

Deb,

I will mail you a bunch of my scenic photos on a CD. They don't include the prints I sent you, so if you still prefer any of those, I'll scan them and send them on a CD, too.

Carol is back to work full time, but it is temporary. Just until they can get a replacement. She sort of enjoys it, except that it has been tough trying to straighten out the mess the last person left.

I finished sanding and applying wood preservative to our deck, and it looks great. I took down the benches that ran around the edges, so now it is just an open platform, like a stage. All the big house/yard projects are done except for trimming the shrubbery.

I have been working in the central office of the petition drive to ban dove hunting in Michigan. It has been illegal here for 80 years, but this year they started it up again. I put in about 4 hours 2 or 3 days a week. We've got until March to get the signatures we need.

I went to South Haven yesterday. Mom seems to be as lively and healthy as ever. Megan and Jim were there, but she will be gone in another week or 2. She hasn't found a job in Chicago, but has some interviews lined up. Laura and Rich are closing the stand for the year. Carl is dead. They found him in the barn, but it looked like he'd been hit by a car. Apparently he and Rich were close. Laura had a picture of Rich at his desk, with Carl lying in his In basket. Walter has lost 20 pounds, but is finally back on regular food - in small bites.

Steve