 wonders of the World and him asking Amy if Roloff's farm was one of them..and she said only in their back yard or something.. Matt sounded like he was being pathetic because his ego was not being stoked by his wife. I know he was probably kidding.. He kept moaning, "I don't have any friends".. or something like that.. It was really silly. He's full of life lessons and lectures.. Yet he doesn't follow through. Perhaps because he wants to be the good guy and not the disciplinarian.. Once he told Jeremy to change the tire on Amy's car.. Jeremy was very resistant and had a horribly bad attitude.. Matt wound up going out to do it...and THEN praised Jeremy for coming back out to help him... I'm sure there was alot we didn't see... Maybe a blow up!

But why oh why, is Jeremy's girlfriend ALWAYS there? Alot of Jeremy's friends are there all the time too? No wonder he can't concentrate on his studies! Their school should put them (kids like Jeremy) on probation and not let Jeremy play soccer or other sports until he gets his grades up... That was mid winter..and soccer was obviously right around the corner..

I think Matt indulges his kids because he pushes things he actually wants to do.. He's got an affinity for older cars..

Some of the sequences I really think are way off... The one show when they were looking at maps at the top of the show..later in the show we see her go to lunch with her dad and then on a business trip. While on the trip they visit a

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place that has alot of maps... One of the maps looked just like one of the ones they were pouring over at the top of the show.. Maybe I'm being overly critical... I'm just seeing this show as possibly having a negative impact on those kids. Material wealth and perks are not worth it in the long run.. Not unless they start getting real professionals in there to help some of the family dysfunction..

I noticed Matt's parents have not been on much lately at all. I wonder if they are fully behind this reality show endeavor. Matt seems to have an awfully big ego!

And what about that bedroom project? Matt is being a total softy! Apparently at that point the other night...it had been weeks since they started the project..

Don't get me wrong, I do like Matt and I do like Amy... But the show is becoming a bit ridiculous!

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## Re:Little People, Big World New Season

Posted by grizzlys4 - 2007/06/28 02:17

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I've had to distance myself while I'm watching.....if THAT makes any sense!!! LOL

And watch for a lot of the info about Little People and some of the updates (the one with the little guy in So. Cal. on one of the recent shows melted my heart!!!!!!).

My teens are not perfect by any means.....but they NEVER speak to us the way the Roloff children are allowed to speak to their parents. Mine have actual consequences that last longer than one hour!!!!

My daughter gets wonderful grades.....and when she started slipping (and by this I mean a B) we did make sure to figure out the problem!! She's 16 and the College classes she was in were very tough.....but the class she just "forgot" to turn a big project in.....now THAT brought consequences!!!!

My son is 14 and honestly wouldn't even dream of treating us with such disrespect!!!

Debby.....ups and downs with kids.....teens included!! ;) .....is normal.....but those children have gone FAR beyond that. It's obvious that Matt wants to be the "good guy" and he may be genuinely worried about being permanently disabled or dying young. But it's still not healthy to raise the kids that way.....it WILL come back to bite them!!!

I think about much of what we saw on S.O. and some other similar advice.....the parental relationship is not strong and there's such a lack of love shown between the two of them. I think they both live for their children and their own interests. The kids will really be so subconsciously and consciously affected by that!!

There's much disharmony in that home.....it always just seems like a "house" and not warm and loving and like a safe place to fall.....I hope as they watch these episodes they can really analyze what we are seeing unfold!!!

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## Re:Little People, Big World New Season

Posted by KPW1956 - 2007/06/28 09:04

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Grizz,

I agree about the little guy in so. Cal.. It looks like he is making significant progress.. He is so animated and certainly compensates for his lack of ability to speak and lets his parents know what he wants. He's very bright!

I've enjoyed watching the segments about Little People too..

It is interesting that their family is so unique because of the fact that they have four kids with only 1 being a dwarf. They do have more issues to navigate because of that. Having as many dysfunctional issues as the Roloff's have is not normal though... and the majority of them have nothing to do with the parents dwarfism..

Maybe it's all the editing... Didn't we see that in SO? Maybe they want to compete with the other reality shows so they

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show the bad stuff... Maybe they think it could shame their kids to do the right thing... I sure would hate to be put under a microscope with this show... or any like it. I know my flaws would be magnified 100 x over.. I'd probably become paranoid...

I should check out their site at TLC. I wonder if some of the other fans/viewers are responding similarly.

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## Re:Little People, Big World New Season

Posted by Debby - 2007/06/28 18:03

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I agree with both of you. It made me wonder how I would appear if a camera crew filmed me at home, in the car and at work for a couple of months. Actually, the only time I would really mind is first thing in the morning. LOL. I know it would make me keep my house spotless too. LOL. I think people would like me because I'm kind, funny and treat people right, IMO. I'm more of a peace maker than a fighter, except in court. LOL.

I honestly believe that Matt and Amy can sit and watch those episodes and not really see that much wrong in them. I think they think that's just the way it is. I think Amy is really clueless. Maybe living with a man and raising children pushes you to the brink, but, I have never spoken the way she speaks to Matt to anyone that I loved, except one time many years ago and I'm not happy about it.

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