

Cory Belote

Liam played baseball for the first time this year. He turned 8 in March so that put him in the kid pitch league. He was just getting to be able to pitch, when he broke his right wrist on Mother's Day. We thought that was going to be the end of baseball for this season, but he proved us wrong and was able to play with his cast. He couldn't pitch, but he played in the field, batted and played catcher all with his cast on. He got his cast off in time for 3 more games. One of which he got to pitch an inning for. He really enjoyed playing and can't wait until next season.



Before the first game (pre-broken arm)



Last game



Getting his cast at Mott's.

Evan and Owen tried soccer for the first time this spring. Turned out neither one was very excited about it. Owen preferred to run around in circles and Evan skipped around the field. Guess at 5½ they weren't ready. Owen wants to play baseball next year like Liam and Evan wants to take dance lessons. Dance starts in the fall.



Evan



Owen

Evan and Owen finished their first year of young-5 kindergarten and had a graduation at daycare. Next year they will be in full-day kindergarten.



Evan and Cory



Cory and Owen

I got to go to Marinette, Wisconsin, with three of Bill's sisters, his uncle and aunt and a cousin and her nephew. No kids! This was my first trip to the Upper Peninsula, my first time to the Mackinaw Bridge and my first time in Wisconsin. We stayed at their family cottage on Green Bay and helped by raking and burning leaves. We visited the cemetery where their family is buried (including Bill's mom), went to garage sales and out to dinner. It was a nice relaxing 4 day weekend.



Mackinaw Bridge



View of front yard and

Green Bay



Leaf pile



Burning leaves

Bill's Uncle Jack (green knees) directed the burning. First he laid out grates, then put on newspaper and kindling. Slowly we fed the fire by putting the leaves on the pile. You can only burn from 6pm – midnight, so it took us two nights to burn all the leaves.