

Watts News

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Note the new e-mail address for Joe Elder is caroljoe1@sbcglobal.net.

Ed's Family

Hope this finds you and yours doing well. We are busy but ok. Randal has a cold, but is hanging in there.

Monta Faye will turn 70 on April 12! We will have a party for her on Saturday, April 14th from 2:00 p.m.-----3:30 p.m. at the Garretson's Retirement Center, 503 Pecan St., in Panhandle. If you can't make it to the party, please try to send her a card to:

Monta Boyd, P.O. Box 1239, Panhandle, TX 79068 OR give her a call at (806) 290-6525 (her cell). Hope to see yens there!

Also, just wanted yens to know that Randal is retiring the end of August. We are having a party for him at noon on Friday, August 24th here in Groom. A free meal and everyone is invited. Just wanted yens to know so you could save the date if you were interested.

Love, Nancy

Richard's Family:
No news at this time.

News from Monta
No news at this time

Garland's Family
No news at this time

Bill and Mary Watts
No news at this time

Virginia's Family

Spring is almost here and we are eagerly awaiting it. The winter wasn't too bad - we had more rain than snow and lots of cold, cloudy, dreary days. There was lots of snow in the mountains which will mean plenty of water for the irrigated crops this summer.

I am doing a little hand embroidery, some machine embroidery, sewing and knitting while waiting for nice weather to get here - have lots to do in the yard this spring and summer.

Barbara and Dennis are doing well. Dennis did have a right shoulder replacement in early January. The recovery process is slower than he wishes but he is getting better all the time with physical therapy 3 times a week. They went to Mexico, the lower end of the Baja Peninsula, on February 21 and visited with friends for a week. They really enjoyed their visit, the warm weather and whale watching. Dennis wasn't able to do any fishing. Barbara still volunteers at Jordyn's Kindergarten class on Mondays.

Roger came on January 19 for a week's visit, then I went home with him and stayed about 10 days. It was terribly cold there. He has continued part time employment with Macy's after the holidays and enjoys it very much. Also still works part time at the homeless shelter and is active in his church where he enjoys playing in the bell choir.

Kenneth, Shannon, TJ and Jordyn are all OK. The kids are doing well in school and growing up so fast. TJ measures up to my chin! Jordyn will be 6 years old on May 18. They all are really enjoying their new place.

They live 10 miles closer to town which makes it lots easier for Shannon driving to her job every day. TJ rides the bus to school and back home every day. Shannon takes Jordyn to Daycare where she stays until afternoon Kindergarten and then she rides the bus home with TJ. The bus stop is 2 blocks from their house.

Blessings to all.

Love, Virginia

Dale's Family

As you know Brandt, Amber and I are in the Middle East working among Iraqis. We have been here 10 months teaching English and Business. I love it here and the Iraqi people are great, they have the American sense of humor, unlike China where we transferred from.

We spent Christmas and New Years in Thailand with my 2 college kids and their significant others. There is nothing like looking out to see white sand, the ocean, and palm trees for Christmas. I think my kids missed snow and a Christmas tree. It was hard to say good-bye to friends and family. We went to Dubai, in the United Emirates to finish our vacation.

Amber is homeschooling so traveling and working is no problem, only keeping up with her books. Our company requires us to leave Iraq every three months, so this March, Amber and I went to Jordan and drove to Jerusalem. We went to the Mt. of Olives, Bethlehem, the City of David and the Garden tomb among a list of other places like the Dead Sea and Jericho.

But it is always great to get home and sleep in our own beds and even hear our daily mortars and car bombs.

We are working with the US Embassy in putting together an English Summer Camp in the Military Zone for some of the high school students that live there. Not only will we teach English but good ole' baseball.

I wish you all a great year and may the Lord bless you abundantly.

Gailia Watts Smith (Kenneth Dale's daughter)

Elmeda's Family

Oklahoma City, not quite Heaven, but it is a local call. Since I have some space to fill, I thought that I would talk about my grandson. It just doesn't get any better than this.

Carol and I are staying busy, She has been assisting her mom almost on a daily basis. Her mom is in an assisted living center about a mile from us. Carol's mom recently sold her home of 50 years. Some things are just tough to let go. With it setting for the past year, it was probably time to say uncle. At least it was sold before the lawn mowing season really started.

Rachel is in college – that way she don't have to help mow the yards – out at Weatherford, OK. John, Amanda and that fantastic grandson are still in Sand Springs. Amanda recently changed jobs. She is now working in Cushing, further to drive but a nicer place to work.

I am still employed, going to college at night to finish something that was started years ago, and taking care of Rachel's bunny.

Lloyd and I went to see mom two weeks ago. I think that mom enjoys the neighborhood down there more than watching the neighborhood evolve up here. We saw mom and Jessie, they are both doing pretty good.

Birthdays:

April

3 Sharon Sumpter
4 Ben Elder
8 Herb Connor
12 Monta Fay

May

1 Dennis Norwood
5 Jennifer Mink
10 Rachel Elder
18 Jordyn Jensen
31 Tess (White) Jones

June

2 Garland Watts
2 Jerry Watts
8 Evan Watts
12 Jeanne Hart
13 Bobby Watts
14 Carol Rae (Watts) Reddish
16 Ray James
26 Ashley Patterson
27 Barbara Norwood
30 Billy Hart

Anniversaries:

April

May

18 Cecil & Jeanne Hart
29 Lowell & Dianne Elder

June

4 Randal & Nancy Patterson
14 Rhett & Ashley Patterson
24 Shannon & Kenneth

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