

The Refior News Bulletin

Paul, Pam, Nikki & Laura

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The Refiors say **HI !**

Many, many things have happened since the last *BULLETIN*. We are having a great summer and I trust that you are as well.

It has been really wonderful to have Nikki home for the summer. The **BIG NEWS** concerning Nikki is that after prayer and counsel she has determined that she wants to be a lawyer and she is therefore in the process of preparing to take the LSAT and to apply to law schools. She still has two months before she begins her senior year classes at Cedarville College. She sits for the LSAT in October. Each year fewer of Nikki's Warsaw friends have been around during the summer months (due to marriages, jobs in other cities, ministry trips, etc.). We finally received part of the insurance money for all of Nikki's clothes which were stolen on her return trip from France. Nikki and Pam have been having a delightful time using those funds to buy some replacement clothes for Nikki.

Laura just finished a week of camping at Camp Hiawatha in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. For the third year in a row she was selected "Miss Hiawatha" which is an honor bestowed upon those displaying Christian character and other qualities. We are very proud of her. She had a great time, but it is the first year she went to camp without any close "buddy" also going to camp. She had only a one-day respite at home before leaving for cheerleading camp. All of her junior varsity squad, along with the varsity squad, and freshman squad are together at the same camp. Soon after she finishes cheerleading camp she packs up for student government camp (required attendance for all of the elected student leaders - Laura is the sophomore class vice-president). Laura will be working hard at cheerleading practices to get ready for the first football game which is in the third week of August. One of the big developments of the summer was Laura's completion of driver's training (yes . . . this fall Laura will have her driver's license!).

Pam has been extremely busy chauffeuring Laura to driver's training, cheerleading, and elsewhere, and continuing to fulfil her job as bookkeeper for the law office, and serving as social coordinator for the Refior Resort. We have had a ton of company this summer. We enjoy having people over. Since this summer has been so hot it has been a tremendous, wonderful, great, marvelous and very special blessing to have the large swimming pool. Many have enjoyed this benefit. Pam also serves as the chemical engineer for the swimming pool and jacuzzi. She has mastered the science and no one has better balanced and pristine clear water. Another hat Pam wears to perfection is that of primary landscaper and grounds keeper of the Refior place. She and Laura do most of the mowing and other related duties.

The most noticeable events at the law office relate to the new building addition. I will always be thankful to the Lord for allowing us to find the office location there

overlooking Center Lake. Not wanting to ever move from that location, we decided to invest the tremendous sum required to put down the pilings necessary for a large building addition to be attached to the west end of the existing structure. Pilings were put down to 32 feet. On top of the pilings, cement and steel piling caps were constructed. This past week the extensive foundation and grade beam structure was completed. There was an amazing amount of specially designed steel throughout said grade beams. This next week they will put into place the cement planks which will form the first layer of flooring for the first floor of the structure. These also are filled with steel. Then a cement floor will be poured on top of those cement planks. It is hoped that the foundation and floor will be completed by the end of this work week.

I am serving as my own general contractor (not only am I enjoying it thoroughly, but I will save tens of thousands of dollars and [I am very convinced] I will end up with a far superior construction). The crew has started the removing of the present aluminum siding in preparation for installing the new cedar siding for the present office which will be identical to the cedar siding covering the new addition. Furthermore, the existing roof will be removed with new roofing material to match the new addition soon to be installed.

After the house on the lot south of the office and the two garages were torn down and hauled away, we removed a tremendous amount of soft dirt/top soil/marrow from that entire lot. It was replaced with an amazing number of truckloads of number 2 stone followed by gravel which now is the base up to grade for the cement parking lot which will be constructed over the entire lot.

The Lord has blessed with an abundance of business, outstanding staff and many, many opportunities to be a witness for our Lord Jesus Christ.

The two new additional elementary schools which have been under construction in Warsaw will be completed in time for school this fall. That will help alleviate the over crowding in the other elementary schools. Things at Pleasant View Bible Church continue to be good. I am thoroughly enjoying the opportunity to again teach the college Sunday School class. We are having a delightful time with our summer ACTION program. Debbie Garrick and her friend from Germany will be here for this coming weekend. Then she will continue her travels. With a one day overlap the young French high school student who will be living with us for a month arrives next Monday. Just as she will be moving out Debbie Garrick will be moving in to spend the semester with us.

I am having some success with my diet and exercise program. Pam says she is going to join me in this quest for getting into healthy condition and trim down shape. I am praying that a loss of weight will help with my knees.

Please let us hear from you soon.

Sincerely,

Paul & the gals