

Jack, Heidi, Madeleine, and Ned Bryant Thanksgiving in Flagstaff

Heidi

I continue to make the most of my life post-kids by working with many customers in Winona - and beyond. For the past two years, I have established an active web presence for the River Arts Alliance by creating web based systems that promote members' events, projects and news. Other great projects include catalogs for a textbook publisher, a set of logos for the Winona County Historical Society, cool posters for Theatre du Mississippi, and a website that manages our international Sonnet Contest. I was also very pleased to be asked by a friend from high school to design a website for his campaign for Georgia's State School Superintendent.

Many new projects are currently in the works, including designing the printed program for the Frozen River Film Festival (something I've wanted to do for a long time), building two new websites, and the aspiration to finally get Ned's Grand Canyon website up and running.

Flutisty continues to be a great musical outlet. We had several performances this year, including a joint performance with other woodwind players that I coordinated called "Summer Winds". I took a chance and wrote and arrangement of "Summertime" with a bass flute solo - and people really liked it. There's not a lot of time in my schedule, but I hope to do more arranging for our group.



Flutistry performing for an exhibit opening at the Minnesota Marine Art Museum

The Menagerie

We're still living with a deaf dog named Thelma (13), a gimpy cat named TR (17), and the gregarious Sunny (2). Our baby still owns the neighborhood and loves WSU students more than anything. It's possible that I don't post enough embarrassing photos of Ned with Sunny on Facebook - so one is included here.



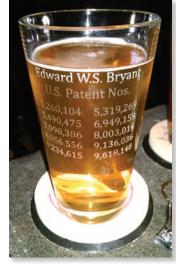


NED BRYANT

Farmer Ned We had a bumper crop of maple syrup this year, and yet somehow I've managed to give most of it away!

Patent Double Ace! With the allowance of US Patent 9,618,148, I'm now at 10 patents. This might be the end of the line though, with no new patent applications on the horizon.

Summer House Projects After 11 years of thinking about it I finally got the right opportunity this summer to install a fence along our western property line when our old neighbors moved. After that I moved on to another long term project, replacing the single pane basement windows with glass block. The basement is now draft free! And finally, we have water that must be softened. After it killed the water softener, I took the opportunity to install a triple filter system that now delivers us the best water in town.



Grand Canyon Hiking Maddy and I went on two hikes this year, both in the western GC. Our through hike line is starting to actually look like something now.



Ned wearing the appropriate hat for visiting Gulfoss in Iceland.

The Obligatory Grand Canyon Collage



Jack

Graduation is Coming It seems like just yesterday that he went off to college, and yet in one more semester Jack will graduate with a degree in Materials Science & Engineering from UW-Madison. But the future looks to hold more school, as the applications for Grad School are already going out.

Summer in Tennessee Towards the end of spring semester Jack was offered a summer internship at Eastman Chemical Co. in Kingsport TN. This was an opportunity to expand his experience and earn some very good cash, which he quickly accepted.

greenhaus Goes on Tour After a couple of months in TN, Jack spent part of his time off touring with his band. They performed in Cincinnati, Brooklyn, and Boston.



A greenhaus promo photo, with Jack wearing his ubiquitous sweater from Iceland (and his mother's old London Fog t-shirt).

Travel

We seem to always be on the go, but highlights include a trip for Ned and Heidi to Finland and Iceland in November of 2016, the whole family getting together in Georgia and Tennessee over the summer, Thanksgiving week in Arizona, and a drive to Nebraska for prime eclipse viewing. Coming up is a family cruise in January and a early 30th anniversary trip to Rome in February. (Mary Borgen really needs to stop sending us bargain travel deals!)



Madeleine

Maddy Buys a House! After enduring two years of crazy rent increases in Flagstaff, at the end of 2015 Maddy bought a cute 3 bedroom house. Now, with a roommate or two, she has a much better control over costs, a garage, a yard, a living room, and a big helping of peace of mind.

Carlos! Last April Maddy added a dog to her house - a cute little mutt she rescued from the Grand Canyon during an overnight hike. Carlos is now very popular in Flagstaff, where bartenders call him by name and give him treats, little kids enjoy his best trick (giving a high five), and the whole time he keeps his eyes glued on HIS person, Maddy.

Tuition Waver Maddy's grad school schedule was accelerated this year after she was awarded a tuition waiver from Northern Arizona University. The result is that she will graduate this coming May, instead of 2019. Strangely enough, her graduation will be on May 12th, the same day as Jack's. But Maddy has already solved the parenting dilemma . . . she's looking forward to seeing Jack graduate in Madison.



Climbing on animal sculptures in Asheville, NC like they used to do in Boulder, CO.



The Bryant Report was not published in 2016 because we didn't know what to say about Floyd. We're still at a loss for words, so we'll just say, "We miss you, buddy."



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