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PSEO Student

Warren used the PSEO (Postsecondary Enrollment Options) program for his junior and senior years of high school, which allowed him to take college classes. In the spring, Warren completed an AAS degree at St. Cloud Technical Community College. Technically, he graduated college before graduating high school!

Warren was promoted into a fulltime position at a local landscape supply company where he works on their big trucks. We hardly see him as he works second shift and gets home somewhat late. Throughout the year, he has enjoyed a variety of camping trips and maintaining his fleet of manual transmission pickup trucks.



Science Fair



Bonnie and her friend took first place in their school science fair. Their project centered around catnip and its effect on other animals.

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Long Hair is OUT!

In the spring, Bonnie decided that shorter hair was in order. At the salon, they braided her hair before cutting it so it could be donated. The hair will be used to make children's wigs.



She has been letting it grow ever since and may have another donation ready soon?

New Siding

It was time to get new siding on our house. Once they had all of the old siding removed, the house took on a new look.



Normally it is wrapped in generic white vinyl. These brown tones gave it quite a different look.

Birthdays!

In July, we celebrated Bonnie's 15th birthday in Fargo with some family. The girls camped out in the backyard which was uneventful until the automatic sprinklers went off!



In August, we celebrated Warren's 19th birthday.

Buck Frenzy

Arthur, Bonnie, and Warren attended the annual dads and kids weekend affectionately named Buck Frenzy.

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Bonnie tied for second place in the fourth annual Octo-ball tournament.



Another tradition is the raising of the underwear flag. Several years ago, a powerful storm blew through leaving things scattered around the camping area. One item was a pair of Warren's underwear and before you knew it, they were hung up in a tree as a flag. Since then, they have been painted blaze orange.

Nowthen Threshing Show



Bonnie wanted to stay for the tractor pull and see the big tractors compete. The newest tractor pulling at the threshing show was an early 70s model. Once the sun went down, a couple of the old traction engines came out and pulled. They shut the lights off so we could see the plume of sparks belching from the smokestack.

Back To School

Bonnie is now a freshman in high school. This past spring, she enjoyed playing soccer for her school. Over the summer, she obtained her driver's permit.

Then she decided that she wanted to play basketball. There weren't enough girls for a junior varsity team so she ended up on the varsity team! She doesn't get much game time and is quickly learning the game.



Apples!



We still are not sure how our apple trees produced so many apples this year. It was a

very dry growing season and we were unsure how that would affect the apple crop. We gave away bushels of apples and still had more than we could manage. Barbara has made gallons of applesauce. We have eaten about every apple dish there is. It would seem that you can add apples to just about anything.

Lefse

There was a gathering of the Knudson side of the family where they made lefse. Lefse is a traditional, Norwegian potato flatbread. Quite a bit was made and stored for special meals such as Thanksgiving and Christmas.



Halloween

Bonnie found a picture of a clever costume. With things around the house, she was able to bring it to life. She is a deer head that is mounted above a fireplace. Her antlers are sticks, the brick chimney is painted cardboard, the mantel is real wood, and the fire box is a printout of a fire along with some real wood hot glued into place.

She won first place at the costume party she attended at a friend's house.



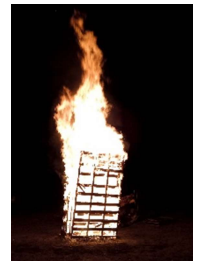
Bonfire



Warren likes a good bonfire. He and his friends get together when they can and really do it up. It seems to have become a thing to start out with a couch.

It is a great way for us to get rid of all of the fallen/trimmed branches and trees. In a yard that doesn't seem to have very many trees, we always have plenty to burn.

There is a seemingly endless supply of wood pallets. Here, they have constructed a pallet tower that is over 8 feet tall.



Happy holidays to all!

*Arthur, Barbara,
Warren, & Bonnie*