

Dear Friends and Family,

Our big event for the year is Candi's engagement to Korey Kilsdonk, her college sweetheart. Korey proposed the day before Thanksgiving on the anniversary of his father's death from cancer. He said he wanted to make it a happy day rather than a sad one. Candi sports a nearly two carat diamond ring. Debi inherited the diamond when her mother passed away last year. The wedding is scheduled for December 13, 2008, so keep that date open on your calendar.

Candi is now in her third year at Tennessee State University, but she has enough hours to be classified as a senior. She won't be graduating early because she is double minoring in English and psychology. Aside from participating in school plays, Candi also worked the Tennessee Renaissance Festival in May, worked as an extra in a low-budget film, and found an agent. Candi even had her first professional acting job. She was an extra in a music video. She's only visible for a second or two, but you've got to start somewhere.



This was a year for traveling. Debi and I went to Cancun, Mexico for spring break with Candi and Korey. We stayed at a resort off the strip to avoid the ruckus of most college kids. We got our dose of history with a day trip to some Mayan ruins near Cancun. This summer we took a trip to Colorado. We spent time seeing the sites in Colorado Springs, Durango, and Denver, where we took some time to visit with Debi's relatives in Golden. We spent Thanksgiving in a cabin in the Smokey Mountains with Candi, Korey, and Vicki, Korey's mother.

We found ourselves back in Denver for our birthdays. Ron spent two weeks teaching a class in Colorado Springs. Our birthdays were on the weekend in between, so Debi flew out for a long weekend. Colorado had a major blizzard the day Debi was supposed to travel. Ron was snowed in at Colorado Springs, and Debi's airplane was stuck in Denver. Fortunately, the snow cleared rapidly, and our weekend plans at the Queen Ann Bed & Breakfast were only delayed a few hours.

Now we are heading to Florida to spend Christmas with Ron's parents. Our son Aaron, his wife Christina, and our 2-year old grandson Hunter will also be joining us. Debi and Candi will be making a traditional Christmas dinner, and we are planning to visit Disney's EPCOT the day after Christmas. Hunter will be spending some time with us after Christmas in Tennessee.

Ron is still working for SRS Technologies. The software he developed, called Document Detective, is doing well, but he travels more than we would like. Debi is still working at Lincoln County High School, where her computer talents are invaluable to the staff.

We hope all is well with you and your family, and that you had a wonderful year. If you ever find yourself in northern Alabama or south central Tennessee, we hope you'll stop by for a visit.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

*Ron, Debi and Candi*