

Dear Family and Friends,

At this time of year, we look forward to updates from all of you. This year has meant some changes and challenges for us. Anne had some frayed cartilage removed from her left knee last December. The second week of November, Barry started a new job at M2 Medical. Pelikan Technologies, where he has worked for the last eight years, was failing and he decided not to wait around. Pelican Technologies is hoping to be bought by someone.

Ted was laid off from Freescale but thankfully found a new job with Advanced Micro Devices. Jon worked January through March, then was laid off again and is still looking.

Barry's Mom is going in for knee replacement in early December. His Grandmother will be 103 this December.

We had a small Thanksgiving with Anne's mom, sister Carol and her husband Charley. Anne has a sinus infection, so with only the 5 of us, we decided to go to a restaurant for Thanksgiving Dinner. It seemed strange not to have a few days of leftovers.

We enjoyed our annual summer camping trip at Bear River. However this year the event was different. The time slot the Burnell's got was during the week, and not on a weekend, so slightly fewer people came. You can see some pictures at: <http://bdbriggs.dyndns.org/BearRiver/BearRiver2009/album/index.html>

Anne is organizer for a ladies group at church and teaches, during the school year, on Wednesdays, at Santa Maria Urban Mission in the ABC Playtime Program for 3 and 4 year olds. Anne's new addiction is watching birds on line including Hummingbird nests!



Hummette  
feeding her  
chicks

Phoebe with  
Jade & Julep  
12-4-2009



Great-  
Horned  
Owl &  
Chicks



In October, we went to Peoria for Anne's 45<sup>th</sup> High School reunion. We went early so we could take Barry's Mom to Wisconsin to see Karen (Barry's sister). Back in Peoria, we visited Barry's Grandmother several times and also attended the reunion activities.



Karen &  
Dick  
Roots

Our Christmas  
Phyllis &  
Barry with  
Grandma  
Carter



plans are undecided at this time but we are hoping to have Jon and Ted here.

If you have email, we would enjoy hearing from you at these addresses: Barry: [briggsbd@gmail.com](mailto:briggsbd@gmail.com) Anne: [apbriggs@att.net](mailto:apbriggs@att.net)

We wish all of you a Happy Holiday and the best for the New Year,

*Anne + Barry*