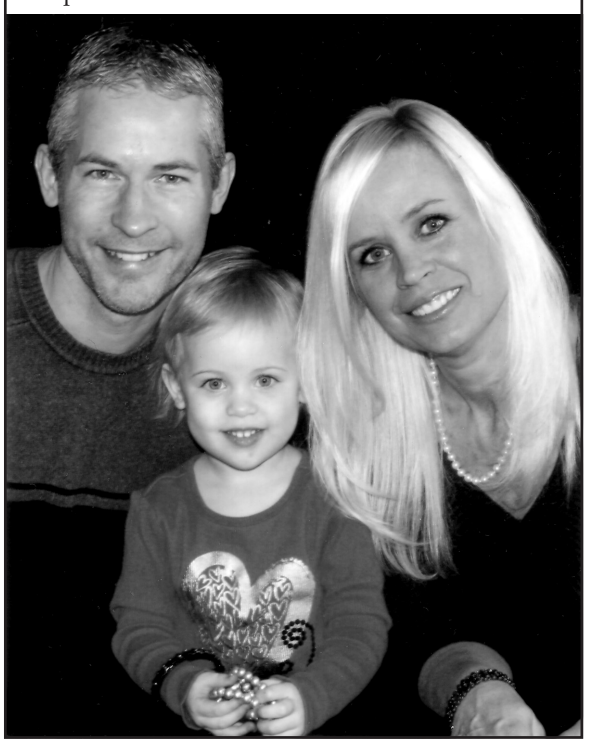
Birthday wishes!

By Fan staff

Happy birthday wishes to Tim (January 26) and Shawn (January 8) from your family and friends in Fruitport. •



Al and Clif revisited

By Clif Martin

Does anyone remember the old, old, olden days when Al Schneider and I poked and prodded each other from our side-by-side columns here in the friendly FAN? We still grind out timeless prose now and then, not caring a whole lot if nobody reads it. You gotta do what you love. Al and I love to play with words. That's what has kept us more or less friendly for all these years, in spite of little else in common. Al and I are 17 miles apart about religion, sports and who knows what else. He likes football. I think its barbaric.

We were shooting the breeze the other day at Al's place. He's pretty smart. He must have a thousand books, and I believe he has read all of them. So he hands me a book about poets and what they write. He likes Alfred Noyes, about whom I know zero. I steer the conversation around to one of the lower forms of versification, song lyrics.

Lorenz Hart, of the Rodgers and Hart team, came up with wild and crazy rhymes that make me smile and sometimes laugh out loud. How about this one from "Blue Room." "You'll sew your trousseau and Robinson Crusoe is now as far away from worldly cares as our blue room far away upstairs." Hart's best one might be from "Mountain Greenery," a song still performed by jazz artists. Looking for a word to rhyme with "greenery," he reached way out and wrote, "Beans could get no finer reception in a beanery than our mountain greenery home."

Al said his favorite song lyric is "I took one look at you, that's all I meant to do and then my heart stood still." Why, Albert. You old romantic. I said I didn't know who wrote it. I have since flagellated myself nearly to death for not recognizing another Lorenz Hart lyric.

I guess I should buy Al a DVD of "Words and Music," the Rodgers and Hart story. Mickey Rooney plays Lorenz Hart. On the other hand, he probably already has a secret stash of love songs and old MGM musicals.

Quite a few years ago, I gave the Fruitport Library several tapes of the big bands playing at Frank Lockage's Fruitport Pavilion. I have a picture of Lockage sitting with Benny Goodman during a break. I wonder if Benny's band might have played one of their big hits that night. Al and I could use it as our personal theme song. It's "Can't we be friends?" •

Divorce affects kids

(Courtesy, AFA Journal, January, 2012)

"A new study out of the University of Wisconsin-Madison adds to a growing body of evidence that the pain of divorce troubles not only the adults breaking up, but also their children.

"Study author and sociologist Hyun Sik Kim indicated that the children of divorce suffer through three categories of consequences: damage to interpersonal social skills, math test scores, and emotional well-being.

"In the latter category, Kim said kids of divorce 'show enhanced risk of internalizing problem behaviors characterized by anxiety, loneliness, low self-esteem and sadness.'

"These results don't show up until the divorce process is under way, and while Kim said the harmful consequences do not worsen, 'there is no sign that children of divorce catch up with their counterparts, either.'

"The study is published in the June issue of the *American Sociological Review*." •

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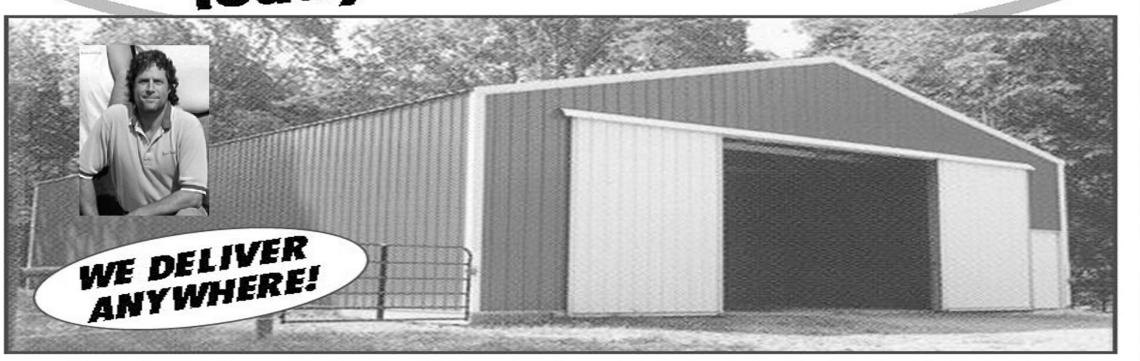

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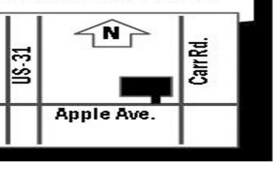

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