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## Warren and Bonnie



Warren has taken an interest in mowing the lawn this year. He enjoys watching the grass come out of the side spit and he seems to enjoy making smoke! He also likes to ride on the big mower when Arthur mows the yard. When he is good, Arthur lets Warren drive the big lawnmower. He thinks it is fun to go in circles.



Bonnie is Warren's favorite little sister. He enjoys hopping into her crib and keeping company in the morning or after a nap. It is great that they are getting along with each other so well. Warren is a loving big brother.



Both Warren and Bonnie enjoy building things. Warren has gotten good with his Tumble Tree Timbers. We put a video out on YouTube of him doing some building.



Bonnie loves to play the piano at Grandma Ellen Deane's house. After only one lesson, she knows it all! Just look at her go! When she isn't the one playing, she likes to dance. While out visiting in Colorado, Aunt Heidi and Uncle Curt played for Bonnie and she danced.



Grandma Ellen Deane took the family to the St. Paul Children's Museum this summer. Both Warren and Bonnie enjoyed themselves with all of the things to see and do. While there, Warren turned into a turtle! Bonnie couldn't believe her eyes and pointed at the funny Warren turtle.



At the State Fair, Bonnie tried to get the pigs to smell her feet. I'm not sure what that was all about but Bonnie seems to have something for animals. She points at them in books and when she gets to see the real thing, she really gets excited!

## Summer events

For a family day treat, Grandpa took Warren and his father to a Twins game at the Metrodome along with a couple cousins. They play outside in a new stadium next season so this was kind of a first and last for Warren. First time at the Metrodome and the last time seeing the Twins play there. Warren enjoyed going and had a great time but don't ask him who won or who was playing for that matter.



Our good friend Paul got married this summer. Warren and Arthur attended the wedding and reception. Warren had some advice for Paul but we aren't sure what it was.



The whole family was able to make it to the Como Zoo in St. Paul this summer. We weren't able to see the Polar Bears as their habitat was under construction and the bears were on vacation until that work was completed. But there was the bonus of the butterfly display. We went into a large tent that looked like a caterpillar. Inside were hundreds of butterflies. They seemed to really like Arthur as they kept landing on his hat and wouldn't leave.



One of the special things Warren got to do for his fifth birthday was to go to the Nowthen Threshing Show. There were more tractors there than you could see! Here Warren is pictured with one of the giant steam tractors they had on display. These 100 plus year old tractors still work. We watched them pass in the "parade of power" after lunch.

For another special birthday event, Warren and Arthur set the tent up in the back yard and camped out over night. Well, most of the night. When the thunderstorm rolled in around 3:30 and the tent started leaking like it wasn't there, the two brave campers made a mad dash for the house.



The apple harvest this year was very good. Even now into December we are enjoying them. Barbara has made countless apple pies, apple crisps, and jars of apple sauce. Only two of our four trees produced this year but oh did they produce!

## Colorado And Wall Drug



The family took a late summer trip out to Estes Park, Colorado to visit Barbara's sister Heidi and her husband Curt. It was nice getting together with them for a few days. They have a great view of the mountains from their house. The weather didn't cooperate too well for us with rain and colder temperatures but we still managed a hike up to Gem Lake. Arthur's camera lens decided to act up in a bad way. Heidi came to the rescue and let Arthur borrow one of her lenses that just happens to work with Arthur's camera.

We stopped at Wall Drug on the way home from Colorado. Warren had heard about the T-Rex they had but couldn't seem to find it.



Later in the summer, Warren got to see a real tyrannosaurus skeleton named Sue that was on exhibit in St. Cloud. If you want to know anything about dinosaurs, just ask Warren. He knows more than he should about them and is fascinated by them. There seems to be no end of dinosaur games that Warren can invent.



Warren and Bonnie found themselves taking a ride in a covered wagon through the wilds of the Wall Drug Backyard.

They got a ride on the wild jack-a-lope and even had their picture taken with a stuffed bison! Warren and Arthur ran through the water fountain trying not to get wet.

## Halloween



Bonnie tried to be a scary pink cat this year but... I don't know, she just doesn't seem to strike fear in even the most timid of mice with her attempts to be scary.

This year for Halloween, Warren secretly conspired with the neighbor boy (who is one day younger than Warren) to dress the same. We were surprised when we knocked at the neighbor's door to find a duplicate Thomas the Tank Engine there! They really hadn't known they would dress the same but it was funny nonetheless.

Warren picked out the pumpkin this year in about 3 seconds. He carved his own design in it this year with a little help from Arthur. We cooked the seeds for a yummy treat and Barbara made some pumpkin pies. It was a well used pumpkin this year.

## Barbara Keeps Busy

Barbara has been busy taking care of the household. Things have been tight but she seems to keep it all going.

The gardens around the house looked great again this year. Barbara spent as much time as she could out weeding and caring for the plants. The vegetable garden also produced well this year. Some new

additions to this year's harvest were sweet corn and cheddar cauliflower. Barbara even left a small plot in the garden for Warren to plant some stuff.

## Time off for Arthur

The contract work hasn't been rolling in much this year so Arthur has spent quite a bit of time at home. He has cut, hauled, split, and stacked close to four cords of firewood. There have been a few larger projects such as the china cabinet (closet!) that he was contracted to build for his mom.



Arthur spent some time photographing the yard. He has many pictures of Barbara's flowers and garden as well as the wild plants that grow in the yard. Some of them even had visitors!

**Happy holidays to all!**

*Arthur, Barbara,  
Warren, & Bonnie*