

Refior News Bulletin

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Greetings friends and family!

A great many exciting things have been going on in the Refior household since the last bulletin. [This is Nikki writing this month]. As you know, I was working at Continental Saddlery Company in Indianapolis the last several months, enjoying the prospect of getting to travel periodically to Europe to deal with our French-speaking companies. However when Continental sold the European rights to a German saddle company a short while ago, my job future changed dramatically. So I began praying about what to do from there, and talking about it with mom and dad. I finally made the decision to go back to graduate school to pursue a masters in French, looking towards someday teaching French on the college level. So, in May I went through the application process to I.U., Purdue and Ohio State. I also quit my job, said good-bye to my AWANA kids and friends, moved back to Warsaw and began work at Refior Law Office again so that I can save enough to pay for school. Since I just took the GRE (Graduate Record Examination) last Saturday, I will probably not find out until mid-July whether or not I am accepted at any of the schools. So I am in Warsaw waiting and praying right now.

Laura was in charge of all the decorations for the Warsaw High School prom last month. The theme was "A Whole New World" from the Disney movie Aladdin, and Laura had a wonderful time directing the transformation of the gym into a paradise of palm trees, columns, and silhouettes of landmarks from different countries. It looked spectacular! But on the night of the prom, Laura outshined all the decorations when she came down in her long, beautiful red dress.

Laura's whirlwind summer activities are in full swing right now. She returned last week from the trip to New York with her select theater group. She had an absolutely wonderful time. In less than a week Laura had the great privilege of seeing Broadway productions of GUYS AND DOLLS, MISS SAIGON, LES MISERABLES, CATS, CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU, and PHANTOM OF THE OPERA. She was in theater heaven. In addition to the play schedule, she visited the Statue of Liberty, Planet Hollywood, Hard Rock Cafe New York, ate hot dogs in Central Park, and had a terrific time touring the Big Apple. In fact, she has even commented that she enjoyed the activity of the big city so much that she may want to live close to someplace like New York or Chicago someday in the future.

Just a couple of days after Laura's return from New York, she and I headed up to just south of Detroit, Michigan for two days of training for the camp she will be working at this summer. Actually, she went to the sessions, and I went to the mall - it's a rough life, but someone has to do it. She enjoyed getting to know the other staff members, and is looking forward to a fun and meaningful summer of working with campers at

Hiawatha. Before she goes to the Upper Peninsula of Michigan to begin this work though, she will be heading back east to Delaware for national student government camp. She is one of two students chosen to represent Warsaw Community High School at this conference. While there she will attend various seminars on different aspects of the student government, attend an Orioles baseball game, go for a cruise down the Potomac River, and then stop in Hershey, PA on the way home.

The entire family is planning to go up to take Laura to camp on July 3. After getting her settled, Dad, Mom and I will head back down to Macinac Island for a couple days of a mini-vacation.

Bill Fawley graduated from law school and is now in his final preparations for taking the Indiana bar exam. He is just working part time while he studies, and will begin working regular hours looking to the time when he has passed the bar and can join Refior Law Office as a full-fledged attorney.

In addition to helping me move and Laura prepare for her many activities, Mom is working with Rich Krygowski to clean out and remodel part of the basement. He has going to built a platform for another bed down there, and is now building several shelves for additional storage. Mom is excited about having more space to put things away. Also, she and I are in the middle of re-painting my bedroom. Mom enjoys doing these types of things, and should have a great time planning and painting.

We had mom's entire family, as well as grandpa Refior at our house for father's day. We had a wonderful time talking, opening gifts, and just enjoying family. Dad got to spend some more time with his father and other members of his family when he traveled to South Hero, Vermont this last weekend for my cousin Kris' wedding to Sidney Boyle.

We enjoyed the NA playoffs a couple weeks ago. Of course, it made it all the more enjoyable when the Chicago Bulls pulled off the sixth-game victory, to take the world championship title for the third time in a row. WAY TO GO BULLS!

Les Lofquist began as pastor of Pleasant View Bible Church two Sundays ago. He is a delightful preacher, speaking the Word of God clearly and passionately. We all are looking forward to the ministry that he will have with the church, and the spiritual growth that God will bring to the church body through him.

I hope this letter finds you well and happy. Keep us informed about all that is going on in your life as well.

Sincerely,



Nikki Refior, for the Refior family

Laura's Senior Pictures



