

June 18, 2001

Cindy and Deb,

Gosh, if I'd known, I would have wished them a happy anniversary yesterday. Carol and I spent the afternoon with them. You may have heard by now, but Mom had a little accident. She left Dad home and went to church alone yesterday. As she was turning in to the church parking lot, she was thinking how unusually full it was instead watching the road, and she ran into someone coming the other direction. The airbags went off and the inside of her arms were red, and there were some little marks on her face, but nothing serious. The other guy wasn't hurt, either. His vehicle wasn't badly damaged, but Mom's car is at Jim Carter's for repairs. She plans to rent a car today.

Dad hadn't felt good Saturday when we called about coming, but he was better Sunday. He said he took some more powerful medicine, and that fixed the problem. We had lunch at Cousin's then took the usual tour of South Haven. We stopped and visited Laura for a while and played with her new kittens. She was sunbathing and doing paperwork on their trampoline.

We stopped at Walter's and visited with him for a while. He made Carol and I 3 hangers for flower pots. They are made of wood and attach to a wall. You slip the rim of the pot into a slot and it catches, held there partly by gravity.

Things are not going too well at work. They've threatened to fire me, and I really didn't do anything wrong. We have a boss who likes the sound of her own voice, and doesn't listen well. She doesn't like her decisions questioned. Anyway, we have a "just cause" policy in regard to dismissals, so I can get a lawyer and fight it if they do fire me. Only a little over 15 months to retirement!

We are getting an estimate for some landscaping. We have some old railroad tie steps in our back yard, and we want to replace them with big slabs of rock. Also take out some overgrown junipers. Carol is really getting into landscaping and planting flowers. It is good to see her enthusiastic about something.

Steve