

Connection

Fotos:



Mom and Dad



Meadow near La Veta Pass after fire



building that survived the fire (pictures from Shannon Hard)

Summer – July 2018 Edition

Fun Stories

A RICH WOMAN THOUGHT SHE HAD THE PERFECT HUSBAND. THEN THIS HAPPENED.

Several men are in the locker room of a golf club. A cell phone on a bench rings and a man engages the hands free speaker function and begins to talk. Everyone else in the room stops to listen.

MAN: "Hello"

WOMAN: "Honey, it's me. Are you at the club?"

MAN: "Yes"

WOMAN: "I am at the mall now and found this beautiful leather coat. It's only \$1,000. Is it OK if I buy it?"

MAN: "Sure, go ahead if you like it that much."

WOMAN: "I also stopped by the Porche dealership and saw the new 2014 models. I saw one I really liked."

MAN: "How much?"

WOMAN: "\$200,000"

MAN: "OK, but for that price I want it with all the options."

WOMAN: "Great! Oh, and one more thing...the house I wanted last year is back on the market. They're asking \$950,000"

MAN: "Well, then go ahead and give them an offer of \$900,000. They will probably take it. If not, we can go the extra 50 thousand if it's really a pretty good price."

WOMAN: "OK. I'll see you later! I love you so much!"

MAN: "Bye! I love you, too."

The man hangs up. The other men in the locker room are staring at him in astonishment, mouths agape.

He turns and asks: "Anyone know who this phone belongs to?"

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 Anniversary
- 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



Bonnie's Bylines

I feel really sad because I didn't get hold of Bonnie this time. It seems that her mail box is full on her phone. I tried to text and call. I apologize, Bonnie.

Peggy visited with Bonnie last week. She is the "best" at puzzle making and some of the games she plays with her friends.....

Andrea also likes to do puzzles. Maybe someday we can get them together. That would be fun.



Bonnie on Dad's truck



What a beautiful little girl.

We love you, Bonnie!!!

<u>Frank's Faire</u>

Here is news From Frank. Peggy and I are doing pretty good, except for feeling old. We are going to Idaho to Peggy's 50th class reunion on the 18th of August. So I will be spending my birthday with my wife in Firth. Peggy is one of the teachers for the Gospel Doctrine Class in Sunday School, and we are still both Temple workers. We really enjoy working at the Temple two days a month. I have been trying to grow a little garden where we pulled out an apple tree, some chard, beets, carrots and butternut squash. I also have a couple of volunteer sunflowers growing.



Michael and Celeste are doing OK. Michael is working at AIMS driving a water truck at the power plant. They are working to improve their education and jobs: Celeste is studying for a CNA certification. Michael is going back to school for a degree in business Administration. He is disappointed that he could not find enough clients around here to support his web design business. Autumn is about to start 2nd grade (Michael calls her bouncer). Kai at four years old is his Daddy's Forman when helping his Dad with landscape, vard work, and everything else. His dad was working on certifications for Microsoft Excel and Kai told him not to worry he would help. Skylar is getting big and likes to smile at her Daddy. AJ is turning 18 in less than a week. It is hard to think I am old enough to have an adult grandson. He is also getting into playing the guitar and is preparing for his last year in high school. Two weeks ago he had surgery on his nose to remove polyps. His nose and sinus were almost completely blocked and caused him to miss a lot of school the past couple of years. He is feeling much better and looking forward to doing well in school this year.

Leah is in her final year of grad school and in her internship. She will finish school and her internship in the spring of next year, when she will also turn 40! She is at her internship three days a week, where she sees individual clients, leads groups and does some outreach to clients in adult family homes. She enjoys it, but it is very draining! When she is not in school or at internship, she spends time with her dog, goes to a boxing gym, enjoys cooking and tries to find time to relax.

Love, Frank and family

Peggy's Page

Hey Everyone,

I guess our biggest news is that we closed the Thrifty Nickel here. It is SO different not to get up and go to work. Trust me, I do not miss getting up early to go to work, but the sleeping in to whenever... is ok. The days are longer though. It seems to me that each day is about as long as a week used to be! I guess that being the case I should be getting many more things accomplished - I will have to work on that. Norm Sr still has his accounting office. He does let me come in sometimes irregardless of my inability to do simple math. But I am really good at shredding and visiting with the boss!

Hey another much better news than that is that I was ordained again today to be a temple ordinance worker. I will be working the Saturday night shift with Norm. He works the Friday Day shift and Saturday day & Saturday night shifts. We are also still with the hospital branch on Sundays.

Norm Jr & Rachel have their Katie home from her mission in England. It was so exciting to be at the airport welcoming her home, and even nicer to be able to talk to her whenever. It did kind of confuse Aubrey though. She always knew we had a Katie and had seen the pics, etc but she would sometimes call Lindy "Katie" or Emily or "Katie", plus I had a current picture of Katie on my phone that she would argue that it was Haley not Katie! All the Wilkinsons there are taking school classes. Emily & Haley of course back to school soon, Rachel is taking classes to get her teaching degree and Norm, Katie & Lindy will be taking online classes with the chruch's Pathways program. Norm has been doing it the last year but now the girls will be going too.



Katie comes home.

Rachel & Lindy will both be instructors in the same school and Katie will be working at the school Haley attends. Guess we really have a heritage and future in teaching.

Tina is doing good. She has put a beautiful yard in this year and we have been enjoying fresh cucumbers from her garden. She still serves in the temple EARLY on Saturday, she has to be at the temple about 4:30 in the morning.

Cher Bear is doing ok. Some days better than others. Randy has had some heart problems but they increases his meds so hope that will solve the problem for now.

Dave and Anandi are both working and taking care of our sweet Aubrey. Anandi teaches online to kids living in China. Her work day can start as early as 3:30 am to about 8 am. Dave also works the nite shift as a postal worker. He usually gets home just tin time for Anandi to teach.



Now for Aubrey! What can I say she is wonderful! She just turned 3 and is a handful, but SO smart. She comes up with the funniest things. I told her ONE time that grandpa was my boyfriend and she caught right on. She calls him boyfriend all the time now! She likes to come see & swim with boyfriend. Boyfriend is rather partial to her also. She does tell him that he has whiskers in his ears! The other day she stomped her foot and said, "Tina, I'm putting my foot down!" She loves to hold your ear when she is tired. She tells Boyfriend that he has whiskers.

Aubrey has another sedated echo just to check on things in mid August so extra prayers are appreciated. She is so quick witted, quick all around and never stop running that you'd think all is well, please pray with us that she will be fine.

I love you all. Peg

Sally's Section

First I want to apologize for not doing this in June. I really have no excuse except for senior moments. I am also sorry that Bonnie and Frank did not get my messages. Next time I will try to start sooner.

This year has gone by so quickly! I can't believe that August is nearly here.

The biggest change for our family is the move of Jenny, Garth, and Lili to Middleton, Idaho. Garth moved in February and Jenny and Lili joined him in June. We are adjusting to the change, but it is strange to be just the three of us. (Stewart, Andi, and I).

We are also pet-less. Our kitty, Bert, passed away in February. He was 15 years old.



The fun thing about Jenny's new address in Middleton, is that she is pretty much in the middle of her other siblings. Of course she is 10 hours from us, but only 5 from Job, 5 from Amy, and 5 from Carol. They all got together for Lili's birthday party at the end of June.



Carol, Amy, Job, and Jenny

Due to Job's talent in photo shopping, here is one including Andrea, even though she was not actually there.





Matt, Amy, Sarah, Job, Garth with Carol and Jenny in front.



Twiddle dee and twiddle dum Alias Sally and Stewart



Andi and her friends Sarah and Brittney

For history, I am teaching Primary, the oldest class. I love it, the kids are amazing. Stewart also works in primary, he is assistant chorister. He loves singing with the kids.

Andi is busy with friends. Jenny's friend, April, comes over three times a week and hangs with Andrea so I can have a little respite. And one of our friends, Martha Patten, comes and goes for a walk with her at times. She had a lunch with her friends Brittney and Sarah when Sarah was visiting from Provo.

All the others are busy with jobs and families. Jenny settling in. Job working at Daily Sun news and occasionally selling balloon animals. Amy working as a nanny to a cute little girl. Carol teaching at BYU-Idaho.



The grandkids Savannah, Nicole, Jaxon, Skyler, Lili, Keziah, Rebekah, Patrick

We all keep busy and we are all blessed as a family. We love you all very much!

Love, Sally and family

<u>Tom's Times</u>

Kayla – Busy working on the ranch. They have had 79 calves this year (so far). They got the cows up to the mountains, had to move them once.



Sarah – Finished her Master's degree in math education. Will be teaching jump start classes soon (for those who need a little extra help before school starts). Then she teaches 1^{st} grade again in the fall.



CaSandra – finished her online science class and is starting her critical thinking class now. She will also be working with the school in the fall.



Tom and Sandy – were able to go to the temple with a friend to do baptisms for the dead. He has been a member for about six months.



CaSandra, Tom, Sarah, Kayla, Sandy, and Timmy

Tom and family

Rick's Review

The last few months have been a little challenging for our family. One of our guys, Arthur, got sick and spent a month in the hospital. He wasn't well enough to come home so he ended up going to a nursing home. He is not our client anymore but he is still part of our family.



Arthur

We now have a younger client, Phillip. He is high functioning which is good, but he has been a problem everywhere he has been. He can be very aggressive and he is a big guy. He relies on intimidation to get his way. but he doesn't get away with it here. I was told that this is his last chance to live with a family. So we hope he will behave.



and

Jimmy



our new "son" Phillip

Then I got an infection in the bone on one toe, so they whacked it off. Tom and I match except it's a toe instead of a finger. I'm getting better.

Anyway, now the positive. Emily and Zach are going to be seniors this year. They are both taking advanced classes to get college credit. Alexandra is going back to Eastern Kentucky University. She plans on transferring to an art and design school in Georgia. Ciara works hard to provide for her girls. They are growing up too fast.

Suzie was invited to share some memories of the early times in the church here for pioneer days. Her family was the first family in the church here. They were truly pioneers. She remembers meeting in their house until they bought an old Baptist building. She told them they shouldn't complain about the nearest temple being 2 and $\frac{1}{2}$ hours away. When her family was sealed they drove 3 days to Salt Lake.

We took a trip to Chicago. The grandkids went with us. It was a good getaway.



Mackenzi and Chloe in Chicago



At the Big bean in Chicago



That is a big dinosaur!



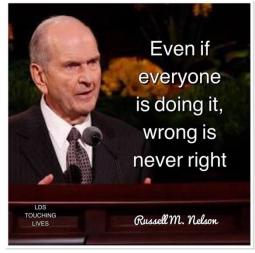
And that's a big anchor at Navy Pier



And we travelled all the way to Chicago to see a big rock from Kentucky. (i) (meteor actually)

Anyway I love everyone and thanks for your prayers in behalf of my poor toe and my health.

This is one of my new favorite quotes:

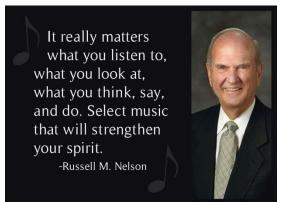


Love, Rick and family

Some more good President Nelson quotes

Be patient with yourself. Perfection comes not in this life, but in the next life. Don't demand things that are unreasonable, but demand of yourself improvement. As you let the Lord help you through that, He will make the difference.

— Russell M. Nelson —



Next Newsletter – October edition of Asa Culler letter – so start collecting history.

Send it to me in September.

🙂 love ya

Here are some snippets from the past...July 2008



Bonnie, Peggy, Frank 1955

Bonnie's Bylines

We got a newer (2006) truck. It is a Ford 150 and a very dark blue in color. It only had 21,000 miles on it and was a repo. It is really nice. It has a key pad on the door which allows you to use a code to unlock the doors and let you in when you lock your keys inside. Knowing me, it will get used. I hope to get a new computer system one of these first days and now that I sent the email to all of you about Richard being involved in the Jail and Bail program for the March of Dimes, I know some of the ins and outs of e-mailing. I appreciate my girlfriend letting me use her computer to send them but will be glad when I get my own.

Frank's Faire

Peggy and I are trying to organize our store room. So far I have removed the old cupboards and counter top in there and Peggy is sorting out things to throw away. We are going to add a wall of garage type cabinets and it will be nice when done.

Peggy's Page

Things here this month have been very hectic. Grandma Mary was very ill and in the hospital for about a week. She is doing better, but still pretty weak. Norm's 2 sisters came out for about 3 days. They stayed with Grandma to give us a break, but Norm could hardly stand being away so was there a lot anyway. He is a good son.



Tom, Sally, Pouncer, Rick

Sally's Section

Our July was very smoky and hot. Of course that is pretty normal for summer in California. I think that those people who predict that we will fall into the ocean are wrong. I think we will become one big wild fire. Just teasing of course, but it sure seems that way this year. Over 80 fires were set off by lightning. The girls in our stake just came back from girl's camp. On Monday they had a storm, on Tuesday they almost had to evacuate due to the fire set off by lightning. They didn't though, so that was good. Everything is very dry and dangerous.

Tom's Times

Hi everyone, just the same old thing here. Irrigating and getting ready to put up the hay. The girls are making a float to put in the Manassa Pioneer day parade on the 25 and 26. Sarah and CaSandra will be going off to college about the middle of August. Kayla will start online School on Sep. 2. Tom is very busy with the post office and ranch and keeping his wife in line. Hope everyone is doing good.

Rick's Review

We have been nothing but busy, terrible busy! We did get to go for Tennessee for a couple days. I won a trip from Ford. Not a trip really, we still had to get there, so we went to Tennessee. They did pay for the room for two and tickets to stuff. We all went so I had to pay a little, but it was nice to have a break and we had fun.

For Fun:



Truck for sale. Needs parts. Serious inquiries only.







She Didn't Realize Tapping Him On The Shoulder Would Make Him Do This...Wow.

Last Wednesday a passenger in a taxi heading for Midway airport, leaned over to ask the driver a question and gently tapped him on the shoulder to get his attention.

The driver screamed, lost control of the cab, nearly hit a bus, drove up over the curb and stopped just inches from a large plate window.

For a few moments everything was silent in the cab. Then, the shaking driver said, "Are you OK? I'm so sorry, but you scared the daylights out of me."

The badly shaken passenger apologized to the driver and said, "I didn't realize that a mere tap on the shoulder would startle someone so badly."

The driver replied, "No, no, I'm the one who is sorry, it's entirely my fault. Today is my very first day driving a cab. I've been driving a hearse for 25 years."

