

APOL'S *Sauzice*

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THE LATEST NEWS FROM THE FAMILY OF JAY & GRACINE APOL

Don & Mary

In mid-October we took a few days off. First stop was to Dave & Karen's (Mary's Sister) new cabin in Paris. What a wonderful place! Took a ride to the Bitely area. Saw about 20 deer! On to the U.P. and to the Munising area for 2 days. We looked up and walked to these waterfalls: Alger Falls, Scott, AuTrain, Rock River, Laughing Whitefish, Wagner, Tannery, Munising, Miner and the best for last, Chapel Falls. I'm not sure how many miles we walked as all but 2 of these are a hike to get to.

Dan has been here twice this fall and will come again for Thanksgiving - with Bonnie. We watched him referee volleyball at Western Mich University.

We have been to 2 trade shows this fall. How much do we order for Spring/Summer 2009??

Hope you are all having fun raking leaves, pulling annuals and getting ready for snow. We are having a beautiful, colorful fall here in Caledonia MI!



Beppe

Dear family

November – Fall – leaves on the grass – after they gave us beautiful fall colors. We had three days in late October of 70 degrees – Hurray!!

October 7 I had cataracts removed from my left eye, and on the 21st I had a cataract removed from my right eye. Everything went well and I am now wearing reading glasses until I get a new prescription.

I am going to Boston for Thanksgiving, I have so much to be thankful for: Family, Friends, health, warm home, but first and foremost, the Lord has given me the promise of eternal life and knowing he has a plan for my life. Look around you on Thanksgiving and count your blessings and talk about them.

We still have Sunday coffee and I still enjoy seeing the family. Ladies in my church took on a request from an organization that provides meals for shut-ins. They asked if we would knit slippers they could use as a Christmas gift to these people. They will include them in the Christmas meal box. Other groups of women around the area knitted also. Our group of Women knitted 70 pair. We are thankful to be able to do something for the shut-ins.

Keep the news coming. I continue to pray for you.

Love - Ma, Grandma, Beppe



Thanksgiving Day Celebration

November 27, 2008

Lowell Township Hall at 2910 Alden Nash
12:30 til we're done having fun!

Thanksgiving

We promise to have enough Turkey for everyone! Aunt Barb & Aunt June



Mike & Faith

Hi there, This will be short and sweet this quarter. This year has flown by but looking back and remembering we can thank the Lord for all the many activities we were able to take part in that makes the time go so fast. The summer was gorgeous and work went well. Mike and I enjoyed just getting done with work and then head out with the kayaks or bikes. God's creation is beautiful! Life is pretty peaceful being on a river or lakes in a kayak or on a bike.

Mike and I will be heading out this Thursday (10/30) to Virginia to see my sister Harriet and Gary. Harriet is now on hospice care; the doctors can not do anything more for her medically. Pray that this time of visiting will be a blessing for each of us. It will be good to see her and to be able to help her and Gary.

The guys are starting fall cleanups and last mowings; it will be a rush to get all this done before the snow comes. We did have some slow time in October; that was good! Hopefully, if all goes as planned, Mike and I will be in Alaska with the kids for Thanksgiving and also to see Ken and Rachel. So everyone, have a wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday and see you at Christmas.

Lots of love, Mike and Faith

Next Newsletter Deadline is—March 2009

Curt & Denise

Hello to all!! And Happy Fall - the colors this year around our home are just gorgeous and I hope you all are enjoying the beauty of God's creation and gift of seasons!

For an update on life here - I am no longer the mean mom - we got a dog. Now that we caved, we are getting all other kinds of requests for other animals too. So far we have been able to stand our ground!!

Hunting season is upon us as well and Curt and Jarod have been hitting the woods a bit - as a write, Curt is up at deer camp with the guys - great planning - now I get to take the



kids to the fall festivals alone on Oct. 31!! Oh well, our church makes it easy for us b/c we have a carnival of sorts and a really awesome 'pumpkin walk'. A farmer donated 400 pumpkins this year and we have 2 nights where anyone who wants to carve a pumpkin (or 10) can and then they are on display in the woods by church for 3 nights. All are illuminated that are carved and some are decorated with Mr. Potatoe head parts for a toddler's view of decorating for the nights. It is sooo neat b/c some people really get into it and carve intricate details - there are lots of Disney characters - of course I have no photos this year b/c

Curt took my camera up north..... but maybe I will include a pic from last year.



Other than we are battling to first few colds/croup/laryngitis, we are basically healthy. Curt is busy building an outdoor wood boiler to heat the house - Jarod is finishing up soccer, report cards come home today so we are hoping good grades - Keagan is enjoying Kindergarten and comes home happy and is learning to sound out words already - Parker

has a new sitter for Wednesdays and asks everyday to go there, otherwise he keeps busy helping me around the house, playing and riding his trike - he also learns the occasional memory verse from when we repeat and repeat for the other boys!! I still work one night a week, help GEMS with crafts, and try to keep a clean house, which I think as Phyliss Diller states 'like shoveling the walk while it is still snowing'trying to let go of being too clean I guess so I can play more with the kids. Many other things are occurring, but I just want to keep it short this time around - hope to catch some of you at the holidays!!

Love to all - Curt & Denise

Next Newsletter deadline — March 2009



Ryan & Jayne

Hello Apol Family!

What a fun time of year! Although the kids are still a little disappointed we can't stick leaves together to make a house, they're still having tons of fun outside. Natalie is 15 months, and just finally started walking well. Why walk sooner when she has Jake and Darcie to cater to her? Darcie is going to preschool this year, and just turned 4! Her birthday was a fun excuse to go bowling again. Ryan found the bumpers came in handy. I might have used them a few times myself. Jake is 5 ½ and going to kindergarten half days this year. We are having so much fun teaching the kids to read. It won't be long and they'll be reading to us! Ryan is attending Grand Valley getting his Masters of Public Administration. In between classes and homework, he rakes leaves. I have been involved quite a bit at both of the kids schools, and working in the garden on these beautiful days. Sometimes I even clean the house, though not often enough.

Have a blessed Thanksgiving everyone!

Ryan, Jayne, Jake, Darcie and Natalie

Shane

G'day from the land down under,

By now I'm sure you all have heard that I am engaged to Megan Blatch. The wedding is going to be on Saturday the 10th of January 2009. You are all invited to come and experience an Aussie style wedding, just let me know and I can help arrange things on this end. We will also be coming back to the states for a reception but that won't be until July. So apart from wedding preparations life is not that exciting.

We just finished our 2 week holiday between terms 3 and 4. 12 of us from church went on a little camping adventure. We drove 8 hours to Broken Hill which is in the far west of New South Wales. It's a mining town most known for the origination of BHP (Broken Hill Petroleum) which is a household brand in Australia. We spent about 3 days there camping, site seeing, and generally resting. From Broken Hill we continued west another 5 hours to The Flinders Ranges. It was there we did some more camping, more sitting around, some hiking, and a little bit of four wheel driving. We spent about 3 days at The Flinders. After that we headed south 5 hours to the city of Adelaide where we also camped for 3 days. We did the normal touristy type stuff and Megan and I were also able to visit some friends of mine from Wellington. We then headed back to Dubbo from Adelaide.

Term 4 has now well and truly began. It is a very busy term with exams to write, reports to write, and general end of year stuff to do. The school year officially finishes about the 12th of December and won't resume again until the end of January.

Shane (and Megan)



Jeff & Annie

Hello from Phoenix. Still plugging away on our backyard. We are almost done... 'only' 13 tons of rock and 7 tons of dirt to haul!). We're getting there. Let us know if you would like to help! Still in the 90's, but the nights and mornings are cooling off nicely.

Kids are doing great. Julia celebrated her 1st b-day at the end of Sept. (Not sure where that year went.) She has crossed over to walking and is quite proud of it. Will is going to Preschool at the Foundation for Blind Children and loving it. One of the highlights being the bus ride there and back. He's doing really well and they don't see any problems he would have in a classroom setting, so we are very thankful for that. Hope you all have a most blessed Fall and Thanksgiving.

Love, Annie

Dale & June

Nov 4, not to late is it? I'll write anyway and see if I make it in time.

Save the date for the next wedding, July 10 Nate and Rachel, hope to see many and then go camping. As for the rest of the story, Aaron and Nicole keeping busy with two little girls, Nicole started working this past week, you'll have to ask her what she does, I don't know how to describe it. Josh and Tara are looking to move back the Cutlerville way, the gas and trips going back and forth is too much. Both girls schools are over this way, so grandma can bring them.

I hate half days. Sue started working at St Marys as a rad. orderly. This is bringing pt back and forth to x-ray. Also still working at Target. Nate is getting ready to move out (I hope) they are not sure yet were they will end up, could be ether coast or even Colorado. Trev has pretty much mastered the bathroom, Yeah! Dales umping is done for this year and he is already getting stuff in the mail for next season. I'm busy with grandma day care, so I could use some adult conversation on some days. Stop in if you are in the neighborhood.

Any women interested in a day out to go to Ikea? Let me now, Mondays would be about the only day I could go.

June

Aaron & Nicole

Hello everyone,

Well, we just got back from Trick-or-Treating. Brooklyn was a princess and Julia was Tigger. They were cute as ever, but they were both losing steam by the end. I think Aaron is upstairs investigating what goods Brooklyn got.)

Julia is now 5 months old and gets cuter by the day. She's a good eater as evident in her cheeks and thighs. She's very 'healthy.' She has recently been going through a stranger anxiety phase in which she insisted on screaming none stop whenever we were somewhere new. She has gotten much better with that in the last week which we are all very thankful for. She is an extremely content baby at home. Her favorite person in the world is Brooklyn. They have such a bond already and it's priceless to witness. Julia will be baptized on Sunday Nov. 16th.

Brooklyn is 2 1/2 and potty trained!!! She accomplished this about a month ago and we are all very happy. Once she figured it out she took right to it and has been doing wonderful. She talks nonstop and is basically always singing. She also loves to dance and dress up. She keeps us on our toes and a smile on our face. She is always learning new things and amazes me with the things she remembers. She's a smart one!

Aaron is still the Parts Manager for Plainfield Lincoln Mercury. He is also working part time in financial planning. He really likes the challenge and the fact that he can help families in these hard economic times. He gets out of the house frequently to play video games with the guys and even got a paintball game in this fall.

I have had a huge change in my life recently and am now working outside the home. I had been looking for a job for quite some time. I took a retail position a couple of months ago while I was looking for something more professional. Then through God's amazing work, a past client of mine called me up randomly and asked if I would be interested in being her Marketing Assistant on a part time basis. I now work for Result Global/Result Promotion Group which are sister companies in Grandville which help companies reinvent themselves. I work on the Marketing side of things. I work 2 1/2 days and am very thankful to June and everyone that helps take care of the girls. I love what I do and I feel like I am helping people. I even got an offer from the owner of the company to be a Ghost writer for his next book. It should prove to be an interesting challenge.

God is good! We are so thankful for everything he has given to us. Hope all is well with everyone and we will see you at some of the upcoming holidays!

Aaron, Nicole, Brooklyn and Julia Fryling

P.S. We invite you to check out our website if you get a chance. We try to update it frequently. www.totsites.com/tot/frylingkids



Jeff & Cindy

Aloha from the land of gusty trade winds and pineapples! After years of reading the great newsletter, we've finally gotten around to contributing (we think this is attributed to the Hawaiian time frame of getting things done). Well, we finally moved out of the condo and into our house in Mid January. We're really looking forward to our first holiday season in our new home and finding out that there's always something to do with a house. We have a fabulous back yard and meandering river and pond thanks to Bob's annual "working vacation". We're looking forward to his upcoming spring visit and planning new activities for him.

We're in the midst of planting our fall crops, as many of you are harvesting yours — the green beans and tomatoes are flowering, and I'm battling caterpillars and slugs. We have a new addition to the family, a 50 pound tortoise named Jack Flash and thinking of creative ways to grow more food to keep up with his ever expanding appetite.

We're wishing you all a blessed and glorious holiday season. Please look us up if you come out this way. We'd love to visit and have you over.

Jeff & Cindy Dykstra

New Address!

Jeff & Cindy Dykstra
99 East Makaukau Loop
Wailuku, HI 96793



Jason & Joleen

Since there was a corner left in the newsletter, I thought I'd share what we've been up to last few months without adding extra pages.

We spent most of September in Jacksonville Beach, FL. Jason was going to be working at a bottling plant there, and he urged me to find a place where we could all stay. I was able to rent a house just a block from the ocean for the first 2 weeks, then a condo the final 2 weeks. While we were there, we spent hours on the beach swimming, boogie-boarding, surfing, walking and watching the tide. The kids and I took the opportunity to drive down to St. Augustine and visit Castillo de San Marcos (old fort built by the Spanish), Olustee Civil War battlefield and the Kinglsey Plantation. When Jason was home on the weekends we visited many freshwater springs including Ichetucknee, Madison Blue Spring, Troy Spring, Alexander Springs, and Blue Spring. We took our snorkeling gear along so we were able to snorkel in most of those except Troy Spring which was flooded due to recent rain. The kids favorite spring was Madison Blue b/c it had a 10' tall diving platform—Dave and Bee jumped off too. We also drove on the beach by Vilano Beach near St. Augustine, rode on the St. Johns car ferry and saw dolphins swimming while we were crossing the river. We took the long way home and spent 2 nights in the Smokey Mountains, saw 2 black bears, spent another night close to Florence, KY so we could spend a day at the Creation Museum (AWESOME!). After spending all day at the museum we drove straight home from there and arrived home late on Oct. 7. Back to reality.

Now that we're home, we're into our typical fall events such as soccer on Thursday, cutting and stacking wood, and putting away all the summer stuff. This morning we saw our first snowflakes after a 55 degree day yesterday (Today is Nov. 8, Alex's birthday—13 yrs). Time to get the birdfeeders filled up!

Jason has been working all over the place, it seems hard to keep up with him. The past few months he's been in Colorado, Idaho, Nevada, Florida, Minnesota and Michigan. He has been busy, but we are thankful that he has work. He was able to go flying the other day, which really made him happy. He also took Esther, Sam and David with him.

As for me, I've been working with the kids on their home schooling, taking pictures (of course), painting the upstairs hallway/loft area and just having fun with the kids, even if it means raking the leaves in the yard.

Happy Fall! Jason & Joleen, Alex, Esther, Sam, David and Bee.



Esther, Alex, Bee, Sam and David on top of Castillo de San Marcos in St. Augustine, FL.

Camping Teamwork

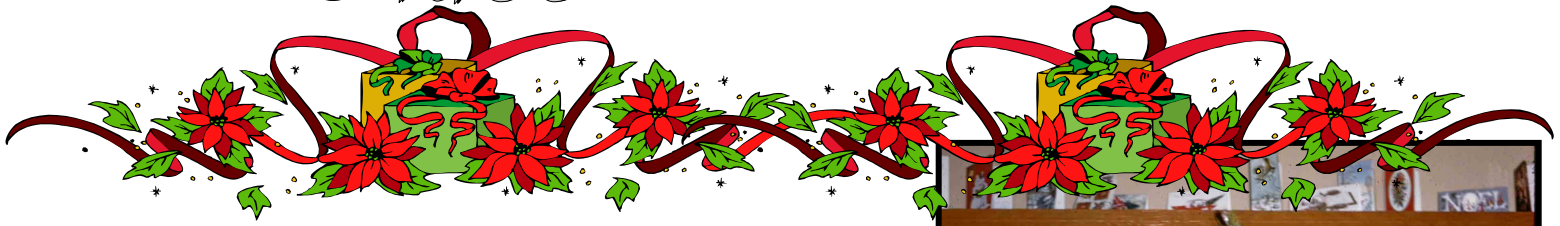
The loaded mini van pulled into the only remaining campsite. Four children leaped from the vehicle and began feverishly unloading gear and setting up the tent.

The boys rushed to gather firewood, while the girls and their mother set up the camp stove and cooking utensils.

A nearby camper marvelled to the youngsters' father, "Sir, that is some display of teamwork."

The father replied, "I have a system; no one goes to the bathroom until the camp is set up."





Christmas Party Information...

Friday Evening, December 12, 2008

Moline Christian School
1253 144th Avenue

Doors open at 5:00pm. Supper begins at 6:15pm.

**This year our gifts will be given to
Dégagé Ministries in Grand Rapids**

Keep all items unwrapped.

See Page 6 for suggested items.



Merry Christmas!



Get your camper ready for another Apol Family Reunion!

Reserve your time from July 11, 2009 – for as long as you want to stay!

We are planning an Apol Family Reunion starting Friday night at Nate's wedding on July 10,

continuing with a celebration for Shane & Megan on Saturday July 11 – hopefully a brunch, and then heading up north to Stony Lake. We have found a campground that will suit most of our needs.

Stony Haven Campground & Cabins

8079 West Stony Lake Road.
New Era MI USA 49446

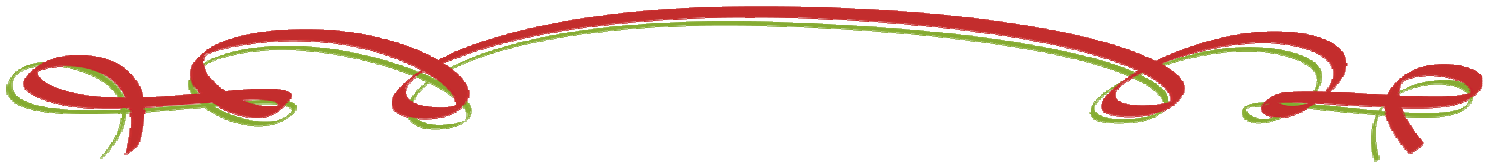
campingfriend.com/stonyhavencampground

It is just south of Silver Lake in the heart of West Michigan's Shoreline.

Let one of the Aunts (probably your Mom) know what kind of site you need – there are cabins or camp sites for tents to full hookup for motor homes to 5th wheels. Yes Bob there are a great number of trees for a choice spot for your hammock!

What we need to know **now** is if you are coming and what kind of site you want. Please let your Mom know what your intentions are by December 1, 2008. And we'll have more info in the next news letter.





Christmas Party Gift Ideas for Dégagé Ministries Suggested List of Personal Hygiene Products

Shaving cream or gel
Razor (double blades) (not Bic, but purchase Gillette or a quality brand)
After shave or cologne (very much a treat for men)
Body splash for women (very much a treat for women)
Deodorant
Toothbrush/toothpaste
Lip balm



Shampoo / cream rinse (no bigger than 14.5 oz)
Emory boards / nail polish / nail polish remover
Wide tooth comb or hair picks (good quality)
Body wash
Net scrubbies for both men and women (\$1 at the Dollar Store)
Body lotion
Large size nail clippers (Revlon—they work the best and last the longest)
Q-Tips (I buy these in the department that has travel size products)
Playing cards (clients love the cards)
A treat—candy bar, gum, or some sweet treat
Cough drops

*The women clients love things that make them feel pretty, such as body wash, body lotion, and body splash all with the same scent. They love the little net scrubbies, too. As you shop, take note of the things that will make the women clients feel feminine.

An Alternate Idea

These items are also desperately needed:

- Undershirts for Men (Large and Extra Large are needed)
- Underwear for Men (sizes 34, 36 and 38 are needed)
- Panties for Women (Sizes 7, 8 and 9 are needed)
- Any tee shirts for women (They usually have to make-do with the men's tees because no one buys women's tee shirts)
- Socks for both men and women.

Ideas for Kids

- Socks, mittens, hats
- Small Toys and Games
- Coloring books and crayons, pencils

