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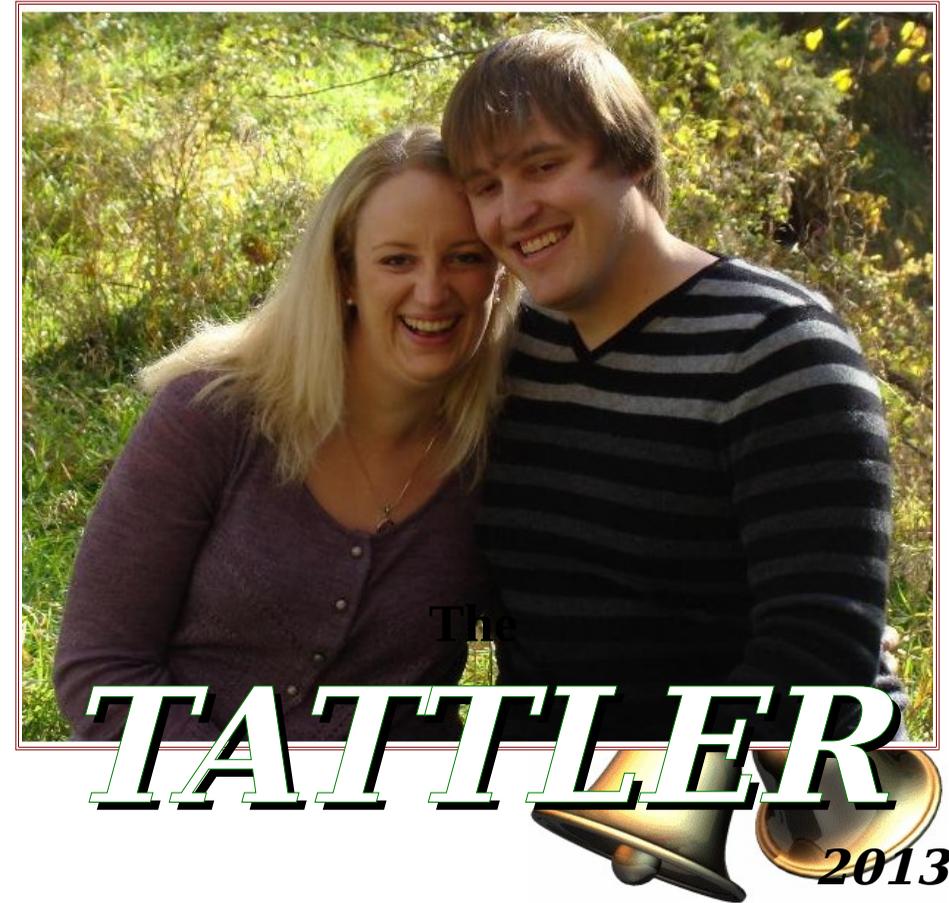
Crafty athlete Larry Dietrich has discovered the advantage of deferring athletic activity to an age at which most potential competitors have developed better sense. After spending most of his life in the role of wimpy nerd, Dietrich finally decided to show the world what he is made of by running in the Lincoln Marathon and in the process, qualifying for the Boston Marathon. Dietrich received a large assortment of gold trophies for various Fastest Old Fart categories, but he evidently has chosen to not discuss the specifics of the awards.

As Larry Dietrich was attempting to turn back the clock by running the Lincoln Marathon, daughter Sallie was in Eau Claire, WI, barely finishing her first marathon. "That was easy!" she gasped when she crossed the finish line, her face bright red. Between panting and wheezing, our reporter believes to have heard heard Dietrich say "I'm signing up for Lincoln next year!" (We apologize for the brevity of this report, as Dietrich was so drenched in sweat the reporter did not have any desire to get within several feet of the subject.)

Wanda Dietrich has taken up the cowbell as her contribution to the family's athletic endeavors.



In another of Dietrich's Bizarre Capers, this crew ran 78 miles from Omaha to Lincoln (yes, he is in the photo, at left)



True Love, True Fool, or Partner in Crime?

Career woman Sallie Dietrich shocked even jaded Tattler followers when she announced her engagement to Mr. Phillip Rapp of Lincoln. The two plan to get married in Lincoln in October of 2014. Rapp, when interviewed by the Tattler, professed to know everything he needs to know about his betrothed, and has even read all about the past scandalous behavior of the Dietrich family in previous editions of the Tattler. The Tattler fears that Rapp may fit in a bit too well. Dietrich, when asked whether we could expect ridiculous shenanigans from Rapp, giddily burred, "Just wait and see!"



Sallie Dietrich, J.D.

After far too many late nights studying obscure and tedious law minutiae, innumerable calories of stress baking, and student loans up the wazoo, Sallie Dietrich finally received her J.D., which, according to Dietrich, stands for Just Don't Do It. She extended her studies over the following summer, to review and relearn what she thought she had been taught in Minneapolis, then took the Nebraska bar exam. Fortunately for her, all those cookies seem to have done the trick. She is now a real attorney, with a real job. All parties near and dear to her have breathed a collective huge sigh of relief. The new attorney is looking forward to the next twenty years of paying off student loans.

Woman Again Seeks and Finds the Limelight

Musical dilettante Wanda Dietrich, following several years of decreeing herself a recovering musician, fell off the wagon and decided to return to her seat in the viola section of Lincoln Civic Orchestra. Unfortunately, that seat, and quite a few others, had been filled in her absence. "They are putting me in the very back where I can't be seen!" she was heard to wail. "What's the point, if you're not in the limelight?" She was up to the challenge, however, and came back the next week smiling and hauling an enormous string bass. "People will see me now!" she crowed. "I'll be impossible to miss." It is unknown what the other orchestra members thought, as they slipped away before this reporter could interview them. The audience for the first concert also beat a hasty retreat.

We here at the Tattler have had another challenging year of documenting the antics of the Dietrich Family. We hope that this holiday season finds you, faithful reader, healthy and in good spirits. Actually, if you have any spirits you would be willing to share with us, we could use them!

Gov't Grants Vacation to Researcher

Recognizing microbiologist Elizabeth Dietrich's outstanding contributions to mosquito research, the United States Government granted her an impromptu two week vacation. Indeed, the largess did not stop with Elizabeth, as the Government was moved to grant the unexpected vacation time to 800,000 other employees as well.

Parents Wanda and Larry were the first to jump at the chance to take away her freedom, insisting that she travel to Lincoln, NE and clean their house for them. As she was scouring floors and cleaning the pantry, the gratitude toward Congress seemed to fade. Indeed, by the end of the two weeks, Dietrich seemed rather eager to return to work. "Check out these biceps!" she told our reporter. "Scouring floors is hard work! I'm glad to get back to Colorado -- mosquitoes are much lighter than bookcases."



Woman Seeks Companionship on the Interwebz

Wanda Dietrich has embarked on a new type of dubious behavior this year. Instead of riding her bicycle across the United States, bicycle enthusiast Wanda Dietrich got on the Internet and posted her willingness to host touring bicyclists. She has opened her home to strange people from other parts of the world, including Finland, Canada, Korea, and remote parts of the U.S. She seems to require no credentials other than their mode of transportation being a bicycle. Daughter Sallie was horrified to learn of this, and in a frantic effort to protect her parents from potential ax murderers, began insisting on interviewing the travelers upon their arrival. "So far, they have all been peculiar people," she told this reporter nervously, "but none has exhibited any violent tendencies. I plan to keep a close eye on this."

Tattler Welcomes Staff Attorney

The Tattler, due to a constant barrage of libel actions over its content, offered a position to newly-minted attorney Sallie Dietrich, requesting that she vigorously defend the publication against such claims.

After reviewing the Tattler files, attorney Dietrich quickly sought other employment, and unfortunately for the Tattler, took a position with the Nebraska State Attorney General. She refuses to discuss her negotiations with the Tattler.

Therefore, any pending litigation against the Tattler will just have to pend until the Tattler actually finds an attorney willing to represent the publication. "I expect this to be a long wait." sighed publisher Larry Dietrich. "Nobody seems interested in the job."