

December 24, 2003

Dear Tom and Kelli,

Thanks for “The DaVinci Code”. It arrived Christmas Eve. I just finished reading “Seabiscuit”, so I am ready for a new book.

We went to South Haven yesterday. Laura and Rich have made some changes to the old homestead. They fixed up a room in the attic for David, put a new tub/shower in the upstairs bathroom, replaced the living room carpet, and re-painted. We got there at 1:00. Jason was going to provide the main course, a big hunk of beef. I can't remember the name of the cut, but he described it as a boneless prime rib. He didn't arrive until about 3:00 with this big roll of uncooked beef. Everybody was starving. It took another hour and a half to cook it. It was very good if you got an outside, well-done piece. Very tender and tasty. But the pieces from the center were too rare for me. A bit chewy. Probably too rare even for those who claimed to prefer rare.

Despite the late dinner, it was a good time.

David's soccer team tied with another school for the Class B state championship. He got picked first team all-state in class B. He is 6'3" tall. He must be a Junior this year – I'm not sure. He also plays basketball.

Grandma Harry seems to be doing fine, except she has trouble hearing. Can't seem to get her hearing aid to fit correctly. We bought her some new luggage for Christmas.

Love, Dad.