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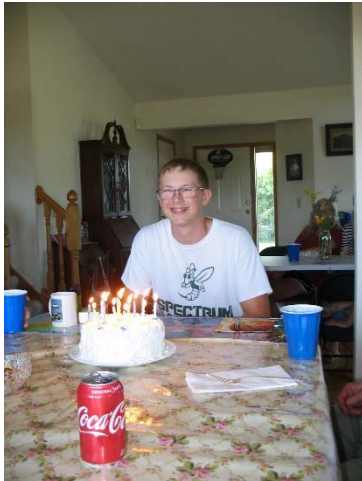
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## Another Year Older

Warren and Bonnie made it through another year. Warren is now 15 and Bonnie is 11. Warren is a freshman at Spectrum High School and Bonnie started 5<sup>th</sup> grade at St. John Lutheran.



On his birthday, Warren wanted to take some sort of test at the DMV (driver's permit). His birthday was on a Sunday so he had to wait until Monday for them to be open. He passed with flying colors and drove most of the way home. Minnesota requires 50 hours of driving

including 6 hours of instructed behind-the-wheel before you can take your driver's license test. At the end of this year, Warren is well over 40 of those hours and 2 hours of instruction from Wreck-Less Academy. And yes, that is really their name.

We celebrated Bonnie's birthday in Fargo with some cousins, aunts, and uncles. Bonnie really enjoys getting to spend time with her cousins.



## More Fargo



We spent some time in Fargo earlier in the summer to celebrate Bonnie's cousin Annika's high school graduation.

Barbara's nephew Forrest had gotten engaged to

MonaLiza who is from the Philippines. Forrest and MonaLiza were at the graduation too, so the girls put together a tea party so they could get to know MonaLiza.



While the girls were partying it up, some of the boys got into a heated match of Kubb. You may be able to tell who the victors were from this picture.



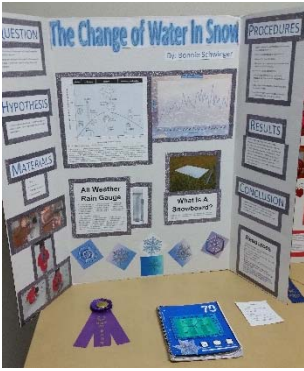
## Fun With the Snow



For fourth grade science class, Bonnie had to put together some sort of project. It took a while to get something approved. Bonnie settled on trying to determine if there was

a correlation between the amount of water in a snow fall and the temperature. She learned from her Uncle Daryl that the snow/water equivalent is called SWE.





He provided an all-weather rain gauge that let her measure the amount of water in the snow. He also talked with her about how all of the measuring worked. Arthur was there too and took notes. On completion, Bonnie's project took Best Of Show (first place) in the

4<sup>th</sup> grade science fair at her school.

Warren plays differently in the snow. He was invited to spend a weekend at a buddy's cabin up North. It is near Itasca State Park, the head waters of the mighty Mississippi. Warren thought they should walk across barefoot. Not to be outdone, the other two boys on that trip followed through the cold waters of the Mississippi. If you look closely, you can see Warren in his camo hoodie.



## Flag Day

Bonnie loves to get the flag out. There are several opportunities to do this. Here she is on Flag Day marching around on the deck.



She is always good at reminding us when we should get the flat out.

## Music

Bonnie started her third year of violin and her fourth on piano. She plays very well and seems to enjoy practicing. I know music teachers always tell their

students to practice so they will get better. Bonnie does practice and she does get better. I guess those music teachers were right.



One time, she even came out to the camper with her violin so she could practice as part of one of our many campouts during the summer.

## The Minnesota State Fair

We were able to get down to the state fair this year for the first time in a while. After getting to our park-and-ride location, we had to stand in line for an hour just to get on a shuttle bus. Then due to an accident (not our bus) on the way, it took us another hour to get to the fair grounds. By the



time we got there, it was lunch time.

Bonnie didn't seem afraid of the large bear that was on the loose. And Warren found the next generation of Segway up on Machinery Hill.

## A New Carburetor

Arthur and Warren spent some time while the weather was warm to work on the snow blower. Fixing the snow blower is the kind of thing you think about when you need it and can't get it started. Well this year, the wrenches came out, the carburetor came off, and cleaning began. Eventually, it was determined that a new carburetor was the better solution. Warren did get the old one cleaned up enough so the engine would run as long as the snow blower stayed level.

When the new carburetor came, Warren installed it along with new fuel line, shutoff valve, and primer bulb. We added a little fire maker into the tank and it started right up with a pull. Doesn't that new carburetor look nice on the 30+ year old Toro 521?



## Summer's End

The summer just isn't complete without the Nowthen Threshing Show and Buck Frenzy. At the threshing show, Warren and Bonnie took eating lunch out of the trunk to a new level.



Buck Frenzy (a dad's and kids weekend in Finlayson MN where we camp, cook on the open fire, shoot guns, hike in the woods, play outdoor games, etc...) was the weekend after Warren's birthday this year. It was a good opportunity for him to get in some driving hours. No flat tires this year and Warren was able to add over three hours to his driving time sheet.

## Pink Halloween



Bonnie was very pink for Halloween. Too bad she didn't have a pink pumpkin. Warren went over to a friend's house for Halloween and they were not going to trick-or-treat; yet somehow he ended up coming home with a huge bag of candy. Somehow it just happened.

## Corner Ball

Bonnie played soccer again this year at corner ball.



## Wrestling?

Warren joined the Spectrum wrestling team this year which means no basketball. They are at the same time on the sports calendar and you really can't do both. It turns out that Bonnie's soccer coach Todd (back row right in the picture above) is now one of Warren's wrestling coaches.

**Happy holidays to all!**

*Arthur, Barbara,  
Warren, & Bonnie*