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Tom and Kelli,

Well, summer is over here. The first part of September was nice, but it has been cold and rainy for the last week, and more of the same is forecast for the next week. We are hoping for a few more decent days so we can take a vacation. We took only one weekend trip this summer, to Ludington with a couple of the grandchildren. We've done nothing more because I have been working evenings and weekends replacing a walkway and steps in the back yard. It required a lot of digging. We just finished it last week.

Grandma Harry is moving to an apartment downtown, the complex behind city hall, across the street from the river. Megan Theile is living with her and working as a physician's assistant at South Haven hospital. Megan is getting married next June. I don't know yet if Laura and Rich are moving to the farm house, but they are considering it. They did well with their fruit stands this summer. They have one at South Haven and another just north of Saugatuck.

Carol has her neurofeedback business all set up. She has brochures and business cards and a cell phone. All she needs is customers.

I wrote a letter to the editor (Lansing State Journal) today:

Where has state attorney general Mike Cox been? He hasn't noticed that programs are being cut and state employees are being laid off because the state can't balance its budget? He thinks this is a good time to play Santa Claus and hand out \$1000 checks to 280 of his employees? According to his spokesman, "The attorney general hopes it will go to either reimburse employees for out-of-pocket expenses that they have had or that they will have..." Expenses they WILL have??? I got reimbursed for work-related expenses when I was a state employee, but only for actual, documented expenses. The payments sound illegal to me, but who can I complain to?

We saw "Lost in Translation" with Bill Murray last weekend. It has gotten good reviews, and it was OK, but pretty boring at times. Nothing much is going on for a lot of the movie.

How is that new bed working out? Getting any sleep? What else is new?

Love, Dad