

McKinney got its first snow of the season, Tuesday, December 6th. They lied to us! It has snowed every year since we've been here. It's about time we got some cold weather! This past summer Texas missed its record of "42 consecutive triple digit days" by one day! But Texas did break some records this summer with 70 days of triple-digit temperatures and the [hottest June-August period ever recorded in Texas](#). Jonathan recalls "we had two choices of water: warm and hot." We actually got out of Texas for a few weeks during the very hottest days. We enjoyed three reunions and some great adventures to and from those reunions.

Upon our return, we discovered that while we were gone, the circuit breaker tripped in our garage, leaving the power to the sprinklers, refrigerator, and [freezer](#) off during the hottest summer days. It was a delightful mess to come home to, and the smell was horrible! Everything in the fridge and freezer had to be thrown out. Recovering the lawn was almost impossible in the Texas drought, and we lost our trees.



Heather (12) is glad to be back in school. She was thrilled to find that her [MAP test](#) scores were higher than 10th grade averages, and her teacher said the scores were higher than many of the Gifted and Talented students.

Heather loves Pre-AP Math and learning to play the Trombone. She's the only girl Trombone player in the band! Heather received her [patriarchal blessing](#) this year. Heather's plans for the future: Being a princess of Zion, being the best mom in the world. ("I already have a foot and a half of magazines, etc."), to have an associate degree by the time she graduates from high school, to get a scholarship to BYU, and to be the next female Einstein. We love her great imagination. For Halloween this year, she was a Vampire Zombie Ninja Unicorn.

Andrew (16) got his driver's license and is FREE. As a junior, he went to play-offs with the [Varsity Football Team](#) this year. Andrew's favorite subject is AP English. He absolutely loved spray-painting cars



at [Cadillac Ranch](#), near Amarillo, TX, this summer. Andrew is involved in the International Thespian Society and lives for weekend [Air Soft Wars](#). Preparing for college, he took the [ACT exam](#) for the first time and got a score of 28. Not bad for a practice run, since it is good enough to get into BYU. Andrew is still waiting for his parents to buy him a flying squirrel for his birthday.



Jonathan (19) became [Market Street's](#) "Employee of the Month" in July! With this summer being so very hot, working in the heat helped him "become more immune to hot humid weather. However, I was the first member of my family to bring out my jacket this fall." ☺ He has

helped train several baggers at Market Street, and he's hoping to become a cashier. Jonathan has also started preparing his [mission](#) papers. This summer he had a great time on vacation, "got a few injuries, and spent almost a whole week in the car (driving)." Jonathan would like to someday be a great teacher like "my Institute teacher, or my Gospel Principles teacher. I also want to be a good missionary."

David (23) attended [Collin College](#) McKinney campus, with a full 18 credit hours, the first half of the year and earned a 4.0 GPA. During that time, David enjoyed being elder's quorum teacher in McKinney's LDS Spanish branch. After [duct taping](#) his mattress and cot to the top of the car-top-carrier on our van, David moved to Utah, staying behind when the family left for Texas. Now, he is rooming in his grandparents' basement, in Orem, with his cousin, Mitch. In Utah, David earned his [Certified Nursing Assistant](#) (CNA) certification, as well as CPR and First-Aid certifications, and Food Handler's permit. He just started his first CNA job and will begin attending BYU Provo in January – majoring in [Neuroscience](#). David has improved his Spanish tremendously and plans to test out of it at BYU for 16 credit hours.



Holly (~20) enjoyed many gatherings with family and friends this year. During summer vacation she loved the three reunions (Toomey, Morrow, and West Salem). In September, Holly travelled to Nevada for her niece Aubrey's wedding. In October, Micah came back for a visit. In November, Sharon (Holly's sister) and Warren (Sharon's husband), joined us, and friends from Frisco, at the [Dallas Cowboys Stadium](#) for the TCU vs. BYU game. Then, Thanksgiving brought even more friends. Holly continues to work as needed at [Sunrise Senior Living of Frisco](#). She loves the residents there. She is also getting to know the women in her church ward while serving as the secretary for the women's organization ([Relief Society](#)). Holly also enjoys swimming in her Mother's Day [swimming pool](#) and riding bikes with the family around the lake.



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Harold made a New Year's resolution last year to lose weight. He started by dieting, then walking the dogs, then jogging, and then running. In July he finished his first [half marathon](#) with Robert (his brother), Robert's wife (Jana) and son (Brennan) while on "vacation" in Utah. 50 pounds later he runs 5 miles every other morning, 10-20 miles (or more) every weekend, and is preparing for his first [full marathon](#) on New Year's Eve, the morning after he turns 48. He jogs with his Pomeranian dog, Roxy, whose little legs can keep up with him for about 14 miles. You can follow his running adventures on [facebook](#) as he posts every run. When he is not running, Harold enjoys tutoring calculus and physics and has accumulated over 600 hours on [WyzAnt.com](#).

We celebrate our 25th Wedding Anniversary this month. It has been a great 25 years, and we look forward to growing old together. Check out our 25 years of family photos and newsletters at:

<http://www.toomey.org/family/times>



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Additional Photos for your viewing pleasure (or pain):



Summer 2011 t-shirt



"Pain?!"



Jonathan's name tag



Andrew (#77) in action



Heather in Holly's wedding dress



Andrew practicing (left) on the side-lines



Family Bike Ride