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## Winter Camping?

Warren and Arthur thought it would be "fun" to get out and do some winter camping. We had a cold winter with little snow cover which didn't lend itself to this project.



Then in mid-February we had a slight warm up so the shelters were put up. Warren slept in his little one-man tent while Arthur opted to build a tarp shelter. Both worked well and nobody froze.



Some comments were made about why they chose to sleep out in tents when there was a perfectly good "clubhouse" right next to them that also has a heater.

## Warren

Since we are talking about Warren, here is what he was up to in 2018. He made the Spectrum High School basketball "C" team and was number 32. His game greatly improved over the season and he was awarded "most improved player" on the "C" team as well as "Spotlight on Scholarship" recognition for playing a sport and maintaining a high GPA.



When the Upward basketball season started at St. John Lutheran, Warren once again volunteered to help coach. The team was younger than what he wanted but as you can see, the children on the team really looked up to him.

As one of the many jobs he has been doing, he helped out in the construction of our friend's new house. He

now knows that he doesn't like painting. Most of the other jobs he did were good learning experiences for him. Even hauling sheet rock into position.



Warren stopped taking violin lessons at the end of the school year and switched to drums. Arthur has taken the role of drum instructor. He did get his violin out for the Schwieger family orchestra at Christmas time.

This summer Warren was fitted for braces to straighten out some teeth. On the fun side, he spent some of his hard-earned money on a .22 rifle. He has spent some time learning how to fire it and how to clean and care for it. His friend gave him a scope that he has mounted and with some help from Arthur, got it tuned in. Bonnie even learned some extra gun safety and was brave enough to shoot several rounds. She hit the 6" square target every time from about 25 yards.

This fall Warren (now 14) started 8<sup>th</sup> grade at the new Spectrum High School 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade building.

He made the basketball "C" team again after a summer of working on his skills and attending the summer basketball camp at Spectrum. He is now number 40 and has practiced some with the "JV" team.



## Bonnie



Bonnie finished 3<sup>rd</sup> grade at St. John Lutheran School and has started 4<sup>th</sup> grade. It seems one of her big accomplishments this year was losing teeth! She has lost **9** teeth this

year!

She started learning violin last year and is continuing lessons this year. She is in her third year of piano. She practices both instruments almost every day and it shows. Her teachers are very impressed with her progress and encourage her to keep trying new things and more difficult pieces and techniques.

The summer keeps Bonnie busy. She raised several caterpillars this summer. Arthur found a very large cocoon while trimming one of our trees. Bonnie found a large container to hold it. Eventually it hatched with a pop! It was a large Polyphemus Moth that she named Mothra.



While Warren and Arthur were coaching boys' baseball, Bonnie was playing soccer. She was on the pink team this year. She is turning into a good soccer player and made

several goals.

Bonnie turned 10 this year on her birthday. The whole family was able to go up to Fargo and celebrate with some of Barbara's family who live there. Buddy the dog was also there and as much as he wanted to, he just couldn't get himself to jump into the pool. He did run around the pool barking and trying to eat the water that was splashed his way.



Bonnie took an interest in politics this fall. Our friend Joel was running for an open Nowthen City Council seat. Bonnie helped by

decorating the sign in our front yard. She added a corn stalk from her garden once it was ready.

## Summer Fun

Two of Barbara's nephews graduated this spring from high school. There was a mini family reunion in Fargo as all of her brothers and sisters and her mom were able to attend the open house. It was a little cool and windy but then it is Fargo.



During one of our Fargo trips this summer, Arthur helped out in the construction of the new Ritchison gazebo by the pool. He and his other brother-in-law



Daryl seemed to have a good time building this project. Warren helped some too by removing the protective coating from the aluminum

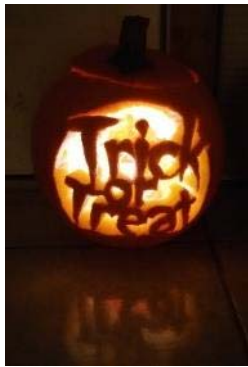
roof panels. Once completed, Arthur was able to enjoy a nice cold Coke, by the pool, under the gazebo.

## Fall Fun

We had a small snowfall in October. Bonnie loves the snow so she got out her shovel and collected enough snow to make a tiny snowman. She placed it by the front door window, rang the doorbell, and ran! Arthur went to the door to see who was there only to find the results of Bonnie's hard work. It was in the low 40s that day and Arthur did a time lapse video of the melting snowman.



Warren and Bonnie picked out pumpkins to carve into Jack-O-Lanterns. They each came up with a design. Bonnie's was out of a book of patterns we have and



Warren's was based on a picture he looked up on his tablet. They both turned out great. Arthur cleaned the pumpkin seeds and roasted them for a nice October treat.



On Black Friday, Bonnie got crafty by building and decorating a gingerbread train and a gingerbread house. Somehow, the frosting and decorations ended up on Bonnie's face. There was some that ended

up inside of her too.

## New Family Member

Right before Christmas, Arthur's niece gave birth to her second child. That make Arthur a Great Uncle once again. Zander Charles Kightlinger was born December 18<sup>th</sup>. He was able to join his mom (Roberta), dad (Derek), and sister (Izzy) at the



Schwieger family Christmas. Bonnie even got a chance to hold him, with Izzy right there to help as needed.

Arthur purchased a CNC router kit. Bonnie helped him put it together. He has been learning how to use it using any piece of flat scrap wood we have. He made a pencil fixture for it and carved several custom pencils for Christmas time.



**Happy holidays to all!**

*Arthur, Barbara,  
Warren, & Bonnie*