

# *Refior News Bulletin*

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**Hi !**

A number of fun things have occurred over the past three months and we want to bring you up to date. The broad brush is that Laura is in her senior year and busy with school activities, Nikki is at Purdue University as a graduate student in French and as a teacher's assistant teaching French to college freshman, things are good at the law office, and Pam is active at home, church and at the office. Now for more particulars.

We received the good news this week that Bill Fawley passed the bar exam. So on October 22, 1993 Bill will become *William S. Fawley, Attorney at Law!* Pam and I are looking forward to going down to Indianapolis to meet Bill and Jonel for the ceremony and then to have a celebration at a nice restaurant in downtown Indianapolis. Other RLO personnel events include: We celebrated Johna Hodges 7th anniversary at Refior Law Office (that does not include the time she was my secretary at the law office in Pinedale, Wyoming back in the 70's); Christine Romigh and Jean Whitenack are approaching their first anniversary at Refior Law Office; Mary Parr was awarded her third certificate and check for losing her third ten pounds on the RLO diet plan; Kelly Hicks had emergency surgery to remove her gallbladder (she has just started coming back to work part-time); I am doing more traveling than I would like, e.g. Atlanta, Seattle; and Kent Kauffman, a 1992 law school graduate, joined the firm as a law clerk in August.

Laura is thoroughly enjoying the preparations for the upcoming Warsaw Community High School fall play, "*Father of the Bride*." Laura has the lead role as the bride. Anyone interested in attending can take in the performance on Friday evening, November 5 or Sunday afternoon, November 7. Laura was chairman of the WCHS Homecoming Parade for the third straight year. She is a gifted organizer and administrator and she did a really great job. She survived the Powder Puff football game which was won by the seniors. The senior class was also the overall homecoming winner for the homecoming competitions. While at Camp Hiawatha this past summer Laura became interested in a young man named *Jared*. It has been almost unbelievable the number of weekends the two of them have spent together either at our house in Indiana or at Jared's house near Detroit. This coming weekend Pam, Laura and I will be going up to Detroit. Laura will be attending the Camp Hiawatha fall rally (and seeing Jared), while Pam and I will enjoy a weekend honeymoon getaway. Laura is again in the Select Chorale which is a very strong group this year.

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She also diligently applies herself to her studies. This is the time for selecting a college. It appears that Cedarville College is running in first place at the present time, but Wheaton College and Taylor University are still in consideration. Pam and I are very, very, very, very conscious of the reality that "this is our last lap" with one of our daughters living at home going to school. Don't you think that Pam and I are much too young to be approaching the "empty nest"?

Nikki has never been happier. After being accepted in the graduate school of Purdue University to study French, Nikki went down to Purdue and met with the head of the department and others and literally "proved herself" by speaking French and interacting with them. The result was that she was awarded a teacher's assistantship. It is amazing that she was not only admitted into a graduate school when she did not take one class in French in college (other than the curriculum she took while studying at the University of Grenoble her junior year), but is even teaching French to students attending Purdue University. Nikki absolutely loves her studies and she particularly loves teaching. She is thinking that she would like to go on to teach French at the college level, but she is certainly open to anything the Lord may have for her future. One thing she has mentioned is the possibility of missionary service. Even before classes started Nikki received confirmation about the rightness of the move to Purdue. When Pam and Nikki went down to West Lafayette to look for housing they attended a service at Faith Baptist Church. It is a large G.A.R.B. church with a great singles group. The person who was leading the singles group is named *Jonathan*. Both Pam and Nikki were immediately impressed with Jonathan. A short time later Jonathan asked Nikki out on a first date and they have been dating steadily (very steadily) ever since. Jonathan is a fine Christian young man from Missouri who is working toward a Ph.D in chemistry. He also desires to teach. During that trip to look for housing the Lord led Nikki to an apartment complex which is relatively close to campus. It is a more of a community apartment complex as opposed to a student complex. After being told that there were no single apartments there, the manager stated to Nikki that there was one woman who was losing her roommate who would be looking for another lady to share an apartment. Nikki said that she was not interested. As Nikki was leaving the woman stated that this other lady was a staff worker with Campus Crusade. Nikki did an immediate about-face and talked more about that possibility. To make a long story short, it worked out that Nikki has joined *Gayle* in the apartment. It has worked out well as far as sharing expenses and Nikki has developed an excellent Christian friendship with Gayle. God is so good! The teacher's assistantship resulted in a full scholarship plus a substantial financial stipend to Nikki. What a blessing from the Lord! Nikki thoroughly enjoys teaching students and has applied herself to be the best teacher she can be. She is also doing quite well in her personal graduate studies. A couple of weeks ago Pam and I went down to West Lafayette to join Nikki and Jonathan at the Purdue/Notre Dame game. I was quietly cheering for Notre Dame (since moving to northern Indiana I have adopted Notre Dame as a "home team" since it is the closest major university to Warsaw). It rained the entire game but it was great fun. Afterwards we had a delightful time of

fellowship at a nice restaurant. That was my first meeting of Jonathan.

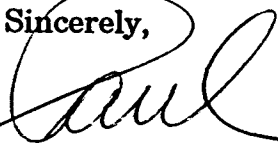
On Labor Day weekend we had the great privilege and pleasure of having David, Donna, Chris, Joshua and Abigail Brown come for a visit. We had a fun time of fellowship and relaxation. Recently my father came to Warsaw. My Dad was speaking at a meeting and he had his own schedule of events. I also had a busy schedule. None the less, we were able to have some nice times of fellowship and serious discussions. Last month Pam and I traveled down to Terre Haute, Indiana where I had the privilege to be the speaker at the annual banquet for Child Evangelism of Greater Wabash Valley. We stayed at *Larry Bird's Boston Connection*. The hotel and restaurant are sort of like a museum of Larry Bird's life, awards and memorabilia. That was fun. I had the privilege of speaking to the combined adult Sunday School classes at Pleasant View Bible Church to present a workshop on *How to Prepare and Use a Prayer Notebook*. Pam and I are greatly enjoying our second grade Sunday School class at Pleasant View. This past week we had our annual Missions Conference at PVBC. Dave Brown was the keynote speaker. It was wonderful to have the fellowship with Dave. Dave was used greatly by the Lord as he effectively presented God's truth from the book of Jonah. Our new senior pastor, *Les Lofquist*, has now been "in the saddle" for enough time that both he and the church seem to be comfortable and we are pressing forward with the significant ministries of the church. Pam and I have the delight of having one of the midweek flock groups meeting in our home. I am serving as the flock shepherd/teacher, and Ron Adams is teaching on the Wednesdays that we are away. This year we started accountability groups at PVBC. All of the men on the board are in groups. There are a number of other men and women also in accountability groups. The men on the board just completed our initial 6-month Accountability Groups and we have entered into new Accountability Groups (3 or 4 in each group). I see the Lord greatly using these groups in the lives of the men and the women at Pleasant View who are participating. In a couple weeks we will have another Official Board Retreat to seek the Lord's direction and vision for PVBC.

Pam and I are doing very nicely. I continue to be overweight and continue to start and restart diets and exercise programs. Our little dog *Candy* is getting more and more spoiled (it is like we are aware of the fact that Laura will be leaving next fall and Candy will then be our only child at home). Since my knees are relatively pain-free these days we are planning to take a family trip to either Northern Michigan or Southern Canada over Christmas break in order to go snow skiing. The last time we did this I entertained all of the people at the lodge as they watched me stupidly attempt the big hill and I crashed at about 1/3 from the top and violently banged and rolled down the slope before coming to a stop in a heap. I will attempt to be a little smarter this time. Pam and I had the pleasure of attending the Olympics back in 1984 in Los Angeles. As a family we went to the Pan-Am games when they were in Indianapolis. And we are hoping to take in some of the Olympics in Atlanta in 1996. When I was down in Atlanta earlier this month I tried to get information concerning housing, etc. for the Olympics. I was surprised to learn that the Olympic Committee

has entered into agreements with all of the hotels in the Atlanta area. Hotel rooms must be obtained through the Olympic Committee and it is unclear if there really will be rooms available. Can you believe that?

Let's see. Here are some other miscellaneous tidbits of news. My former law partner, Gerald Mason of Pinedale, Wyoming, was recently elected Vice President of the Wyoming State Bar. Way to go, Gerald. Bill Fawley has beaten me the last 2 times we played pick-up basketball so I'm going to have to pick up the intensity of my game a bit. Johna Hodges' mother will be moving from her life-long home in Wyoming out to Warsaw. She has contracted to purchase a home here in Warsaw. Laura will have the privilege of singing at Pleasant View Bible Church in a couple of weeks. Laura was invited to sing the National Anthem a capella at a school function recently. Nikki and Jonathan are going to sing a duet at Faith Baptist Church soon (Nikki says that Jonathan has a beautiful voice, and of course I already know that both Laura and Nikki have beautiful singing voices). Jerry Yeager - who used to work with me at RLO - passed the Tennessee Bar Exam and moved to Nashville, Tennessee to work along with his father in a combination of financial planning and legal services to "stars" in the music and entertainment industry. My Iowa Hawkeyes are not ranked in the Top 10 ... yet. I am looking for the Hawkeyes to win the rest of their games including a bowl game now that they have some less than perfect games behind them. It looks like the Warsaw Tigers football team will end up in second place in the conference. The Warsaw Lady Tigers volleyball team is ranked 7th in the state as they approach the State Tournament. They were again undefeated Conference Champions (they have not lost a conference volleyball game in 4 years). Pam's father, E.J. Petro, finished his year-long chemotherapy treatments and is doing pretty well. E.J. and I have started meeting on Thursday noons to fellowship and discuss spiritual things. We had the pleasure of getting together with my three aunts, Ann, Ada and Irene. The trees and bushes in northern Indiana are turning beautiful fall colors. I always love the beauty of the fall. Because Pam's brother Tim and his family now live close by in Fort Wayne we have had the opportunity to get together from time to time with them. Our nephew Paul is active in the Homestead Marching Band which is one of the premiere marching band programs and our niece Hannah has been enjoying school and has achieved excellent grades. My sister Donna recently moved to Chicago after living in Minnesota for a long time. My brother Wendell recently received a promotion and a change of jobs to utilize his knowledge and skills as an actuary. ... Time to bring this Bulletin to a close. Please write us a letter. Please come visit.

Sincerely,



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