

Jan. 22, 2005

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I am writing this letter as we fly to Phoenix. It is a little rough so I may scribble once in a while.

We had snow this morning before we left, I started clearing the driveway when we had $2\frac{1}{2}$ " of snow. By the time I finished we were at $2\frac{1}{2}$ ". When we left the house we were at $4\frac{1}{2}$ ". By the time we got to the airport we were probably near $5\frac{1}{2}$ " to 6". It was still snowing when we took off 2 hours later. We are up in the sun now and it feels good.

I want to thank all of you who made it to the awards banquet. It made it extra special having you there. It was good to see you Frank, Betty, John and Pat later that week. Jeff made a video of my part of the program so I got to see it from your point of view.

Jeff and Emi had a baby girl a week ago yesterday. Alisa weighed 5 lbs 13 oz and was 18 inches long. She is a doll and we will miss her while we are gone. Emi's mother arrived Tuesday afternoon from Japan so Emi and Alisa are in good hands while we are gone.

I did not get Jeff's room (the 3rd floor) finished before we left. The room is 14 ft wide and 33 ft long. I still have to finish the drywall in the stair well, trim the windows and door and cover the floor with laminate flooring. They will be able to use it as it is until we get back.

Carolyn and I will be staying with Karen and her family in Fountain Hills. We will rent a car on Monday and I hope to drive to Los Vegas while we are there. We will return Feb. 16th and have the baptism Feb 20th.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to you Jan & Jean. I know that Moe was really loved and will be greatly missed.

Joe and Jackie I hope you are enjoying your addition room. We really enjoy ours.

Marty and Sonda, March 10th will come soon. Enjoy the vacation.

I hope the rest of you can keep warm and wait for spring. God bless you all

Your loving brother
Jim and Carolyn

3-2-05

DEAR FAMILY, ONE AND ALL.

WOW, WHAT A WINTER. WE ARE COUNTING DOWN THE DAYS BEFORE GETTING OUT OF HERE AND ENJOYING SOME WARM WEATHER.

I TALKED TO ELAINE THIS MORNING AND SHE IS TRYING TO INVEST IN THE DRUG COMPANIES AS SHE IS TAKING PILLS LIKE THEY ARE GOING OUT OF STYLE. HOPE YOU ARE BETTER SOON.

JOE, WHEN YOU INVEST IN A COMPUTER, YOU WILL BE SO HAPPY, AS THEY WALK YOU ALONG WITHOUT JUMPING FROM UPPER CASE TO LOWER CASE AND ARE VERY FRIENDLY. YOU WILL LOVE IT. SOUNDS LIKE YOU ARE GOING TO TAKE IT EASY ON TRAVEL FOR AWHILE. WE BOOKED OUR TRIP TO FLORIDA LAST APRIL AND THE RATE PER PERSON HAS GONE UP FROM \$255 TO \$388 SO FUEL AND MANY OTHER THINGS ARE NOW A FACTOR. AFTER WE RETIRE, WE CAN DRIVE AND THAT SHOULD HELP.

SIS, I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU ARE FIGHTING A NASTY COLD. LOTS OF PEOPLE HAVE THE SAME PROBLEM THIS WINTER AND I THINK IT WILL TAKE SOME WARM WEATHER TO CLEAR THEM UP. GET WELL SOON.

JANICE, WE TOUCH BASE WITH EACH OTHER EVERY OTHER DAY, SO WE HAVE STEADY CONTACT. I PRAY THAT ALL IS WELL IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD. I AM ASSUMING THAT WHO EVER WANTS PICTURES OUT OF ALL THESE ENCLOSED, THEY ARE MORE THAN WELCOME. I WONDER WHERE AUNT NAOMI IS IN FLORIDA? I WILL E-MAIL YOU ON THIS.

FRANK, DO YOU STILL SEE THE DOE AND TWO FAWNS?
I HAVE TWO SQUIRRELS THAT VISIT THE CORN
EVERY DAY AND THEY ARE LOVIN IT, AND THE
GRANDCHILDREN LOVE TO SEE THEM ALSO. SPEAKING
OF SNOW, WE HAVE ABOUT 12 TO 14 INCHES ON THE
GROUND. THE HAD NO DAMAGE AT NORTH REDINGTON
BEACH THAT I KNOW OF. THEY ESCAPED THE BAD
WINDS.

JOHN, WE MISSED YOU AT TODD'S LAST TIME.
SEEMS LIKE WE SEE TODD AND JENNY MORE THAN
YOU GUYS. KEEP ON COLLECTING ALL THOSE
GOODIES AND THEN HAVE A HUGE RUMMAGE SOME
DAY.

JIM, YOU ARE BACK FROM ARIZONA AND I AM
SURE THAT YOU BOTH HAD A GOOD TIME. I WILL
THINK ABOUT YOU GUYS WHILE SOAKING UP THAT
SUNSHINE AND GOING OUT TO EAT EVERY NIGHT.
WOW, WHAT A LIFE. TAKE CARE.

LOVE YOU ALL AND KEEP PRAYING.

LOVE

Sandra V. Hunter

Cadillac, MI
March 21, 2005

Dear Family:

As you can see I am back to my old typewriter. I was too lazy to take time to learn the new language of the like new typewriter. It was so different from the old manual that we gave back to Yvonne. Electric machines and me will not get along in this world.

This is the first full day of spring but it feels like winter. Our Feb. was in part warmer than normal, but Mar. has been colder than normal. We seem to have had less snow than normal, possibly 20-30% less.

We are having our share of sinus type problems, and Jackie is learning to deal with diabetes diet problems. The family has had the usual winter illnesses. It is likely that we all will survive to see summer again.

We are using the new sunroom and liking it alot and so is the taxman as you will all find when you add on. Jim, I would hate to see your increase. We had family help in part to give the kids a chance to cooperate with each other in a project for old mom&dad. We paid for it with money and labor, but there is a lot of work that we shouldn't do, at our age. Let your kids do for you as each is most able -- its good for their souls.

We were very pleased with the pictures and letters. Today we received a Easter card from Clara & Joe Watson of Las Vegas. Some of you may not know that their son Joe died last year.

With the price of fuel we will travel less than in the recent years, and I expect the same will apply to most of you. We are expecting most of the kids and families for Easter sunday, but recreation driving will slow to a crawl.

We talk with Elaine quite often so are kept up to date with most happenings as I expect most of you are doing likewise. Happy spring & summer to you all.

Since-rely



3-13-05

Dear Family of Beaumonts!

I'll try to keep in the margins. Don't want to talk about the weather but it's sunny and bright now, cold tho. Also the health topic is no topic at all!

Just had a second invitation from Sis to eat with them, she has a beef roast & is so happy to share, better get ready to go for supper.

Lots of changes around here, Sister Carol Anne has gone, she had to find a better paying job. Her replacement seems very qualified. If we have Easter maybe spring will get here. Everyone here is "ready"!

It's good you each and everyone do your best on "the letters", it has to be hard not to talk about your kids. I pray for all of them, day to day it has to be difficult for some. More so for others.

My days are pretty much full as I can do, and not sorry I came here, everyone has to be some where. Rent going up every July, so far, no problem.

Keep ^{those} great letters coming and thanks Jan for the initiation! My prayers and good wishes to all, God bless you all

Elaine



4-10-05

Hi Loved Ones,

The big news here is John is bringing eight members of his Family to visit us. They will be here around June 22nd until mid July. They want to attend Jonah's wedding on June 25th and have rented 2 cottages on Van Etten Lake. They will be there from June 28th through the Forth of July. We will finally see their new son son John Roger. They have four daughters. Jessy will not be with them. She is married + in the military, studying Chinese.

Jan I just talked to you. Will keep in touch and in prayer.

Elaine - just spent a nice day with you for dinner and an outing to see a new baby foal. Its nice to get out.

Front so sorry about Buddy. Dogs are a good friend.

I would love to see Sara's baby boy. We haven't seen Todd + Jennings little girl either. John you are right about the bad winter. But we have wonderful Spring weather.

2/ now and more to come. It was 70° today.
Yes we can be thankful for all the blessings
we have even tho we take a lumps now
and again..

Jim we havent seen little Alisa yet. I know
she is wonderful too. Hope you are enjoying
all your travels and your new addition. Come
and see ^{us} when you are up this way.

Marty yes I have had a nasty cough but
Ive gotten over it now. Iue had the letters
a little over 2 weeks. I usally get them
out in a week, but we had three funerals
and I sing at all of them + Rog serves
Communion, also the popes service at S. H.
and Confirmation.

Joe + Jackie we too got a Easter card from Clara
+ Joe Watson. She wanted Mom's. Molasses Cookie
recipt so I fired it off to her. Rog has
been battling diabetes 2. I recently checked
mine and is was 326 so the Dr. put me
on a (one a day) pill and it went right down
to 126. I hate taking pills, but I guess
its something we must put up with until
we receive our healing. I'm looking

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forward to that. Every one stay well
and get well.

Keep the letters coming

We love you all

Sis, Bob
& all

Dear Ones:

I guess I have held on to these long enough. Things weren't going so good with Chuck for awhile but they seem like they are better now. Maybe my brain can concentrate long enough to get these off.

About three weeks ago - he had three metal stents put in his bile duct. He took longer than normal to recover his energy and appetite. The stents seem to be working well and his appetite is much better. This past week, he had another chemo treatment.

I believe most of you have heard that we are going to skip a family reunion this summer. Because of what's going on with Chuck and because Sis is expecting a group to be visiting over a three week period this summer. Somebody suggested we siblings and spouses meet somewhere for dinner. We will come if we are able.

Frank, I talked to you at the hospital recently. I'm assuming you are all better and back home. Betty, thanks for the puzzles. I've put all three together and are being sold at the booksale this weekend.

For those of you interested in Aunt Naomi - this is the Address I got from Manley McDonald in March.

Naomi Mayes
C/O Joe Mayes, 6910 Singletary St., Grand Ridge, FL 32442

She is our only living family member from that era.

I've seen Elaine and Sis last week. And Sis and Roger this morning - they stopped in to do some praying over Chuck. I was glad he was home. He sold his trailer home in the last two weeks. He's trying hard to get all his affairs in order in case God wants him upstairs sooner than he wants to go.

God's will - not ours - be done. Chuck's son Ryan was here for 3 days early this month. Both his kids wanted to be part of picking out his casket. One day, Chuck and I, Ryan and Ashley went to the funeral home in Rochester and they settled on one. It had to be wood as Chuck is a master carpenter. It was a hard task to do but was fruitful. He will be using the 3rd. grave we bought a couple of years ago. It's at the new Guardian Angel Cemetery just north of Rochester.

Well, gang, this is wearying (new word) me out so I'm going to cut it short this time.

Have a good summer and until next time,

Love, Jan and Jean

Jan and Jean

'T WAS I WHO CHOSE YOUR MOTHER FOR YOU!

The times have proved my judgment bad,
I've followed foolish hopes in vain,
And as you look upon your dad
You see him commonplace and plain.
No brilliant wisdom I enjoy;
The jests I tell have grown to bore you,
But just remember this, my boy;
'Twas I who chose your mother for you!

Your life from babyhood to now
Has known the sweetness of her care;
Her tender hand has smoothed your brow;
Her love gone with you everywhere.
Through every day and every night
You've had an angel to adore you!
So bear in mind I once was right;
'Twas I who chose your mother for you!

Author Unknown

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*Something for every son
to think about.*

6-9-05

Dear Brothers & Sisters

I hope this finds you well, happy and enjoying our weather, I have the air conditioner on! you know what I mean.

Betty is gone getting her hair permed, Chrystal is in her dads bedroom watching a movie and I'm at the kitchen table trying to think off something to write

I have talked to most of you in the past 2 or 3 wks. about the Cemetery lots up here, it has been hard to find out what the total picture is with little or no records being kept, Jim said his understanding was that Dad was promised some burial sites for helping clear the cemetery way back when, Jan mailed me a receipt that is dated July 31 of 1961 to Dad from Ed Loyer, Dad passed away on Dec. 7 of 1961 the \$10.00 would indicate that it was for the 5 burial sites that he and

Now are in, back at that time ea. site cost \$2.00, the plots were - thought to be four sites side by side but was later determined to be 5 sites in a plot side by side, it would seem that Mom had to pay the \$10.00 for the 5 sites before Dad could be buried there, Jim said that he suggested to Mom that she get the 5 sites directly west of her and Dad, there is no record of that happening that I know except the church record shows those other 5 sites to be in the Dumont name, they have a 20' by 20' plot with 8 burial sites still open.

The reason this came up I guess is there are almost no sites left in the cemetery for people to buy although there are an awful lot of unused sites, people bought them years ago and are no longer in the area and no one knows where they are, Fr. Boks wanted them to contact as many people as they

could to see if the Church could buy back some of the sites for \$2.00 that they ~~paid~~ paid for them before going to a new section of the Cemetery, from what you all think of using these sites I suggested ~~trading~~ back the other 5 sites for trading.

- 5 sites in the new section when it is opened up but have not heard anything about that yet, I think I've written enough on this subject and getting tired of writing so hopefully next time I have more to say on other subjects good by for now.

all our Love and Prayers

Betty & Frank

CURTIS F. DINGELDEIN

SMSgt Curtis F. Dingeldein, Ret., died Sunday, Aug. 22, 2004, at his home in Mikado.

Born to Ernest and Martha Dingeldein on July 19, 1930, in Hilbert, Wis. Upon graduation from high school in 1947 he enlisted in the Army Air Corps as an Avionics Technician. On Oct. 27, 1951, he married Miss Joyce Mary Michaud at St. Raphael Catholic Church in Mikado while stationed at Wurtsmith AFB in Oscoda, Mich.

SMSgt. Dingeldein spent 22 years in what eventually became the United States Air Force. Although stationed throughout the United States and Europe, his most memorable duty stations were Plattsburg AFB New York, where he worked on various aircraft in the support of the NASA projects: Gemini and Apollo. At Andrews AFB Maryland, he performed aircraft communication maintenance on Air Force One and all supporting presidential aircraft. He was appointed to the position of Base Commander to see the base through its successful closure.

SMSgt. Dingeldein retired from the Air Force on Aug. 11, 1969, following the death of his oldest child, Dawn Marie. After returning to Michigan he began working for Motorola Communications as a Radio Repair Technician until 1974 when he returned to the Air Force as a civilian Firefighter/Fire Inspector. In 1977 he finally returned to his beloved flight-line working as an aircraft electrician on the T-37 training aircraft until his final retirement in 1982. For many years during his retirement, he worked as the Veterans counselor for Alcona County until he resigned due to ill health.

During his military career, SMSgt. Dingeldein was awarded the Korean Service Medal, the Air Force Commendation Medal

for meritorious service, the Air Force Good Conduct Medal and many Air Force Achievement awards. He was a graduate of the Strategic Air Command Non-Commissioned Officers Academy and The North American School of Forest Conservation. While stationed in Alaska he was a founding member of the Lady of the Snow chapter of The Knights of Columbus. During his retirement he was a member of The American Legion Post 254 and at one time served as the Post Commander. He also belonged to the Barton City VFW, the Oscoda American Legion 40 & 8, the Air Force Sergeants Association, and St. Raphael Catholic Church.

SMSgt. Dingeldein is survived by Joyce, his wife of almost 53 years; daughters Dara (Rod) Indish, and Denise Butler; sons Dale (Kathy) Dingeldein, Douglas Dingeldein, and MSgt. Donald (Jennifer) Dingeldein, United States Army. Grandchildren David and Lisa Indish, Hospital Corpsman Theresa (Jamie) Liske, United States Navy, James, Krystal, Gerald, and Jonathan Dingeldein, Nathan Butler, and Gage and Noelle Dingeldein. He has one great-granddaughter Katelyn Graham. He is also survived by one brother Ernest Dingeldein. He was preceded by his parents Ernest and Martha Dingeldein, brothers Lawrence, Matthew, Vernon, and Roger Dingeldein, and his daughter Dawn Marie with whom he is now joyously reunited.

SMSgt. Dingeldein has been taken for cremation. There will be a memorial service at St. Raphael Catholic Church in Mikado, Mich. on Wednesday, Aug. 25, at 9 a.m., followed by a luncheon at The American Legion hall in Mikado, Mich.

The family requests no flowers, asking only that you send your thoughts and prayers to assist him in his final flight.

Re-righting it

This space is reserved for correcting errors that appear in the news columns of The Alpena News. We urge readers to report errors by calling the newsroom at 354-3111 or 1-800-448-0254.

July 12, 2005

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I have sat on this letter long enough, waiting to become a millionaire I guess.

Marty I have sold or traded many of those goodies over the past couple of years, there is tons remaining however. E-Bay will be tested on these items this year and next.

Joe perhaps a word processor may be your best bet. After all it is a lazy mans typewriter. I can relate to your fear of a computer.

The spirits visited us atleast 10 times so far this year. The last time was June 24th. All these visits have been recorded in my records for the last several years. One night back in May some 30 unpurchased toys showed up. I lost atleast 20 toys in this trade off. Please someone explain to me how steel toys can be carryed thru locked doors. Cousin it leaves no prints, locks all doors, makes no sound and comes and goes as it darn well pleases.

Beyond the above we have had to make many decisions this summer. The riding lawnmower after 16 years left us. The roof after 21 years has seen its last winter. A used car had to be purchased for safety reasons. Throw in comics, marbles, horsetrading antiques and lawnmowing; it makes life very interesting.

We have enjoyed good health so far this year. This 90 degree heat however is not what I enjoy the most. As you all know north of the Alcona county line is Gods County. This is the basic reason why brother Frank and I do not care to visit or see the problems others think is so great.

I will close for now and may you all enjoy life at its fullest.

Your Loving Brother,

John

Society of St. Vincent de Paul
Midwest Region
Jim Dumont
Regional Chair

Sept. 6, 2005

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Carolyn and I got back from Chicago last night after attending the national meeting of SVDP. I spent most of my time in meetings and Carolyn went shopping with a friend. As you can see I have a new responsibility. I am responsible for lower Michigan, Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky. I am on the national board of directors. My first meeting will be in St. Louis in December if not before. Pray for me that I will do a good job.

I have talked with most of you in the last few weeks while Marty was in the hospital. I called him this morning to see how he is. I am waiting for a call back.

I talked to Jan & Jean this morning and Sis briefly. I was trying to reach Elaine and Sis said she moved and her phone was not hooked up yet. I will catch up with her later.

I am in the process of building a deck and garage this summer. The garage is enclosed and lockable. The deck is usable but I am building two sets of stairs now. As far as I know now, all of you and we are all healthy or are returning to health. We have so much to be thankful for. God bless you. I pray for all of you. Stay close to God.

Your loving brother
Jim and Carolyn

As you all know Marty had triple
by-pass surgery and is now recovering.
He is doing well but chose that we skip
him in this round of the family letters.
Please keep Marty and all of us in your
prayers.

Love
Jim

Sept. 17, 2005

Dear Families:

Must get there on their way, been around awhile! I'm in a two room apt, around the corner now, Jim & Sis approve! Just got the last drape up. I think I'm better off.

I really feel something is missing that we couldn't make the reunion this summer but our average is not too bad. Some times we do settle for less. The idea for getting together at Coyles in West Branch will wait too, too much gas!

Had Cod for Fri lunch with Sis & Rog. It's nice to get away and I do so, not too often. Went to an Amish farm Wed. bought some raw honey never heard of it but it's tasty. I'm an expert on honey.

I hope and pray as I write that everyone is A.O.K. and getting better health. With 8 of us we have so much to be grateful for. So glad you are all my family, there were so many years when we were far apart.

Sorry it's so short and sweet but I have you all in my prayers.

Love,
Elaine

Cadillac, MI
Oct. 3-'05

Dear Family:

Our family seems to be well and surviving the high energy cost problem. We just completed a three day trip up north farther, just before the second hurricane hit in the gulf. No more trips until the gasoline prices recover. We visited Franks & Johns as well as the cemetery on the way north to the hot spots in the UP. Fall colors were very spotty this early since the frosts have been very spotty this early. Here in the Cadillac area we have had higher than average rains since late June, so we are about 7% above normal for the growing season. April -- June was below normal. I read that there is a big apple crop in most of MI. Apparently the Farmers Almanac is expecting a mild but heavy snow winter for this part of the nation. We are having above normal temperature for this latter part of the growing season.

We have seen or talked to all of you except Jan, and have been kept up to date on her family, so I doubt there is much new. Marty I assure you that we will not be getting any modern computers. I had early training and very early decided not to be a slave to that device or those that use them. Nothing that has happened since had made me anything but thankful not to change. My young family members can do it if I need something. I have observed the family using the machines and the results were largely (junk in gives you junk out), don't believe all that you read. Marty, we hope you have recovered to at least normal, if not better. Jan, the same goes for Chuck and any of the rest of you that have ailments bugging you. We all have our own pet problems.

We are about to have a half dozen trees removed to get them away from the house and allow more light in order to get better grass. Some neighbors are doing the same -- the trees are growing so fast that they become dangerous. We haven't been able to plant any garden for lack of light -- one tree is over 130' tall.

If we do any more traveling it will be to see more of you all.

10-9-05

My Dear Bros + Sises,

This has been a wonderful day. I just sat on the deck and read all the letters again. It's 80° in the sun, but only 60° in the shade. I've had a real day off. Rog + I went out to Lenny Miller for dinner with Elaine and we've just loafed ever since. I saw three deer run across the field and spooked the horses. It's bow season.

We are all so blessed to be getting back our good health and good fortune. We must all pray for other in so many natural disasters and misfortunes.

John + Gayle were here for 3 weeks. The middle week was spent up north. We did have a grand time. Lots of cook outs and excursions. It only happens every 4 or 5 yrs, so we make the most of it.

Ben + Rueben are going to relocate up here with their Dad. I hope they find good jobs. They work in electronics + install dishes. so I expect they may be in demand. They want to be away from that cult.

2 Marty hope you will be in the letters next time
around. Our prayers are answered for you.

Jim it was nice to chat with you when you
returned from Chicago. We surely will pray
for you with such a big area of work. You are
the man for the job.

John - I don't know what to make of those Spirit
you are talking about. If you don't want them
there tell them to get lost In Jesus Name. Love
to all your Family.

Frank, we would love to get up there
before the weather gets bad. We had a
Birthday party for Bills 50th. It was so fun
he actually thought he was getting old. I told
him the Fifties are the very best time.

Jan - I'll be calling you soon. We saw
you a couple of weeks ago, when you came
for your perm. Elaine enjoys that too.

Joe - I'm glad you got up north. It's hard
for us to leave with 3 new fowls, but they
are doing fine, so perhaps we will work
it out. I want to see Joyce.

Elaine - we had a nice day today. Love.

God Bless all of you and keep you in
his care.

Love
Sis. + Broq.

Dear Loved Ones-

I've been waiting for a 2-hour block of time to do this but it's not happening. The way my computer is jumping around - it may end up like a jigsaw puzzle. I'll try to get it started even if I have to put it aside later. I just had a chat with Elaine while I made tapioca pudding for dessert tonight. I hope I got everything in it. She sounded OK and had been shopping at Meijer's.

Chuck had such a wonderful summer. He worked out in the garage with his Dad sometimes on his projects and sometimes on Jean's. About 10 days ago he thought something was not quite right. He had the chills and a temperature that went up and down. A week ago - he went for his chemo treatment - His bilirubin counts were off meaning his bile was not draining. The next day he had two drainage tubes put in. Both his oncologist and the surgeon that put the stents in were out of town. He's been rather ill for the last week. Today he went for an office visit. His oncologist was back but wants him to see the surgeon. Its in the works. They all knew that the stents could get blocked. I expect he will be hospitalized to open them up. What a roller coaster we've been on.

We had another record breaking Used Book Sale last month. We took in over \$20,000.00. We had to pay for the table rentals so it dropped down to \$19,800.00. I've got 14 new puzzles to verify and price for sale. Betty - your puzzles are long gone.

Frank, thanks for enclosing Kurt Dingledein's death notice. He had quite a whirl around the world. Be sure to tell Joyce we are thinking about her and her family. Did Father Boks agree to switch plots??? John - this is a great time of year for visiting spirits. Do they scare you ?? or are they the friendly type? Maybe you could set up a inter home closed circuit TV something like the stores do. Maybe you could get a look at IT.

Elaine's new apartment is just great. She has room to move around now. I hope she likes it as well as we all do.

Marty is awful quiet this time around. I understand he and Sonda are getting her mother settled at a new address. That should be done by now. I hear that Marty is back to work full time. I get an E-mail every few days. I'm sure he is happy the last few months are over with.

Do you all wonder how the U.S. (us) will pay for all the damages from one hurricane let alone several, PLUS floods, earthquakes, war and other world

tragedies? It sounds like somebody (UP THERE) is trying to get out attention. He's got mine.

Elaine, I think everyone is thinking twice before planning an extended trip lately. A tank of gas now could buy lots of groceries a few years ago.

I had a routine doctor's visit this a.m. I told him about all seven of you having some sort of heart problem. We have scheduled a stress test for me in a few weeks.

Joe, people all over are cutting down their ash trees. We don't have any but we do have box elder bugs.

We plan to get our flu shots Sunday a.m. The Visiting Nurses will be at church to nab us. We will go to Mass on Saturday and get there early to get in and out early. (I hope). Chuck will be getting one at the hospital after his new problem is corrected.

Well, I got through all of the letters with no interruptions. Now all I have to do is copy all of them and get them on their way.

Know that we love all of you and pray for your good health and fortune.

Love to all,

Jan and Jean

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

Hope you are all well and getting ready for x-mas, Betty pretty much has our shopping done. needless to say I haven't done mine yet and am not looking forward to it, I don't go outside any more except to church or the Doc.

We sure have had some nice weather so far this fall it can't make up its mind if it should be hot or cold, all considered ~~you~~ we are very lucky compared to other areas.

John, we talk quite often so not much more to add.

Jim, I'm sure you will do just great in your new job with S. V. D. S. you said you cover lower Mi. does that include us here?

Morty, miss your letter this time but I know where your coming from, our prayers are with ~~to~~ you and all of you morning and night, thanks for the E-mails, our regular group at Deer are coming soon.

Elaine,
I feel bad about is not having the
Family reunion this yr. I hope it
is not on my account I hope in
the future you guys ~~do~~ your thing
and if I can't make it that's tough
rocks, I'm sure your 2 rooms a nice.

Joe, hope you got the trees down
before these wind storms, we had some
bad winds over here, ditto on the
computer use David takes care of
our needs here too.

Sis, glad to hear you and yours
are doing fine, we did not see
Bill up there in deer season, did
he get his deer? this years
season was bad weather and
very few deer.

Jon, hope Chuck is back on the
mend again, hope your stress test was
uneventful, we are all set at the
Cemetery no switching, we are getting
to put x-mas wreaths on the graves,
hope you all have or have had a
great Christmas season and a healthy
New Year. All our love Betty & Frank
P.S. Gales ~~was~~ were great

December 10,,2005

Dear Brothers and Sisters;

Received the family letter a few days ago; since I have some free time I will catch you all up to date.

Jan you sure have old age figured out. Those jokes were downright enjoyable. The fun part about old age is the fact you answer to no one but yourself and sleeping in every day.

Elaine I understand you have moved into one of those high rise apartments. Those who can should visit the farmhouse this summer, talk about a high rise. They expect to build a two car on the north side in 2006.

The deer season this year had to be the worst going back ten years. Five people were hunting at times and nothing to show for it. I may have to find a road kill, just kidding.

The spirits only visited me fourteen times this year. One of these was down on the farm. One thing is for certain (cousin it) sure likes toys and very old comic books. One time it was only three feet away and in a teasing mood. Now if it would be so kind and drop off a boat load of greenbacks charity cases up here would go out of business.

Our health so far this year has been very good. If you have good health everyday problems seems to be easier to handle. Before we all realize it santa will have come and gone and Spring will be just around the corner.

The local deer paid me a visit last night and decided my shrubs was going to be there breakfast, lunch and dinner all at one time. For you that ever had to replace full grown shrubs it is no fun, work or cost.

I will have to close for now and wish you all a Merry Christmas and a safe and enjoyable New Year.

Your Loving Brother,

John

DEAR BROTHERS & SISTERS,

12-18-05

Here I go AGAIN TRYING TO THINK OF SOMETHING TO WRITE ABOUT, THIS TIME OF YEAR WE LIVE A PRETTY UNEVENTFUL life life style, WE ARE LOOKING FOR A STRONG STORM COMING IN SHORTLY SO I SENT BETTY & DAVID TO TOWN FOR THINGS AND GAS FOR THE GENERATOR, BETTY CUT HER FINGER PRETTY BAD THE OTHER DAY ON ONE OF THOSE FOOD SLICERS THAT SHE WAS USING TO SLICE POTATOES AND TOOK A SLICE OUT OF HER FINGER.

JOHN, WE TALK TO YOU GUYS ALL THE TIME SO NOT^A LOT TO ADD WE STILL HAVE OUR 7 DEER COMING IN FOR A HAND OUT SOME - TIMES THEY WILL STAND THERE AT THE STEPS FOR 15-20 MINUTES WAITING FOR SOMETHING.

JIM, I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU KEEP GOING GOD HAS. CERTAINLY BLESSED YOU IN ALL YOUR WORK YOU WILL BE REWARDED 1 DAY.

MARTY, THERE IS NO MOSS GROWING UNDER YOUR FEET THESE DAYS (GOOD FOR YOU), SON DAVID E-MAILED YOU A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE LAST NIGHT HOPE YOU ENJOYED IT, WHAT A BEAUTIFUL MEANINGFUL MESSAGE - AGE

ELAINE YOU ARE IN ABOUT THE SAME SHAPE AS THE REST OF US I GUESS IT HAS TO DO WITH ALL THESE BIRTHDAYS WE KEEP HAVING (OVER)

ELAINE CONT. BETTY SENT YOUR CHRISTMAS
GIFT TO SIS THE OTHER DAY SHE KNOWS
YOU TO OPEN THEM AS SOON AS YOU GET
IT.

Joe, IT TAKES TIME TO REGAIN YOUR
STAMINA AFTER A SURGERY LIKE YOU
HAD, HOPE YOU ARE NOT TRYING TO SHOVEL
SNOW THIS WINTER, THOSE DAYS ARE OVER
FOR ME.

SIS, I GUESS I'M LUCKY FOR NOT
BEING ALLERGIC TO ANYTHING SO MANY ARE
AND SEVERAL IN OUR FAMILY, I FEEL LIKE
I'VE BEEN RUN OVER BY A TRUCK ALL THE TIME,
THE DR. SENT ME TO HAVE A FULL BLOOD WORKUP
A COUPLE OF WKS. AGO AND HE DIDN'T LIKE
SOME THINGS HE SAW SO I HAVE BEEN GETTING
A LOT OF TESTS AT THE HOSPITAL - OLD AGE.

JAN, I HEAR YOU ABOUT MIKE & JOE OUR
RICHARD IS GOING TO HAVE A FANGUJAR CIST
CUT OUT ON HIS HAND. I GUESS ITS PRETTY
BAD, HE IS THE ONLY OUTSIDE MAINT. MAN
AT THE PALACE NOW AS THEY LAYED OFF
HIS HELPER I HOPE HE DON'T LOSE HIS JOB
OVER IT, DAVID GOT LAYED OFF IN OSCODA,
THEY GOT RID OF A LOT OF THERE OLDER
WORKERS - HE IS GOING TO COLLAGE IN
ALPEN A NOW TO BE AN ELECTRON NOW.

ENOUGH SCRATCHING FOR THIS TIME, HOPE
- ING YOU ALL A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HEALTHY
NEW YEAR, LOVE & PRAYERS BETTY & FRANK