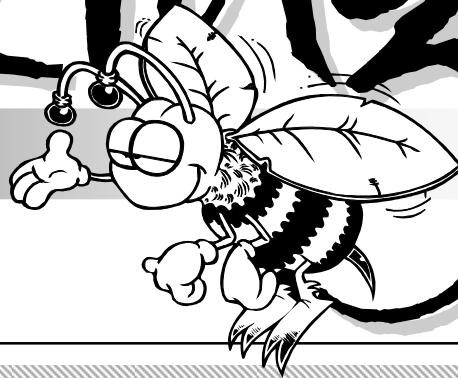


Buzzings

The latest happenings from the family of
Albert & Rena Bakker



GRANDMA BAKKER

Here are a few things for the Buzzings about what I've been doing.

Labor Day Elaine stopped in a little while on her way to friends. Later that day, Mary picked me up to go to Gracine for a potluck supper with the Apols. Fun watching the kids fishing in pond.

I've been taking walks around the manor, weather permitting.

Sept. 25—Elaine came to get me for my weekly hair wash and then went for a long ride. First to Hudsonville to Heritage School. Then south, then east. Saw some elk. Then farther east to Dorr Cemetery. The autumn crocus were blooming there. Then to the farm to check things out.

Sept 27—To Moline Church AM. Shari picked me up to go to Elaine for dinner for Shari's birthday. Steve & Brenda, Todd and Danielle too.

Sept 29—To doctor for check-up. Had a flu shot and some lab work done.

Oct 8—Bob & Arla came to go to the farm. Cal was there too. He took ladder and chain

saw. He did lots of cutting. He also had a big fire to burn up all the branches of a couple years supply. He stayed overnight.

Oct 20—Arla came and took me to a Kalamazoo office for a bone scan. Later went to the farm to check things out. So what did I do? I fell in the garage. At least I didn't break any bones. I still don't know how it happened.

Oct 25—To Moline church. Abe & Lucille Westhouse took me. I also went at night as I would like to hear the missionary which our church supports. They are Ruth Padilla DeBorst and James DeBorst and family. Ruth was married before to Neil Eldrenkamp, my sister Ann's son. He was killed in Ecuador. Ruth said I look just like my sister.

Oct 26—Had a program here on Monday afternoon which was a hymn sing. Very good.

Oct 28—Had a breakfast at Russ' in Cutlerville with my brothers and wives.

Oct 29—Went to a deacons dinner at church at 6.

Nov 2—To dentist for a filling. Mary took me as she had to go too.

Well, that is it for now.

Love and best wishes—God bless you all, Grandma.



Cal trimming trees.



BOB & ARLA

Hi family;

We had a very good crop of bittersweet this season and the deer continue to enjoy the feast from the lower branches. Our neighbor's reported they saw a herd of 10 this week. SCAT !!

The brilliant colorful leaves also tell us the story that winter is not far away.

We both help out with AWANA again this season and this week the children enjoyed a special ice cream party because over 60 children have been attending AWANA and that's a record.

On October 7, cousin's Alice and Donna Mae joined the sister's at the Hidden Creek Lodge. Thank's Karen for the invitation. We all enjoyed fabulous food & fun and Elaine brought Karen the ' boo - baa ' from many years ago.

Did we all sit on it when we were kid's?

We took mom to the farm on October 8 and Cal also came with all his tree surgeon equipment and mom watched out the window as Cal cut down several (hundred's) tree limb's and Arla & Bob hauled the limbs to the burn pile.

Thanks Cal, your a Great Tree Surgeon.

On Tuesday, October 27, we took in a color tour South of here and we enjoyed the ride to Shipshewana , Indiana. We brought back a few flea's from the Flea Market and also enjoyed some good Amish cookin !!

Autumn Blessings to all ~

Arla & Bob

TOM & DENISE

Hello All from very wet Minnesota. Wet weather is the big thing around here this fall. There are millions of acres of crop in the field and its been too wet to get much out. After a real dry summer and timely rains, the crop now looks good but most is in the field yet. Using ethanol for alternative fuel doesn't look so good anymore!

We've had a busy fall around here. Janine just finished the volleyball season, she played lots of junior varsity games and some varsity. She also managed to get a very nice leaf collection put together. Daniel played soccer with the junior high teams and had a good time. He also put together a bug collection. This summer Daniel and Brice put a motor on Dan's bike. He made many trips into town which is about 1.5 miles from home and it became the talk of the town. He's quite well known there. E-bay and \$120 and he had wheels! The cold weather and beet trucks are slowing his travel down now.

Wedding plans for Katrina and Josh are in the works. We didn't remember that there was so much to getting ready for a wedding. Denise made the flower girls and bridesmaid dresses and food is planned out. There was a shower for the bride-to-be. Marie and Krista (and Jason) were out for that as well as a birthday party for 6 year old Ellie and Krista's 1st birthday. It'll be a great Thanksgiving Holiday, we have much to be thankful for!

There is now a "Bakker Brothers Body Shop" in Willmar MN. Brice and Trevor set up a paint booth and started a new business. Trevor and friends are living right there upstairs from the shop. Hopefully that will go well.

Denise continues to work a few days a week at the Lunchbox Cafe in town and Tom still works for Prinsco in the pipe business. He recently flew to Montana and spent time some time out there. What a huge state! We're happy to have jobs and thankful for many things. Blessings to you all at this Thanksgiving season.

Tom, Denise & family

ELAINE

This was an adventurous month for me. In early September Shari and I packed one day full with a drive up and about Leelanau county and surrounding area. A hike up the Empire Bluff trail as well as Sleeping Bear helped us get ready for the next experience. On Labor Day we did the 5 mile Bridge Walk in Grand Rapids over 7 bridges.

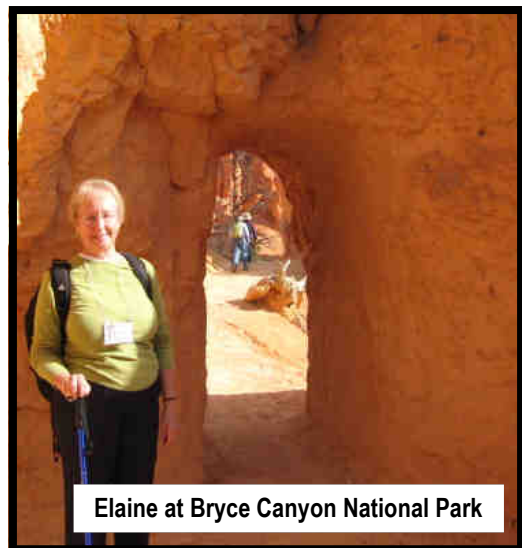
Then beginning October 10, twelve sunny days were spent on a bus tour around the National Parks in the southwest, Zion, Bryce, and the north rim of the Grand Canyon; the southern rim was via rental car with cousin Alice. We also had a tour of the great Hoover Dam. We did a lot of hiking; I am sure my third leg, a trusty walking stick, helped me get out of some of the lower levels of Bryce Canyon where we were amid the hoodoos all around. All the different areas in the world God created surely confirms the greatness of our Creator. What majestic design and beauty! "This is my Father's World!"

And there was a little time between trips so see the grandchildren. One morning I took them for a ride in their wagon and covered a lot of sidewalk. Another time I took Todd to a book store. And there was a little babysitting. Can a grandma ever see enough of her grandchildren?

I think I'm ready to stay home for a while now! Some time will be spent helping Shari get settled into her newly purchased condo. How exciting!

Hoping you are all enjoying the beauty of autumn. My grass has turned to "gold" which has always been known to be treasured. You are welcome to "glean" from it, with or without rakes. There is an abundance so no one would be left without their desired amount.

Elaine



Elaine at Bryce Canyon National Park

ALAN & LYNN

Here's the latest news from Up North.

Apple harvest is winding down, finally. Had a big crop and lots of cold rain. Our new variety, the SweeTango, has been very popular!! It usually sold out at Farmer's Markets that we brought it to.

Ben has been going to the Traverse City Farmer's Market every Saturday and Wednesday, and keeps busy selling apples. He also enjoys going on fire calls; recently, with the high winds, there are a lot of downed power lines. As we were on our way to school one morning, he re-routed us around Lake Leelanau. In between fire fighter training and apple work, he tries to get his school work done. He is a senior this year.

Lynn, Josiah, and Andrew went to the Sutton's Bay Farmer's Markets every Saturday this fall. The boys grew vegetables, and picked up the chestnuts to roast on an open fire. Cindy the black Labrador also went to the market, and attracted customers. The boys are enjoying piano lessons and Boy Scouts and math class.

Alan mostly has been getting the harvest completed. In his spare time, there is wood to cut and more apples to pick.

That's about it. Thanks!

Lynn

DAVE & KAREN

Wow! This Buzzings deadline seemed to come up quickly! What has happened since the last newsletter? School has started and it's been an interesting school year so far. Dave is now the Principal of the elementary school in Reed City. This school has about 675 students in grades K-5. He is very busy. Zac is at Calvin College and working hard there - both for his classwork and also on his job on campus, mostly working with the soccer games so far. Abi started at Kuyper College but is taking a break from school for now, and Karen has been substitute teaching a several different schools in a variety of grades. She is still also showing houses from time to time, but not many people are actually buying just yet.

We have been able to enjoy our cabin a lot both this summer and this fall. It's like going on vacation every time we go there!

The VanderGoots

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

SCOTT & SHELLY

Things are as exciting as ever here at the Boerman's---Whitney has started Kindergarten and loves her teacher, Miss Stachowiak! She is learning the "sight" words and starting to read! She is also enjoying K-Club at church on Wednesday nights. Soccer is over for the fall season, but she had a great time with her Dad as the coach! Cameryn will be 4 in December and is developing a big girl attitude of her own! She is busy cutting and coloring, and learning to write her letters. She loves to sing and dance, and hopes to join a dance class in the spring. Of course, the girls are both excited about their upcoming birthdays!

In September and October we have enjoyed a lot of fun fall family activities: we stayed at the Grand Plaza hotel for the Celebration on the Grand fireworks, we went downtown for the 100,000 paper airplane drop for Artprize, and went to "Boo at the Zoo". We are just busy working, trying to keep up with the girls, and raking many, many leaves!!!! We will also enjoy our yearly tradition of attending a U of M home game on November 7. Go BLUE!

That's all for now---hope everyone has a safe and blessed holiday season!
Scott and Shelly



Whitney's first day of school



RICK & MEL

No major news here...All three kids are now in school full-time (Ashley – 6th grade, Nathan – 3rd grade, Noah – 1st grade) at Rockford Christian. Mel has been able to do some free-lance writing as a result. All 3 kids also played fall sports – Ashley played volleyball for RCS, Nathan played tackle football for Northpointe Christian Schools 8 & 9 year old team, and Noah played soccer at the YMCA. Now that all of that is done, we're finding our evenings less hectic! Rick has been hunting (bow season) a few times at mom and dad's cabin, but is anticipating a great firearm season...

Other than that, nothing exciting is happening!

Mel

☺Photo submitted by Cousin Alice ☺



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 28th, 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

CAL & LISA

Mid September-- Got a new boat and motor. Took it to Alcona County Park. That's about a hundred miles S.E. Cal caught a few pike, but none big enough to keep. Lisa caught a 12-inch long rock bass. Big enough to qualify her for a Master Angler award, but she declined it. We figure if we total the cost of the boat, motor, fuel, etc, that fish cost over a thousand dollars a pound. Good thing she didn't catch more!

Returned from camping, Lisa was healed up from her surgery, and went back to work.

Our sister Lisa did pass away. We miss her, but do rejoice, knowing she's in Heaven. Her two school-age children were placed with friends of theirs (and ours). We are able to keep contact with all four of her kids. Lisa Bakker's father continues to suffer from cancer. He's very weak, but hospice care has his pain under control. Pray for his salvation. Hospice had estimated his time left to be about two months, and that ended a few weeks ago. He's actually rallied and has gained back some of the weight he had lost and is feeling better.

Cal had a couple more weeks off early October. Mostly worked on vehicles and cut firewood. Also made a trip to Moline. Bob, Arla, and Grandma met him at the farm.

He cut dead branches, while Bob and Arla hauled them, and Grandma baked cookies. After they left, he called and got a burn permit, and burned up the brush pile. Quite a blaze! It burned until about 1:00 AM.

Lydia, Brian, and Jared surprised us with a visit to celebrate our 30th wedding anniversary. Somehow they managed to keep it a secret until they walked in on us. Our three kids had worked it out between themselves how they wanted to surprise us and put on a meal together. What a very special treat for us to share our special day with our kids and grandkids.

Morgan was selected to go on a trip with the People to People conference next summer - to Australia! He had to qualify and pass an interview, which he has done and now comes the part where he needs to raise the money for the trip. He'll spend 15 days down there – what a very special opportunity to be given. He's very excited about going.

Lisa spent the last week or so of October camping in the rain at the county park here – there were two sunshiny days out of ten. Our fall became early winter very early this year; a big disappointment for someone who usually loves fall camping. She's settled in at home again with her usual winter pursuits of coaching, bowling and church choir to keep her busy in the evenings – when she's not spending time with her boys!

--Cal & Lisa



Darcie, Natalie, Mary and Jake holding Andrew.