



# September 2009

## JULY REUNION IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER JULY 15, 16, 17, 2010

Dexter family

Crystal and Sheila have checked out Detroit Lake Campground and find it quite appealing and centrally located. There are several of us bringing boats, and we're really looking forward to 3 days at the lake.

There is a problem. There are no yurts or cabins in this campground which leaves those without tents and campers to find lodging elsewhere. We have found several options, please look further inside this publication.

There are 8 confirmed campers for the reserved campsites at this point and I have reserved 10, near each other. These camper sites are hookup and have plenty of room for extra tents. Please contact Crystal or myself if you want a campsite.

We will be having an auction this year. Jackie's son, Larry Lanig, has agreed to be our auctioneer, accompanied by Klancee Call, who has many years experience having worked with our former auctioneer—Uncle Eugene.

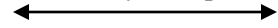
Debi Hutchins lives very close to the campground, and has offered to help out in any way she can. Debi has the Gramma Lamp and will choose the next recipient. I think bribes are in order, perhaps they could go into the family fund.

Jackie, I'm glad you didn't say the rabbits are tasty, although I suspect they are.

Isn't Zada the cutest little girl, and the bride and graduate hold special places in my heart! Good photo of you, Gena, and Arnel, thanks for sharing it.



Minds are like parachutes they won't work unless they are open.



Patience is not the ability to wait, but the ability to keep a good attitude while waiting.

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Mel had Aortic Aneurysm Surgery August 21st and it is taking him a long time to heal.

We are waiting for our new Great Grand Son to be born—Michelle is due Oct 27th.

We all have had a busy summer, Terry had a huge garden, also Terry is raising rabbits his cages are all full and the rabbits are beautiful.

Life is always busy and exciting.

Love, Jackie Martin



## PETE FROM FLORIDA

My kids have make me feel so proud with the way they are living their lives. You know how they say some parents live” vicariously” through their children. I’m lovin doin it! Nolan has a new job with Comcast and is traveling the US. He is in Pennsylvania now. With the possibility of heading toward Seattle next. It’s sad he has to work and not just site see every day. That’s the real world though. He does say they have great Italian food.

Jauna and Casey have been traveling due to their business, Live Tampa Bay Reality. Sometimes I have to look on a map to figure out where they are going. Anyone else know where Mauritius? It’s an Island on the southern coast of Africa. Ya, I thought you’d all know! Their next trip is to India. How I’d love to go, well maybe when the wonderful part of their lives (my grand-kids) are older. I still love living next door to them, and I think they are getting accustom to me. I haven’t been told “Mom too much sugar” for awhile. Maybe they just gave up. Though I have improved, I used to really sugar them up, now a tootsie Roll Pops works. We can even make them last more than 5 minutes. Don’t chew just lick!

Jennifer has been busy, she is now a Las Vegas Metro police officer. She graduated early September and has been on the streets 13 days. Does it sound like I am counting? Does it sound like I’m worried? I don’t worry I just “ think” once-in-awhile. She has to work the streets a year before she can move into another (possibly safer) position. Just wait, she will love it on the streets and want to work there forever.....I will have lots more “thinking” to do. :)

I have been working at Publix Child Development Center and fit right in with the 4 and 5 year olds. I have been there since early August and it is a much better fit than working at the Credit Union. I would rather deal with birth, death, unemployment, most anything in life, just not people’s money! My life isn’t exciting but it is good and I will continue to get some of my excitement vicariously through my kids.

I’m looking forward to the Reunion. At this point in time I am planning to be there.(Anybody got an empty sleeping bag)In the meantime I’d love to have you all come down and watch gators or swim with the Manatee. Merle can put a canoe right in their faces! The Gators I mean! He came down last February and we had great time.

See you all in July 2010

## KIM AND GREG FROM CALIFORNIA



**Greg, Kim and their son, Andrew Dexter Beyrer, announce: Zada Dexter Beyrer: Born March 18, 2009 and joined our family on May 14, 2009.**

## KLANCEE CALL FAMILY

## Melissa and Trevor Morris



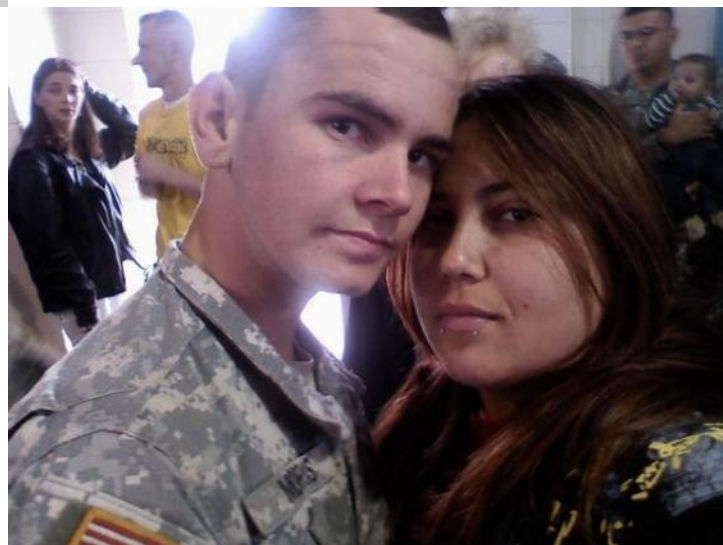
My granddaughter's husband, Trevor ships out again this morning (9/23/09). He was home for a 3 week leave . He said he had a standing ovation and the respect of the people in the airports he came through. It

is always so emotional when you hear stories like that. He said he was embarrassed yet so thankful and taken back by it.

Eric and I are still splitting our times between Utah and Reno we both have kids in Reno. We are selling the big place in Utah, and we plan to get a smaller place there.

James and Maria are remodeling a bit – new carpet and new furniture, both are still gainfully employed.

Love, Klancee Dexter Call



## ANDREW DEXTER AND FAMILY

We are going through some very happy times. I am proud to tell you that yesterday Sheri was selected as the Napa Valley's Volunteer Centers Volunteer of the year and was awarded the Barbara and Dr. John Poort Award for her outstanding contribution to the citizens of Napa County. The citation is quoted in part below:

"Sheri has been a volunteer with Sexual Assault Victim Services for close to 18 years, making her by far the longest serving volunteer." "Sheri takes 8 hours shifts on the Hotline Crisis Lines by taking several shifts per week with the majority of these shifts occurring in the middle of the night. This past year, she had 144 hours in one month alone.

"Sheri has been extremely diligent in attending monthly in-service meeting and is always willing to help out at any major events SAVS is holding...."

Sheri is also instrumental in raising \$2,000.00 annually from ExxonMobil gift program that gives \$500.00 per quarter to any non-profit organization that the ExxonMobil family volunteers for.

She was presented with a beautiful large crystal award that is about 14" high, 9" wide and 1" thick. It is engraved with her name, and the award she received. Her husband is very proud of her and her achievements.

We have added two baby girls to our clan. A granddaughter Zada Dexter Beyrer joined Kim and Greg's fam-

ily under the "foster-adopt" program. A great-granddaughter Baylee May was born to Jessica. Both girls arrived in May of 2009.

Dexter was selected as "Honorary Bat Kid" with Sacramento's River Cats professional baseball team. At four years old, he marched out to the pitcher's field in front of about 10,000 people and said, "Lets Play Ball!" and much to mother Kim's relief that is all he said. He got to meet some of the players, received a hat, tee shirt and some other mementos.

Emily entered college this year and Debi is now working for Oregon State as a behavioral Specialist. Sheri and Andrew were honored to be invited to Marci and Margie's for Margie's May graduation getting her Master's Degree. You go girl. They also spent a week with us in September."

Love to all of you. Andrew

## DIXIE AND ROY DEXTER

It is nice to hear from you again. There really isn't much going on around here except for the fact that we just put a 12 x 20 addition on our home. We did all the work by ourselves (it was much cheaper). The kids are doing well and two of them are getting ready to go to college in January. Hope all is well for you.

## When I say I'm Broke...I'm Broke

Yesterday I answered a knock on the door, only to be confronted by a well-dressed young man carrying a vacuum cleaner. 'Good morning,' said the young man. 'If I could take a couple of minutes of your time, I would like to demonstrate the very latest in high-powered vacuum cleaner. "Go away!" I said. 'I haven't got any money!', 'I'm broke!' and proceeded to close the door. Quick as a flash, the young man wedged his foot in the door and pushed it wide open. 'Don't be too hasty!' he said. 'Not until you have at least seen my demonstration.' And with that, he emptied a bucket of horse manure onto my hallway carpet. If this vacuum cleaner does not remove all traces of this horse manure from your carpet, Sir, I will personally eat the remainder.' I stepped back and said, 'Well I hope you've got a *flaming* good appetite, because they cut off my electricity this morning. What part of broke do you not understand?





ARNELL BOSH AND LOUGENA WIKSTROM  
AUGUST 2009

## UPDATE FROM GENA WIKSTROM

I am delighted to report that all of us are healthy and employed so life is good. I got to spend time last month in Albuquerque with Arnell and his family. It was my great joy to meet Arnell's oldest son's fiancée, Erin. She is a lovely addition to our small family and she and Brian will continue to reside in New Mexico.

My son Sean is taking this term off from college and *will* return after replenishing the coffers. Bob and I celebrated our 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary in June and have spent the time since wondering where the years have gone, why they move at warp-speed the older we get and why there isn't more time to spend on the golf course! Best wishes to all and we hope to see you this summer in Oregon.

## WANDA'S BRANCH

Mom is doing well and other than her memory slowly steadily getting worse her health is wonderful. She may not always remember your name when she see you but she knows who you are each time your tell her. Since she is turning 90 next summer we think she is doing quite well. 90 is a quite a mile point in ones life and we would like to have a big birthday party for her at the family meal on Saturday at the reunion. Are you all up for it?

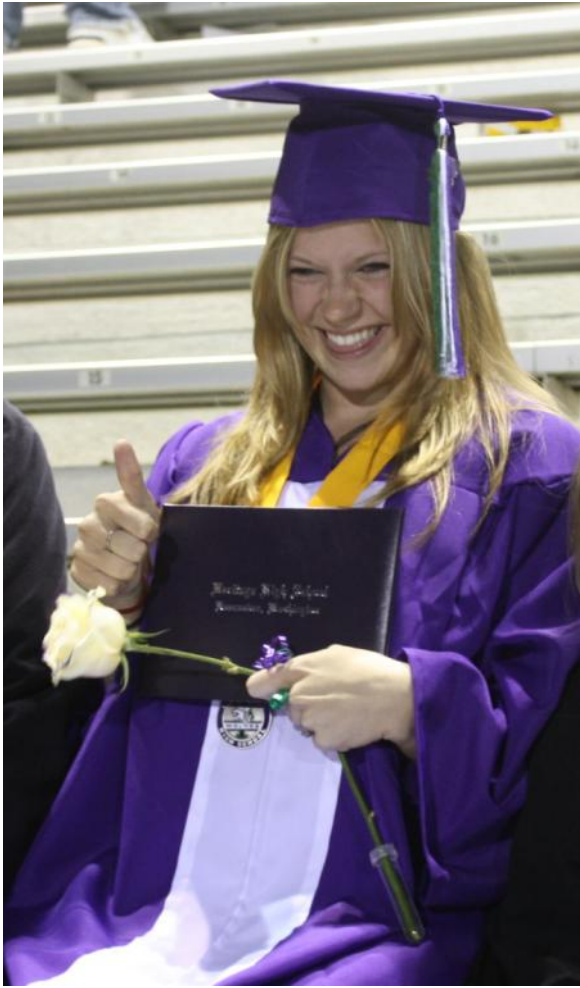
Carolyn and William after a long stretch of not getting away left on the 21st for a well deserved earned vacation away from responsibilities of the home. They plan on being gone for at least three weeks that may turn into as much as six weeks. They are on a road trip to Nevada (they made it to Reno) they plan on going to Texas to see their son Buddie (he is doing well), then to Oklahoma, and Colorado, not sure where else but they always have a great time when they go to see the USA. Their health has been good this year mostly. The rest of the time they keep busy with church business since Carolyn does Children's Church and William is an Elder.

Wannetta and Bill are still working for the state of Nevada and are doing well in their jobs. They bought some land around Klamath Falls this last year, it doesn't have any building on it at this time but they like it and who knows they may retire there. Wannetta bought herself a dog this year and seems to be enjoying having a dog in her life; sorry I don't remember the breed. Jeanetta is still working for Nevada DMV and doing well. She took a cruise this last year and had a great time.

As for me I lost my wonderful job at Pierce Pacific in January. It was thanks to the downward slide in manufacturing and even though it is picking up a little they still can not afford to hire anyone back. I do still talk to them often and miss them very much. In fact we are all going to lunch this week and catch up. I thought that being 65 (can you believe that?) and having a 12% unemployment in the state of Oregon that I would be out of work for some time to come. But I still put out my resume and thanks to God keeping me going and helping me I sent my resume to Sonitrol Pacific and I was back to work by the end of April. If you want to see the security equipment that the company sells and monitors please go to [www.sonitrolpacific.com](http://www.sonitrolpacific.com) and take a look. I am doing collections and yes I was surprised but I like the job. My new workmates are wonderful and very helpful and we get along very well. I did have one small vacation in February at the coast by myself and was happy for that. My health has been great.

We are looking forward to the family reunion next summer and thanks to Derryll and her family for putting it together. See you all there.

Blessings to all our family. Marolyn



## Ashley Chantel Miller 2009

Ya, she belongs to us

—Derryll, Ralph, Crystal, Rich and Danica

A letter to my granddaughter who graduated in June 2009. We are so thrilled for you. Just look at your face, you have every right to be proud and happy. We couldn't have wiped the smile off your face even if we'd wanted to—which we didn't. There's a theme song from an old TV show—"She can turn the world on with her smile"—I now know the feeling.

Ashley, you are in control of the rest of your life, beginning massage therapy school in Portland and moving out on your own recently. Oh, if only to go back and have the verve and pep, yet keeping the experience and knowledge we have gained over the years. Remember, we "oldsters" also went through everything, from not having enough money for little necessities, to falling in and out of love.

You've got it all ahead of you, and as far as I can tell, you will do it with grace and strength, because that's how we've seen you handle things in the past. We love you, and wish you the very best life.

—you go girl!!

With love and affection,

Your Gramma Derryll and Grampa Ralph



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