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Musical Growth



Bonnie continues to play piano and violin. She is excelling at both. At the beginning of the school year, Bonnie asked Arthur how you know when it is time to get a larger violin. He did a quick measure

and said to ask her teacher. It was time to move to a full size violin.

Designing Cars

At the AWANA Grand Prix, Bonnie's treasure chest car took second place in design. The weight for the car was the treasure inside!



Wrestling



While in 9th grade last year, Warren decided to switch from the basketball team to the wrestling team at Spectrum High School. The coaches were impressed with both his work ethic and his ability to learn and execute the needed moves. Warren typically wrestled up one or two weight

classes and would win. He won enough matches at the varsity level to letter in wrestling.

The 2020-2021 School Year

Bonnie is still attending St. John Lutheran and is in 6th grade. The school population increased over the summer and they had to add more teachers meaning the 6th grade class is no longer combined with the 5th grade class.

Warren is attending Spectrum High School virtually as a 10th grade student. He was able to get on the asynchronous schedule meaning he just has to get his work done on time. This frees him up to work at various jobs, and his own projects.



Dodge Stratus

Here are some of his projects:



Ford F150



Buick LeCrosse



Chevrolet Silverado 2500

(he is keeping this one for now as his daily driver)

Warren has turned into quite the car dealer. He buys a broken vehicle, fixes it up, sells it, and buys another vehicle.... He has gotten a reputation in the area as a good go-to for small engine repair. He finds good deals on mowers, snow blowers, tillers, chainsaws, etc.... Like the cars, he fixes them up and sells them.

Summer Fun



Bonnie stayed cool this summer with a little help from the sprinkler and our favorite pool up in Fargo where we celebrated Bonnie's 12th birthday. In the evening, we watched a movie projected on the side of the house. Bonnie was in the

water so much, she turned into a mermaid.



Bonnie has taken on the role of official flag putter out. If there is a day for putting the flag out, she makes sure to take care of that task. Sometimes, there is an impromptu parade around the house too.



Warren celebrated his



16th birthday this year. Warren scheduled his driving test up in St. Cloud as that was the testing location that had an opening. He only needed 15 minutes of the 20 provided to pass the driving test. It is a good thing he has all of those cars!

Ultimate Frisbee

Warren and Arthur were lucky to be part of a group consisting mainly of youth from church that played ultimate Frisbee once a week at Twin Lake Park in Nowthen. After getting all hot running around, the group made its way to the lake for some water fun including, but not limited to, king of the raft.

Braces? We Don't Need No Stinkin' Braces!

After spending more years wearing braces than he wanted, (all of them) Warren finally got his braces off.

Two days later, Warren could be found enjoying a double bacon,



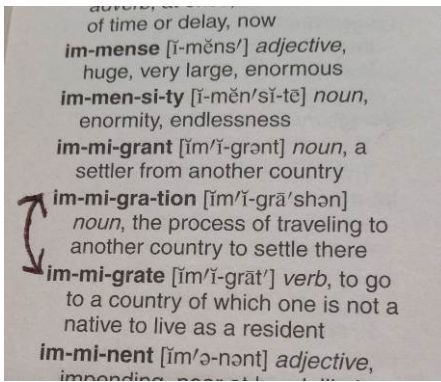
cheese, heart attack burger provided as a treat from grandma for helping her out with stuff around the house.

Where's Bonnie?



Bonnie was going through her stuffed animal collection, making sure they were all safe and organized when she asked to be buried under them. We could have used a few more to get her fully buried.

A Mistake?



Bonnie was reading the dictionary for fun. Or maybe she was just looking something up? In any case, she found a mistake in her dictionary. As far as we

know, immigrate should come before immigration. Maybe she should contact the publisher for a refund on that page or an internship!

Halloween

Warren and Bonnie carved their own pumpkins again this year and Arthur roasted the seeds.



We will let you guess who did the International Harvester logo and who did the owl.



Barbara and Bonnie were invited to some friends for Halloween. Bonnie and Ethan made a spider treat!

Winding Down 2020



Bonnie made sure that Buddy was all ready for winter by trying on some hats and scarfs.

Bonnie found a recipe for candy cane cookies and just had to give it a try.

They turned out nicely and they taste even better.

Tradition has it that Bonnie makes a gingerbread house after Thanksgiving. Usually this is done at grandma's house while Barbara and Arthur are out Black Friday shopping. This year was a little different and the gingerbread house was done in Nowthen.



CNC Cribbage

Arthur has been working with a small CNC router for the past couple years making various things out of wood. This year he finally bit the bullet and made a cribbage board out of a piece of wood he had cut from a log. It was too large for his small machine but with some clever coding and positioning, he was able to

get a pocket cut in the back for cards and pegs and all of the holes made on the front for a three track board. Warren was even nice enough to let Arthur win the first game.



Anyone up for a game?

Last Get-together

Barbara took a trip this spring down to Arizona with all of her sisters. Wendy, Barbara, Rene, and Kathy



flew down and met up with Heidi. They were able to get out and enjoy the area with some hikes in the desert and just sit around talking.

One week later, Heidi lost her battle with cancer. A month later, Barbara, along with two of her sisters, made a road trip out to Estes Park, CO for Heidi's burial.

Who Wants To Get Beat At Cribbage?

Arthur and his brother Sterling had their last cribbage tournament with their dad on Father's day this year. Later in July, Bradley suffered a subdural hematoma which ended up leading to multiple strokes. After a few weeks in hospice care, he passed away. Arthur happened to be up visiting that day.

Additions To "The Tank"

Bonnie has refreshed the fish in the fish tank. To keep things simple, they are named the same as past fish. She purchased a Shubunkin and named it Johnny. He is already noticeably larger. She recently replaced our alga eater with a small Plecostomus who seems to like sucking on the outside of the filter housing. It makes him hard to find. He is called Down.



Happy holidays to all!

*Arthur, Barbara,
Warren, & Bonnie*