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## Colorado



We took a trip this summer to Estes Park, CO to visit Curt and Heidi, Barbara's sister and brother-in-law. We did some hiking on trails and on sidewalks. It is always more fun walking around with Curt and Heidi as they know all the good places to go and have interesting information.



We drove up to the visitor center on Trail Ridge Road via "the dirt road". It's more fun going that way. You can only go up that way as it is a one way road. They call it Old Fall River Road. There is a waterfall part way up where you can get out and stretch your legs.

Once at the visitor center, we lucked out and found a good parking spot. There were many vehicles that were circling like vultures looking for a place to park.

On our way home, we drove north from Estes Park and made our way to the Black Hills of South Dakota. After spending some time there, we made our way to the Badlands and Wall Drug. Bonnie was looking for a toy horse as a souvenir but was unsuccessful in Wall. She did find one in Mitchell SD later on the trip home. Warren was looking for a hat and he was able to find one he liked and in his price range.

## Lawn Boy

Warren did a chore swap with Arthur this summer. He took over mowing the yard every week and Arthur took over cleaning the bathroom and fish tank.



Warren did a great job at mowing. It didn't take him very long to figure out how to drive the mower around and have a little fun doing it.

Warren played Upward basketball again this past winter. Now this fall he has been playing basketball with Arthur at



church after AWANA on Wednesdays. During the summer, Warren again played baseball in Corner Ball Club while Bonnie played soccer.



In the school play, Warren played a robot named G2-D2. He had hoped the robot costume would allow him to do a funny fall when he ran out of power but it turned out to not be the case. He was still able to sell the lack of power.

This summer Warren participated in "Summer Strings". It was violin lessons mixed with learning how to play in an orchestra. They also did a composer project where





each student selected a composer and created a display about that person. Warren chose our good friend Dennis Warner as

his composer. His display on Dennis was great. And it turns out that Warren has several friends who play a string instrument.

## Swimmer Girl

Bonnie and Arthur have spent many Sunday afternoons in the pool at the Elk River YMCA. They both love the water and Bonnie is working on earning her pink wrist band which means she can be in the pool without mom or dad right at her side.

We found ourselves in Fargo right around Bonnie's birthday. That meant Bonnie got to spend the weekend with her beloved cousin Annika.



We aren't sure what these two did all night. There may have been some sleeping but we aren't sure of that

either.

Bonnie finally got to meet her cousin Roberta's baby Izabelle when they came to visit in September. She had way too much fun playing with her new little cousin.



Arthur was spending so much time in the woods this summer with a chainsaw, that Bonnie decided to go with him one day to see what all the fun was about. Impressed with the stack of wood that was piled up and ready to haul out, she

volunteered to help carry some of it. Many of the logs were a little too big for her to handle so she left them for Arthur to carry out.



## In Other News

Arthur has taken up drumming with the worship team a couple Sundays a month. In addition to playing basketball, he is trying out adult volleyball Friday evenings at church.

In his spare time, Arthur has been working hard at his company, Adestinn. If all goes well, maybe the whole family will be able to take a vacation this year utilizing the Adestinn program.

We are all looking forward to the new year as Bonnie continues in first grade and Warren in fifth. 2016 is a leap year so we all have an extra day in February to do something.

**Happy holidays to all!**

*Arthur, Barbara,  
Warren, & Bonnie*