

APOL'S *Salute*

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THE LATEST NEWS FROM THE
FAMILY OF JAY & GRACINE APOL

Rick & Mary

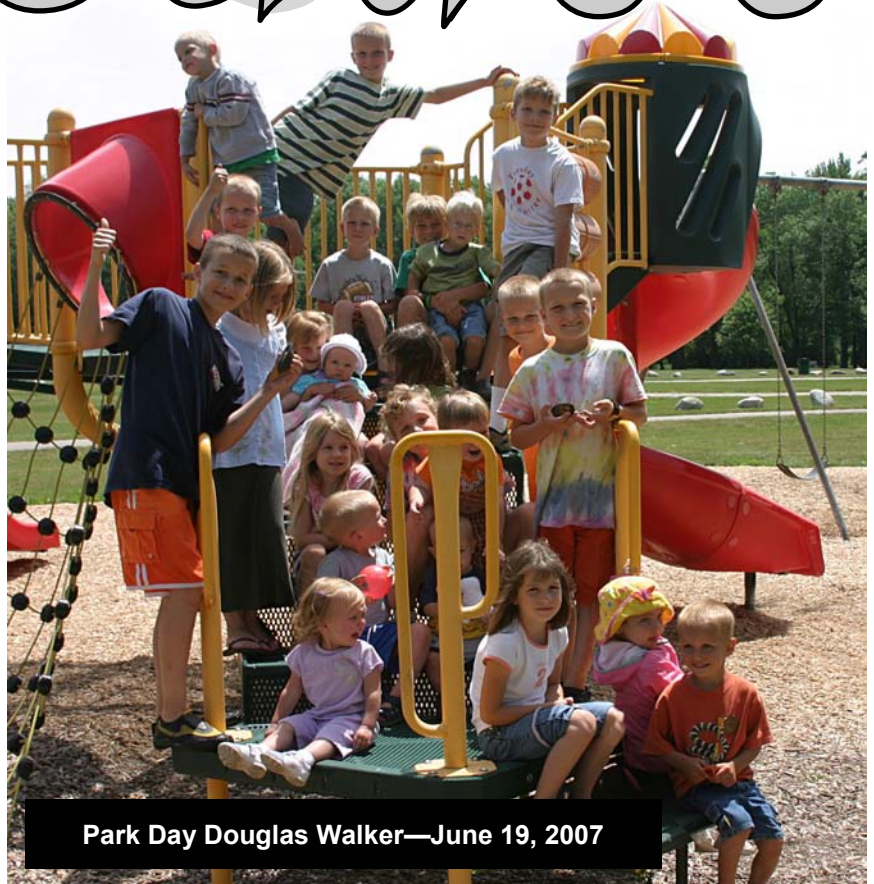
Greetings and salutations! How come this newsletter deadline comes around so fast? This time we really don't have anything exciting to write about. I somehow manage to keep busy with just STUFF!

Rick keeps pretty busy with work as a handyman. There are a lot of unhandy people out there. In June we got a small taste of farmer's life when we helped Marty and Rose (brother & sister-in-law) haul in more than 150 bales of hay off our property.

Greg is still looking for parts for his DeLorean. He and Rick drove to San Francisco in December to pick up a door. They managed to see five National Parks and meet up with Randy for a week-end. Julie and Matt are doing great. Meredith graduated from kindergarten. Randy is waiting to hear if he will have a different job. It will be in the same office but in the IS department. He and Doug took a trip to Hawaii in May. Doug got his diving certification while he was there.

Congratulations to Jesse and Christina and to Doug and Mae on the birth of their precious baby boys. Welcome to the family Sawyer and Benjamin!

Love, Aunt Mary



Park Day Douglas Walker—June 19, 2007

Don & Mary

It's July already. Where does the time go? We just returned from a Koi Conference in Phoenix AZ. It was sooooo hot here it's unbelievable. We can't imagine why anyone would live there! It was 115 degrees one day. The sky was always a beautiful blue with no clouds. The many varieties of cactus was most interesting but Don missed the green that we have here in Michigan. We got to visit Jeff & Ann & Will which was fun. Oh yes, we went to a lot of meetings (all in air-conditioned rooms) and got reacquainted with a lot of friends who we see only once a year.

Extreme Makeover: Our girls helped me strip wallpaper from "Jayne's Room" in March, then after new paint and carpet put the furniture back in. The best part was cleaning out the closet and finding so many treasures!?! Why do I keep so much stuff?? There was 21 years of stuff in there. Yes, we have lived here 21 years already. Now I need to take time and go through all those old photo which I found. Winter is coming.....

We've been busy as usual with our business. The retail water gardening is slowing down now but Don and Matt stay busy with the landscaping. We are also waiting for our new grandbaby from Ryan and Jayne. We're hoping for this week Saturday 7/07/07 since that would be an easy birthday to remember. We are very blessed and this will be #14 for us.

We went to the Van Andel Arena in Grand Rapids on June 10 for a special service to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Christian Reformed Church. Special songs and choirs and singing "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" with 12000 people, plus communion. God is good! That's it for this time. Hope you all have a good summer. - Don & Mary

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS...November 1, 2007

Aaron & Nicole

Hello Everyone-

I hope everyone is having a great summer. We are enjoying the nice weather and the use of our pool. It's been nice to have a place to cool off since we don't have AC. Brooklyn is getting more and more brave. She loves the water; I just think it's the amount that scares her.

Brooklyn is growing and learning so much everyday. She now has an array of words she likes to use, her favorite being "no." We are working on animal sounds. She has been "roaring" at us for quite some time now. She had fun at the Park Day last month. She's a little young for the play equipment, but she had a blast watching all her big cousins. I can't believe that she will be a year and a half in August. We look forward to seeing what new things she will say and do.

Aaron is as busy as ever. As a sales rep for Pepsi, he has been quite busy this summer. This is obviously their busy time with the warm weather. He has also been umpiring at the CRC Rec Center once again this year. He has enjoyed being able to umpire many of the games with his Dad. Aaron also plays softball on Thursdays with some guy friends. That has been fun going to the softball fields as a family and letting Brooklyn become a dirtball in the dirt and dust!

I have taken on a new adventure recently. I have started my own business. "Nicole Fryling-Marketing and Communications" is what I call myself. I basically do writing, editing, and some marketing work. I have actually stayed quite busy since I started in January. Some of my projects have included companies like Steelcase and Spectrum. I have done a lot of work through a friend of the family who is a marketing consultant. It has been a blessing from God. I work when Brooklyn is sleeping. So working 10-15 hours a week on top of being a full time mom keeps me on my toes.

Well, I wish you all a wonderful summer. We are looking forward to some cottage and camping time this summer along with relaxing in our own backyard.

God Bless, Nicole, Aaron and Brooklyn

Jeremiah

Well here we are more than half way through the year, just think only Five more months until Christmas, YEHA. It is not that I do not like summer but I sit here typing with a heating pad on my shoulder wondering if this pain in the neck (literally) will go away before fall?? Oh well if it does not, I am the better for it, I am a Calvinist, after all and to suffer is to point me back to Christ and His suffering for me.

I have been busy as have Dad and Ben, Ben by the way is working out really well and works hard, some times does not have his mind fully on what he is doing, - he pruned the heck out of some Hydrangeas that were about to bloom, just the other day- Its Ok Ben we have all made similar mistakes, at least we in the landscaping field have. I have been alone, I mean with out Sarah, my girlfriend OF eight months, She has been in Guatemala for two months, I asked her before she left if when she came back if we would have been dating of six months or for eight? She said eight, most definately 8, not like I was trying to get out of dating but I think that the last two months have been harder that I ever expected. Sarah was down in Guatemala learning spanish, so when she comes back she will have a good foundations of the basics form there I do not know what she has in mind. She is actu ally coming home tomorrow, July two, so I will see her soon.

I have been very busy as a deacon again the spring, we have expended a call to a young pastor, he as of now has yet to accept, it has been a lot of work and struggle and I sincerely hope that he accepts the call, He is good and would be a godly man to lead us at Wayland CRC. Other than that, I have little else to say, we are still working hard, it will be a good summer and I hope to go camping a few times, we will see. Grandpa and Grandpa should be in all our prayers and in our minds as we go and sit with them. See you all soon and with blessings and knowledge, keep working.

Sincerely, Jeremiah

Jon & Rose

Nicholas is going to be baptized Sunday July 28th. I would like to invite everyone to the ceremony at First Cutlerville CRC at 9:30 am.

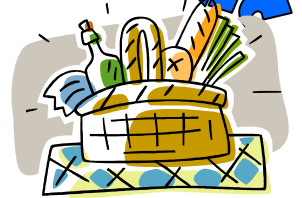
THIRD ANNUAL COUSINS PICNIC

All the Grandkids of Jay are invited to a Cousins

picnic in the evening on July 28 at Curt & Denise Gulkers house in Allendale (11865 78th Ave).

Contact Denise for more info. at:

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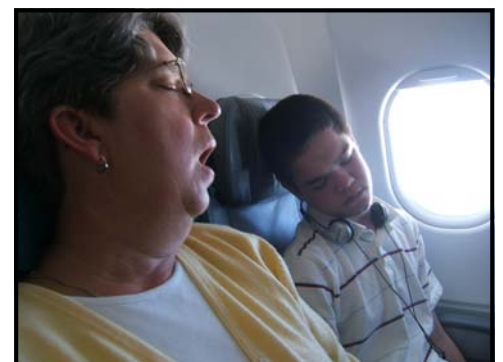


The Little Ones

Benjamin Jay Meyers

June 20, 2007

Doug & Mae



Jesse & Christina

Hello everyone!

Well by now I am sure you have all heard that the baby finally came! **Sawyer Michael** was born at 7am on June 15th. He weighed 9 pounds, 2 ounces and was 20 3/4 inches long. Needless to say everyone in the room, including the doctor, was shocked when they put him on the scale. He is a beautiful baby with lots of hair. He has a little swirl of curly hair on his forehead that he will not like someday, but it is really precious right now! My parents were here visiting and helping with the baby for two weeks. I didn't realize how much my mom was doing until she left! Jesse has been working on the new house every night after work. Last night he finished setting form boards for the foundation, so things should start moving a little more quickly now. We had a lot of excavation work to do, and Jess did a lot of it himself, so we are both ready to actually see the house going up! He has been very busy at work as well. He just got his CDL a few weeks ago and has been driving around the company's new dump truck. He likes it a lot more putting up trim. Jesse's mom is coming for a visit in a few weeks. Everyone is really excited to see her!!



Well, we hope everyone back home is having a wonderful summer and enjoying the lake!

Love, Jess, Christina, and Sawyer

Nick & Rachel

Hello from Zeeland. What a beautiful summer day. A little rain in the forecast would make the day even better. Nick is staying busy at work. Besides his normal production, he also just designed and built a very cool solar cooker. We cooked our steaks on it for dinner today - maybe will cook supper on it too. He is also working on redesigning a BUUV (Basic Utility Vehicle) which they are hoping to ship (and eventually make in) Africa. They are hoping to use these for a bakery and a concrete place. It would make their work easier. As a family, we are keeping the wildlife well fed around our place. The insects and rabbits are enjoying the garden and flower beds. We are in the process of taking care of that. The boys are enjoying their summer. They like to go to the playground, go for walks and bike rides, help water, go swimming - anything to do outside. Isaac likes to play with whatever Elijah is playing with. This doesn't always go so well, but we are still working on the whole sharing thing. Look forward to hearing from all of you.

Jason & Joleen

Hey! All is good here in Hopkins. We've been busy with softball on Thursday nights in Hudsonville and keeping the lawn watered and mowed. Kids are all great—just had a couple of bouts with poison ivy while picking blackberries and sunburn while we were at the lake for church camp. Jason is busy with work—traveling to New York to sell a robot, then Los Angeles to install a robot (yes, all this week). I'm looking for a project to do around the house while he is gone. Have a great summer and we hope to see you all sometime soon!

Joleen



Shane

Dear Apols,

It appears as if another length of time has gone and it's time for an update. I've well and truly settled into my new job teaching computing and maths. I really enjoy having less on my plate and more focused subjects (instead of teaching English, Maths, History, Geography, PE, Biblical Studies, etc.). There is much less stress which is great. I even managed to make it through exams and reports without too much stress! It's also heaps of fun working with and living close to friends. Now that I think of it I've probably written these same things last time. So as I sit here in a relatively cold house due to poor Australian heating conditions I think there's not much new happening. We have had major rain (4 inches) which is the most we have gotten in over 7 years so that is good. And with that was the obligatory flood and we have had a massive coal tanker run aground on a very popular and famous beach in the middle of New Castle. Bird breeding season has also started and my budgies are doing what they do best - making and hatching babies. By the time you read this term 2 will have finished and we will be in a three week holiday period. At the end of July I will be running the Central West Robotics Competition which involves schools in a 400 km radius of Dubbo using Lego robots to either dance, play soccer, or do a rescue. If you want a little more info (for you techie people) then go to <http://www.robocupjunior.org.au/> for more details. They are very cool!! You can also visit my school site but it only has three pictures on it. It can be found at <http://www.dcsmaths.com.au/computing> Or by visiting that site you can see what we are doing in kindy computing (some good sites

for mouse coordination skills for all you mothers and fathers of small children). I should probably go, my space is up I'm sure. Have a splendid summer.

Shane

p.s. Here is a picture of the new bird aviary I built in my backyard.

Dale & June

Its June 30, I still have time, nothing like waiting till the last minute. We missed the last few newsletters so our news will be new.

Trevor had the trip of his life this April; he took his parents to Disney world. We flew out of Detroit on a spring break plane; I never flew before with so many kids, babies and families, no businessmen on this flight. We made Trev go through the Everglades; he couldn't believe we wanted to stop so many times. He was not impressed with the alligators, and the airboat was a little too noisy for him. The second day we traveled over to the Gulf side and stayed in St Petersburg. We then made our way back to Orlando where we met our friends and stayed in a beautiful house with a private swimming pool. That was Trevs favorite, just walk out the back door and go for a swim. If any one wants to go to Disney, Trev is the one to go with. He had the golden ticket that got us to the front of every line no matter how long the line was. We were able to ride ever thing we wanted to do. He loved the parades and the character visits, he even got a few head butts in when we weren't looking.

Aaron Nicole and Brooklyn are living in Jenison now, Aaron is busy at Pepsi, Nicole is doing work out of the house, for friend of our, something in consulting type of work. Brooklyn is headed for the terrible twos.

Josh and Tara and girls are thrilled with there latest addition, JJ finally arrived on May 7 weighing in at 8lb 15 oz. He is growing fast and has lots of smiles. (See pictures)

Sue is enjoying the summer off from school, she spent one week in Myrtle Beach. .She just returned from North Carolina were she worked with are young people on a mission trip. In August it's off to Gems camp as a counselor again.

Nate started working at Northern Air, putting his schooling to good use as an airplane mechanic. His work has put him in some multimillion-dollar executive jets. He also soloed a few weeks ago working on his pilot's license. If he is not home he is running to Holland to see his Rachel.

Two more weeks will find use all at the cottage in Pentwater, (July 14-27) Any one want to come out for the day? Let us know what day works for you.

Ryan & Jayne

Hello family!

We have been enjoying the beautiful summer immensely so far, and hope you have too! The biggest news hasn't happened yet- unless the latest Tibbets beats press time- but our due date is July 10. I have been extremely blessed with feeling great. Just clumsy and awkward! I have more bruises than a kid learning to ride a bike . . . This child does not know the meaning of sweet little "kicks"- it's more like shoves! I feel like a washing machine full of jeans, and they're all on one side J

Ryan has taken the summer semester off from his studies, although he is getting 8 credit hours for an internship program, which essentially means he is working towards his bachelor's degree just by being a firefighter like always! And he was appointed deacon at our church (Hager Park Church) recently, a job that I think will utilize his excellent money management skills. Other than that, he's been doing lots of odds and ends around home that have been needing to get done- the latest was pouring a cement pad to finish off our patio after a stump was removed. Of course we had to write some initials in before it set!

Kids have been extremely busy with their new favorite activity- sidewalk chalk! They like to use up the pieces until there is literally nothing left. They are also really into swimming this year, in their kiddie pool and in their grandparents pool. And they love picking things from the vegetable garden, and from Mama's flowers. Which isn't always as cute as it sounds!

I have been doing some free-lance flower work. I have a wedding in September, and another in October. Also, I ended up with some big funeral work last month, which included a casket spray and other big pieces. Quite a challenge in a kitchen! I've been really enjoying working in the garden this year- I just let the weeds get really big first so I don't have to bend over so far to get them! Also, our church sponsored a VBS in June, and I was the craft coordinator for about 200 kids! It was very interesting, and a little warm since the craft tent was in the front lawn of church. (contains the mess a little- just a lawn mower for cleanup!)

Hopefully we'll have some exciting news to share soon- stay tuned!

Love, Ryan, Jayne, Jake & Darcie

EDITOR'S NOTE: I WAITED AS LONG AS I COULD TO GET THE NEWSLETTER OUT LATE, JAYNE! I COULDN'T WAIT ANY LONGER! HAPPY BIRTHING! 7-11-07



The Little Ones

JJ Fryling
May 7, 2007
Josh & Tara