

Watts News

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The cost is \$2.00 per year (mailed). If you have an e-mail address, Joe can send you a newsletter via e-mail for free. So send him your e-mail address and save money. The news needs to come to Joe or me, Linda White. If you have any suggestions let us know. We will publish the newsletter four times a year. The deadline for your news to reach either Joe or me will be the 1st day of each new season (i.e. June 21, September 21, December 21, and March 21.) The newsletter should be out a week later, give or take a day or so. We won't send out reminders, so be sure to mark your calendars now. If we don't have to send out reminders, we can keep the costs lower.

Virginia's Family

We had an unusual hot dry summer with temps. ranging in the upper 90s a lot of the time in late July, all of August and into September. Autumn and cooler weather is here and potato harvest is in full progress. I find lots to do in the yard and flower beds along with volunteer work, knitting and sewing. I entered a machine knitted matching skirt and long sleeved pullover sweater in the Fair and earning a blue ribbon and a "Best of Show" ribbon.

Barbara and Dennis are doing well now - during the exploratory surgery on Dennis's total shoulder replacement, infection was found and the replacement prosthesis was removed. Following 6 weeks of two IV antibiotics administered at home by Barbara and 6 weeks of oral antibiotics, he is scheduled for a total shoulder re-replacement on October 15. After completion of the IV antibiotics Dennis went back to work part time for the car auction company! Barbara is volunteering in Jordyn's 1st grade class on Mondays and also volunteering in a Kindergarten class on Thursdays. She will also volunteer again during the next enrollment period for Medicare Part D, November 15 - December 31, when she is available. She is now an expert care giver, teacher's aide and Medicare Part D advisor.

Roger was home for a few days recently. We enjoyed a trip to the Fair where we saw Josh Turner at the night show, had 3 family dinners on Sat., Sun. and Mon. nights and a day trip to the Craters of the Moon National Monument.

Shannon, Kenneth, TJ and Jordyn are doing well, had a good summer and the kids were anxious to go back to school. Jordyn is a 1st grader, doing very well in school and really likes it. TJ will be 10 in November, is in the 4th grade, excelling in art, mostly Star Wars characters and is doing an outline for a book he plans to write during the school year. Both kids are very sweet and exceptionally well mannered. Both will sing in the Children's Choir at church again this year.

Blessings to all.
Virginia

Richard's Family:

This input is mostly updates from our previous newsletter. A few months ago, Sharon became a patient in the hospital where she works. She had become very short of breath. A test revealed blockages, so she had 2 stents placed. She's fine now. Cecil had that procedure done a few years ago. Of course Mom's had her 2 heart attacks and quadruple bypass surgery. So Mom and Sharon decided that I had better get my heart checked out. I had one of those long stress tests done, but all turned out normal. That was quite a relief!

Cecil's brother Doug is on his way to Iraq for his SECOND tour. This time he's working as security policeman. We're not sure that will be any safer than missiles. It might depend on just where he's located. Keep him in your prayers, as we don't think that he's a Christian.

Jason and Jeremy will NOT be going to Iraq or Afghanistan! PTL! They are both going to Kosovo the end of March. Hopefully, they will be safer there.

Jason's wife Kristy will have their second child about February 10. Their daughter Jaden will be about 21 months old then. Jaden's hobbies are taking off her dirty diaper herself & handing it to someone and kicking their kitten.

Mom and Sharon plan a flight to Kansas and Missouri in mid-March. I believe Aunt Jeanne will join them. The timing being after the baby's birth and before J & J leave means we'll get to see all of them.

Cecil has been working for the US Postal Service again for 1 year. He takes the postal test to become a regular employee on September 27. This will allow him to be reinstated and apply for a really good-paying job. He also plans to buy back his 12 prior years of USPS service.

Earlier this month I marked 33 years (hard to believe!) in civil service--24 with the Air Force and 9 with Social Security. I don't yet have any retirement plans.

Cecil's and my church recently began having 2 (identical) worship services and 2 Sunday schools. We sing in choir both times. I'm also working in the church library and helping with AWANAS (children's organization). Cecil's work hours currently don't allow him to do much besides choir. Working evenings allows him daylight hours to play golf some, though. He recently shot his second score below 70! (If you don't know what that means, that's professional quality golf!)

Life does bring about its changes, but one thing is sure--God's grace and mercy never end! And when in a tough situation, I think about the description of heaven that we can read about in Revelation 22. That's bound to give hope and comfort to believers!

We love you, and may God richly bless you!

Mary Lou Watts

Hi!

This is what you may consider a nuisance message. But I am changing my e-mail address to bermudablu@att.net. And trying to kill out some 10,000 spams that accumulated in Yahoo while I couldn't type. (Note the "e" is missing from blue; apparently the name is a popular choice for former Bermudians.)

Oh, that makes me think: Do we have any relative nutty enough to have saved our 1961 Christmas letter from Bermuda? I was nutty -- or just tired -- enough to send them all out and not save one for a keepsake family history. It had a photo of us on our balcony overlooking the ocean, a photo of Elaine and Debbie playing at the beach, and a photo of me with the late astronaut Alan Shepherd on the beach -- just days before he became the first man to orbit the earth. If anyone could find a copy I would be most grateful. (The first astronaut crews were training in Bermuda then. Soon after Shepherd's orbital flight, they brought his tiny space capsule to Bermuda for our hands-on inspection! Real neighborly. History . . .)

Thanks,
Mary Lou Watts

Elmeda's Family

Elmeda had her gall bladder removed in late June. She recuperated quickly from that and does fine most of the time. This week she fell, but thankfully had no injuries. She will have a birthday Sept 25. I know that she will appreciate hearing from all of y'all.

Happy Birthday to Uncle Kenny Dale also!

Ben started to school at South Plains College at Levelland. He plans to get his engineering basics while there and then transfer to Texas Tech in two years. His commute to Levelland is about 50 miles and goes there Mondays and Wednesdays. Tuesdays and Thursdays he attends classes at the Reese Campus, the old Reese Air Force Base on the west side of Lubbock, which is about half the distance. He is also working mowing yards and other lawn maintenance. He is learning to do homework, something he hasn't needed to do since middle school.

Dianne and Katie have celebrated there first anniversary as salon owners. They celebrated by having a open house at the salon where they had refreshments, door prizes, and demonstrations for their clients. Their first year has gone reasonably well. There was a learning curve, but they have handled things well and their second year will be successful.

Son-in-law Michael Crump recently changed dealerships. He is now a mechanic for Gene Messer Ford. Currently at their Wolfforth, Texas location. It is a positive move. His opportunities were seriously limited where he was previously and as Forrest Gump would say, "that is all I am going to say about that".

Grandson Nathan enjoys being outdoors, digging in the dirt, playing ball. Often he moves dirt from one of flower pod to another planting mimosa seeds. He definitely has the farming blood.

Elmeda, Jessie and Lowell will be in Tulsa (Sand Springs) November 10 and 11 to visit Warren and maybe John and Amanda. Check to see if Joe put Warren's name on the birthday list.

Lowell

I want to tell the Watts News that I have a cell phone: 806-441-7844

I am doing fine. I joined West Texas Watercolor Society. I enjoy painting and I think I will paint more than normal.

Love, Jessie

News from Monta No news at this time

Garland's Family No news at this time

Ed's Family No news this time

Dale's Family No news this time

Bill and Mary Watts No news this time

Birthdays:

October

18 Amber Smith

November

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

December

31 Venessa Swanson

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