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New House

After spending over a whole year at the new address, we seem to be settling in to life out in the country. There is no city water, city sewer, gas, cable, DSL. The closest town is called *Nowthen*. Our neighbors are far enough away that we don't have to hear their radios but close enough to see if Michael and Johnny (Warren's friends) are out playing.

To help cut down a little on the wind, we planted over 175 trees this spring and summer. It started with an order of 150 trees. Some of them didn't survive and were replaced. That brings the total to around 175 trees planted this year.



Filling in out front

The drought didn't help matters. We tested out our well by watering just about every day, 12 plus hours a day. We watered plants and trees but not the lawn. We now have about 197,268 miles of garden hose. But even that great length doesn't get to about half of the new trees.

For them we have the *Green Wagon* and a couple of large containers. We can fill up with about 40 gallons of water at a time and wheel it around to all of the new trees. It is quite an operation getting them watered but we hope it will be worth the time when they become large enough to cut down on some of the wind and road noise.

Outback

After 13½ years, the time came for Arthur's truck to get traded in. After some shrewd negotiating (which included quite a bit of pleading that the truck was worth more than \$50), the truck was traded in and a

Subaru Outback found a new home on Norris Lake Road. We found out that if you spell Subaru backwards you have "U r a bus."

Like Father Like Son



Warren decided, quite by accident, that he wanted to get at least as many stitches in his head as papa. In one fell swoop, he managed to tie Arthur for number of stitches in the head at seven. By the time he got home from the doctor, he was feeling quite good and was showing off his Garfield bandage.

Apples

We had quite a good apple harvest this year. We have four apple trees plus a couple of crabapple trees. Warren enjoyed going out in the evening to play and pick his own apple for a snack.



Crabapple tree

Minnie and Moo

No, we didn't get a couple of cows, but we did get a couple of cats. Within the first week, Warren had them named after two cows from a series of children's books.



Barbara and Warren with Minnie

Gardening

Barbara has spent quite a bit of time getting the gardens around the house all cleaned up. Arthur and Warren helped where they could. Now the gardens around the house are looking much better.



There is still quite a bit more to do. Next year's plans are already being put into action for a vegetable garden. Warren has helped make two trips to pick up some manure to work into the garden area.



Warren loves a good John Deere

(in his eyes.) Warren thinks we need something big and green.

After going to the *State Fair*, Warren thinks it would be a good idea to get a garden tractor. Somehow, the mower we have isn't doing the job

Music

Warren was getting so good at buzzing his lips that we thought we should see how well he did with a trumpet. Warren now thinks he is going to be the next *Dizzy Gillespie*! He has taken to hanging the trumpet on his arm and patting his lips with a small towel.



The fun part is that he can really make it play. The first time Barbara heard him toot a note, she thought Arthur had done it.

Red Wagon

Warren got a nice red wagon this summer. He loves to pull it up and down the hills in the yard. He also enjoys being pulled up and down the hills.



Water

We were able to get away for a weekend this summer up to Warnerland.



Warren captures a large orange snake

At first, Warren wasn't too sure about the lake thing. His water experience up to then had been the bath tub and a little 4 foot round pool. But with much supervision, he seemed to enjoy canoeing and playing around in the water.

Fund Raising

Arthur captained the *Light the Night* walking team from McKesson Medication Management again this year to raise money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma society. Through various fund raising events, the team raised over \$2,500.



Happy holidays to all!

*Arthur, Barbara, &
Warren*

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