

For To Us A Child Is Born, To Us A Son Is Given
And The Government Shall Be On His Shoulder

And His Name Shall Be Called Wonderful Counselor, The
Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince Of Peace.

Isaiah 9:6



Merry
Christmas



From The Johnson's



THE YEARS KEEP FLYING BY, BUT 2012 WAS AS ACTION PACKED AS ANY BEFORE.....

Bryan & Sabrina

So early in 2012, second son Ben introduces brother Bryan to a fellow EIU graduate named Sabrina. Sabrina teaches in Chicago at a Catholic primary school and is a lovely woman hailing from a close family in the southwest Chicago suburbs.

They go out and sparks fly instantly. They quickly become a couple and by the end of the summer, people are starting to wonder if she could be the one?

Workwise, Bryan left his job in Homeland Security for a job as a Claims Fraud Investigator for a large security company.

He is assigned a series of cases, and by stealth surveils people collecting insurance disability payments who in fact may be taking ballet lessons or tightrope walking or committing other crimes belying their infirmity.

With an eye on trying to save some cash, Bryan had moved home from the Decadent Den of Debauchery on Dickens where he had lived for a year.

So right before Christmas, he popped the question to Sabrina in her classroom involving all of her students in the process. He made a great video of the proposal that can be seen on www.rickyjohn.com.

A wedding date has not yet been set, but is thought to be during the Christmas holidays in 2013. Kathy and I could not be happier with their decision. The future looks pretty good.

Princess Kathy

Her highness had another busy year as well. She is already combing through the Brides magazines with Sabrina, dispensing plenty of what I am sure is unwanted advice to her soon to be daughter-in-law.

This past summer she and I took a trip back to the UK right before the Olympics in July. We stayed in Central London and re-visited many



of our favorite haunts from years back. We took in the races at Ascot and she pillaged some stores in Windsor, before we flew up to Edinburgh, Scotland for a couple days.

While there, Kathy insisted we drive up the coast to St. Andrews, the Home of Golf, so she could have her picture taken on the very famous Swilken bridge on the fairway of the Old Course. She looked marvelous.

She hosted a raucous Rolling Stones party earlier this month celebrating the Stones 1st 50 years as we watched the Pay-Per-View concert in our Sports Room.

She will be headed down to the Big Easy in a month or so to watch the new racehorse "Workin For Hops" earn us some cash at the Fair Grounds.

Until then she's taking a breather enjoying a pretty sweet Christmas present she did absolutely nothing to deserve.

Brett

Now 22, he is studying at Harper College in Palatine. Last summer he again had his job as a pool attendant at a Condo complex in Rolling Meadows.

Very much into golf, he played frequently over the summer even carding a spectacular birdie on the 17th at Kemper Lakes where the lake in front of the green holds what are hundreds of my own errant golf balls.

Alas, the boy has too much idle time on his hands and needs a part time job. Any help from anyone reading this would be sorely appreciated.

This year saw him date a few lassies, but none that kept his interest for long. Very involved with Red Rabbit Racing.

He is very excited at the prospect of a new sister in Sabrina and fully expects to be her favourite brother.



JOHNSON FAMILY RED RABBIT RACING HALL



EL PASO, ILLINOIS



Bryan



Sabrina



*Workin
For
Hops*



Brett

FAMILY REUNION OF CHAMPIONS HORSE PARK



IS JULY 2, 2012



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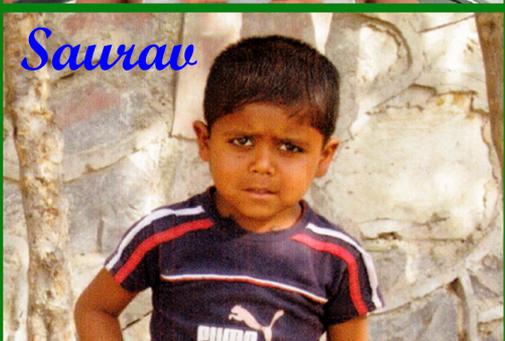


Ben



Tina

Brad



Saurav

Bradley

What a year this fellow has had. Still going strong with Tina, they have been a coosome twosome for 3 & 1/2 years now.

This January he left home having enrolled in Kathy's alma mater, Northern Illinois University in DeKalb Il. He is majoring in Physical Therapy and by all accounts doing a great job.

He took classes all summer and will be entering his Senior year next fall. He is already exploring Grad School options as he feels that will be necessary in his field. The cash hemorrhage continues.

He lives in an apartment with 3 other fellas overlooking Huskie Stadium just down the street from the Taco Bell where I invented the Taco Supreme in 1976.

Both Tina and I have been keeping an eye on his Facebook page—she ensuring there are no other hens attempting to storm the henhouse as I watch for any evidence of underage beer consumption. To date he's clean (even though I did see one picture with him holding a beer can!). However, good son that he is, he told me that he was just recycling.

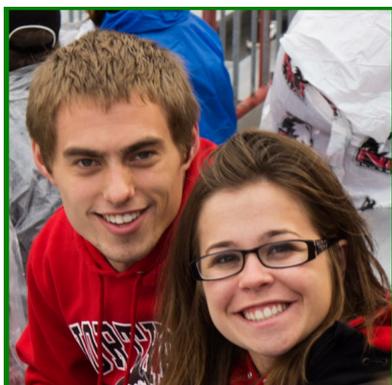
Rick

Graduated from a 2 year Diakonia program in June and was installed as a Parish Deacon in my home church of Trinity Lutheran in October. This whole program has enriched my spiritual life immensely.

Am active in our Elders Program at Church and Kathy & I serve in a Teen Pregnancy Ministry with our church at a local high school.

Still mad about horse racing and joined the Board of the Illinois Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association as an Owner-Director. Was very involved in negotiating the Horsemen's agreement with Arlington Park in May. Quite interesting.

Our Red Rabbit Racing family partnership bought a horse in September named "Workin For Hops". The Hopster is a 5 year old gelding & racing with trainer Neil Pessin at the Fair Grounds in New Orleans. Will come to Arlington In May back into Trainer Chris Block's barn.



Benjamin

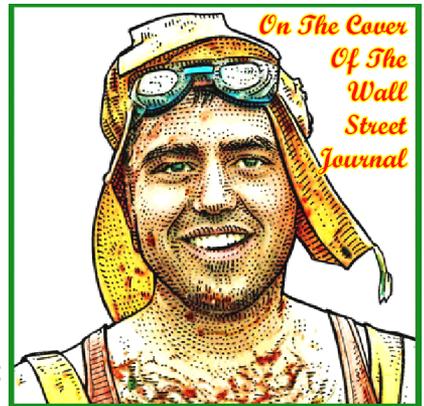
Ben substitute taught at Dirksen Elementary school in Schaumburg. In April he was offered a permanent position there and teaches a combined 1st & 2nd grade class. He's doing a great job and thoroughly enjoys it.

He bought a new Chrysler 300 this year aptly named "The Titleist" from the dimples caused by Hail Damage that enabled him to get a fantastic discount. He bought a lifetime Bumper to Bumper warranty for the "Titleist" meaning at age 24 this is the last car he will ever own.

Against his mom's direct order, he bought into the family Thoroughbred partnership, Red Rabbit Racing. He assumes the role of Director of Breeding Operations—though we have and never intend to have any breeding stock.

In no hurry to settle down, Ben dated a flurry of babes this year. Has informed us that he intends to live rent-free at our home for another year—at which time he intends to buy his own place.

Unbelievably, he was on the nationwide cover of The Wall Street Journal having participated in a regional Tomato Throwing Contest. Yeah that's right—Tomato Throwing. Kathy & I just beam with pride.



**Well That's It From The Johnson's
To All Our Friends & Family**

Merry Belated Christmas

Happy New Year 2013.

Love,

*Rick, Kathy, Bryan, Sabrina, Ben, Brett, Brad, Tina,
Saurav, Whirlaway, and Workin For Hops*

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2012 Quotes Of The Year

“Listen to me. I don’t want to talk to your manager, or your girlfriend, or your mother. You either hit our price or we’re done here...”

Trying to help Ben buy his 1st car, Rick’s informs Darius, the salesman at Marino Chrysler, that we are now done negotiating. He hit the price & was promptly fired.

“If your pissed about spending \$2,500, wait’ll I save up \$10,000...”

Ben’s cheeky response to his mother scolding him for using his 1st paycheck to invest in Red Rabbit Racing.

“Welcome to my church. We’re glad to have your people here....”

Seated alone in their own church pew, Ben & Brad are greeted by an elderly, well meaning woman who surmised they were a same sex couple at Christmas Eve worship.

“Good morning favorite sister-in-law, happy to hang your picture. Is this a clandestine effort to surprise or, better yet, shame my favorite brother-in-law, or is it just one of the thousand things he can’t do around the house?”

Jack Ass Brother-in-law Steve’s e-mail response to Kathy’s request to hang a picture Rick can’t seem to do.

“Sabrina, will you marry me?”

On one knee, Bryan poses this most important question.

“Keep it fair. Keep it fair....”

Angling to be named Best Man, Brad slips Bryan \$20 as he watches Ben shamelessly campaign for the same post.