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Our Family Got BIGGER

2016 brought an addition to our family in the form of a puppy!



Buddy Boy Schwieger

Warren had wanted a puppy for quite some time. He saved his money, read books on training and care, scoured the internet trying to find the right puppy. Then in July it happened. He found some puppies for sale that were in his price range and in our driving range. By supper time, we were back with a puppy.



Sunshine wasn't sure what to think about the puppy. Buddy didn't seem too worried about the grumpy cat. Now that

Buddy is almost 5 times larger than Sunshine, Sunshine may be wishing he had been a little nicer to the strange new cat.

Buddy loves to play with Sunshine... like he is a squeaky toy! We don't know if Sunshine is just slow or if he likes being pounced on all the time. He has plenty of opportunity to escape up or down the stairs to avoid Buddy.

Warren Plays Sports

Warren participated in the Upward basketball program again this past winter. It was his last year of eligibility.



As usual, he was one of the tallest out on the court. His game keeps improving. Better shooting, dribbling, court sense. He still has a few things to learn and he and Arthur get to play Wednesday evening at church.



This past spring, Warren's school hosted a softball tournament for some other local Christian schools. With only a couple practices, they did a great job and had a ton of fun.



Warren is back row center



This fall at Warren's new school, they had an introduction to wrestling. Warren took first place in his age and weight. They seemed to be having fun.

Safety First

Warren turned 12 this year. He and Arthur took the MN DNR firearm safety class. They both did very well on the book learning and had a great time at the field day. They practiced getting in and out of tree stands, blinds, boats. They performed a practice group hunt where Frisbees were used to simulate pheasants. Warren is now legal to hunt in MN as long as he follows the rules and has the proper license.



While Warren and Arthur were playing baseball this summer, Bonnie once again ran around on the other side of the park playing soccer. She made some goals and really enjoyed having our neighbor Madeline as her assistant coach.

AWANA Grand Prix

Bonnie and Warren each raced again this year in the AWANA Grand Prix at church. Arthur was involved and ran the timing gate and crunched the numbers to determine the winners for the fastest cars.



Mountain Car

Bonnie took inspiration from our last visit to the Rocky Mountains for her car. Snow covered mountain, polished rock at the base. She did a very nice job on her car this year. She's very creative.



Too creative maybe? We don't have a name for this character but it was so successful the first time she introduced it that she has brought it back several times. She's a sly one that Bonnie Rose.

How Great To Be Eight

Bonnie turned 8 this July. She started 2nd grade this fall and loves her teacher. She loves to read chapter books. I'm not sure who likes reading more, Bonnie or Warren?



Bonnie even likes to play school. Sometimes Arthur is the student and sometimes she has other students.



Birthday party in Fargo



When she isn't busy playing with Kristolf her huge bear, R2-D2, or helping take care of the wild and crazy Buddy Boy, she still finds time to play with Sunshine; also known as Mr. Pow.



Spooky?



Maybe not too spooky until you realize that Warren carved his pumpkin with a huge survival knife he got for his birthday. At least he didn't cut anything off other than pumpkin. Bonnie did most of the carving on her owl pumpkin. Arthur still was elected to gut the pumpkin but Bonnie did help some. Those pumpkin seeds make for a yummy treat!



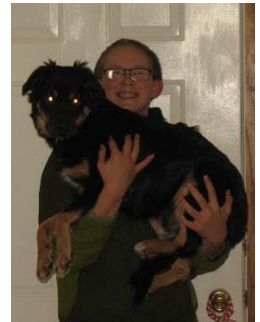
Double Rainbow at our house



Skies clearing



The snow we got around Thanksgiving time didn't seem to last long enough for Bonnie. She loves the snow and is having quite a bit of fun now with the "permanent" snow that is on the ground now.



My! What a big puppy you have there.

Happy holidays to all!

*Arthur, Barbara,
Warren, & Bonnie*