

Tuesday, September 4, 2001

Amy,

We went to Ludington on Saturday and came back Monday. Had beautiful weather. I found some new hiking trails on a high, forested ridge over Hamlin Lake. I might have got a good picture of 3 deer climbing a dune, silhouetted against the water. On Sunday we drove north of Ludington to a federal campground and beach. Miles of wide, wild beach. There were several hundred people on the beach and it was warm and not a cloud in the sky. Apparently the water wasn't too cold, because a lot of people were swimming. It really seemed peaceful and idyllic. It is the only federally designated wilderness area in the lower peninsula. Acres and acres of dune and forest and beach. A good place to go if you want to rough it and get away from it all.

Carol hates her job, mine is going OK. Just 13 months until I can retire.

I've been spending all my extra time working on the house and the yard. Next, I have to paint the trim on the windows.

Dad

Sandy (Schafer, highschool classmate),

I too worked for FIA, for a total of 23 years. First as a caseworker for Mason County, then as an intake supervisor at Ingham County, then as a procedure writer/systems analyst in the state office. I wrote the original CIS Manual. What do you do for FIA?

Carol is young, that's why she looks so good. She has to work at least 4 more years before she can retire. We've talked about moving to the Grand Rapids area after retirement, but although we don't have any great affection for Lansing, we do like our house and neighborhood. Two of Carol's daughters live in Grand Rapids