

# Watts News

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## Virginia's Family

All in our family are doing well. We had a long, hot, dry summer with temperatures over 100 degrees a few times and lots of upper 90s. Fall is definitely here with light frosts and potato harvest just beginning. I am busy now getting the outside work done and ready for winter.

Barbara and Dennis are doing well. They were glad to get home the end of June. Dennis came home ill and had been seen in an ER a few days prior to coming home and diagnosed with bronchitis and pneumonia so he had a rough trip home, also was treated for a viral infection later that was not actually diagnosed as West Nile virus but he had symptoms. He is lots better now. There have been lots of cases this summer in Idaho with some severe after effects.

They volunteer at Jordyn's kindergarten class every Monday. The teachers here are so over-loaded that a lot of volunteers are needed. They volunteered in TJ's kindergarten and first grade classes.

Roger was home in early September - really enjoyed having him here. He did some electrical work for me in the living room and some other little jobs I saved for him to do. Also, had some family meals and fun. Spent part of one day at the Eastern Idaho State Fair here in Blackfoot.

Shannon and Kenneth found the perfect place for them to buy with well established land- scaping including a small orchard, sprinkler system, beautiful lawn, shrubbery and trees, on not quite 2 acres of ground located 10 miles closer to town. The kids can go to the same schools. Also, sold their present home and acreage and will close on both properties about the same time.

Until next time. Love to all. Virginia

**News from Monta** No news at this time

**Garland's Family** No news at this time

## **Richard's Family:**

Mom is recovery nicely from a heart catheterization procedure performed on the 21st. She did NOT need stents placed in her heart, as the doctors had first thought. They did place a large one in one of her renal (kidney) arteries. Sharon's shoulder problem has finally diagnosed as severe osteoarthritis.

Otherwise, they've done a lot of flower and some vegetable gardening at their house, including harvesting some volunteer watermelons. Their landscaping looks really nice. They're about to get a deck and walkway put in the back. One of Mom's sisters and her husband plan to visit just before Thanksgiving. Their son lives in Atlanta.

Mom, Sharon and I flew to Kansas City just before Labor Day weekend for Jason and Kristy's outdoor sunset wedding on September 2. It was in a park with a decorated gazebo as a focal point for the ceremony. At the beginning of ceremony, Jaden Grace (4 months old) was pulled down the aisle in a little red wagon. She cooperated beautifully and was decked out so cute. She has a sweet smile--she opens her mouth like a baby bird!

Jason works in a warehouse driving a forklift, and Kristy works in a bank. Both jobs are in Atchison, Kansas, near their lakeside house across the border in rural Rushville, Missouri. Jeremy still lives not far away in Lathrop MO. His job involves marking utility locations on streets.

Both boys are in the Army National Guard Reserves and are currently doing border patrol near Yuma, Arizona.

Cecil and I are doing fine. Say a prayer for Billy; he's having some serious depression--we believe mostly from unresolved grief after his grandmother's death a year ago. For a lot of years, she was also a like a mother to him as well as grandmother. He's getting some professional help now.

We're looking forward to some great fall color in the area; it's supposed to be a good year for that here.

Love, Jeanne Hart

## **Ed's Family**

Ben and I would like to say Maci Turned 3 on September 9, 2006 and she had a great birthday celebration with her cousins Connor and Scout her Aunt Stephanie, Aunt Tessa, Uncle Mike and her Grandma and Pawpaw. Ben of course had a birthday on the 16th and Stephanie on the 12th as well. So the month of September was a great month for celebrating birthdays.

Thank you,  
Janna

## Dale's Family

My name is Amber, I'm 12 years old and my birthday is October 18th 1993. (Gailia Marie Watts \* Smith's \* Daughter.)

We live Baghdad, Iraq, in the \* REDZONE \*

My parents work in an Office and they teach English and Businesses....I live in an area that we see black hawk helicopters come over frequently. The weather is now changing from 130's to 100. In the evening we sit outside and enjoy the cool. My mom says it is much like the Panhandle summers of Texas. We have no electricity from the city, but we have a generator which runs almost all the time. From our roof, I can see much of the city and the Tigris River. Also, of course we see all the militia and army tanks and guards. It is kind-of neat, we have a guard of our own that lives in a shack outside our house. He walks us to and from our office which is about 2 blocks away.

We have no freedom to shop in town, so we send a driver to get milk, bread and whatever we need for the day. My mom says she can make it because they have coke.

Me myself, I home school. Since I don't have a lot of friends I take in homeless and abandoned pets that need a good loving owner. I have had baby kittens, a hedgehog and birds. At this moment I have 4 puppies and they are SO cute!!! But not to the Iraqis!! \* Laugh out loud \*

I like living here; I think I am the only 12 year old American in Baghdad. The office employees treat me special.

On special occasions, we travel into the \*Green Zone\*, this is the military zone. Nothing like the states, I am sure. They have a coffee shop, PX with only junk food, a Burger King, Pizza Inn, and a Subway. Of course these are only little trailers, so we get our food and go home.

I love to travel, even though I have been in Iraq 3 months we travel a bunch. We have been to Germany, Jordan, and the North Iraq to Kurdistan. I have been to many places that are really Historical and cool to hear about...In Jordan we went to the Dead Sea and swam there for a few hours and we literally FLOATED!!! It was awesome! and Mt. Nebo and Roman Ruins.

We went to Germany for Annual Meeting and I have made a lot of new friends from Israel, London and Jordan and more places that I think is really cool...

In Germany we went to visit Castles and Christmas town, on the Rhine. And the youth group went to Mainz and it not pronounced the way it's spelled its pronounced (Mintz.)

Now were back in Baghdad... well that's all for now!!

~Amber Smith [ambers1993@yahoo.com](mailto:ambers1993@yahoo.com)

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P.S

If anyone wants pictures or Dead Sea Salt e-mail me and I will put together the stuff for you!

## **Elmeda's Family**

I am enjoying Texas since I moved.  
My new telephone no. is 806-892-3429  
My new address is:

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Idalou, Texas 79329

Mother is doing really good living with Dianne, Lowell and Ben. My health is good. I haven't been working for quite a while. I'm on social security disability. I got Medicare starting August 1. I sew and I hope to paint soon. I've done some watercolors in the past and have enjoyed it.

We see Katie, Michael and Nathan frequently. Nathan is growing quickly.  
Love, Jessie

Oklahoma City is having its changes. Since Mom moved to Idalou, Lowell has come up several times to help organize and clean up the house. Maybe some day it will be ready to sell. Lloyd still lives there when he is in town, but mostly it is vacant. I try to stop by daily to check the mail, and I have kept the yard mowed.

Family news: John married Amanda Biffle on August 18<sup>th</sup> in her home. Rachel started college in Weatherford, Oklahoma. John started college in Tulsa. I am taking a few classes at OU to finish a degree. Carol and I are working and trying to stay ahead of the minor fire drills.

## **Bill and Mary Watts**

Greetings from Childress....

We have had a very dry, warm summer until August and it has rained and rained and the weeds have been rampant. Bill and I went to Durango, CO in July for my family reunion at Vallcieto Reservoir. We had a great time and of course the weather was cool and nice. Then we went to Flagstaff, AZ the end of July and had another campout reunion at the Sunset Crater. They have special pavilions for family reunions and we had cool weather with a few showers.

Our granddaughter, Audrey is in her second year of College at Greeley, CO and doing some Home Health with paraplegics as she wants to be a nurse. Her brother, Justin started College at Ft. Lewis in Durango, CO and hopes to transfer to the CO School of Mines in a couple years to become an Engineer. TJ started college this year at WT in Canyon and he also want to become an Engineer. All of them are loving their colleges.

Gary Lowrie who was at the reunion in Childress in June passed away the end of July with Lou Gerig Disease. We were in Arizona at the time and did not get to attend the funeral. We will miss him and hope that Pat will continue to come to our reunions.

Bill and I went with Charlie Lee and Tommie this week to visit in Stinett with Lester Ray and Georgie Watts. They have a beautiful home in which Georgie did the beautiful wood work and layed the tile. She is an expert builder.

We are anxious to get the news letter to find out how everyone is doing.

Bill & Mary Watts

## **Birthdays:**

### **October**

18 Amber Smith

### **November**

4 Dianne Elder  
8 Rowdy Lee Swanson  
15 Katie Crump  
23 Jessie Elder  
25 T.J. Jensen

### **December**

31 Venessa Swanson

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