

The Refior News Bulletin

Paul, Pam, Nikki & Laura

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The Refiors say hello again!

Last month the auction by the heirs of Pam's grandfather took place. It was a wonderful time to be with loved ones, but it was difficult - particularly for Pam's father and the other children of Paul Petro - to see all of those items, big and small, which were a part of life with Paul and Ida Mae Petro-going up for sale. My dear Pam is a very sensitive individual and it was an emotional time for her as well. Speaking of Pam's father, he and Pam's mother may be moving back to Indiana in the near future. In fact, they just put their house up for sale there in California and received offers the first day it was on the market. We certainly would love to have them move to Indiana again.

Nikki's concert band was extremely successful in the preliminary competition last month. They will be among the top sixteen bands in Indiana which will compete this weekend in Indianapolis. In fact, the Warsaw Band is presently tied with two other schools for the top score in the State in the preliminary round. Nikki is now in her final month of high school ... we simply shake our heads and cannot believe it! Nikki is looking forward to graduation and moving to college. Because Nikki is so mature, responsible and well-balanced, she is well-equipped to move on to this next phase of her life. Even though we will greatly miss our precious Nikki Jo, we are very excited for Nikki to be continuing on to Cedarville College. Nikki is presently ranked number six out of 360 graduating seniors at Warsaw High.

Because Warsaw is growing so rapidly a new high school is under construction. It is mammoth. The gymnasium will seat 5,000 people. Laura will be graduating from Warsaw Christian School early next month. This will mark quite a transition for her as well as she will move into the public school system. Her seventh grade class at the Warsaw Middle School will have more than 500 students. Laura will be representing her school as the class representative in the Math competition and as a member of the singing group in the music competition this coming Saturday. (The same day as Nikki's contest). Laura is on the school track team. Recently she was running the 880 in competition. She was trailing the front runner with one lap to go and then she kicked it into passing gear and "blew away" the competition. She is quite a runner. For those of you who have not seen Laura for some time you would be interested to know that Laura is now

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looking Pam "eye-to-eye" and it appears that her growth spurt is not slowing down. Both of the girls continue to do extremely well in school and we continue to simply have a lot of fun together as a family.

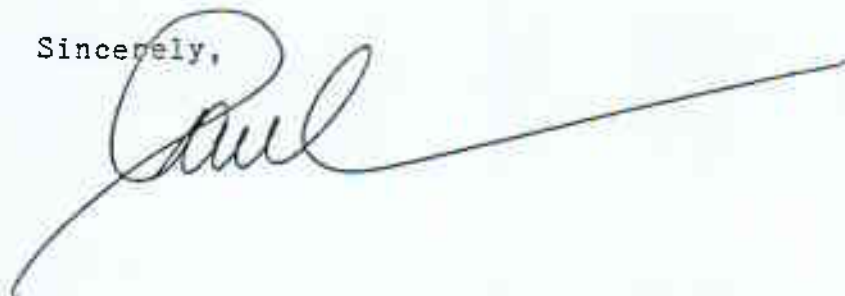
This summer Nikki will be working full-time at the Law Office. In less than two weeks a law student by the name of Jerry Yeager will be joining the Refior Law Office staff as a summer clerk. He seems like a fine young man and I am anxious to have him work with me.

The garden has now been tilled and Pam is on the verge of starting her farming operation. Pam has already enjoyed working many hours in the yard. After observing the rabbits go through my rabbit fence last year as quickly as if there were no fence, I have decided to simply give them a free lunch if they so choose. (Maybe I should buy a .22)

May 1 was the second anniversary for my paralegal, Lisa Grainge, to have worked at the office. We had a celebration to recognize Johna Hodges' 40th birthday. I am not sure she appreciated all the attention both in the office and outside of the office and at church. Robin Coules will be taking a very brief leave of absence from the office in order to accompany her husband on a trip to Greece where they will be studying missions work in Greece, as well as attending classes on the life of the apostle Paul. Johna Hodges' oldest daughter is getting married this month and the Hodges will travel to Wyoming for the wedding. They will also make a quick trip to our beloved Pinedale and see our friends the Masons and the other dear people of that town.

The ducks and geese are back at the lake by the law office. We even had a swan the other day. Please write us a letter if you get a chance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Paul", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.