

# *Refior News Bulletin*

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The headline of the last *Bulletin* announced the birth of our grandson, Luke Lambeth. We detailed some of his early difficulties, including the days in the neonatal unit and the undeveloped sphincter at the top of Luke's stomach. Although the condition has not been resolved, Luke is doing very well indeed. He is four months old, healthy, happy, very smart, strong, and the greatest blessing you can imagine. Nikki and Jon are wonderful young parents. We have been blessed by being able to see Luke, Nikki and Jon frequently since Luke was born. I am just sure that recently while Luke was cooing that he actually said, "Grandpa."... While at our house, Luke went in the swimming pool. He also had a ride on a black horse (a.k.a. Millie - our black lab).

Oh ... I was just reminded that I haven't announced about Millie our new member of the family. I have clients who are involved breeding Labradors for competition. They spent a long time and a great deal of money to finally attain Millie from a breeder in Canada. When they took Millie in to have her hips x-rayed to certify that she does not have hip dysplasia, the veterinarian recklessly switched dogs and **spayed** Millie. The short version of the story is that we now have Millie who is two years old and has the most delightful disposition. She's with me at the office, and she shadows me throughout the day. Our other dog, Candy, is not sold this new addition, but she is at least tolerating Millie. Now it is like Millie is my dog and Candy is Pam's dog, so everybody has a friend. Of course, Abby Cat is still Laura's pet. Laura tries to give her as much attention as her allergies will allow.

We are so proud of our Nikki Jo. She completed her **MASTERS DEGREE** in French Literature at Purdue University. The timing was perfect. Nikki completed and passed her comprehensive written and oral masters exams just in time to give birth to Luke, then she had their baby (see the last *Bulletin*), then she had time to recover before she walked to receive her masters degree diploma at her graduation ceremonies. We were all there and it was a big and important event. **WAY TO GO, NIKKI JO !!!!**

It has been a delight for us to have Laura home for the summer. She is working at the law office. Her primary responsibilities have related to computer work. Our goal is for me to be fully trained and operational on some new uses of computer programs, especially relating to the Internet and the world wide web. Since technology is changing so rapidly, I am convinced that it is necessary for me to either "ride the waves" of this technology or I will be left behind. It also works out well for Laura to increase her knowledge and skills with the computer operations. Laura has enjoyed the freedom of being able to take off and visit people like her roommate in New York, her new

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