

# Culler



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# SUMMER

## 2017 Edition

### Inspiration from President Monson

As we ponder the events that can befall all of us, we can say with Job of old, "Man is born unto trouble." Job was a "perfect and upright" man who "feared God, and eschewed evil." Pious in his conduct, prosperous in his fortune, Job was to face a test which could have destroyed anyone. Shorn of his possessions, scorned by his friends, afflicted by his suffering, shattered by the loss of his family, he was urged to "curse God, and die." He resisted this temptation and declared from the depths of his noble soul:

"Behold, my witness is in heaven, and my record is on high."

"I know that my redeemer liveth."

Job kept the faith. Will we do likewise as we face those challenges which will be ours?

Whenever we are inclined to feel burdened down with the blows of life, let us remember that others have passed the same way, have endured, and then have overcome.

The history of the Church in this, the dispensation of the fulness of times, is replete with the experiences of those who have struggled and yet who have remained steadfast and of good cheer. The reason? They have made the gospel of Jesus Christ the center of their lives. This is what will pull us through whatever comes our way. We will still experience difficult challenges, but we will be able to face them, to meet them head-on, and to emerge victorious.

From the bed of pain, from the pillow wet with tears, we are lifted heavenward by that divine assurance and precious promise: "I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee." Such comfort is priceless.

President Thomas S. Monson, October conference 2013

## Special Days

### January

- 7 Bonnie and Rich's  
Anniversary
- 18 Savannah Wise
- 23 Rebekah Wise
- 30 Michael and Celeste's  
Anniversary

### February

- 1 Jenny and Garth's  
Anniversary
- 12 Tina Wilkinson
- 15 Chloe Wyatt
- 17 Jenny Cahoon
- 20 Michael Culler

### March

- 16 Leah Culler
- 23 CaSandra Culler

### April

- 3 Kai Culler
- 4 Sarah Wise
- 11 Rick Culler
- 14 Norm Jr. and Rachel's  
Anniversary
- 17 Lindy Wilkinson
- 23 Jaxon Wise
- 24 Katie Wilkinson

### May

- 12 Kayla Culler
- 15 Rachel Wilkinson
- 26 Stewart Wise
- 26 Celeste Culler
- 27 Pearl Culler
- 28 Ciara Culler
- 31 Matt and Amy's  
Anniversary

### June

- 5 Mackenzi Faith Wyatt
- 6 Suzie Culler
- 13 Amy Peterson
- 22 Patrick Wise
- 24 Andrea Wise
- 27 Randy Wilkinson
- 27 Tom and Sandy's Anniversary
- 28 Sandy Culler
- 29 Lilianna Cahoon
- 30 Aubrey Wilkinson

### July

- 3 Frank Culler Sr.
- 7 Alexandra Culler
- 7 Anandi Wilkinson
- 26 Job Wise
- 26 Nicole Peterson

### August

- 8 AJ Culler
- 15 Norm Wilkinson Jr.
- 18 Frank Culler Jr.
- 24 Sally Wise
- 24 Sally and Stewart's  
Anniversary
- 25 Carol Wise
- 26 Bonnie Limone
- 28 Sarah Culler

### Sept.

- 3 Frank and Peggy Ann's  
Anniversary
- 12 Garth Cahoon
- 16 Rick and Suzie's Temple  
Sealing Anniversary
- 17 Tom Culler
- 18 Job and Sarah's  
Anniversary
- 19 Rick and Suzie's  
Anniversary
- 24 David Wilkinson

### October

- 3 Cheryl Wilkinson
- 4 Emily Wilkinson
- 8 Keziah Wise, Skyler Wise
- 9 Peggy Ann Culler
- 13 Norm Wilkinson Sr.
- 28 Richard Limone

### November

- 10 Autumn Culler
- 22 David and Anandi's Ann.
- 24 Zachary Culler
- 24 Emily Culler
- 24 Peggy and Norm's  
Anniversary

### December

- 1 Haley Wilkinson
- 5 Matt Peterson
- 21 Peggy Wilkinson
- 22 Frank Sr. and Pearl's  
Anniversary



**\*Note:** 10 years ago we started this newsletter idea. June 2007 was our first newsletter. We did a monthly letter for three years, changed to bi-monthly, and when the Asa Culler newsletter started we went to January and July. I enjoy so much hearing about your families and your lives. I love you all so much! I have included some highlights from that first newsletter and in that newsletter was Fourth of July comics, so I have kept the tradition. –Sally ☺

### **Bonnie's Bylines**

I enjoy the newsletter very much. It is difficult for me to believe we have done this for 10 years. There is usually nothing new happening in my life.

Surprise visit by Peg. We had not been together for a long time! We had plans to spend Christmas at Peggy's. It snowed too much for her to come get me. To be sure we didn't get together Peggy had plumbing problems and had to have the kitchen remodeled. We exchanged gifts when she was here so we had Christmas in June.

I think I will wait until later to wear the sweater and sweatshirt the Wilkinson family gave me.

I love all of you.

Love, Bonnie



### *Highlights from Bonnie, June 2007*

*Richard started working in June for the Bureau of Land Management. He worked part time, 3 days a week. He was still fixing small engines and since the other person who did that work quit "business was booming".*

*Bonnie enjoyed going with Peggy to visit Mom and Dad and go to family reunion. Mom and Dad stayed with Uncle Raymond and stayed an extra day so they wouldn't be too tired.*

### **Frank's Faire**

Here is an update on our Family.

In May Peggy and I made a big car trip to Seattle & Vancouver Washington to see Leah and Michael. On the way we stopped and had a very good visit with Bonnie. We are excited that she is having the temple work done for Richard. She seems to be getting along fairly well. We always enjoy our visits with her.



*Scenery*

We took about two weeks for our trip, but only had a couple of days to stay with Leah and Michael. We traveled 2666 miles on our trip. Overall we had a very good trip. We only traveled through snowy conditions from Baker, Oregon to Pendleton. We got to see some interesting scenery. We stopped in Twin Falls, Idaho and saw the Shoshone falls with lots of spring runoff going over them. They were gorgeous.

We spent nights in Ontario, Oregon, Yakima, Washington, Pendleton, Oregon on our way. We got to see where Washington Apples are grown, and lots of wineries and even hops farms. Some of the farms advertised a certain type of apple, and asparagus on their signs. It was very nice to see where our children are living.

I will enclose some pictures we took on the trip.



*Frank*





*Peggy*



*Waterfalls*

We went to the temple a day early this month and got the work done for two cousins on my Family and two for Peggy Ann's family. It made for a very nice three days at the Temple in Albuquerque.

AJ is a nice young man now. He came up yesterday and learned about cars. He learned about what the controls are and how to check the oil, water and air in the tires. He even got out the jack and jacked up the pickup and learned what to do to change a tire. He has been running the track at the old Jr High next to his apartment and watching his diet. He says the he has lost 30 lbs. He is taller than me by at least two inches. He is really growing up.

Michael and Celeste are working to be able to move back to New Mexico or Utah. They are tired of the wet weather in Washington. Michael has been working as an operations manager with a company that is working to hire truck drivers and broker jobs for them. He works very hard. Celeste has been working as a dispatcher for the company too. They do their work from home.

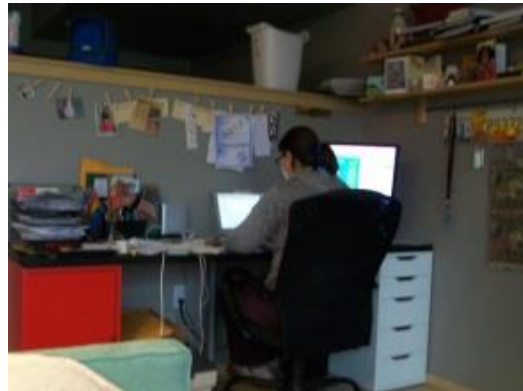
Leah is between quarters in school and is going to start a practicum in July and has an internship set up for January. I think she is doing well in school.



*Autumn, Celeste, Michael, Frank, Kai, Peggy*



*Celeste, Kai, and Autumn*

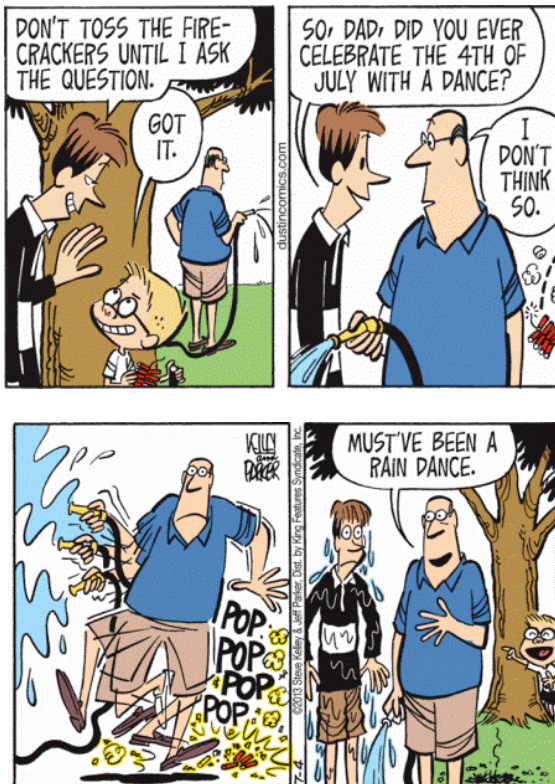


*Leah working.*



*Peggy and Leah*

Love, Frank



#### Highlights from Frank, June 2007

Michael was working for BJ services in the iron shop. AJ was out of school for the summer and excited about going to second grade. Leah was working as a copy editor in Seattle, WA for the Seattle Times. Peggy was selling Avon and was #54 out of 8400 in her division in sales. Frank was working at BJ as a technical field rep. He usually liked his job except when he had too many 3 am jobs. His flower garden in the front made him think of his grandmothers.

#### Peggy's Page

In May our sweet Lindy graduated from High School. She is going to Logan to college come August.



Rachel, Lindy, and Norm Jr.

In June Emily got to go river rafting for 3 days for girls camp. She loved it. Tina got to travel to England. She and a friend flew into Manchester, KT's mission. She was even able to heart attack her apartment door, but she was good and did not break the mission rules to see her in person. With permission they decorated the door



Well June also brought Aubrey's 2nd birthday. We are so blessed to have this very strong and yet very fragile little one in our lives. You all have been so willing to pray and



Tina & I had picked out this most beautiful green dress way back like in February. I hate to admit it but I had forgotten. Good thing Tina did not.



Aubrey and Tina



We tried to celebrate Randy's late June Birthday, Aubrey's end of June birthday, and Anandi's July 7th birthday all at once.



Randy Anandi Aubrey

As you can Aubrey's took the 'cake' but the adults were remembered. None of us expected it but were pleasantly surprised when she blew her candle out on the first try!

Only want to say I have the best siblings in the world and I love you all.

Love Peg



#### Highlights from Peggy, June 2007

*Peg and Norm were just called to teach gospel essentials (now called gospel principles). They mentioned that it might be good practice because they wanted to go on a mission someday.....(like they are!)*

*Tina had four days left before she got her master's degree. Cheryl was librarian at the church and fighting off skin problems from the sun. Randy turned 28 and was working as a graphic artist for the nickel. Norm Jr and Rachel were building a new home and trying to sell the old one. Katie was 10, Lindy 8, Emily 5, and Haley 2. (They grow up so quickly don't they?)*

*In Sacrament Meeting in 2007 Rachel asked Haley if she was thinking about Jesus. Haley said, "Yeah, He wants me to be a sunbeam."*

*\*Parenthesis added*

#### Sally's Section

Wow, am I slow. Must be getting old. Ha ha. I was thinking about what has happened to us since April when the last Asa Culler newsletter came out and it seems that we have been very busy.

In April we had our kitchen remodeled. I think Peggy copied me. Ha ha. Garth and his dad did all the work. We went from this....



Old rotten wood especially around the sink, stains and holes in the floor, not enough room to move around, to this...



All new cabinets and built in dishwasher. No more rotting wood. Plus we got a new frig and floors and cabinets in on the other side of the kitchen. It felt so nice.

At the end of April, Patrick, Job's son, got to go to Kentucky to participate in a world robotic competition. Kids were there from as far away as China and Russia. It was very exciting for them and their school.



The Harrison Robotics Club, standing with the Sunnyside High School Robotics club, shows its state award qualifying four members to compete in the world finals next month in Kentucky.

## Ready to take on the world

**Harrison Robotics Club wins award, berth to world finals**

By Roger Harnack

ELLENBURG — A half-century robotics club from Sunnyside has won one of three coveted berths to the world finals competition.

Harrison Robotics Club members will join Everett and Bellevue students in representing the state at the April 19-22 event in Louisville, Ky.

The team comprises Harrison Raftl, Jose Zentil and Patrick Wise, all of Harrison Middle School, and Luke Weaver from Sunnyside Middle School.

All are sixth-graders and coached by advisor Delta Van Corbach, a Harrison teacher and the school's science fair advisor.

Van Corbach said she's proud of her team for winning a berth to the world finals.

"We had six teams from our robotics club (this year) and two qualified for state," she said.

"Out of state, we had one qualify for worlds."

The competition on the campus of Central Washington University featured 20 teams from across the state.

Other than Sunnyside, only Toppenish, Goldendale and Mantwa were from South-Central Washington, Van Corbach said.

This year's competition, Star Wars, pits teams against each other as they move cubes and "big stars" across a field.

"This, they were looking like Jacks," Van Corbach said. "They had to pick up and move them to the other side of a field."

There was a barrier in the middle, so they had to throw over or around the barrier (the barrier), she said.

Once the teams got the cubes and stars over the barrier, their partner team had to move the stars to the end of the field.

"This year's contest was state-wide, kind of a bigger deal," Van Corbach said, noting the team has



Jose Zentil, Patrick Wise and Harrison Raftl smile as they hold up their state robotics award.

a lot of work to do, starting with figuring out how to pay for the trip. The entry fee and travel costs for the four team members, their advisor and a male chaperone are expected to cost about \$10,000.

School officials are trying to figure out what funding mechanisms are allowed — using sponsorships, donations or School District funds. They expect to have an idea in the next day or two, she said.

"We're hoping we can come up with the funds," Van Corbach said.



Skyler and Andi

June of course is our busy birthday month. Amy, Patrick, Andi, and Lili all celebrate in June. Of course if you will notice there are more birthdays in June than in any other month in the extended family as well.

In July we had our 20<sup>th</sup> annual picnic breakfast for the Fourth of July. It was lots of fun, but our numbers seem to be dwindling. I think it is because all our friends are getting old like us and there are not as many kids to come. Garth was busy with the 4-H fireworks booth. Jenny had carpal tunnel surgery, so she was here but one handed. Lili went after breakfast to help her dad.

We actually had Lili's birthday party today, July 8<sup>th</sup>, because June was so busy. It was fun. She had a Harry Potter birthday based on the second book, Chamber of Secrets.

Everyone is doing fine. Jenny is secretary in Primary, Garth is second counselor in the Elder's Quorum presidency, and Lili is now in Young Women. The week of July 10-15 she goes to girl's camp. It is the third camp this year, first she went to Outdoor Ed, then to 4-H camp, and now to girl's camp. Garth is going to school to get a welding certificate. He is doing well.



Garth, Jenny, Lili temple day in June

At the end of May we went on vacation to Washington to be there for Jaxon's baptism. It was a fun trip, just Stewart and Andi and I. We went halfway to Klamath Falls, Oregon. We got a little lost that night because our motel changed location, but we were finally able to find it and crash for the night. We enjoyed so much seeing Job and his family, and Amy and her family who also came for the day.



Job and Jaxon

We also got to see Patrick's robotic team receive honors from the school board, and Keziah's and Savannah's dance class. Stewart got to know Rebekah (she seemed to like hanging around her grandpa), and we finally got to meet Skyler!



Job and his family are always busy. Job is doing a lot of balloon animals, even teaching with the local parks and recreation program. He is still working for the Daily Sun News in Sunnyside.



Sarah still teaches piano and violin. Their kids are busy with sports, robotics, dance, drama, etc. Lots of fun at their house.



*Jaxon, 8, Sklyer, 9 mo., Patrick, 12, Rebekah, 3, Savannah, 6, Keziah, 10*



*Sarah and Keziah*

Amy, Nicole, and Matt have also been busy. They just returned from a trip to visit the other grandma in Middleton, Idaho. This week they are celebrating Nicole's birthday a little early (it is the 26<sup>th</sup>, same day as Job's) Matt is working at the hospital. Amy just got called to be 1<sup>st</sup> counselor in Primary. And Nicole is

looking forward to being in 1<sup>st</sup> grade in the fall. They plan to visit Job's for the combined birthday. Jenny, Garth, Lili, and Carol will also be there!!



*Nicole's Easter dress*

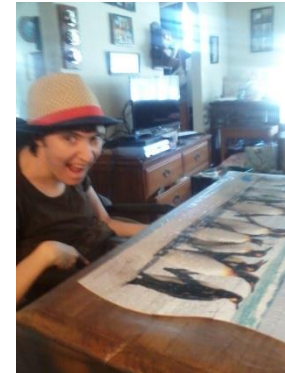


*Matt, Nicole, and Amy*

Andrea is as onery as ever. Ha ha. She gets bored with her mom sometimes. But we are still best buds. ☺



*Andi with her birthday blanket and showing off her new hat and puzzle.*



Carol is just about finished with another semester of teaching at BYU-Idaho. Classes end on July 14<sup>th</sup> and then the following Monday and Tuesday are testing days. Then she has a few weeks off to visit Job for his birthday and then in August will come to CA to celebrate her birthday here. She is doing great.

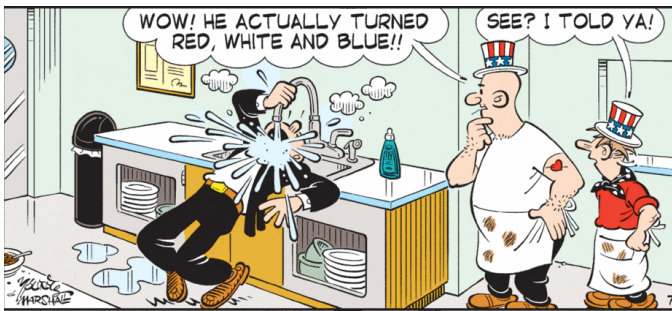


*Carol and her friends on 4<sup>th</sup> of July*



I am so amazed at our family and so happy to be a part of such an amazing family. I think of all of you and how much you have inspired me. Thank you. I can't believe that so much has happened over the past few years. Thank you for helping me keep this history.

Love ya, Sally and family



#### *Highlights from Sally, June 2007*

*Amy was on her mission, just a few months before coming home. Carol and Amy had registered for their classes at BYU-Idaho. (ten years ago Carol was going there for the first time to start her college career.) She was working at Pro-Beauty as a sales clerk and was Sunbeam teacher in our ward.*

*Andi turned 21 on her birthday and was having school time with Jenny.*

*Job and Sarah moved in with her parents to save money for their move to Washington. Job was still looking for a job there.*

*Jenny was Nursery leader in the ward and Garth was Webelo leader.*

*Patrick and Lili turned two, Keziah was 20 months.*

*I taught Sunday School and sent out the stake announcements and Stewart was ward mission leader.*

#### **Tom's Times**

We have a new addition to the family, his name is Jack. He is a kitten. We named him after Jack Sparrow. Jack was born in the girls' clothes drawer. He lived there for about four weeks and then they finally liberated him.



*Baby Jack*



*Sandy and friend ☺*

Well, Sandy is still putting up with me and the mosquitos are still draining our blood. ☺

Sarah is taking online classes to get her Master's degree and will teach again in Sanford in the fall.

CaSandra is also taking classes online and will help in the Antonito Schools again this year. She also still cares for people.

Kayla runs the ranch. Sandy got a new horse, his name is Humphrey.



*Humphrey*

Sandy and I had our 31<sup>st</sup> Anniversary in June and we celebrated it by watching the movie Cars 3 as suggested by Andi.

Since the girls all have their endowments now, we are able to attend the temple often. Last week (June 27<sup>th</sup>) CaSandra's boyfriend Zach went through the temple.



*CaSandra and Zach*

On the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> (of June) we finally took the cows up to the mountains. We had to wait for the snow to melt and there was actually still snow on the roads.



*Snow in June*



*Sarah and Kayla*



*Love, Tom and family*

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#### *Highlights from Tom , June 2007*

*CaSandra was 20 years old and attending Adam's State College. Sarah was a senior and thinking of attending CSU to study Interior design. Kayla was 14 years old and would be in eighth grade.*

*Tom got on at the post office full-time and was young men's secretary. Sandy was teaching four boys in the 7-8 year old primary class.*

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## Rick's Review

Things are going along ok here.

Zach is getting ready for pre-season soccer practice. Lots of running. As a freshman he played jv and some varsity. Last year he played varsity and jv. This year it's looks like he will start as a striker. He likes defense but is fast and a good scorer. I wish I could keep up with him.

Emily is enjoying her summer break. She spends a lot of time with her dad. I enjoy her, but not sure I'm a good influence. Ha Ha.

Alex turned twenty on the 7th. Man I feel old. She changed her school from teaching to art and graphic design. She is a really great artist.

Ciara and her girls are doing good. The girls are growing fast. Suzie spends her time just keeping our whole family functioning. She is the bedrock of our home. I'm lucky to have a good woman to put up with me.

I try to stay busy with Jimmy and Marshall. They both light up our lives and drive me crazy.

I've really been missing Dad. I dream about working with him. And for some reason he is on my mind a lot. I really loved him. I feel bad I was so far from home. Maybe if I'd been around more everyone would have gotten along better. I apologize to all of you for anything I've done wrong. I love you all.

Love ya, Rick and family



*Rick with Dolly and Wicket*



### *Highlights from Rick in 2007*

*Emily and Zach were busy six year olds getting ready to be in first grade. They liked playing outside, Emily liked My Little Ponies and Zach liked swords.*

*Alex was looking forward to cheering for the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades. She was going to be in 5<sup>th</sup> grade. She was accepted into Duke University gifted student program.*

*Ciara worked at the car dealer with Rick. She was busy being a new mom, Chloe was five months old.*

*Suzu was called to be assistant librarian at church and was babysitting Chloe while Ciara was at work. Her hardest job was taking care of Rick. ☺*

*Rick was called to be second counselor in the Bishopric.*



*Jimmy and Marshall at Easter*

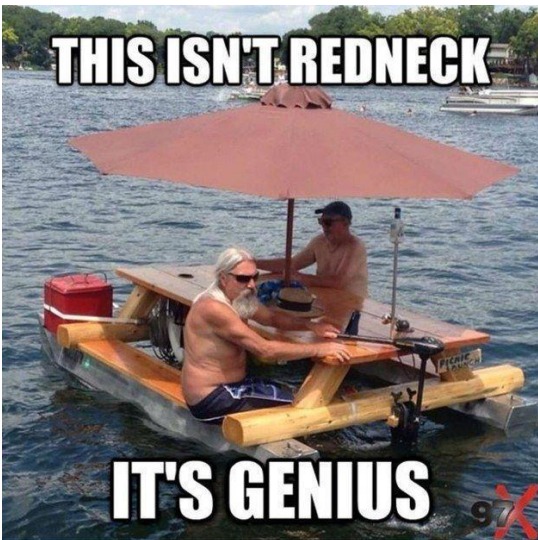


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