

# APOLSAUCE

THE LATEST NEWS FROM THE FAMILY OF JAY & GRACINE APOL

## Beppe

Time to write for APOLSAUCE! I'm slipping in on the extended deadline time!

We've added 3 new members to our clan – two born on July 29, 2009, four hours apart—James Anthony Kaminga in Mass. To Elizabeth and the second Landon Christopher Kooistra in Michigan to Chris and Gwyn. The other one is baby Andrew Michael Tibbets who was born to Jayne and Ryan on Oct 21, 2009. Thank you Lord for our baby boys! All are in good health and the mothers are doing well. The great-grands numbers are Boys: 30 and Girls: 27. I held Landon and attended his baptism. I expect to hold Andrew soon. I am flying to Boston for Thanksgiving and will hold James. Kay and her 3 children are going to Boston also.

In August I traveled with Luann, MaryAnn, Barbara, Gwyn and Landon to Minnesota. They drove my van—Landon was a very good traveler. Three of us stayed at the Dykstra home while Barb, Gwyn and Landon stayed at Katie and Josh's. The Meyer relation had a baby shower at Kates and so I enjoyed visiting with the Meyers. The Dykstra gardens were beautiful!! We visited Sara's place of employment—very nice—she has her special place with her name plate. Each person there has their own spot—now I can picture where she is while she's working.

In September Helene came for meetings of the Handicapped Committee—so nice to have her stay with me. When she arrived the sisters took off for the cottage. I'm sure the girls will write about their cottage 'DAZE'.

Labor Day was open to one and all here at 7718 Harmony Cove. We had a good turn out. Kids fished and took the boats out. Then a pot-luck supper. We had a good turn-out.

Have a blessed Thanksgiving. Thankful for a Lord who loves us and blessed our family and is with us always. Happy times and in difficult areas of our lives.

Praying for you—Mom, Grandma, Beppe

## Rick & Mary

Greetings to All:

Fall; one of my favorite seasons of the year. The trees turn to beautiful colors again; apples are delicious; the weather is cooler (although a bit rainy) ;etc. Rick and I took a fall color tour to the U.P. in October. We spent a night at the Soo and saw a couple of 1,000 ft. ore carriers go through the locks. The next day we went to Pictured Rocks and Seney Wildlife Center.

We have been enjoying the company of two lovely ladies at some of our family dinners. Carla has been coming with Greg and Leanne has been coming with Doug. Carla is an accountant with Request Foods in Zeeland and Leanne teaches English to foreign students at Calvin.

We wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.  
Mary



## Apol Thanksgiving Day Celebration

Lowell Township Hall  
2910 Alden Nash

**Dinner is at 12:30 SHARP!**

Donations are requested to help cover the \$200 facility rental. Any additional money collected will go to charity.

Do not take any red pop/drinks into the building.

There will be a coloring contest and a number of candy jars to guess the amount of candy pieces in each one.....also please bring colors/markers for the contest.

Please contact Barb Meyer at 616-897-6286 to let her know you'll be coming and find out what food you can bring along.

**Contact her before  
Monday November 23!**



## Ryan & Jayne

Hello everyone!

Our big news is Andrew Michael, who finally made his appearance on October 21, and was 9 lbs 1 oz and 20 inches long. He looks a lot like his big brother Jake did as a baby. The kids are doing well at getting used to him, and they really like that we call him "Andy" because it rhymes with "candy". Delivery and all that was involved was wonderful, and I feel like I could not be more blessed than I am right now. He is a pretty good sleeper, maybe because he is already used to his noisy siblings.

Darcie turned 5 on the 28<sup>th</sup>, which we celebrated by getting her ears pierced. She is very proud of looking like such a princess!

Ryan is halfway through his semester, and just finished 3 big midterm projects. We're looking forward to being done with school. As far as everything else, all I can think about is baby things. So I guess that's all!

Ryan, Jayne, Jake, Darcie, Nat, and Andy



## Don & Mary

Greetings to all from Caledonia MI where the October rain has finally stopped. Most of the leaves are off the trees and the calendar says November is here. No doubt we'll have snow before long.

We took a trip this fall to the Upper Peninsula. This time we hiked to and found 14 waterfalls. Much of the fun is in locating these falls since most are not clearly marked on maps and the GPS wasn't much help. We went to the Marquette area, then up to Copper Harbor.

Water garden season is over, Matt is finishing up with landscape jobs and cleaning ponds. We went to 2 trade shows already and ordered stuff for next year so we're thinking positive for 2010.

Don took a tumble off a ladder last week so we're giving him some time off. He's quite stiff and sore but thankfully did not break any bones.

Oh - we have a new grandson, Andrew Michael Tibbets! He's cute as can be and another gift from God. We are very blessed!

Don & Mary

## Louann

Hello All, First I would like to thank you who have written in the past - I really enjoyed reading our newsletter. So I thought I better write a bit this time.

Of course the first thing is - well I don't have anything to write about. But then I put my mind to it and said ok what have you done since the Apol Camp? After vacation there is always back to work - so - work is going much better. We at Wedgwood have a new payroll system in place and most of the 350 employees trained on it. That was a big change for my job. God has really blessed Wedgwood and we have started building the last building in our consolidation plans. It is going up just to the north of my window so it is interesting to watch. And it just misses my window so I will not lose my view to Shafer because of the building! When you are there for eight hours a day - a nice view is great!

At the end of August Grandma, Mary Ann, Barb, Gwyn, Landon and I went to MN for a long weekend. It was a great trip, and we enjoyed the great hospitality of Bill & Helene and Sara and the puppies and Gus. The flowers were beautiful! I highly recommend a visit to them.

After we got back and worked a little - Helene came to Michigan for a conference so before her conference the Apol sisters went to the Meyer's cabin for another long weekend. We missed having June with us though. It was a beautiful summer weekend in September - I went swimming each day! We walked, kayaked, watched a few movies, ate, talked and shopped - you

know - just a girl's weekend.

From there Mary Ann, Helene, and I went to Mackinaw City on Tuesday and went to the island on Wednesday and then headed back home.

And for the month of October is was back to work and built that vacation time up again! For vacations yet to be dreamed up!!

May God bless you all. Aunt Lutz



## Jason & Joleen

Hey.

Summer went by way too fast and it was cooler than normal, but that still didn't stop us from slowing down. When there was a bit of free time we'd go on the boat fishing, tubing or knee boarding. We traveled up to the UP with Matt & Joni and their kids in mid-September for a long weekend just before the weather turned cold. We ended up in Paradise and visited the falls—Jason and Matt took the older kids hiking between the falls for an afternoon.

Now Jason has been "squeezing" a years worth of work into 2 months. He's been working in a little town North of Muskegon you might know of—New Era - at Country Dairy. He'll be installing some new equipment up there this weekend, but I don't think he'll be staying at Stoney Haven Campground.

The kids are all back into the fall swing of school work and soccer days. Alex and Sam have been doing some odd jobs for a neighbor. David loves to ride the putt-putt (Honda 3-wheeler) with our neighbor, Casey. We've got paths between their house and ours that the boys frequently ride on. Bee helps clean house (she likes things clean). Esther is always reading.

I'm busy just trying to keep up with the kids and Jason!

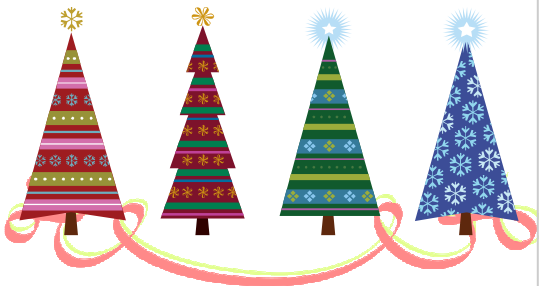
Happy Fall.

Joleen & Jason and A.E.S.D.R.

## Jesse & Christina

Another summer and fall come and gone up here in Alaska, and winter has already set in. This past week we have had temps dip down to -15. Hard to believe how fast the seasons change. Well lets start from this spring, I started a new job in April this year working for a excavation company. The company is not huge but lots of nice equipment, and we have stayed busy working six days a week all summer. We also were able to get a few more projects done on the house this year. We now have a deck and more lawn to be able to be on outside for the precious few months that we have of summer. Sawyer is growing fast and has a lot of his alphabet down already. He is looking forward to going on a plane to see Michigan this winter so hopefully we will be able to come down this winter some time. Hunting season this year was successful . I was able to get a moose for the freezer. Talk about a lot of meat. I still have no idea how an animal that big can get that big just by eating a bunch of buds and twigs. Well I guess that's about all from up here, hope this newsletter finds you all with a full wood shed and a warm fire.

Love Jess, Christina and Sawyer



## Apol Christmas Party

Friday Evening  
December 18, 2009  
Moline Christian School  
1253 144th Avenue

Doors Open at 5 pm  
Supper Begins at 6:15 pm

Once again we will be giving gifts to Dégagé Ministries in Grand Rapids.

Keep all items unwrapped.  
Page 4 of this newsletter lists suggested items.

## Jeremiah & Sarah

Our happiest hellos to the family from Jeremiah and Sarah! Its been almost 2 years since we've been married, and we haven't given our tidbit of happenings yet! We have successfully gotten through the first year of marriage, which we were told was the hardest. Its hard to believe that almost 2 years have gone now!

Jeremiah is working with dad and Ben and they will soon be in the full swing of cleaning up leaves. He is also getting prepared for snow season, getting out all his contracts and making the equipment ready. I do all the book-keeping for my dad's truck repair business, he specializes in fixing manual transmissions, clutches, PTO shafts, and drive shafts; mainly for trucks, semis, and some farm implements . My duties consist of making payroll, posting invoices, A/R, A/P, cleaning, and some parts running. This year Jeremiah and I put in a big garden which we were able to sell some of the produce at our roadside stand that Jeremiah made, so that was fun. I also teach a few piano students.

We are looking forward to Christmas and especially seeing those loved-ones who we don't get to see everyday. We are thankful for this family, and we thank the Lord for his providence of salvation, the Bible, warm homes, and dear families to surround us. May we give all the glory to God in the midst of our daily lives, for what he was given to us in his Son, Jesus Christ.

With love,  
Jeremiah and Sarah



## CRAFT NIGHT!

Grab your latest project and go to Beppe's house at 7pm on the FIRST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH!

Dec. 1, Jan. 5, Feb. 2,  
March 2, April 6

## Aaron & Nicole

Hello,

Well, besides just trying to stay healthy, we are also trying to enjoy the fall. The weather hasn't been too cooperative with that, but we have managed to get out a little with the girls. We did Trick or Treating at the Zoo, our annual trip to Post Family Farm, and of course trick or treating.

The girls are doing great! Julia is 1 1/2 and busy as ever. She never stops going unless she is sleeping or eating, and boy can she eat. She keeps us very busy and constantly smiling. We are so happy that she finally started walking at 15 months, but sometimes I just wish she would slow down.

Brooklyn is 3 1/2 and now in pre-school. Just as I predicted-she loves it. She has made friends and tells me what they do every day. She is learning a lot too. She looks forward to the days she goes to school which is encouraging. She continues to make us smile with her funny stories and is a great big sister.

Aaron is still with Borgman Ford in the parts department. He enjoys the people he works with, just wishes he could get some better hours. His working later in the day has allowed him to take Brooklyn to pre-school which he has enjoyed.

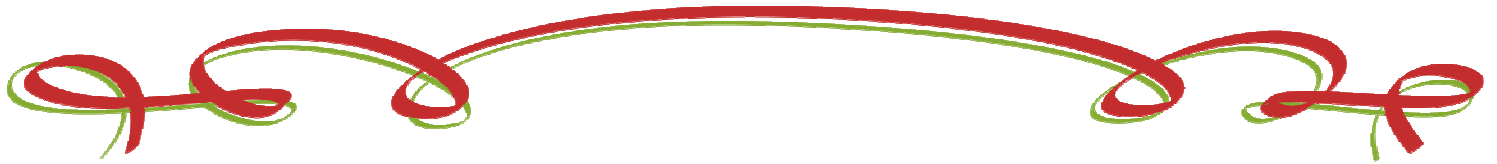
The biggest change for our family came a couple of weeks ago when I got a new job. I am now working full time as the Marketing Director for Todd Wenzel Automotive. (Yes, Aaron and I now work for competing dealerships, but hopefully not for long as Aaron would like to go to school.) It will be an interesting new challenge for me and a big adjustment in life as this is the first time since the girls were born that I will be working full time. I start full time tomorrow (Nov 2), wish me luck!

We look forward to seeing everyone at Thanksgiving.

God Bless

Nicole & Aaron, Brooklyn and Julia Fryling





## 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

