



Holiday Herald



Pies Family-Christmas 2011

Happiest holidays wishes to you!



Best wishes for a joyous Christmas and a happy and healthy new year.

We are still here, a year older and slower. Eddie celebrated his 90th birthday in March. He has been having some health problems. Some of his medication makes him very unsteady, so it is hard for him to get around. Last summer he enjoyed sitting

on the deck with Loni, our big yellow lab. He loves looking at our flowers and the birds. Eddie and Loni both like to have me take them for rides to check out the countryside.

I retired from Bethesda Home this spring. After 35 years there, it was quite a change. I miss the residents and the wonderful people I worked with. The Home had a nice retirement party complete with many flowers, gifts, and friends.

The family is doing well; the grandchildren are really growing up. It's hard to believe that Jamie, our oldest granddaughter, is already in college.

We were happy to see Melinda and the girls two different weekends this summer. We were also glad to see Tim last spring. Barbara and family were home in June, while Sally was home most weekends. We always look forward to the time we can spend with all of them.

Sally, Debbie, and Barbara, JD, and family plan to spend part of their Christmas vacation with us. Kathryn and William want to have a Lefse baking day.

We hope you and your loved ones are well and happy and enjoying the holiday season.

Debbie recovers from accident

Deb had a rocky end to 2010 when she broke both bones in her leg.

Her rehabilitation has been slow, and she spends most of her day in a wheelchair.

Hopefully she will continue to gain more mobility. She recently moved to a group home in Aberdeen which is more wheelchair accessible.

She still enjoys watching sports and working on puzzles.

Sally visits Tim and Birgit

Sally continues to teach and coach at Brookings HS. She was honored to be awarded the Distinguished Service Award from the South Dakota High School Activities Association this past year.

In addition to school, she is currently taking classes for a master's degree in curriculum and instruction.

This summer she travelled with students to Dallas and spent 10 amazing days visiting Tim and Birgit in Germany.

Tim & Birgit move to Schweinfurt area

Tim and Birgit are enjoying the Schweinfurt area more and more as time as goes by. It's a more rural area with friendly people.

Tim still works for the Office of the Inspector General and is waiting to see if he will get another two-year extension.

Birgit is going to school, taking a Management Assistant course as well as Spanish language courses. She also started bagging

groceries at the Commissary and enjoys getting to talk with the people there.

This spring Tim spent two weeks at an investigators' course at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Brunswick, GA, as well as a week in South Dakota.

Birgit continues her Nordic walking, while Tim is still hoping to strike it rich with his metal detector.



Birgit, Tim, and Gizmo rest after a hike up a steep hill.

Broderius family enjoys fishing success

The Broderius family had a busy and blessed year with lots of fun adventures. The whole family came to the farm for a visit in late May and had great luck fishing! Both Kathryn and William were thrilled



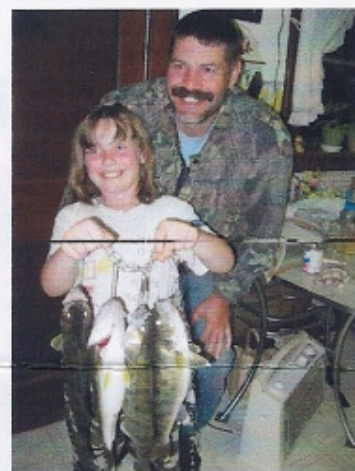
to reel in some big fish. JD was also thrilled to hook a huge Northern that will soon be hanging

on their wall.

In early August, Barbara and the kids came for another visit. The kids had a great time enjoying the nice late summer weather and had a blast swimming in the area lakes.

Kathryn started fourth grade this year and really likes reading and science. She played club soccer this year and continues to take violin lessons. William is in second grade and loves being outside digging and playing in the water. He won a new bike in a holiday drawing last December and spends a lot of time riding it around the neighborhood.

This year, JD had a great time teaching the kids about hunter safety and took both kids to the range to practice. Instead of a big elk hunt this year, he was thrilled to take Kathryn on her first deer hunt at their farm in Kansas. It was exciting when she got her first buck, a big 5x5. William can't wait



for his turn. JD continues to work at the sheriff's office as a commander.

Barbara keeps active chauffeuring the kids around, volunteering at church, school, the county fair, and the Greeley Morning Garden Club. In her spare time she enjoys gardening and making crafts.

Zimmerers' year filled with changes

The Zimmerers have had a busy year full of many changes.

After owning the business for over 22 years, Steve sold the Grover Inn. It has been quite an adjustment for him. He is finding things to occupy his time like coaching two softball teams and catching up on all those things he hasn't had time for over the years. He plans to look for a job in the spring.

Melinda continues to work as a Family Support Advocate for Head Start and the #1 cheerleader for the girls.

Jamie graduated from High School in May and now attends the College of St Mary's in Omaha. She is planning to get her degree in occupational therapy.

She likes college and has made many new friends. She looks

forward to playing softball for CSM this spring. The Zimmerers are planning a trip to Arizona in March to watch the season kickoff.

Abbie is a junior in High School. She keeps busy with Student Council and the many other activities she is involved in. She is also starting to look at colleges.

Katie, the baby, is already a freshman. She really likes High School and keeps busy with softball, basketball, and track.

The Zimmerers were able to



Jamie's graduation: Katie, Jamie, Melinda, Abbie, & Steve

enjoy a wonderful family vacation cruise last spring to the Bahamas. It was a great trip in which they were able to reconnect as a family.