

## **Neon's Blog\_2019**

### **December 31 2019**

**We went to the Y. We jumped into the strength class already started with Kim Evans at the helm. It was supposed to start at 9:10 but I think they started at 9am. Lots of ab work in her class. Not our normal class but everything is off with the holidays. We did 20min of elliptical and it was rougher than usual. Snowing now since 11am. What a pain!**

**Carolyn stopped in to tell us what has been going on with Don. Not good, but it is stuff I don't want to post to the world.**

**Last Blog of this year. We plan to watch some of the festivities on TV tonight but it is unlikely we will make it to midnight.**

### **December 30 2019**

**Another warm but crappy day. We did the Y today. Lots of weight reps, but easy on the abs. They opened the new rooms and they are very nice. That will give us more room in class.**

**After lunch we went to pick up some items for my golf ball exhibit and do some grocery shopping. Ran my tank down to 25 miles left so that is something I can count on. Getting cold out there quickly.**

### **December 29 2019**

**Warm but crappy rain all day. We vegged today. Mary did some wash and I watched the Browns lose. Bills sat their starters and the reserves sucked. Mostly runs and dump passes all game, losing to the lowly Jets. Everyone is getting ready for the playoffs. Gonna do the Y tomorrow after a week off. Wonder how that is going to work out.**

### **December 28 2019**

**Well, Mary told me the dryer had issues last night. Sounded like a broken belt. We took it apart this morning and sure enough that was it. I had replaced the heating element and fuses a year or 2 ago, so I was familiar with opening it up. Went up to Ellet to a Maytag parts store and got a new belt for \$20. Didn't take long to replace it, although you really can't see what your doing. Finished by 10am. It is back in action now.**

**Carolyn brought Jacob over to open his gifts. Any money he got went right to Jenna, Carolyn, and Lindsey. Been a heavy borrower lately I guess. He did work 11 hrs Christmas day. He said there was a line out the door all day long at the Ihop. He is looking forward to a nice paycheck!**

**Mary went to 4pm Mass and I whipped up mac and meat sauce for dinner.**

**December 27 2019**

***Last golf for the year at Wilkshire today. Only took 3.5 hrs to shoot my 42-43 for an 85 while Dick made 51-45. He had an awesome birdie on #12 with only a 3 ft putt to get down which he did promptly. I missed my only birdie try on #18.***

***Mary felt poorly this morning but much better after a good nap. Just overtired I suspect. We shall rest up this weekend before it is back to the Y next week.***

**December 26 2019**

***We headed to Batcher's memorial service at 10am. Visited with Silvia, Jr., his daughter, Jane, John Burkley, Fred Carty, Bill Pritchard, Dick and Sally Lott. It was a small gathering. Doug Smith was there but I was successful in avoiding him.***

***We got home and the kids came over and opened all their gifts. They had a great time, as did the rest of us. Carolyn and Jenna stopped back as well.***

***Went and got the fuel perks and scored \$39 in free gas. Hopefully, golf tomorrow, although rain threatens.***

**December 25 2019**

***Merry Christmas everyone. What an important day in our history.***

***Mary and Catherine went to 7pm Mass last night and it was super foggy. The church was not as crowded as usual, likely due to the heavy fog. Scary ride home they said.***

***Sue and Ed traveled over from Darlington PA. Fog was bad there last night too. They got here around 12:30. Wes, Carolyn, and Jenna also visited. Wes' family is coming tomorrow for their gifts, as the festivities with their family had them worn out this morning.***

***Up for tomorrow is Batcher's memorial service, more gift opening, and fuel perks filling of Catherine's car and my gas cans. Should save \$39.***

**December 24 2019**

***What the? Looks like God did not want us playing golf on Christmas Eve. I got all dressed up and met Dick and Sally at the Shops of Green and Dick drove all the way out there. The course was fogged in and they were not letting anyone out so we headed back. Maybe Friday at 12:06 we are hoping.***

***Catherine, my compulsive shopping sister arrived with her sleigh full of gifts around 3pm. Dinner at 4 and Mass at 7pm.***

**December 23 2019**

***Pretty darn warm in the low 50s. I went out and took about 6" of mulch off near the house and moved it to the tree. Reading American Lion, a book about Andrew Jackson's time in the White House. An interesting rascal he was.***

*The dang snow is still hanging on in the shade? Ground is frozen. I tested it with a spade and it didn't go far.*

*December 22 2019*

*Yesterday was quiet, today quieter. Watched the Browns for a quarter, then headed to Grinders for an early dinner. After that, we picked up more groceries. I sure hope we are done with that for the week. Back home to veg the rest of the day.*

*The dang snow is hanging on in the shade? Ground must be frozen. Tomorrow should do it in.*

*December 21 2019*

*Another quiet day. Mary got her hair done at noon, then went to 4pm Mass. She put out the nativity set and I moved some of my books to the craft room to make some more space available up here. Carolyn stopped over and picked up some horseradish for us. We keep thinking of stuff we need for the Christmas food. Probably keep running to the store every day or two.*

*I guess I waited too long to call Wilkshire. They were sold out Monday, so I got a 10:24 time for Tuesday. Surprised Dick agreed to play, but no one else could make it. Christmas Eve is a bad time to play golf, but that was the only chance. I might try Chenoweth tomorrow. No phone answering there today. Talked to Sable Creek, but they won't be open.*

*December 20 2019*

*We ventured to Canton Center to JCP this morning. Although they deny it, it looks much like a clearance center. As for as men's clothing, I have never seen a store with so much floor space for men's stuff. Mary looked at boots. They must have had a hundred choices. Many had only size 8 and up, which was not helpful. She must have tried on 8 pair before settling on a pair on sale for \$20. Can't beat that.*

*We stopped at GE on Massillon Rd for a few items but never did find the horseradish we wanted. We split a Tom Che sandwich and each had some soup, then called it a day around 1pm.*

*Almost 40 this afternoon and the snow is slowly disappearing. Hope it goes faster tomorrow.*

*December 19 2019*

*Not much happening today either. We did the Y and then picked up some flour and yeast. After lunch we tried a recipe I found for kimmelweck rolls. Took 3 hrs and it was disappointing. They just tasted like biscuits with salt on them. We tossed them.*

*Hulu went out for somewhere between 2 and 3 hrs. What a pain. We did get in our quota of Christmas CDs while it was out.*

### December 18 2019

**Not much happening today. Mary went off to bowling while the House of Rep did the Impeachment debates. We will watch K and L while Kaetchen takes Z to the gym class he goes to. Will be there about 2 hrs perhaps.**

**Carolyn called and I gave her some ideas for spreadsheets to track expenditures. Going to be a slow week I think. Got about 2 inches of snow today.**

### December 17 2019

**Off to the Y this morning. Must get boring reading about this Y stuff. Did the usual. Jenny let us off easy today, even if we did use the evil Bosu. My left hand is still not right after getting whacked by the dang thing last January.**

**We had lunch and I went for a haircut and to get some keys made for the new door locks. Mary made some cupcakes for bowling tomorrow.**

**I listened to some doo wop later on. Played the Drifters "White Christmas" which is my favorite Christmas song of all time (except for Silent Night). So sad that Clyde Mcphatter, who is featured on the song, died at 39 as a recluse. I enjoyed his voice.**

**Silent Night is of course my favorite. I can barely sing the words or listen without tearing up. It is a religious experience every time I hear it.**

**Oak Island tonight! Wonder what they will find this episode.**

### December 16 2019

**The Bills hung on to win late last night. They went down to the last 30 seconds before intercepting a Squeeler last ditch pass. They will make the playoffs but all the teams in it will be tough for them.**

**Not much sleep last night, so I skipped the Y. Mary was at a doc appt anyway. I am sure I will get my share of pain Tuesday and Thursday. Went and took care of a check deposit.**

**When Mary got back, we had lunch and headed to HH to pick up new front door locks. Package said...installs in just minutes. That was true for the door lock, but the deadbolt had me perplexed for a long time. Finally saw the bolt hole kept the mechanism too low for me to properly align the screws. I chipped out the top of the hole to give me some room to align the pieces and that did the trick.....a mere 135min after we hit the cash register.**

### December 15 2019

**Mary went to 11am mass. We finished out Texas Roadhouse leftovers around 1pm, Raked a few leaves and put them in the dumpster since it was half empty.**

**The Browns got crushed but I did not see it. Was helping Carolyn do a spreadsheet for budgeting purposes. The Bills- Steelers game is on tonight, with the Steelers a favorite. They are the home team, but that is still**

questionable.

December 14 2019

*Mary went with Wes' family to see the Nutcracker ballet at the Canton Palace, She said the kids were very good and everyone enjoyed the show. I watched the races and came close but no wins. Two 3 of 4s at Aqueduct and a 5 of 6 at Tampa. One stinker at GP.*

*Wes' family stopped over for mac/cheese after the show and the kids had fun till around 6pm when they headed home. The all were too hot here with running around and all.*

*Carolyn wrote a nice resume and was going to apply to Aldi's on Massillon Rd. She should do well.*

December 13 2019

*We met Sue and Ed for Texas Roadhouse. They kept insisting to buy us dinner for the work I did on their floor. It was good. We stopped at Walmart on the way to finish Xmas shopping as we had some kids items still to go. Wrapped them all up and we be done now till next year.*

*New car said only 47 more miles to go before gas was empty. No red warning light yet. We read the book and it said it comes on with 2 gallons left? All I can figure is that it won't come on till the range indicates zero. Good to know, but I think its kind of silly to do it that way.*

*The house judiciary committee voted to take the Impeachment Resolution to the floor for a vote next week. The Republicans still have their heads in the sand though, to put it politely.*

December 12 2019

*Quite cold with a wind chill in single digits. We went to the Y. Since I got beat up Tuesday, today was much easier. There is a second husband in class the last week, so I am not so much the odd man.*

*We went to the dentist after lunch. Remarkably, neither of us need to come back till June. For me, its a miracle. We picked up groceries on the way home and got our Christmas roasts. Saw Wes' old coach Wert there and told him Wes was diagnosed with Psoriatic Arthritis. He said he hoped he can come back to running.*

*Yesterday, we had 2 yr expired chicken and rice soup. I don't recommend it. Every time I burped up some I had to wonder if there was going to be an issue. Best to be safe and toss it and not have to worry about it. In the dream the night before, I had to clean women's toilets all night. Glad there were none to clean last night.*

December 11 2019

*Wow. Cold one today at only 28 and a nasty wind chill. Off to the doctor for me. All is fine, but I had to stop in the cold and pump some air in the tires.*

***Brrr! Mary went to bowl and should be home soon. Kids watch tonight so I published early.***

**December 10 2019**

***I went to the Y and got beat up. Mary was watching Lincoln while Kaetchen painted and Wes was at the doctor. She got home around 1pm. I think we are going back over tomorrow night for kids watch so I can check out the paint work and how my wall touch ups worked out. Not much else going on.***

**December 9 2019**

***Rain all day long. Mary went to Red Hats and dropped off her gift for Christmas. She was going to help out Wes today but had forgotten about the lunch. She will head over tomorrow instead. I was resting up my bones from doing the floor yesterday so I skipped the Y.***

***I did go pick up some gift cards and mailed a certified letter to my neighbor. This spring, I did give him verbal approval to take my back tree down at his expense. He was saying that no one wanted to take this tree down as it was laying against mine and it would be too dangerous unless they brought a truck in to grab it while they cut. That meant big costs for him.***

***Now that I am planning to move in 2020 or 2021, I don't want disruptions back there. So, I sent him a certified letter stating I have rescinded my approval.***

***Tried to watch the impeachment hearings but the Republicans kept disrupting and claiming hear say. Forgetting to mention anyone with any direct knowledge was prohibited from testifying by our dufus president. Will be interested to see them testify in the Senate when called. I am assuming the chief justice won't put up with any of the dufus' crap.***

**December 8 2019**

***A good day The weather said it would get to 50 but it was dang cold with the stiff winds we had. We did Carolyn's floor in 4 ½ hrs and it came out good. That is floor # 2 at her house. With 1 at Sue and Ed's and 5 here, that makes 8 of all types. Quite impressive, eh?***

***The Bills gave it a go but fell short of a tie in the late going, failing to score from inside the 20 with 2 min left. Looks like my work is done for this month. Time to rest after 4 straight days of hard labor.***

**December 7 2019**

***Wonderful day! The weather gave us a break and I should have been golfing today and tomorrow, but I promised to help Wes today and Carolyn tomorrow.***

***We got over to Wes' before 10am and to my amazement we were done degluing at 12:30am. Mary, Kaetchen and I did the work. There was one bad wall with glue but Wes had bought some spray on stuff that did the trick. We waited for Wes to get some sub meat and rolls and got a free lunch for our 3 day, 10.5 hr efforts. Much appreciated.***

**Mary got a shower in and headed to church. I watched the horse racing and played a couple of TVG picks. Had to cut them back, as I only had \$60 in the account, but I was lucky in my cutbacks. The Aqueduct pick 4 paid \$350 thanks to Rich P, and somehow Caton B and I hit the pick 6 at Gulfstream for \$1500. I played a pick 6 at Tampa and hit 5 of 6 for another \$300. Wow. Guess all my volunteer help for Ed, Wes, and Carolyn was a well appreciated good deed.**

**We had been snacking so we skipped dinner and had a couple of left over rolls with butter and some tea. I joked that it was really stale bread and water.**

### **December 6 2019**

**I picked up Jacob to work on Pete's Xmas lights around 9:30, then we headed to Wes' to help with the bedroom. We got right on it and had the other paper off the walls in short order. Then we started to take off the glue. We used scrubbing sponges to loosen the glue into a liquid and then wiped the glue off by wiping the area with wet rags, rinsing often. We finished one wall and were starting on the next when I moved the rinse bucket and did not warn Wes. Sure enough he stepped right in it getting off the ladder. We called it a day at 1:30 and cleaned up.**

**Two of the other walls are pretty clean but the one wall we steamed has a ton of glue on it. We hope to get some more Dif and use it to clean that wall up a little better. Will head over tomorrow and maybe finish de-gluing. That might be a bit aggressive, but we should be able to do at least the 2 easy ones.**

**I was thinking about my dad last night. He was a staunch Republican and I am sure he would have voted for T-Rump. To him, Ronald Reagan was God-like. I really think that T-Rumps Russian shenanigans would make him fume and he is likely turning over in his grave right now. I am sure he would be so mad he would want to spit (a phrase he used a lot). T-Rump is a Russian stooge, big time. He believes Putin, he disrespects our intelligence services, and wants to let them run all over us. Tis a sad day for us and a grand time for Putin. God help us all.**

### **December 5 2019**

**The kids were great last night and I did survive. Slept a little better last night. Usually takes me 2 days to recover from something like the night before. Wes called around 10 this morning so we went over to pull off wallpaper. We found that the Dif worked much better than the steamer, so we shut that off and will do the rest with Dif. We worked about 4 hrs and got about 1/2 of it off. We stopped because it was time for them to pick up the kids. Will go over tomorrow at 10 to finish it up.**

**After that we will need to get the glue off the walls, skim coat where needed, sand, prime and paint. So there is a bit to go yet. We just started. It was good to do something useful for a change.**

#### December 4 2019

**Horrible sleep last night. The wheels were turning on a particular subject and I could not shake it. I doubt if I slept more than 2 hours, maybe less. I got up to head to the doctors office for a fasting blood draw and got home by 9am.**

**Didn't feel up to the retiree lunch. Good thing I skipped it, cause I felt like a zombie all day. Mary went to bowling. Never did get more sleep. Getting ready to head out to kid watch. Going to be a long night.**

#### December 3 2019

**Off to the Y this morning. Jenny beat us up good. Triceps were sore from yesterday and she piled on with 30 reps of just about everything. Now they are sore+. We got 1/2 inch of snow last night but nothing on the roads.**

**Mary had lunch with Julie. I spent a little time getting Carolyn to start on a budget. We wrapped a few more gifts and have a couple to go. My credit card closes today, so we can jump back into xmas shopping to finish it all up for payment in January.**

#### December 2 2019

**Slept in till 8:50! Not as good as it sounds since I was awake quite a bit last night. Hustled to get ready for the Y. Reduced elliptical time to 18min than got beat up in strength class. Lots of tricep work today.**

**I had some left over pizza for lunch but Mary went out with the ladies for lunch. I went to GE and got the remaining stamps we needed plus a few food items. Sure seemed colder than earlier in the day. Nothing much else for today.**

**Expecting to help Carolyn with a vinyl floor and Wes with wallpaper removal. Gong to be real busy soon.**

#### December 1 2019

**Slept in till 8:30! Mary went to church at 11am. I got things ready to put up the tree while she was gone. Jacob came over to help Pete put up decorations.**

**When Mary got back around noon, we got the tree stuff out and put up the tree. Took about till 3:30. We put up about 3/4 of the stuff we have left but there is still too much. We gave up outside decoration a few years ago. Too much to store, too much to drag out, and too much to put away. We still put up the tree since the little ones are 3, 6, and 8. Kaetchen has told them there is no real Santa Claus, but they still like the Holiday.**

**Jacob got back from Pete's when it began to rain hard. He said they didn't finish. Pete puts up 8 trees he says. That is nuts for a 75 yr old. He said Pete was a little ticked he did not come yesterday, but Jacob said things were never finalized. I guess Pete gives him more credit than he deserves. Jacob has a lot to learn about dealing with people.**

**The Browns failed today so I will be getting a free lunch from Bob Muller in January.**



***The day after Thanksgiving I must have been brain dead. Must have lost 7+ games. Been clawing my way back to the mid 1250s. Wonder if I will ever get back up to the 1280s again.***

#### **November 30 2019**

***Catherine was up at 8am had a couple of pancakes and headed back to Buffalo. I am pretty sure she was stopping in Erie to spend her Kohl's cash. Mary and I got right on my tub project.***

***I have noticed a water stain from the tub drip drip dripping. Figured to pull the cartridge and install a new one. Easier said than done. The tub handle had a long set screw that looked like a allen wrench but it was stripped. Arg! I took a deep breath and drilled it out. It was very long. The cartridge was very difficult to pry out but I got it pretty easy and headed to HH for some parts, advice, and help.***

***Sure enough they had the cartridge \$47 and a tub cover kit for another \$41. Ouch! The cartridge went in easy. Could not get the new shiny cover to fit flush so that was a waste. I used the old cover. Then had trouble getting the round piece in. Eventually figured I didn't push the retaining clip down far enough. Had to try to get the handle on 3 times before I got it off at the bottom and on the right direction for hot water. Finally finished up at 12:30 with the elapsed time of 3hrs and 30 min. With the trip to HH, it SHOULD have been no more than half of that, but I am plumbing challenged.***

***We did the bills then wolfed down the last of the turkey dinners.***

#### **November 29 2019**

***Wow. Brain dead today. Mary and sister Catherine were up at 6:30 and off to shopping at 7am. Here it is 4pm and they are still out there. Wow.***

***I did a bit of clean up from the feast. Tried to play chess 2 or 3 times and just made bad move after bad move. Down with the dregs again. Maybe I was up too early today?***

***When they get home I will have the leftovers ready, then we will wrap gifts. A brain number today.***

#### **November 28 2019**

***Thanksgiving Day. I woke up last night and decided I needed a prayer, so I figured out what I was going to say in the darkness of night. Typed it up in the morning and printed 16 copies to put by each place setting. Since we were split into 2 rooms, it would be hard to say, so I just gave everyone a copy.***

***Here it is:***

Lord, we thank you for the food you have blessed us with today and the families here to enjoy it.

This year, each one of us here today has had someone close to us suffer illness, sickness, or death. Help us all heal these wounds as we move forward today.

One last item. The Bills and Bills fans have suffered mightily at the hands of the Dallas Cowboys. Look kindly on them and let the ball bounce in their direction later today.

***Amazingly the ball bounced the Bills way all game long! They got fumbles, interceptions, and a FG that bounced off the uprights and thru instead of away. Wow!***

***The Kids were really good today. Pam and Kenny left around 5pm, followed by Carolyn's family at 6pm. Wes' family left at 7 and Steve at 8. It was the best Thanksgiving ever!***

#### **November 27 2019**

***Rough day. Went to the grocery store to pick up some milk and a paper but the Thursday newspapers with all the fliers were not out yet. Called twice but they still had not received them as of 8pm. Picked up the turkey dinner stuff at HH.***

***Wrote out the Xmas cards before lunch. Turned on Roku to the Youtube app and watched and grooved to 2 Miss Monique podcasts. My sister got here around 2:30. We wrapped gifts till about dinner time. We had tacos for dinner. As soon as I sat down for tea I knew something wasn't quite right and I was feeling poorly. Headed to the bathroom and then went to lie down. Almost dozed off but got up to head back to the bathroom. As soon as I got up I tossed dinner, mostly into the waste basket and then I was back to feeling normal again. Mary had a little to clean up, but not too bad.***

***Very weird. Mary and Catherine had the same food with no worse for wear. The only 2 items I had they did not were some shrimp at lunch, and a cookie from a box she brought. Guess I will toss both just to be safe. We will have a houseful tomorrow and I don't want an epidemic of puking here. Maybe without a gall bladder, there was something I could not handle. Won't be eating any taco's anytime soon.***

#### **November 26 2019**

***Super super nice day! We went to the Y. Mia was subbing for Jenny and she beat us up good. She did a lot of balance things and leg work. The leg lift reps were something like 16x3. Ouch! That is going to hurt tomorrow I bet.***

***We had lunch when we got back. Then it took maybe one and a half hours to mow in circles and pick up leaves. Left the leaves that were in the ditch because I will get many more from my neighbor tomorrow as 25 mph winds are expected. Mainly cut because the grass had slowly grown over the last 2 weeks.***

***We made mom's apple pie sheet after that. We did not have enough dough for the top so we made it striped. Tastes good, I just had to sample it. Did some dusting for company.***

#### **November 25 2019**

***Super nice day! Dick backed out of golf to take care of tire problems. Likely a***

***belt shift. Should have taken an hour but it took him over 2 hrs at a dealer. Well, Bill and I played well at Chenoweth. We hit the ball well but I had a poor short game. Left 3 or 4 putts right near the lip scoring 84. God did not want me breaking 80 again. Bill's short game was worse, especially chipping, scoring 89. That may have been the year's finale. Not looking good the next 10 days.***

***Mary went to the Y to get beat up. I mowed the back circling leaves and picked them up. Likely do the front tomorrow after the Y. My neighbor who gladly donates many leaves to me, has yet to pick up a rake. Kind of makes me want to move. I would have waited for Jacob to mow but he has classes all day tomorrow. Wednesday is supposed to be warm but with rain.***

#### **November 24 2019**

***Nothing much going on today either. Only got to 41 even though the sun was out. We got ready for company this week, cleaning the guest bedrooms and stuff. Finished putting up the digital antenna up for the family room TV. Basic channels only for this one. I might get another Roku box for down there if we do much watching there.***

***Watched the first half of the Browns game and they were drubbing Miami. Had an early dinner at Rockne's. The Bills won as well. That makes me dormie with Bob Muller on our lunch football bet. Sweet!***

#### **November 23 2019**

***Nothing much going on. We went to pick up groceries for the Holiday week. Jacob was over to help Pete with his garden cleanup. Mary went to church and we had left over spaghetti for dinner. Watched a couple of Columbo episodes. The day went pretty quick given it was a quite boring day.***

#### **November 22 (again) 2019**

***No it is not groundhog day. Looks like I wrote in the blog twice on one day this week (Tuesday?) without catching on. Rather than backtrack, I will just move ahead with my 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov 22. Mary is feeling better today. I am a bit tired from a poor sleep. Was up at 4-5am and went back to bed till 8am but still a little sleep deprived.***

***Forgot to mention I switched back to Hulu Tuesday, We were sitting down to watch Oak Island and it was not on Youtube TV. I double checked and it was indeed true. Quickly switching online, we got to see the last half of the show. I really liked the way I customized the Youtube guide; can't do that on Hulu.***

***Not much going on today. Sprayed the baseboards and picked a few weeds. Did some online xmas shopping too.***

#### **November 22 2019**

***The kids were good last night. Z-Man went off to a tumbling class and Lincoln stayed with Kayle cause he was coughing and sniffing. They were all excited that we got them Nutcracker tickets for next month.***

*Was supposed to get to 57 today but it sure was not there before we finished at 1pm. It was in the mid 40s but it sure felt cold on 9,10, and 11 when we were unprotected from the wind. I played well and got up and down several times but missed a couple as well. One birdie on the front when I chipped in on #6 helped. Missed 2 birdie putts on 17 and 18 to come in with an 80. God wanted no part of me breaking 80 today. Both putts were off target by over an inch. Bill had an 84 and Dick was much improved at 94. He had several up and downs as well.*

*Mary was not feeling well today, so she vegged all day. I cooked spaghetti for dinner. Not much on the planner for the next week till my sister comes in for turkey and shopping.*

#### November 21 2019

*Mary assisted in putting up the cable cover in the garage. It arrived late yesterday. Took us a little over an hour. Weather looks good for tomorrow. Might get up to mid 50s. Raked up a few leaves and did some other odd jobs.*

*Mary went Bowling so I got ready for tonight's kids watch. Should be fun. Kaetchen got some little soldiers to paint that announce we got them tickets to the Nutcracker for next month as one of our Christmas gift.*

#### November 20 2019

*Gloomy all day but temp was low 40s. We went to the Y for the usual. Jenny was sensible and not too tough on us. We will be easing into Thanksgiving. I watched the Impeachment hearings while Mary got her hair done.*

*Got two items from Amazon. They sent the A Warning by Anon book on T-Rump and my replacement cable covers (they got it right this time). Maybe I will work on it tomorrow if I am bored.*

*Been battling at Chess and have finally recovered from sub 1200 to 1254 (at the moment). I hope I can keep it there cause those sub 1200 guys give me fits. I have been down there, without a brain, for weeks.*

#### November 19 2019

*Nice day for golf. Too bad I didn't have a game. Bill played well, shooting 84 but could have been lower. He was making the 5 footers which really helped. I made nothing again scoring 44-45 with 2 penalties. Drove it well, but maybe hit 2 good irons and a couple of decent hybrids. Maybe next time. Dick had his struggles and was around 105+/- . Thursday or next Tuesday might be good.*

*Jacob was over helping Pete when I got home. He said his wrist was a little better but still pretty weak.*

*Mary was to the doctor this morning and was knitting when I got back. Quiet evening after dinner.*

### November 18 2019

**Unexpectedly busy day. Got the baseboards painted and put a bead of clear caulk on the floor edges. Done by 10am. Put away all the tools and stuff, and then we did the bills.**

**We then got a call from Carolyn and her and Jenna came over for a short course on their Dell laptop. I put 2 accounts up , one for each. That went a few hours, then they headed to shopping and we did as well.**

**Well, the computer wouldn't come on when they got home. You could hear it running but screen was blank? I had them bring it back over so I could call Dell support. After we got back from grocery shopping I called Dell support and we talked a bit. Jenna had just closed the lid, which put it in hibernation. I never figured out how that worked cause I always turn the computer off. So the tech guy and I set it up so that close lid implied sleep. Push the power button and it wakes up. Duh!**

**Carolyn and Jenna made another trip to pick up the laptop to end the day around 6:30pm**

### November 17 2019

**Busy day! Up early and we got to the kitchen cove replacements by 9am. First we glued all the cove up. I cut the toe off the cove so it laid flat allowing me to push the inside corner rounds up against the cove. We then cut and installed all 48 feet of the white pvc inside corner molding around all except the wood cabinets that already have this in brown. Pulled out the 1/4 rounds that were there prior. Put a bead of caulk at the top of the moldings. We finished around 2:30pm. The update cost me under \$50.**

**We did take a break for lunch when Carolyn stopped in to pick up my animal trap. She has a squirrel getting into her walls.**

**Tomorrow I want to paint the baseboards and put a bead of clear caulk around the floor edges. That will finish off this project.**

**Mary went off to church and I made the dinner salads. Sunday should be the last diet day as I am down around 166 and have hit diminishing returns already.**

**Tonight I will boot up the laptop I got Carolyn for Christmas.**

### November 16 2019

**Hulu sent me an email saying they would raise the cost \$10/mo in December. So I spent an hour or so switching to Youtube TV at \$49.99. I hate Google but money is money. Now Google will sell all my watching habits to others, but that seems useless to me.**

**Thankfully Bill has switched to it, so he was able to help me out customizing the TV Guide for it and helping me see it on my laptop. Pretty cool is there can be up to 6 users in the house. That is a rarity. So no I can watch TV and watch another channel on my laptop and/or mini ipad.**

### November 15 2019

*Good night sleep helped. Mary went to knitting and got back around lunch. After lunch, we picked up some no cost pills at CVS and got this 3 ft long receipt. Also put some air in my tire the sensor was complaining about. From there we went to Kohls and returned the Amazon package. They moved that desk to the back of the store. One of their people came out after I was in this long return line for 10 minutes. Scored a nice shirt for \$8.*

*Stopped at Walmart and got a toy for the Red Hat donation next month, They were out of hand warmers. At Lowes, we picked up the 48' of inside corner rounds for the kitchen. They did have hand warmers, so I picked up 20 for this winter and spring. Also found a small lamp shade I have been looking for.*

*We listened to the impeachment hearings. Thug T-Rump was tweeting against the testifier. He is a disgusting POS. The former ambassador gave a good account of herself. Wish he would too, but it's not in his DNA.*

### November 14 2019

*Wow. Back up into the lower 30s after a nasty cold day yesterday. We went to the Y for the usual. We always thought Tuesdays with Jenny was harder than Mon/Thurs Andrea, but this isn't true anymore. She beat us up good. Lots of 20 reps of light, then 20 of medium, then 20 of heavy. It was brutal. If the shoulder is involved, I use the light weight in my left arm. Today, the outside of my left knee was balking at any squats. I had to adjust those to avoid pain.*

*After lunch we got started on removing the kitchen cove. They had very sticky glue on them. Behind 2 segments there was old cove I had to chisel off to get it flat. We spent 2 hrs crawling on the floor then Mary had to leave for a hair appt. Tomorrow we will go buy the inside corners, return the Amazon package they sent with the wrong cable management sku, and see if I can get some hand warmers at Walmart. If we have time, I will glue on the wall cove.*

### November 13 2019

*Headed to the dentist to find out what was the cause of cold sensitivity of my bridge that was happening now and then. Did not want any issues while I was in Florida the January. Everything looked good but there was some swelling of the gum there. She figured something got caught in there and resulted in the sensitivity. She gave me a squirting device to use at night to clear out any food that is lodged there.*

*I stopped at HH and picked up the cove for the kitchen and some liquid nails to glue it on. This stuff was much more flexible than the cheap stuff. It did have the toe but I think I can put it on upside down. They had the stick on kind but discouraged me from using it. Good to have their local knowledge to fall back on. With this more flexible cove, and the glue, I think I will be able to do what I want.*

*Listened to the impeachment hearings and the attempts of the Republicans to confuse everyone involved. They are certain to confuse those that have not followed closely. That is the sad part.*

**Mary got home and bowled poorly. Must have been the cold. No kids watch tonight for the 3d straight week. So we get to stay in and keep warm.**

#### **November 12 2019**

**An early November snow has everyone wishing for Florida. We had 2" this morning here, more to the north east. Buffalo had 10 as of 8am. We went to the Y and did the elliptical but strength class was canceled today. We went to the track and I walked a mile. Mary walked 2 miles as she was talking to Diane from class. I rode a bike while she did her second mile.**

**Got my haircut after class while Mary cooked up some bacon for my diet. I was down to 166.4 this morning and I have not gone much under that for a long time. Since we bought all this diet stuff, I better stick on it for a few more days. Time to veg out and look out at the snow.**

**Spent some time reading the new Toyota owner manual and looking at the cable cover for the garage that we received today. Looking into replacing the coving in the kitchen. I want to do a toeless coving and put an inside corner round along everything in the kitchen. My experience with the ones with the toes (all the reviews seem to agree) is the stuff just won't stick. The only toeless stuff I have seen comes in 100 ft lengths. Will have to check with the go to guys at HH.**

#### **November 11 2019**

**I got up a little before 8am. When I slid back the curtain it said 48 degrees! Say what? I checked the weather and it was supposed to be OK until rain at noon, then it would get cold. I didn't pay attention to the weather given there was a storm coming. Too late to call the guys so I geared up and headed to Sable Creek to go on my own. I don't believe they had more than 8-10 people all morning.**

**The greens were still very bumpy from their aeration last month and very unpleasant to putt on. I had a hard time getting in the groove. Hit two low liners and made a putt for par on #1 Maroon. On #2 I was by the pond and came over the top and hit it 5 yards into the pond. Hacked a few more and ended with a 9. Dribbled it on the par 3 but was able to save 4. Took me 3 more holes to get my swing back and I finished at 47, Seemed a lot worse than that.**

**Was on fire on the back with 1 in the water and 1 birdie, plus 4 straight pars for a 3 over 38 on the Gold. It was pretty balmy out there and I got back home by 10:30am.**

**Mary was back from her blood draw and finishing her donut. She had stayed away from sugary stuff for 2 weeks, so it was time for a donut. Since it was still warm, we headed to GE for 30 gallons of fuel perk gas at 1.90 off. Saved \$57.**

**Mary headed to Red Hats for lunch. I canceled Dish (they wanted 74/mo now) and they said they will shut it off Wednesday. The receivers go to recycle. Signed up and got Hulu at \$48/mo. The TV channel selection is pretty**

*awkward, but we have the same channels and more. Another plus is no billing/paying, it just gets charged to my credit card. This will take a little getting used to. I also set up auto pay for the car lease.*

#### November 10 2019

*Really nice day before the snow starts tomorrow. Lots of people working on their leaves today. Cathy Schafer retired from 17 years working for the church, so Mary went to her retirement party after 8am mass. Joyce and Mike came in for it in Monaca. We went out to brunch with them and the Shoulders after the 11 am mass.*

*I told Mike where Sue moved to and he offered to shoot her ground hogs if they had issues with them. They live about 10 miles from Sue. He is heading to NY, about two towns south of Syracuse next week for deer season.*

*Back home to watch Cleveland beat the Bills. Last second FG attempt to tie it was no good. I figured the Bills to lose big but they had their shot.*

*No good golf weather for 7 days, so I guess I will be at the Y 3 times this week. Ouch!*

#### November 9 2019

*Cold this morning. We got right to the garage wall patch 8:30ish and were done just before 10am. Went smoother than I expected. Had to Dremel out a rectangular hole (yesterday it was L shaped). then cut a new piece of drywall that size. Played with the fit for awhile. Then cut the hole for the box a little too small. Widened it out a bit and it fit right in. Four drywall screws and we were ready to clean up and put the tools away. Will have to mud the patch in the spring. Too cold for the mud right now unless we get a nice warm day or two.*

*Vegged awhile then went to the Texas Roadhouse for an early dinner and got back in time for Mary to go to 4pm Mass.*

*Looks like another hassle with DISH. My year of cheap service ran out so I called to cancel. Waiting on a special offer the lady was going to email me to look at. Have not seen the email yet but she said I would need to change equipment. Mulling that over, I will likely move to Hulu on the Roku. Changing equipment will be a hassle, so I would be better off just getting it over with and move on.*

#### November 8 2019

*Good night's sleep and no workout pain this morning. Both were a pleasant surprise. Got started in the garage after breakfast. Opened up the wall with my Dremel cutting tool. Was surprised to find layers of 2 x 4s where I figured the wire from the box was going thru the wall. Did find 2 wires dropping thru the 2x4s though. Pulled the old box and disconnected the wires and found the one I had cut that was hanging in the laundry. Pulled that one out so it's gone now.*

*Put a nail in 2 wide box in and hooked the power wire to the new GFI*



**receptacle. Connected the new added receptacle to the load side of the GFI, then connected the line for the new garage lights, then connected the other wire that headed to the light switches and other lights in the garage. I left the wall open and need a wall patch to close it up.**

**The good news is all the garage and laundry room is after the GFI and my cut hot wire is now gone. The bad news is the laundry room lights will be off if the GFI trips. Got to check on the outlets in that regard.**

**The bad news is the guy at HH said I will need to cover the power wire I ran on the surface of the garage wall over to where I tied power to the new lights. That isn't cheap. Will look at that tomorrow.**

**So, still to do is fix the wall patch and install surface wire cover. I have more exposed run over the top of the garage door. I can't see why that would need covering.**

**Picked up groceries after lunch. Lots of no carb diet stuff went into the cart.**

### **November 7 2019**

**Back to the Y this morning. We got beat up again! We were both still in pain from Tuesdays class with Jenny. My left knee did not want to do any lateral movement, and my left shoulder was weak as usual. Andrea caught me skipping the last band pull on one exercise cause it was hurting and she called me out saying "Really, the last pull". May need the Aleve tomorrow.**

**Back home we vegged all day as the weather was real crappy. I did think about an electrical project for the weekend. I have a clipped wire coming thru the wall I need to take care of and I will have to cut open the drywall to find and eliminate it. Might as well put a 2 wide box to double the number of receptacles to 4 instead of 2. Sounds like a good weekend project.**

**Started a diet again. Dang scale gave me several different readings so I replaced the batteries to get better behavior. First starting weight is 170.2 which isn't too bad. Goal would be to drop 4-5 lbs and be ready for Thanksgiving.**

### **November 6 2019**

**Went to the retirement lunch. Darryl was in town visiting and he was weirder than usual. Heard Carl Starks passed away. He was Big Ed Bose's partner in senior Summitt County scrambles. Ed passed not too long ago. I was telling John about Mel's woes with Chenoweth's ponds and I had him in stitches. We picked on Otis awhile too. Good clean fun!**

**Mary went bowling and I waited for Jacob to mow. He had to retake his driving test, so was going to be here 3:30ish. I mowed the back to help him out. He finished just before darkness set in.**

**Supposed to snow tomorrow. Yikes!**

### **November 5 2019**

**Cold drizzle this morning. We went to the Y and got beat up good. On the**

*elliptical I listened to miss Monique as always and there was a hilarious track in it about everyone should just get Mad. When I say beat up there were lots of squats and 4 groups of 12 or 48 reps with the 8 lb weights. I was wondering why she just didn't make it an even 50. I figured it out later as 1000+ joules of work. We shall see how we feel tomorrow.*

*Mary went to lunch with her friend Julie while I went and voted, then picked up some pills. Finished reading "The Dangerous Case of Donald Trump", a collection of writings by the medical profession on his mental shortcomings. Amazing how much damage his Presidency has caused, and amazing how his supporters set aside their conscience and continue to support him. I know my sister is a good Christian but somehow she can overlook his disdain for blacks, immigrants, and women, his bullying, his lying, and other outrageous behavior. I don't get it.*

#### November 4 2019

*I was sitting there early this morning grumbling that golf tomorrow was going to be a rain out. I decided to play today to avoid a shutout this week. I emailed Mel and Bill, called Dick and John. All could play except John.*

*It was windy but decently warmish. I was off to a good start till I took a 6 on the par 3. Was too lazy to go get the right club to chip with, so my chip went off the back. I went under that one and had a double hit. Turned an easy 4 into a 6 very quickly. Finished the front OK with a 42. Played well on the back but was under clubbing, chipping and putting way short and lost several strokes with my short game, finishing with another 42.*

*Bill played well in spite of twisting an ankle walking the dogs, and shot 88. Mel and Dick had no game on a couple of holes. I think Mel put 7, maybe 8 balls into the water.*

*Took me a long time to warm up. Surprising given the decent temps.*

#### November 3 2019

*Cold morning but it warmed later. Jenna came over to help with the final fall cleanup. I chopped the tall grass, the mums, and the remaining flowers. She did not get here till after lunch. She put all the cut flowers in the dumpster and loaded the grass into my trunk and we made 2 trips to the recycle. Very busy there! We unloaded the grass and she had a chance to smash pumpkins on each trip.*

*After that, she brought in all the outdoor decorations for storage in the garage for the winter. Took all of 2 and a half hours.*

*I watched the NFL score site to keep tabs on the Bills. They tried to lose but squeaked by with a win over the 1-7 Redskins. Wes was at the game with Adam, so he got to see a win.*

*Looks like the cold is setting in. Maybe another mowing Wednesday and a round of golf Tuesday before the weather turns nasty cold. No good golf weather in the 10 day.*

### November 2 2019

*We went to 10am mass for All Souls Day, where Mary lit a candle for Brother Jim. It was sad to see so many that lost loved ones, some two. We got back from mass to a surprise bday party for Mary from Wes, Kaetchen, and the kids. Was really nice they fit it in their busy schedule. Kalix was off to roller skate and Wes to Buffalo for a Bills game.*

*It was a quiet day thereafter. Mary went to church and then we went to Grinders for dinner.*

### November 1 2019

*We went to HH and HD to look at exterior doors. HH had some awesome industrial strength doors built in Sugarcreek but \$1300 is a bit much. Install is \$350 which is a close to but a little more than a HD install. A new storm door would be another \$350 with \$150 install. I am pretty sure the storm install would be pretty simple.*

*HD door is likely to be less, but we have to head to the store to find out. Pretty sure HD would be much less but ships a long long way from Washington.*

*Tomorrow is Mary's birthday. We go to church in the morning to light a candle for her brother Jim.*

### October 31 2019

*Mary did not sleep well, so I went to the Y early and did the elliptical, but skipped the crowded Thursday class, as she wasn't there to protect me. She had got some more sleep while I was there.*

*After lunch we went to GE. Needed milk for sure as what little we had was done for. We saw Jenny there in her ruby slippers (really shiny red shoes). Back home to veg and do the bills. Good day to veg as it rained all day long. That is the most rain we had since our month long spring soaking.*

*Canceled golf as crappy weather is expected tomorrow. Golf withdrawal is setting in.*

### October 30 2019

*Had an eye doctor appt but they sent me to the wrong place. Got to the right place about 15min late. Eyes are good but I got a bifocal update. I asked about the dull film on my glasses and they said it was the scratching of the anti reflective coating.*

*Not wanting to pay \$400+ for glasses I went online. First place wanted \$278 and got up there with Transitions lenses. Must be a trademark thing. Tried Eye Direct and they had a photo gray addition for \$35 and also the trademarked one for \$150. Ended up at \$90 and should get them in under 14 days.*

*Mary went bowling so I just vegged and investigated a new entry door. I believe I can get a nice one for \$550 and Ed would help put it in. Maybe a spring project.*

### October 29 2019

*We went to the Y this morning for the usual. Class was not too bad today. We had lunch when we got back and headed to Ganley for a new car.*

*The new Toyota is much the same with new features. Electronic key, push button start, the blind spot warning, and a new display. I don't like the display but Mary says it is not distracting. I have not driven yet so I don't know. It puts the display up higher. Easier for the driver to see it.*

### October 28 2019

*They put Jacob's wrist in a hard cast. They think it is a nerve issue, but I doubt it.*

*Cold starting out this morning at the finale of Monday Golf at Fox Den. It warmed up quick though and I had my jacket off on the 3d or 4<sup>th</sup> hole. I played well but made only 2 putts of 6 feet, but no 3 putts so I will take that. Went 40-42 for an 82. Lots of chances on the back but no putts dropped. Tied Houle at 69 net while Dave and Dick were at 77 net.*

*It was a marvelous day and ended almost at 70 degrees with no wind.*

### October 27 2019

*Trick or treat day. Was windy early but not bad for the tricksters at 3pm. I was surprised to see Carolyn and Jacob roll up around 10:15. He had his wrist in a splint and was not in too much pain. He mowed my grass and then started on Pete's. The grass catcher was on so I stayed out to help him dump the bags and unclog it when it got clogged. Pete came out and took it off near the end as he could see what a pain it was being. He must have been here 3 hrs mowing both lawns. Glad it warmed a bit.*

*I moved some old mulch from near the house to around one of my 2 trees. That mulch had a lot of exploding fungus in it so it needed moving. Still more to move. A lot of roots coming to the surface so I will mulch around that tree and it will be easier to mow.*

*The Bills just sucked today. They played the Eagles, who ran all over them. They looked out muscled.*

*We did not get as many kids as we usually do?? Maybe a lot went to the Marketplace like we did yesterday and were done with it. Katchen called and said they were going to skip and not come either. Wes was working, so she had the 3 kids by herself.*

*We emptied the car and ran the vacuum. Taking it back Tuesday and will pick up a new lease if things work out. We are good to go.*

### October 26 2019

*Carolyn called last night and said Jacob tore a tendon in his wrist wrestling with his buddy. She called a couple more times. Took the xray to the doctor so he could order a MRI. She said maybe they will get it Monday or Tuesday. Yikes! Poor Jacob. I think there is a black cloud following him around.*

**Thought the boys were coming early but it turned out to be 11 am. We played in the toy room till lunch, then took them to Hartville Marketplace for trick or treat. Bought the kids some toys as it was Z-Man's bday 2 days ago. Back home and Mary cooked up some chicken and rice. They ate well.**

**Lots of Disney from dinner time to 8:30 pm when they got picked up. We survived and it was a pretty easy go.**

#### **October 25 2019**

**Chilly but not too bad in the high 50s at Barberton Brookside. Very pretty with lots of fall colored leaves. It was an up and down round. Mostly down. Lots of look ups and hits on the toe of the club indicating I was not staying over the ball. Shot 8 over on the front but it felt worse. Played much better on the back but still was 7 over. My short game was pitiful. Never got a chip close and had several 3 putt greens. Total was 87 but it just felt bad.**

**John T was the only one who had a handle on the greens. I think John was at 85 and Bill 86. Mel played well except for a 2 hole blowup where he was 10 over. Dick played poorly.**

**Relaxed as Mary went to pick up some things for the kids watch tomorrow. She had held off as Jacob was supposed to be over to mow, but he decided to come tomorrow morning and did not let us know.**

**We will be watching the boys for 12 hrs while Kalix is at Girl Scout camp with Kaetchen helping out. Wes is heading back to work and it will be his first day back after being sidelined for 3 weeks by his heel bone edema.**

#### **October 24 2019**

**Cold start but it warmed up at Sable Creek this morning. After a nice bogey par start, I kept hacking and looking up the front nine. Shot 48, 11 over the last 7. That did include a 4 putt and a couple of lip outs though. Recovered on the back for a 42 by not looking up. Added a couple of lipouts though. The greens were still very bumpy and I let that get to me I guess.**

**Tomorrow I got to remember to pick up Mel, pick up the wedge I left at Chenoweth on Monday, get a tee time, and see if Barberton has the sweatshirt I left there a month ago. Speaking about being brain dead.....**

#### **October 23 2019**

**Spent the day on odd jobs. Put in a bulb, install new dawn to dusk LEDs, fix a few nagging items. Ordered some lamp parts for a lamp Mary wanted reconfigured. Glued a few items that needed fixing. Running out of things to do. Walked around the house and came up with a few items. Front door needed paint and the carpet in our bedroom needs to be re stretched. That is about it and we are good to go.**

**Mary went bowling. I picked up some gas for the mower. Also cut up the rutabaga for dinner.**

**Had trouble getting to sleep. Got up and stretched all the leg muscles. With**

*the tension gone I slept well. Think I am going to try a stretching routine before bed.*

*Kids watch tonight so I published around 4pm.*

#### October 22 2019

*Good rain this morning. We went to the Y and got beat up pretty good. Andea was in for Jenny so it was a bit easier. I was very happy my nail was not an issue. That was a relief. After class we picked up some pills and some laundry soap.*

*Easy day. We cleaned out the fridge real good as there was some leakage from a couple of ½ gallon milk and cider jugs. They both were unopened so I am not sure what the heck was going on. Not a lot of leakage but enough to make it messy in there.*

*Mary did the laundry and I pulled a few weeds and listened to Miss Monique on the ipod. T-Rump is messing with Ukraine; I hope he leaves her alone.*

#### October 21 2019

*Another beautiful sunny day warming to 70. Played Chenoweth. Played well but putting was difficult. For some reason, they did not cut the greens so they were very slow. Frustrated everyone when they missed short. Before I left I accidentally kicked a chair. Almost lifted the nail off.*

*Scored 40-42. Easily could have broke 80 today. Should have been a 78.*

*Mary, Jane, and I had dinner at Parisons with Silvia Batcher at 5pm. She is doing good. Jane was to Italy with her new BF. Mary drove, as I rested my toe. She will need lazix next year as driving in the dark is difficult for sure.*

#### October 20 2019

*Beautiful sunny day warming to 70. We are going to run out of good weather sooner than later.*

*I was to bed at 8pm but was up at 5am. Pretty good sleep but need another good night to catch up on some more. Pulled the cars out and we put all the patio furniture away. Cleaned out the garage doorway and garage cobwebs with the shop vac. Dumped some mulch with fungus in the back by the pines.*

*Listened to the Bills try to lose to Miami. They were down for 3 quarters before waking up and beating them. At halftime we went out to eat. Was going to go for turkey but changed my mind and went mexican instead. Now we have mucho leftovers.*

*We decided to leave the Halloween stuff packed away this year. Our hearts are not in it.*

#### October 19 2019

*Off early at 5:45am to Sue's in PA. We started working on the floor at 7:30am and finished up around 1:30. Her room was about 400 sq ft and we finished up*

*the remaining 250 today. Only a few places around the fireplace needed special cuts.*

*Got back around 3:30pm. Saw a super cool car in Alliance. It was a Suburu sports car with a neon green mirror finish. Way too cool! I rolled my window down and gave the driver a thumbs up. It's 4pm and my day is done for.*

#### October 18 2019

*Cold morning to start with. All bundled up for golf. Warmed up with 4 holes to go when the sun stayed out. I shot 43-44 for 87 and was the big loser. Have not had a smooth swing bundled up but did hit some better later on. Once again, never did make a putt, and missed a couple of short ones.*

*Jacob had mowed before I got home. He seemed to be doing well today. Looks like the mower slipped down to height 4 so I had to go out and do some raking.*

#### October 17 2019

*The kids were good as usual last night.*

*Another crappy day with a lot of wind. We went to the Y and did the usual. First Thursday for me in a long time as Thursday Lockheed golf is over. Just 2 more Mondays scheduled and the last one typically gets nasty'd out.*

*Leftovers for lunch for me. Mary went out with Brenda and Pat to the Kitchen and shopped around a bit. I finished touch up white and gray paint to the family room, so that is done.*

*I sawed up and tossed out around 10 golf clubs. Held onto a spare driver, 3w, 4h, some putters, and old trusty rusty. Could not bear to toss "trusty rusty". That SW goes back to the 80s I believe. The XE1 has replaced it in function but not in nostalgia.*

#### October 16 2019

*Crappy day here with rain most of the morning. I went to the Y and did the elliptical. Was surprisingly tough without having Mary there for moral support. Misplaced my keys for a few minutes but found them laying on the ground just outside the Y.*

*Assembled the new shelf unit for the sewing room and we organized the storage. Wow, we have thousands of beads! Anyone in need of beads? I re-caulked the door molding to the family room after re-shimming it yesterday. Should be able to paint it tomorrow.*

*Got a call from Consumer Cellular as a result of escalating it through AARP. The lady was helpful but said I did make several calls in Jamaica and she would resend the billing.*

*I got it and called the numbers shown and it was T-Mobile help, which I remember being transferred to. I called back and left a message.*

*She did call back and called the number as well and called the Dispute Office*

*who said they had nothing on record. As she well knew T-Mobile helps on technical issues, she left me speechless by telling me they were waiving all the charges. I was speechless as I was emotionally relieved that my 5 month fight with them was finally over. I sure am prone to emotion since my bypass. That makes me feel like a girl sometimes. I guess that is OK since we do use the ladies tee on some of the extremely long golf holes.*

*Mary went off to bowling and I did some more clean up from the family room project. Publishing early cause its kids watch tonight.*

#### October 15 2019

*Nice day. After a chilly start with frost on the ground it got up to 70. Mary went to the Y while I stayed home and waited for the PPW guy. She said it was a rough class. She said Jenny's son made it to the state golf tournament. Very cool! I better go tomorrow to get some elliptical in.*

*There was one glitch with the family room. The door would not close. I pulled off the door molding and checked the shimming and found there was none. Must have pushed the door frame out when pulling the baseboards. I hammered the frame back and put a screw in to hold the frame back, then put back the molding. Was easier than expected. Guess I am expert at it by now. Still need to re-caulk and paint the door frame again.*

*We had lunch and the PPW guy showed. I watched how he did it. Took him 2 hrs and it looks great. Glad I paid to have it done. What he did in 2 hrs would have taken me all day. I will be OK doing the side that grows mold (north). That would be pretty straight forward and not require moving equipment around the house. His truck had miles of hoses, a huge power plant, and a nifty sprayer with select able tips. All he had to move was the hose.*

*We finished putting stuff away from the family room and took 2 bins of stuff to Gentlebrook salvage store (its like a Goodwill store) and dropped some books to be donated to the library. Still need to get rid of 2 pieces of furniture and put in another storage rack in the sewing room.*

*Picked up Halloween candy at Walmart, and some cheap vitamins as well. Re-mounted the flags and brought out stuff put away for the power washing and called it a day. A busy busy day.*

#### October 14 2019

*Cool day. Put on my ski cap for golf at Sable Creek. The greens were much more putt-able today but I still had problems on the back nine. Found I wasn't getting the snap of the wrists late in Fridays round and that was the issue. Corrected that today and got around the front in 41. Played well on the back but careless play cost me. I 3-jacked putts 3 times on the back because my first putt was way short. I topped a 3h which went into the weeds costing me another and a chip out from the pine went too far into the weeds costing me yet another. Should have been at 40 but it ended as a 44.*

*Cut down the tall grass at the corner of the house and put away the flowers and the flags in prep for the power wash tomorrow to end a nice day.*



### October 13 2019

**Busy day. Up to darn early so I watched mass for the shut ins at 6am. There was frost on the ground! Waited till Mary got up at 7:30 to cook some eggs and toast, then got to the family room. Put some toys in the bins, then looked thru all the Cds I had. Kept most and found a DVD from 2009 that John Garfield had sent. Later on, I used Handbrake to convert it to mp4. Very cool to look back at a slideshow from our Vegas visit with John, Ginny, Ruth, and Dennis. I posted it to my shutterfly site so people could see it.**

**Took all my Pinehurst photos out of the wood mounts and tossed the wood. Went thru a bunch more stuff and found places for them. Mary has a little more to do, but it shouldn't take long. What is left to do? Need to arrange the sewing and bead stuff once the new shelf unit arrives in 9 days. Also would like a small 2 seat bench or love seat for the family room.**

**Browns lost in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half today. They looked good but tailed off when their QB got hurt. He did play on but he wasn't as effective. Tried some chess but brain dead today.**

### October 12 2019

**Busy busy busy cold day. We got to painting the family room baseboards early, then started moving things in. Went smooth but slowly. We had lunch and got back to it till we needed some storage totes. I figured out how many we needed and checked prices on the internet. Big Lots had the best prices so we picked up 12 large and 2 small for \$113. Kind of a poor investment, but it was either toss it, store it, or give it away. Stopped for a Kraut dog and Mary had a chili dog before getting back to it.**

**Carolyn stopped over around 2pm and Mary picked up some groceries with her. We finally called it a night around 6pm. Still lots to sort through tomorrow. Bills to pay too.**

### October 11 2019

**Another cool morning. Beat it around poorly at Sable Creek this morning. Went 44-45 today. Never did make a putt missing 3 short ones. The greens were aerated this week and full of holes and sand. John T somehow putted well, Bill too. The rest of us had no clue. I straightened out my bad slice but had a couple bad pulls when swinging hard.**

**Towards the end I figured I was not snapping my wrists at the ball with my irons. Likely the reason for how short they have been going the last 2 weeks. We shall see Monday.**

**Got home and after a short rest, caulked the baseboards. I put a bead on top to close any gaps and close an insect hiding place, and a bit in the nail holes. In the morning, I will touch them up with white paint and a couple other nicks the carpet guys made. Also the window sills need another coat to hide the dark brown better. We will give it an hour or two then start moving stuff back in.**

**We will try to switch rooms, moving the sewing and crafts and ironing to the**

*toy room and moving the computer and toys into here. With a 2 person bench, this room will look more like an extra TV viewing area. The exercise cycle will also go here. May change our minds later if it isn't working out. We need to reduce the clutter.*

#### October 10 2019

*Another cool morning. Beat it around badly at Seven Hills this morning. Went 48 on the front after an 8 on 1 and a 9 on 9, otherwise bogey golf. After a fade into the pond on the 10<sup>th</sup> tee, I put the driver away and just hit irons on the back. Shot 46 on the back, never making a putt. Should have been around 43. Not sure what I am doing with my driver to get the slice back. Will have to figure it out tomorrow at Sable Creek.*

*Carpet guys finally got the carpet in. Looks nice. This weekend will be getting baseboards back in, caulking them, and some paint touch up on them. Hope to get most of that done Friday and we can move stuff back in Saturday.*

#### October 9 2019

*Just 45 again this morning. Got right to the barber and beat them there. Got my hair cut then it was off to dermo woman in Fairlawn. She gave me the all clear and I headed home.*

*Tried to get an oil change but the place was razed? I would guess it was taken down to put in a better moneymaker. We shall find out. Got home and got the grass cut as I should be golfing Thurs/Fri and the weekend looks bad.*

*Mary is off to bowling and should be home soon. I am resting up for kids watch tonight so I published around 3pm.*

#### October 8 2019

*Just 45 this morning. We went to the Y and got beat up good. Power Wash quoted \$433, then \$399 when I balked. I believe I could do it for around \$100 myself so I looked into borrowing Wes' unit. They called back later and met my price of \$350 so I took it.*

*We had appointments for flu shots and got that done around 2pm. Mary was good so I took her to Handles for hot fudge.*

#### October 7 2019

*Another cool day. We got lucky the rain had passed thru before tee time. More like unlucky for me, as I had nothing today. Wasn't hitting it crisp and my short game was poor. Hitting 4 bunkers on the front nine did not help a bit either. Don't think I got a putt closer than 3 feet either. From an 82 Friday to a 92 today.*

*I thought both Dick and Ken were going to beat me scratch, but I rallied the last 3 holes to tie Ken on 18 and edge Dick by 2. Pitiful display of golf today.*

### October 6 2019

**Another cool day with rain in the forecast. I was up early thinking about pressure washing the house. We always get mold on the north side of the house, but it seems up higher this year. Thought I would get a quote first. If the price is too high, I will do it myself. I think I can do it for less than \$100 for the soap and borrow Wes' washer. Rentals are \$50 but I don't think I need one. I am thinking \$300 would be reasonable for a professional job. If it is more, I will do it myself.**

**We went out and cleaned up 4 more flower areas. That makes this work complete till later this fall. When the mums crash, we will do those and cut down the tall grass. I am thinking that is 4-5 weeks out.**

**Headed out to look at condo areas. The first was a bust. They had one front porch and 2 entrances. The first one would have people walking by it and your window to get in theirs. We liked the 2<sup>nd</sup> in North Canton where there was a row of small single homes. The 3<sup>d</sup> was nice but only 12 singles. Too small. The 4<sup>th</sup> was off Pickle Rd. Very nice but 20K over our price range. Will have to think twice about those unless there is a real deal.**

**Bills won but should have lost. Tennessee missed 4 Fgs.**

### October 5 2019

**Pretty cool this morning in the 50s. Emailed Wzip and requested a polka for my sister and told Matt I had a hole-in-one. He played my dedication and noted I always wear 2 pairs of socks when golfing. Just in case I get a hole in one. Got out early and we cut back 4 leaf bags full of flowers. Got them over to the recycle too.**

**After lunch we went for groceries. We got stuff for BLTs and had them for dinner once she got back from church. I got 3 groups of Iris cut down.**

### October 4 2019

**Sweet! Ace #6 finally! Last one was in 2005 at Tam-O-Shanter. This one was at Mayfair! That is where my first ace was in 1986. First ace and last ace now. After waiting 14 years, one would think this could be the last one.**

**Was cold today. After roasting yesterday, it was only 60 today. Sweatshirt and jacket. Bill has swallowing issues at the free breakfast and was in distress till the tee shot on the third hole, perhaps close to an hour. Maybe went away because he put it on the green. He was so relieved, he 3 putted. Coincidentally, I had a similar problem later at dinner but only for 5 minutes.**

**The front was up and down with pars bogies and 2 doubles till the 9<sup>th</sup> hole. I used an 8 iron and hit a nice shot right of the flag. It came down, hit the top of the bunker mound, and kicked toward the pin. I was yelling my usual "go in" which had not worked for years. I thought it had a chance but someone said it went off the back. When I got up I did not see a ball at the back of the green so I looked in the hole to see my "Bob" marked ball resting in the bottom of the hole. I raised both hands and yelled a robust "Yes".**

**The back went pretty well, but I lipped one out and missed 2 short putts, but still shot 41 for a 41-41 =82 score. I got home and emailed everyone I know, sending a picture of the scorecard and the trophy the course gave me.**

### **October 3 2019**

**Played Skyland Pines with Otis and Mark. Lots of chunky irons on the front but saved bogies on most. Two pars and a double for 45 on the front. Thought I got it going on the back before I had a few look ups and brain farts. A couple of look ups put me above the pin on treacherous greens a couple of times which did not help. I had 2 birdies and was looking at a third and forth when I 3 putted from 5 feet on one and chipped from 3 feet into the bunker. Almost felt like someone else was playing and not me. Don't know what happened on that one.**

**We had lunch at the Winking Lizard. Mary met Brenda for lunch and they ate at Applebees.**

### **October 2 2019**

**Up at 5:30 and on the road to sister Sue's in PA. We started on her floor at 7:45 and took a lunch break at 12pm. The first part was hard as it went under doorways and into the closet; a slow go. We spent another 2 hrs on the floor. Maybe 1/2 done?**

**We took a look where there was water coming in by the fireplace. Looks like the drain was blocked so water built up in the gutter and was falling out the other end of the gutter right at the chimney where it is not supposed to. We are pretty sure that is where it came from.**

**We straightened the gutter and cleared the leaves. There is an issue though. The rain might be running off the metal roof and flying over the gutter. The harder the rain the more risk there is. Might have to put some kind of high edge on the outside of the gutter or put on wider gutters.**

**Got home around 4:45. Mary went for kids watch and I took a relaxing shower. Thank you Mary!**

### **October 1 2019**

**We went to the Y this morning. There was a sub for Jenny but she made it tough. I was doing OK. The ab stuff was easy cause I cant do any reverse crunches with my legs so I just skipped all of those.**

**Mary went to lunch with Julie and I did lunch with Rudy. He is working from home for Lockheed and seems to be getting work for 6-7 months every year. Stayed in after lunch as today is record temps for October. Hit 90 today and very humid.**

**Not sure I will blog tomorrow. Heading to PA to help Sue and Ed with a new floor. Not sure when I will get back.**

### September 30 2019

**September is done for. Against my better judgment, I went out to Seven Hills in the rain. It drizzled on and off for 5 holes then we were OK. After one par and all bogies for 44 on the front, I got it going to score 40 on the back. Left a birdie putt on 18 right in front of the cup to finish with 40 for an 84 total. Should have been around 80. Oh well. God didn't want me to break 80 in September. Maybe October?**

**Mary went to the Y and did some knitting when I got home. Cut down a few spent flower groups but the heat was too bad. More when it cools down a bit.**

### September 29 2019

**We went out to look at 3 condo complexes around 10:30. Liked the one in St Ives and it was going to be open 1-3 later. Looked at one a little north of Sanctuary golf course. Looked promising but there were apartments nearby, so we nixed that one. Drove out to 44<sup>th</sup> st in Canton where there were 3 complexes pretty close together. One looked OK, the other 2 looked interesting but the backyards were miniscule for some of them. Others looked OK. Put that one on the maybe list. On the way back we stopped at Kings Creek. Those were cramped and did not look like they had a sun room, just a small patio. No deal there.**

**We had lunch at Grinders then traveled back to St Ives for the open house. Looked good. Down was a partial basement and up was a 2<sup>nd</sup> bedroom and a loft. Nice first floor with everything we would need. The basement would be a place to accumulate junk. Not sure I like that.**

### September 28 2019

**Published Sunday morning because I was toast last night. I think I slept an hour after I went to bed and then don't think I slept the rest of the night. Was to play in George's league outing at Grantwood in Solon and almos called off. Took a shower too wake up then headed up.**

**Took me 4 holes before I didn't top an iron and I believe I missed 5 short par putts the first 6 holes to score 5 bogies and a par. Perhaps too much in a fog for the delicate shots. Came along after that with a lot of pars, 2 birdies, and only 1 double. Ended up at a respectable 41-42 =83.**

**Stayed for steaks. They were real good. Then headed home around 4:30. Carolyn was visiting and stayed a bit. After she left I started to bed and did OK sleeping last night. My usual poor sleep after taking quite awhile to get to sleep but perhaps back to my nornmal.**

### September 27 2019

**Poor play today. No really hitting anything crisp today. A couple of good ones but few and far between. Messed up having people play the whites on the front when I noticed they were using the green tees behind us. Got them on the whites and then we did the green on the back nine. Went 45-43 but only made a few pars along the way. Made some good putts that would not go in**

*and some really bad ones 1/3 the way to the hole. Seven Hills got the best of me today.*

#### *September 26 2019*

*No luck breaking 80 again. Went 41-42 at Sanctuary for an 83. Up and down round with more look ups and topped balls than I care to count. I did make some very nice putts or it would have been worse. I was able to correct the problem and play well the last 7 holes. Hope to do better tomorrow.*

*Mary was at the Y again while I was golfing.*

#### *September 25 2019*

*We picked up a few groceries. After lunch Mary went bowling and I did a small bit of weeding and trimmed the nasty purple pricker bush. Was very careful picking that stuff up cause the prickers are very sharp. Watched a lot of pleasurable discussion on TV regarding Impeachment. We will have a light dinner and head over for kids watch tonight.*

*Tomorrow, I will endeavor to break 80 once again at Sanctuary.*

#### *September 24 2019*

*Got at least 6hrs sleep so that was good. Awake at 3am for about an hour though. We went to the Y this morning. Wasn't too bad for me but Mary got beat up. Lots of reps with the heavies (8 for me, 5 for her). Lots of same with balance on one foot which I don't do well. Lots of ab work which I simplify. Not much shoulder work or push ups which kill me.*

*After lunch I went out and cut back some spent flowers for the year. Made 2 passes with rest in between and cleared 8 groups. Never counted before but that maybe 1/5<sup>th</sup> the total.*

*Great news as the dems finally are going to start impeachment investigation. I was disappointed nobody brought out the Bugs Bunny cartoon daring Yosemite Sam to cross the line and then the new line over and over. Sent the youtube Celebration video to everyone.*

*Looked on Zillow for more condo groups and found 3 places south of us to cruise by this weekend. I am encouraged that there are more groups of condos than I was aware of.*

#### *September 23 2019*

*Slept better last night. Some of the rain had passed but there was more coming. Went to Sanctuary anyway and we teed off with dark skies. Played the front awesome again saving several pars and ended up 1 over 36 again. But, God does not want me breaking 80 this month. Started the back nine with a double double and could only make 3 more pars on the back finishing at 44 for another 80. Never did get more than a sprinkle here and there.*

*Lincoln was over for a bit but Wes picked him up about an hour after I got home. We had fun with him.*

### September 22 2019

*Slept about 3 hrs and that left me groggy. We were out and about at 10am. Stopped at Walmart to pick up tissues, toilet paper, paper towels, and candy. Also made a quick stop at HD to pick up a phone cover for the family room.*

*Over the last week or two, I identified several condo complexes with at least one unit for sale. We drove through the 2 in Hartville area (both nice), 1 in North Canton (nice but near an apartment complex), and 2 in Jackson township ( 1 nice close to the mall, the other a very small complex near Canal Fulton).*

*The goal of the tour was to identify acceptable complexes and rule some out. I think we can rule out the small 8 -12 building complex in Jackson and the North Canton one. The North Canton one had very interesting buildings but apartments nearby is highly undesirable. The Jackson one was quite a bit away and quite small.*

*From there we went to Texas Roadhouse for good food, bringing half of it home. It's 1:30 and i'm going to listen to the Bills game and veg the rest of the day.*

### September 21 2019

*Slept in until a little after 8am. After breakfast we tackled the fixing of the outlets. Took a couple of hours. Finally got to cleaning my car windows so I can see in the sunlight again.*

*Jacob came over and did Pete's lawn. He was not feeling well. Mary rushed him home and to work, but he was sent home sick shortly thereafter. I cut the lawn so he wouldn't be over tomorrow when he is ill. He is a hard worker.*

*Worked on a first pass letter of recommendation for Ken Batcher Jr. They are looking to promote him to Principal Engineer at Rockwell and Dan Weyer asked me for the letter. I will check it again tomorrow before submitting it.*

*Watched some horse racing but my picks did not pan out.*

### September 20 2019

*Did not sleep well. Woke up thinking I hooked all the outlets up backwards. Checked on line and sure enough I did. Now both the previous and present owners electrical can be called hacked. At least I know better. Just takes time. Now I have some work to do tomorrow, eh?*

*Did not think I would play well but I did have my A minus game at Brookledge. Shot 42 on the front and 41 on the back, closing with a spectacular birdie. I eased my drive out to the corner of the dogleg. Denny did as well. Problem was the tree was blocking the green. We both figured our best play would be to fly the left bunker and then chip back to the green. Denny did that perfectly. I opened the face and was looking for a little fade, but pushed it right through the tree, ticking a leaf, and ended up about 1 foot from the pin. Denny looked at me and said I was the luckiest SOB he has ever seen.*

*We went to the Greek Festival. We both had Plaki, potatoes, and green beans.*

**Yum. Took home 3 types of pastries. Not cheap at \$59 but it's for John's church.**

### **September 19 2019**

**Kids watch was easy last night. The kids were great.**

**Played Sable Creek. Danged Lockheed guys had teed off and i was 10 minutes early. I caught up and shot 2 pars on the first two holes. Toughest 2 on the course and yet no skin for me. It was up and down on the front. I birdied the par 3 and was all set to count 40 for the front nine, when I 3 jacked it from 2 feet on #9.**

**Made some nice putts today but that was offset by another 3 putt from 4 feet on #8. Birdied the short par 4 #5 on the back. Another 42 for a total of 84. God did not want me to break 80 today. Two penalties and 3 missed gimmes did me in.**

**Changed all the electrical in the family room with Mary's help. Put the wires on backward on the first and had to reverse them. The second was trouble. They had too much wire in the box and took me forever to stuff it all back in. The third was a real treat with the box just floating around. The first owner was a real hack, but I said that before. Was lucky to get it screwed back into the box.**

**The forth went smooth. The fifth had too many wires so I had to wire 2 together with a screw cap to get down to 4 wires. Dang outlets had no straight wire slide in sholes so I had to bend and slide each #12 wire under a screw 20 times. Such a pain.**

**Nothing left to do in the family room till they install the carpet Oct 10, 4 weeks from today. Oops. I do need a phone round hole cover. Funny, HD was promising 5 days to an install, not 5 weeks.**

### **September 18 2019**

**Another busy day. I took the 15a stuff back to HD and got 20a stuff. The 20a stuff is double the price; dang it. Went over to Carolyn's and we emptied Jacob's room, cut the rug down for the closet, and stretched it using a power stretcher we rented from HD. Power stretcher indeed. It allows you to put max power to the carpet but it is all manual. You brace on the far wall and put some weight into the lever to pull the carpet. It worked well and it looks nice.**

**Finished that around 2pm and am vegging, resting up for kids watch tonight. Wes has bone edema in his heel and toe and has to stay off it for 3 weeks. Has to take his PTO and then he can get disability so he is an at home guy for 3 weeks. Hopefully only 3 weeks.**

### **September 17 2019**

**Went to the Y and got beat up again in Jenny's class. Last week it took me 2 days to recover. After lunch we did the bills and came out right on after finding a number swap in the checkbook. Then we headed to pick up groceries. Agreed to a carpet install on Oct 9 then found I had a Dr.**



*appointment. Will have to reschedule that.*

*May help Carolyn tomorrow, return my 15a circuits and get 20a at HD, cruise by some condos, or not. Kids watch later tomorrow too.*

#### September 16 2019

*Well, I did not have my A game but a birdie on the back got me to 42-39 =81. Only blew one short putt and never did 3 put. We played Chenoweth. The other guys were hacking it around, so I got low total and net.*

*Afterwards I cleaned up my tools and Mary helped me put the baseboards on. I left 2 off where they might want to replace the nail strips and will adjust the others if need be. They may be a little high for the carpet. We will see. So far, no one has called to schedule.*

#### September 15 2019

*Busy busy busy. Started 7:45 am painting the family room. Twas a long day. A short break for lunch and cutting up some trash wood for the dumpster let the first coat dry. The second finished up just after the Bills won. I was listening online. By the time clean up was done it was 4:45pm.*

*Sat down and watched the news and listen to Miss Monique. When I got up for dinner, there were lots of sore muscles.*

*Golf tomorrow might be a tad difficult.*

#### September 14 2019

*Busy day. We went out to HD to pick up some electrical outlets for the family room project. Unfortunately I didn't figure it was all 20 amp stuff so I got 15a. Will have to return and get the right ones.*

*Carolyn came over after we got back and we pulled the rug and loaded it into her car. Went easier than expected. Later on she called and said she scrubbed it and it came out pretty good. We will put it into Jacob's room at a later date.*

*I caulked the window and door moldings so it looks spiffy, and sanded my wall patches. All ready to paint tomorrow. Should be a long day. Made dinner and had it ready when Mary got home from church.*

#### September 13 2019

*Played Sanctuary today. After a spectacular front nine in 1 over 36, took 3 doubles on the back, added 4 pars and 2 bogies for 8 over 80. God did not want me to break 80 today.*

*Wes brought the kids over at 4pm so he could take Kaetchen out to Texas roadhouse for dinner. The kids were fun. Z-man was sill a little under the weather with a 99.9 temp. They left around 8pm.*

### September 12 2019

**Oh man. Jenny said she wanted us to feel the pain the day after the class which would be Wednesday. This is now Thursday and I can still feel it. When will it end? Played Fox Den and had an amazing start. One putts on 3 of the first 5 holes and 5 pars to start. Finished 3 over 38 on the front. Started the back with 2 pars and that was that. Ten over the last 7 holes. I think I ran out of gas and one putts.**

**Dozed off when I got home wishing I was in a hot tub somewhere.**

### September 11 2019

**Poor sleep but I was refreshed. Got right to my painting in the family room. Put a second coat of white on the doorway, windows, baseboards, and inside of the door. Took most of the morning.**

**HD guy sized the room and provided a quote. I ordered the pad/carpet and they should be calling to set up the install in the next 3 days. He used a cool laser measure. Must use the time for the reflection transit to figure the inches away the far wall is.**

**Joyce Peltz's lawn guys showed up and aerated the back 40 and spread some seed. Twas very warm so I gave them a bottle of cold water. Mary was bowling. Gonna be hot for golf tomorrow, but we do start early. Got to be on my way by 7:45am.**

### September 10 2019

**Got beat up pretty good at the Y today. After 14 days it is a rough go. We had lunch and picked up some groceries and then I spent the afternoon dozing off now and then. I have some painting to do but it will wait till tomorrow.**

**Sister Catherine is heading home to pack for a camping trip to Virginia Beach and then either Myrtle Beach or Kentucky.**

### September 9 2019

**Happy 70<sup>th</sup> Catherine. We went to Sue's in PA to celebrate. We got there at 10am and went to Butterball falls to walk on the rocks in a Nature park. It was fun and we took some pictures. From there we went to the Beaver Valley AP where they had a small air museum. They had a C something, an F15, An F4. The C something was flown by Ton Cruise in some movie, and it has been in several others. Pretty darn cool.**

**After that we had Sahlen hot dogs with Teds hot sauce then headed to Handels for birthday ice cream. All the ladies got extra fudge hot fudge sundays. I had a hurricane and Ed had a dish of ice cream. Yum! Mary drove back and we got here at 6pm ish.**

**Dick said he played at Chippawa today (I refuse to play there) and had an uphill 10 ft putt that he hit 2" short roll back to him and then further. That's what I am talking about.**

### September 8 2019

**Another productive day. Started at 8am. We pulled the baseboards in the family room, then pulled the nails. Mary wiped them down, sanded the nail holes, and put the first coat of white paint on them. As they were dark brown, they need 2 coats. I patched the wall hole and the extra curtain rod holes and put on a first coat of mud.**

**Mary went for paint as I put the first coat on the window frames and the door. I figure I can finish the wall fixes by Thursday, we can rip up the carpet (Carolyn wants it) and paint this weekend and the new carpet can be installed next week. Should be done with the reno by the end of September. Sweet.**

**Jacob was over helping Pete with weeding, mulch, and tree trims since mid morning. We dropped him home around 3pm and went and picked up my fixed 5 iron at Foxy. Hit the Hibachi and Sushi Buffet near Cici's in the Belden village area and stuffed ourselves at the buffet.**

**Off to PA for sister's Bday as the Monday golfers beat it around Chippawa.**

### September 7 2019

**Productive day. Did not sleep well but caught a few more Zs between 5am and 8am, so I felt OK. Went to HD to look at their vinyl flooring for the family room. The True Cherry was the one at \$2.19 a square foot. Then I saw a deal too good to overlook. Free rip up, removal, and install for carpet! Spent an hr or so looking at carpet and found it with a high end pad for \$3.33. That will cost me another \$250 but no work is involved.**

**If I was in for the long run, no way I would put carpet down there given the risk of septic back up. But I am just looking to make the place attractive for another 10-24 months. Let the buyer beware!**

**Dropped off my 5 iron (the head flew off at golf yesterday) at Foxy. They already fixed it for \$10 so I have to go back and pick it up. Also picked up Bday gifts for sister Catherine. We will see her in PA Monday so I better get wrapping.**

### September 6 2019

**Played Chenoweth with the guys today. Was focusing on keeping my hand on top of the club to avoid the slice and push. Drove it well but did push some irons. Not sure why but I corrected it quickly. Shot 44-41 hurt by 2 penalties and 2 or 3 putts left on the lip. Had to pay everyone but Mel today. Mel seemed to have my putting woes, missing many short ones.**

**Jacob mowed today. Mary picked him up and dropped him off and took him to an interview at Acme. She was planning to visit Fran but held off to take care of Jacob.**

**I got to get to the Y this weekend. Missed too many days this past month.**

### September 5 2019

**Played Paradise Lake today. Did not take me long to remember why I don't**

*play there anymore. I did OK on the front with a 42. Started the back with 2 pars so things were looking up.*

*That didn't last long. Took a 3 putt 6 then an OB 8, another 3 putt 6, a 4 putt 8 and that was that ending with a par to shoot 49. I left 3 on the lip of the cup and lipped out 3 more. Should have been mid 80s but I seem to get into a funk and play badly here and there.*

*Lots of blind tee shots, approach shots, and all kinds of side/up/down hill lies. Never did hit a good shot off one of those lies. This course was off my play list and is for sure again after this pitiful round.*

#### September 4 2019

*Finally a good sleep. Was it because I went to bed at 8pm? Did not watch MSNBC? Ate moderately? Or was just dog tired? Got out and got a haircut, then headed to the retiree lunch.*

*Talked to the golfers, John R, Bob Messner, and a couple of others. Only 17 there this week so it was pretty quiet. Stopped for Stricklands cone on the way back, as Mary was heading to bowling. She is back to bowling after maybe 3 or 4 years of being off. Pulled some weeds but am resting before kids watch tonight.*

*They are back to school now so we need to ready them for bed around 8:30ish.*

#### September 3 2019

*Another poor sleep slowed me down a lot today. This one was weird. Normally I am up because I was thinking of one thing or another. This time my mind was completely blank. Not sure that is good development.*

*I thought of dropping out of golf but I did not want Denny stranded alone, so I made the trek to Ellsworth. I sort of played 7 and ½ holes. 3 putted 5 of the 7 holes. After I dribbled my drive off the next hole, then hit my second shot into the deep woods on 8 (#17 as we played the back nine first), I called it a day. I looked at my scores and I was headed toward a 50 on that nine.*

*Rode in the last 2 holes, then packed up and headed home. I was pretty much a zombie when I got home. Wes and Lincoln stopped over and stayed till around 3pm. I plan to hang in there till 8pm and see if I can catch some Zs tonight. Not liking this a bit.*

#### September 2 2019

*A poor sleep slowed me down a little today. We moved everything out of the family room into the down guest bedroom. Tossed a few items as we went, but not very much at all.*

*Plan to touch up the wall in a few spots. Extra mounting holes for drapes can go and need to fix a hole we must have punched in when working on the laundry room a few years back. I have some paint left but not sure how touch ups might look. We shall see. I can always repaint. That should be done by*

*mid September.*

*Not sure about the rug. May try to clean it but I am expecting I will need to put in a vinyl floor. Not much else going on today. We had baked salmon and cod for dinner. Twas good.*

#### September 1 2019

*Got started on the garage around 8am. Carolyn pulled up a little after that with no Jacob. I was greatly disappointed as I was expecting to spend half the day with my right hand grandson. Guess there will be more disappointments to come.*

*Anyway, Carolyn filled in and Mary helped. Saved \$40 by getting free help. We put up a high shelf for my extra siding pieces, put up 2 more shelve units totaling 10 shelves , put up a yard tool hanger and trashed a couple of old cabinets I was using for storage. All the stuff went on shelves and everything is now off the floor. It looks great. Might take me another week or two to get all the wood into the trash bucket and out of here.*

*Carolyn took home a couple of items I wanted gone and we were inside the house re-hydrating by 12:30. I figured it would take 4 hrs and it did. I still have the family room to organize and then we b sell ready. Plan to get a start on that tomorrow.*

*We were going to do Grinders for an early dinner but they were closed. Luckily GE was cooking ribs outside so we picked up a rack. They were awesome! Dropped off the cardboard at recycle and went to print a few pictures at CVS.*

*The other day I looked thru my spring flower pictures and created two collages with about 20 pictures. The plan is to have the collage available for the Realtor when we decide to sell. The collages showcase the spring flowers in the event they are not at bloom at selling time. Plan ahead I say.*

#### August 31 2019

*Another long month is now really over. Did not realize there were 31 days this month. What is up with that? Poor February only has 28 and sometimes 29?*

*Slept better but not great. At least I did not feel zombie-like again today.*

*Took some nails and screws out of the front posts. They were snagging my flags in the wind. Tossed a few items from the garage. I hope Jacob gets here early tomorrow so we can start putting up shelves and rearranging in there. We pulled a bunch of weeds in the back bed too.*

*Saw neighbor Tammy on her walk. She said she was sorry to hear about Mary's brother. It was hard for me to tell her what happened. Talking about it brings to mind the sadness among the family at the time and I find it very difficult to talk about it. Part of my new emotional susceptibility since my bypass just a little over 4 years ago.*

*Made a quick visit to the Hartville Market Place to get some fudge. Did not find any outdoor spinners, but Mary picked up a few items for her garden*

*craft. Glue a small glass on a dinner plate so it looks like a garden flower for outdoor mounting. Mary went to church and I did some reading in "The Dangerous Case of Donald Trump" with essays from 37 Psychiatrists.*

*According to them he has NPD, or Narcissism Psychotic Disorder. Just thru the first 2 essays so far.*

#### August 30 2019

*Another long month is over. This was about the third sleepless night in a row. I was thinking of Batcher, then I changed to golf and how I was going to take a memory photo at Barberton since this is its last year.*

*With so little sleep my play was pitiful again. Went 46-45 for a 91. I figured out my problem and fixed it for the first 3 on the back nine, then lost it again as I got tired. I better get some needed sleep before I work on the garage this weekend and before another pitiful round of golf.*

#### August 29 2019

*Bagger V (Otis Vestfals) and I played Skyland Pines. He wanted to hit balls around so we played for fun. Good thing cause I had a tough go of it.*

*Started out hitting one into the trees, then punched a running 4 iron to within 2 feet for a birdie. Rue the day one birdies the first hole! I followed up with a par and then ended 45-45=90. My second 90 there this year.*

*With all the dry weather the ball was rolling out. That and fast small greens were not to my liking. If I hit short it would bounce thru the green. If I approached cautiously, I ended up short. Could not get the ball in the hole either. My putts: They either did not take the break and I missed by an inch or two, or they broke off by an inch or two, or they lipped out. It was so bad I had to laugh. Take my advice and never birdie the first hole.*

#### August 28 2019

*No much doing today. I painted the front step around 11am. Hot in the sun. After lunch we went to HH to look at a few items but did not find what I was looking for. Thus I made a couple of Amazon orders on my sisters Prime account.*

*I gathered my spring flower pictures up and made 2 collages of flower pics. Figure we can get them into the eventual real estate pictures when we are ready to bail. Thinking I need to stop at the bank one of these days and discuss the loan types they have in the event I need a bridge loan to buy before I sell.*

*Made salads for dinner as Mary was at the hairdresser. She was surprised. Did a little weeding. Weeds are beginning to sneak back in the beds.*

#### August 27 2019

*Went to the Y for the usual beatings. Jenny beat us up good. Mary especially, since she went yesterday as well. We have been missing class for 2 or 3*

*weeks so we are vulnerable.*

*Was going to have the back lawn aerated this year. OK'd \$725 for it then called back with second thoughts and wanted to keep it around \$500. Maybe they could cut back on area? After some discussion they agreed to do the same for that \$500. Sweet! Just saved myself some serious money.*

*Huh? Looking back I missed Sunday blog and readjusted the date for Monday. Thinking back to Sunday, there was church, Arby's and mowing. Not sure why I missed the blog?*

#### August 26 2019

*Up early at a chilly 59. Was chilling waiting till I had to leave so I checked emails and Denny had sent one at 5:30am saying the time was moved up 20 min and we should meet earlier. I called him on the way to say I would be late. Apparently Dick did not check his email, so he had no clue and did not make it. The course told us we were on the tee when we arrived so we rushed up there. Felt bad for Dick.*

*I had a great round shooting 39-39 or 7 over. Two birdies helped. Putting was improved but the greens at Wilkshire are more friendly than most. There was much flooding damage and they still had one hole closed. They did a respectable job of patching some of the greens, sodding some of the bad spots, and trying to regrow grass here and there.*

*Mary went to the Y and said she got beat up pretty good, which is what I am facing tomorrow.*

#### August 24 2019

*Up at 7am and got ready to head to PA. We stopped at sister Sue's in Darlington PA. to check on their projects as I have volunteered to help with new flooring. It's about 1 hr and 20 min away. They have the rug out and need to fix the walls and paint before starting the floor. That will be delayed with other projects like moving their propane tank away from the house.*

*They have a propane stove and water heater. I suggested they check and see if electric might be a possibility and they could get rid of propane. I also passed on what I knew about the well pump, pressure tank, and furnace stuff. They have some strange venting as a result of additions to the house over time.*

*From there we headed to Domyancic's 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary surprise party. Carolyn also went as well as other ex-neighbors Cheryl and Mike Shoulders. This was in Monaca, 20 min further into PA. It was good to see them all.*

*Not too keen for any more travel for the near future after trips to Put in Bay, Buffalo twice, and now PA this month.*

*Also forgot to mention Dr. Ken Batcher passed away August 22. Mary and I, along with Jane had visited him 4 or 5 times a year for the 4 years at his home in Stow. We had a visit planned for early September, and may still go and take*

***Sylvia out to dinner. This is now the third death in as many weeks we have had to deal with. RIP Ken.***

**August 23 2019**

***Poor sleep again last night. Broken record, eh? Played Mayfair poorly with a 43-46. Swing was a bit rushed at times. Lots of good drives and good irons. Several irons came up 1 club short. Putting was again pathetic. I think I made one or two from five feet and likely missed 5-6 of them.***

***Over to Wes' for Lincoln's bday number 3. He loved his Paw Patrol and we got him 2 Pjs and a toy. Put on the jammies right away. Tomorrow we head to PA to see sister sue and then head to yet another 50 year anniversary.***

**August 22 2019**

***Poor sleep again last night for us both. I was up at 7:15 again checking radar. It looked like we would be dry till noon so I went to golf. Not too many players at the course today so I thought we would play quick and get it in. We played quick for 12 holes then got backed up.***

***Started poorly with 2 3 putts and 3 over after 2 holes. Finished the front at 6 over 41 with a birdie and 3 missed birdies in a row.***

***Stellar back nine except for one poor drive right under a big pine. Left the ball there as I would have to crawl under to get it. With the threat of ticks this year, I left the ball for someone else to find. I hope a Bob finds it because it has my name on it.***

***Had a double under the pine otherwise all pars except for the "God doesn't want me to break 80" 3 putt on 18. The missed putt put me in with an 80. Longest iron I played was a 5 iron. Will be not that easy tomorrow at Mayfair.***

**August 21 2019**

***Got up around 7:15. Would have liked to sleep longer but no deal. Mary got busy with the wash, so I picked up some grocery items.***

***After lunch she went to a bowling meeting and I did some weeding and bush trimming. A very veggy day.***

**August 20 2019**

***Back from Buffalo around noon today. We were up early, packed up and got on the road before 8am. We unpacked. Jacob was over to do the lawns and seemed chipper today. We are tired and whipped and hope tomorrow will be a better day.***

***Sunday we drove to Buffalo for calling hours 1-7pm. It was a long long day. There was a lull around dinner time, then a few stragglers toward the end of the hours. We went to a local eatery for dinner and called it a night. Jim was all dressed in his blue jacket and Navy tie, medals everywhere. The priest, the Legion and VFW were in. Long day.***



*The Monday funeral was heart wrenching with all the military stuff. Taps always tears me up. The Patriot riders led the procession to the crypt and there was a Navy pair there to handle his flag and salute. Went to the Legion post for a lunch, then to Ruth's where some of the family rehashed all the funeral decisions. They have a long way to go in healing and dealing with wrap up of his finances. Jim's wife has Alzheimer's and is not competent for decision making. She is in a very expensive memory care unit and will have to be moved once Medicaid takes over.*

*Mary sent a funeral card and a short note to the cousins in the Allegheny area. No one had thought about them with all the turmoil.*

#### August 17 2019

*No blog for the next 2 days.*

*Another vegging day. We did some wash and after lunch picked up some groceries. Did a little weeding and we had left over pizza for dinner.*

*We did look though Mary's old photos and found some childhood pics of brother Jim. I scanned them and sent them to her sister for possible inclusion into the slide show at the funeral home tomorrow. We will be leaving by 8am for early afternoon calling hours.*

#### August 16 2019

*Not much doing today. We took Jacob to traffic court in the morning and went out to lhop for breakfasts.*

*Got back and vegged all day. Around 5pm we both decided we should walk. So we went out for our neighborhood walk and added maybe  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile to it. Likely ended up as 2.5 miles. We have not been to the Y since the 6<sup>th</sup>, then have been busy agonizing over Mary's brothers situation, so it was time to get out and stretch legs and minds.*

#### August 15 2019

*Short kids watch last night. Mary's brother Dave called and said they were pulling out tubes. Less than 16 minutes later, she got another call that he had passed. RIP James Maloney. I had Wes come back early and we headed home.*

*Played Sanctuary with Otis and Mike. I was on but did have a few poor shots. Went 40-41 for a 10 over 81. Putted very well by keeping my head on the ball. Never did make a putt.*

*Got home in time to take Mary to her bone scan. I need to take Jacob somewhere tomorrow, then we are free till we head to Buffalo on Sunday morning. Back Tuesday.*

#### August 14 2019

*Thought I got a good night sleep but was still tired today. A short nap helped around 3pm. The day went fast which is odd when one vegges all day. Nothing new from Buffalo other than they set up a trust. I think it would suck laying in*

*that hospital bed waiting to die while my people were setting up a trust for me.*

*Off to kids watch and a long night.*

#### *August 13 2019*

*Played well Sunday shooting 85. We had to shuffle off to Buffalo after golf to attend a meeting Mary's family called to decide the fate of older brother Jim Maloney. They all met with the doctors Monday who said there is no chance for recovery. They will shortly put him into comfort care and let him go. I was somewhat surprised that they spent time setting up financial and funeral arrangements when it seemed more important to sign DNR papers and get the poor guy into comfort care. Hopefully they got to that today after we left.*

*Nothing for us to do except wait and return for the wake and funeral when it occurs. We plan to get back to our normal routine and head back when necessary.*

#### *August 10 2019*

*Played poorly today with brother Jim, Jim Jr, and George from the whites at Tannenhauf. Went 48-44 for 92 with George at 84, Jr 87, Jim 104. I did a little of everything wrong. We went to Carrabas as usual. Mary watched the kids so we brought her some home.*

*Her brother called around 4pm and said her older brother was in bad shape and the doctors don't think there is anything more they can do. After an assessment Monday, the family wants to decide if they should put him in Hospice and let him go. Right now the machines are keeping him alive. So we are heading to Buffalo after golf tomorrow for at least 2 nights, perhaps more.*

#### *August 9 2019*

*Did a few things to get ready for the golf visitors. Went to the bank and picked up stuff for subs in case they were hungry. Did some weeding too.*

*They got here around 3pm, rested a little and then got in 18 at Sable Creek. I headed to Jim Cisar calling hours in Wadsworth. Perfect timing. Got there right behind Saliga, Jane, Russell, and Dan Weyer. We talked about Cisco and Viasat till we got to visit with the family. Saw Brosnahan too. He is retired in Medina. Viasat won their lawsuit on IP infringement by Acacia. That was my last project of my career; about 1/3 completed when I left. They found my name on some documents they claimed were theirs. Our processes of documenting all design paid off.*

#### *August 8 2019*

*Oops. We were supposed to play Raintree this morning but they did not have us down for a tee time. They transitioned to a new system and I guess we got lost in the shuffle. The group was calling around to find a spot, but I headed home since I had a lot going on today.*

*The kids were coming over at 1:30, so I helped get ready for them. We watched them till 5pm when Wes got back to have some dinner and enjoy his birthday greetings; number 39. Carolyn, Jenna, and Jacob attended.*

### August 7 2019

*Retiree lunch day. There were only 2.5 full tables, say 20 there today. I took some things I found while clearing out stuff and they appreciated that. John R had a picture of Bill Tuma he had texted to John. His nose was all bandaged up. Said he would be back in a month or two.*

*I fixed up the hole where we dug up the zebra grass and did a little weeding but it was a veggy day. Mary was busy making BBQ burgers for Wes bday Thursday. Rained on and off thru the afternoon and evening. Golf tomorrow. Maybe I can get my game back. Got to stop moving my head.*

### August 6 2019

*Busy day! We went to the Y and got beat up real good. I was really beat and looked up at the clock and there was 20 min left. I went up to Jenny and told her the clock was broken but she didn't buy it. Holy squats!*

*We picked up some groceries after class, had lunch, then waited for the sun to pass over the house and give us some shade in the front. Once we had shade, we cut down the Zebra grass and dug and sawed it out. I was soaking wet, and almost did not finish. Gave it one last shot and completed it. It was windy so I walked out into the wind and stood there for a minute or two.*

*I was going to dig it out in the fall but my brother said he would take some. Since he is coming this weekend, I figured this was the time to do it. It you buy it at the garden shop you could pay 10-15 for a small bit of it. So he is getting at least \$100 worth.*

*We left the clean up and re-leveling of the area for tomorrow. No energy left for that.*

### August 5 2019

*Wow did I suck today. I was 10 over par after 5 holes. Settled down a little but no touch again. Chips were way past the hole, putts were short, and then I missed the second putt. Drove it well and hit a few good irons anyway.*

*Jacob was over to cut grass and it looks real nice right now. T-Rump caused the market to crash 3% with his stupid China tax war. The dollar went up, China dropped theirs, and they shut down agriculture imports. What a twit.*

### August 4 2019

*Sad news last night. My Cisco boss, Jim Cisar, passed away yesterday. He had stomach cancer several years back. They partially removed it to start with, then later took it all out, perhaps 4 years ago. He did not make it. A really good guy, he always treated you honestly, fairly and with respect. He had no enemies. He had worked at Aerospace just out of school but moved on. I don't recall him from there.*

*We went to Lowes this morning to pick up the crabgrass killer, then had lunch at Stricklands. Mine was a chocolate waffle cone. Puttered around and weeded in the afternoon. Made some headway but there are more weeds to go.*

### August 3 2019

*Headed to Target this morning for Lincoln's bday gifts. Found a Paw Patrol ball, Pj's, and the Paw Patroller Toy. I picked the toy I would play with over the others that were available. After all, I am just an old kid.*

*Stopped on the way home to get a sports wrist strap at CVS. Made by 3M! I figure to wear it to strength class Tuesday. When Jenny asks me what is wrong I will tell her nothing; just wanted to get out of push ups. It has been hurting though.*

*Pulled some weeds, raked some cuttings, and made spaghetti for dinner. Tomorrow I need to pick up some more crabgrass killer that works at Lowes.*

#### August 2 2019

*Played Fox Den again on what was just an awesome day. God didn't want me to break 80. I went 41-41, missing many make able putts. Everyone played well today. We were done in 3.5hrs which was great.*

*A little before 4pm we headed to Fishers to get a free Oscar Mayer weiner and see the Wiener mobile. That was fun, then we went for ice cream.*

#### August 1 2019

*Kids watch last night was rough since we slept poorly the night before. Luckily the kids were real good.*

*I had a bad night. Something I ate was bubbling all night and I felt cold. Was up and to the bathroom a few times. Dropped out of Thursday golf around 7:30 and went back to bed till 10am. Felt a lot better but was careful not to eat anything spicy all day. Nice nap around 4pm as well. Very odd, cause Mary ate the same as I did. I must have been a bit run down from the heat? Don't know, but looking forward to golf tomorrow.*

#### July 31 2019

*Neither of us had a good sleep last night for some reason. I was up at 5:30 and Mary at 6am. As a result it was a long long morning. She left for a Dr. appt at 11am and I went to pick up some groceries. Then she picked up Jacob to mow but did not get here till 2ish.*

*We went to GE and cashed in the fuel perks and scored a \$45 gas savings. Twas a hot one. Denny sent me an email that he can't play Friday, so I guess I will fill in. Published early to get ready for kids watch tonight. That might be rough given our poor sleep last night. Good riddens to July I say.*

#### July 30 2019

*Quiet day. We went to thr Y for my weekly beating. Kaetchen went to class with us and did much better than we did. I skipped the push ups as my left wrist is so so and my left palm doesn't appreciate the pressure either.*

*Grabbed some lunch and then a haircut. Took some shredded stuff to recycle as well. Went thru some kids games and toys in my toy room and bundled up a trunk full for the goodwill. The trunk is loaded for drop off in the next day or two. Good progress on removing stuff we don't need.*

#### July 29 2019

**Did write yesterdays activities down today so this blog covers 2 days.**

**Played Rawiga, sort of. I was a bit tired but gave it my best, which sucked. Never did get the green speed down. Always 3-4' short or long and I missed most of them. Glad I did not count my putts. I would have been ill. On top of that, some approach shots bounded past the green while others stopped short. Ended up 44-43 =87 when I should have been low 80s.**

**My neighbor did knock down their weeds yesterday, but they are still sending the floating seed onto my lawn. A gift that keeps on giving. Did beat back encroaching grass into the front mulch bed. It has been too hot to deal with it but I got it done today.**

**More blog pages this year to date than 2018? I must be starting to bla bla bla to much.**

### **July 28 2019**

**Great family day. We got Carolyn and grand kids Jacob and Jenna to head to Put-in-Bay with us. We left at 10:30 and stopped at Taco Bell for lunch then ventured out to Marblehead to find Battlefield Park. There is a marker noting it was the first War of 1812 battle in Ohio. There were also markers for several who did not make it through the battle.**

**We then headed to the ferry and, on the other side, found all the golf carts for 6 were gone. We started walking but it was nasty heat. Thanks to the walk, I noticed helicopter rides for \$40. That sounded like a deal so I sprung for Mary and the 2 grand kids. They loved it and it was a first for both. Carolyn got a ride into town and headed back with a cart. We went to Crystal Cave and the Butterfly house, then headed to Perry Monument before it closed. We went up to the top, then to the Boardwalk for dinner. After dinner we headed to the Chocolate Museum for ice cream.**

**Carolyn dropped the grand kids and I at the dock, then went back to return the cart and take a taxi back. Carolyn saw Keatchen's dad there and he voided the charge for us, being family and all.**

**Long tiring ride back. Got home at 10:30pm, way past my bedtime.**

### **July 27 2019**

**High 80s again. Worked on the laundry room tossing stuff and boxing stuff up in the plastic bins. Lots of old taxes were shredded. I shredded till it overheated then went back to laundry room work and repeated after the shredder cooled down. Was close to done at lunchtime but took a lunchbreak and then finished by 2pm.**

**Found my Mayfair hole in one scorecard from 1986. I had kept the scorecard and greens fee paper. Paid \$14 to walk that day. I set it aside to show the Mayfair people next time we play there.**

**Mary went to church. I did some weeding and cooked burgers for dinner. Tomorrow we will go to Put-In-Bay with Carolyn, Jacob, and Jenna unless something changes. It often does.**

### **July 26 2019**

**High 80s today. We played Brookledge and I had an up and down round. Went 41-44 for an 85. Should have been under 40 on the front but a had a triple plus 3 make able other pars. Played the back poorly with a 6 on a par 3 and more missed putts. Mel had a career round 47-42 and took all the money. Pretty awesome.**

**Dick brought Sally to ride along as he does not want to leave her alone so long. She seemed to enjoy it.**

**I had to get the mower out and circle the grass together so I could rake it. After that we went to DQ for a Blizzard. Yum. Still on my diet but it was time for some ice cream.**

#### **July 25 2019**

**Nice day. Played Fox Den poorly. Started up with a double and triple, then chipped in for birdie. It was an up and down round going 45-41=86. I made a second birdie on the back from 2 feet; the longest putt I made all day. Had at least 4 other make-able birdie putts and 3 jacked one of them. Do not seem to be able to stroke on the line I want. Frustrating.**

**Did another weed spray pass for crabgrass. Knocked it out on the front but got to beat it back along the south crabgrass border. Yes, ready to move to the simple life in a condo.**

**The paint hardener worked great. All over but the dumpstering of it all. Bought too much. Let me know if you need any.**

#### **July 24 2019**

**Busy day. I started out hardening my last latex paint can. Next, we picked up a few more storage containers for my stuff in the laundry room and got some groceries.**

**After lunch we tackled the storage and cleared out 4 boxes of stuff. Vinyl records in one of the new bins, old photo albums in a second, heavy tools in a third, electrical, and hoses also in new bins. We made a dent in it. I took the cardboard to recycle. More to do maybe on the weekend. The long term goal is to have everything in a bin so a move would be quite easy.**

**We quit for today so we could have some energy left for kids watch tonight.**

#### **July 23 2019**

**Could not have been nicer today! We went to the Y and did the usual, Class was easy since it was cut short 10min for a fire drill. We had lunch and the headed to the recycle with our hazardous stuff. Household chemicals fluorescent tubes, etc.**

**Mary went along due to her FOMOOIC, fear of missing out on ice cream. We stopped on the way back at Milk and Honey. First time we were there; it is a Canton institution. Awesome! Later on I mixed up the paint hardener that just arrived into 6 latex paint cans. They can go in the dumpster. The oil based ones went to the recycle. I have one full can to go. Likely find some more stuff to get rid of tomorrow.**

### July 22 2019

**Cold today! We tried to play Sable Creek. Rain started on the first hole, we waited then restarted on the second, then played 2 and 3 dry. Heavy rain on 4 and we packed it in. The course had standing water on the fairways so likely closed. Parking lot was empty when we left. I was kind of glad since I tweaked my wrist on the second tee.**

**Carolyn stopped over to pick up some cash for Jacob's laptop. I told them I would pay half. Then they were off to buy some of his books at KSU. Wes and Lincoln came over for some fun for a couple of hours. He was full of energy!**

### July 21 2019

**Still hot but it was reasonable till later. Carolyn brought Jacob over to mow and he did a great job. I watched the British open and the day somehow went quickly without much activity.**

**I did start looking at what kind of storage bins I needed to organize my tool shelving and begin purging the misc junk I save from the laundry room. We picked up a few bins at Big Lots to check their utility and decided to get some more when we can.**

### July 20 2019

**Smoking hot again today; 90+. Last night I put down the other 6 bags of mulch when the sun was behind the clouds. Now we have all 4 of the mailboxes on our property surrounded by mulch and looking nice.**

**Today we headed to my sisters to help unload the moving truck. I was expecting a text around 10:30 so I checked and she sent it at 10:10. Kinda of wasted the trip cause they were all done by the time I got there. I did take some pictures though and Mary brought cupcakes. It was 91 on the way back and the temp was still rising.**

**Nice house but they were wacky to buy one with 3 acres of grass to cut. I call it Green Acres and they are Lisa and Oliver. They bought a 30 year old tractor with a mowing deck from Mr. Haney. Fred Ziffle lives a few doors down.**

**Ed says it took 3 hrs to cut the other day. It is a 90 min drive down State St just over the Pa border from here. The house is nice and has new kitchen appliances. Windows are OK but will need replacing. Baseboards and interior doors are standard for the 70s and could use updating. There are some rugs to come out. This could lead to more projects for me should they get into them.**

### July 19 2019

**Smoking hot again today. Could have been much worse; the sun was rarely out today. At golf we were dragging the last 3 holes at Riverview. The place was a royal mess due to the rains a few weeks back. They cut the rates \$5 because of the river flooding. I estimate they had major damage on at least 8 of the holes.**

**I was on fire with birdies on 1 and 2. An 8 on the river par 5 kept me to 41 on the front. Much better on the back with another birdie and 3 bogies for a 2**

**over 38. All the scores were good. John E was at 81, John T and Bill at 86, and Dick and Mel at 101 and 102.**

### **July 18 2019**

**Smoking hot at 88 today. At golf we were dragging the last 5 holes. Barberton again. I was crushing straight drives and hitting good irons. Chips and putts let me down. I sure should have been in the 70s, but went 39-45=84. Should have been under par on the front. Two birdie chip ins; one impossible one on #9 severely sloping green.**

**Went out for ½ hr to work on the new mulch bed to block weed creep from next door. Came back soaking wet. Going to be even nastier tomorrow.**

**Mary got a call last night that her brother Jim is in bad shape. Has an infection from his colon removal and they hooked him back to the respirator. Her other brother Dave thinks he has just given up. Mary called today but there was nothing new.**

### **July 17 2019**

**A comfortable day in the high 70s. Jacob was over to do Pet's lawn just after dinner last night even though he wasn't feeling well. He is a trouper. Good thing he cut cause it poured later. Lots of rumbling last evening. More expected today.**

**Since we skipped the Y yesterday, we went today. Just no strength class. After class we did some grocery shopping. Diet is going OK even though there is some cheating going on. Grooving on Miss Monique today on SoundCloud and Youtube.**

**We have 90+ predicted for the next 2 days. Going to be hot at golf.**

### **July 16 2019**

**A comfortable day. Cloudy so no sun to deal with. We both slept poorly so we skipped our Tuesday Y beatings. Mary was dealing with Carolyn's problems and I was planning a future move to a condo, perhaps in 2021 or 2022. I will be 73 by then if I make it that long.**

**The outdoor work has been concerning. Jacob is phasing out mowing and Jenna doesn't want to, so that cost \$500/yr will be going up perhaps another \$500/yr. Fighting the neighbors weeds and crabgrass creep has been a pain perhaps at \$80/yr. The lawn service is \$1100/yr. Add it all up and I get \$140/mo for last year. That will fund a decent piece of any HOA fees. If I turn on the annuity I have in 2020 or 2021, that will cover any remaining HOA fees and a modest mortgage if we need one.**

**Spent a good part of sleep time thinking about this plus what needs to be done before moving. So I decided to begin checking these things off between now and then.**

**The first item was to mulch in from the south front rock to the neighbors mailboxes. That helps keep the weed creep out. I hit that area with roundup to kill it off and picked up 8 of perhaps 16 bags of mulch needed to fill that area in. Second, I ordered paint hardener for all the half empty cans I have, I had a**



*little left from my test order so I did 3 cans today. Third, we took 3 unopened paint cans, a roll of insulation, a mirror, and a light fixture to the Habitat for Humanity Restore. Closest was Raff rd so that was a 25min ride.*

*Back in time for lunch and a vegging rest of the day.*

#### July 15 2019

*Another nice day. Mary went to the Y and I headed to Seven Hills. No one there? I guess they don't get a lot of senior players since the course is so hard. There were only 3 of us: Denny, Houle, and I. I lost and paid them both.*

*Houle had a great 92, Denny a not so great 90, and I had a struggle at 88. Smoked my drives all day long but that was all I had. I never did get any kinda touch for the short game (which was so good Friday)? Also, all my irons were pushed or hooked? Finally figured that out. Was rolling my hands closed and open yielding hooks and pushes.*

*Will have to guard against that Thursday. Carolyn was over to mow today. Jacob was under the weather today.*

#### July 14 2019

*Another nice day. Mary went to church this morning. When she got home, she did the bills for July. She came close.*

*We went to Lowes to get some Bayer weed and crabgrass killer. I know that it works on crabgrass. I had got the Spectricide a few weeks ago but it does nothing to the crabgrass. What a rip off. Grabbed a hot dog for lunch outside Lowes.*

*I had a Target card for Xmas so we wanted to use it before we lost track of it. We were going to get Mary a white blouse but they were nowhere to be found. She couldn't find one last time at Kohls either? Should not be hard to find a white blouse, eh? We bought some snacks, bacon, lipstick and other items to cash that thing in.*

#### July 13 2019

*Another nice day. Was supposed to hit 90 but it never did. We did a day trip to Bolivar to attend Fort Laurens reenactment event scheduled today and tomorrow. I had run across that last year while looking at historic sites around here and remembered it was a summer event on the way to golf at Zoar a week back. Surprisingly I looked it up and found we had not missed it yet, so today was the day.*

*It was very nice. We stopped at several tents and got their spiel on their special subject. Saw gun and cannons fired and sat thru a lecture on Fort Jefferson in Kentucky. That is a lost fort from the Revolutionary era. They have found it but it is on corporate lands and are lobbying to acquire the property. Since T-Rump doesn't give a damn about this kind of stuff, they will have to wait.*

*Fort Laurens was a post they built as a stopping point for troops heading to Detroit. Surprising there was anything close by. I think these reenactors are nuts. They have to buy or make their clothes, weapons, etc, then spend*

*weekends in the hot sun. They are nuts but I do appreciate them preserving history.*

#### July 12 2019

*Nice day in the upper 70s. There were 5 of us at Seven Hills. JT had to go to WV and Dick had no power and tree damage. I was on fire shooting even par 36 with birdies on 3 and 9. Back nine was so-so till I took a 7 on a par 3. A look-up put the ball in the wet bunker in front of the green and I took 6 from there. A painful 43 on the back for a 79.*

*Hit 4 of 5 at Saratoga when a long shot won and messed me up. Mary picked up some prescriptions and grocery items.*

*Her brother Jim was to get his colon removed this week but they held off to address his AFIB. is wife refused to sign power of attorney to Mary's brother and sister, so they went to court and got it. Wife Shirley has Alzheimer's and can't climb stairs or do much of anything. That leaves the family to take care of her while Jim is still being cared for. On top of that she pretty much has alienated all the family so they are not keen on taking care of her. On the plus side she doesn't know who they are anymore.*

#### July 11 2019

*Up early to check the weather. Weatherman and radar said go; no rain till 1pmish. Played Chenoweth and could have been somebody but chocked. We had 5 so I played with Mike hdcp 41. Tried to get him to stay over the ball and he was improving as we went along. I was on fire to start. Missed birdie putt on 1 but made it on 2, then got up and down for par on the next 2.*

*Alas a 3 putt brought me down but I shot 2 over 38 on the front. Poor start on the back with 3 bogies in 4 hole, but then strung 5 pars in a row for a potential 78 if I could par 18. Was 150 out, but the pond in front is nasty, so I played a layup and went for 6 to break 80. Well thought out before dumping the wedge into the pond and taking an 8 to shoot 81. Arrg. Next time I am just going to play golf and not worry about the score. Won low net anyway.*

*We all went for mexican lunch and a serious rainstorm hit. We waited awhile to dash to the cars and head home.*

#### July 10 2019

*Slow morning on a 90+ degree day. Mary went to church to help with a funeral and I headed to dermo lady. She gave me a full body check and found just a couple of things. She took a piece of another brown spot on my lip, then froze the other one she had tested a couple months back. Pretty puffy right now. Supposed to remove the dead cells and regrow better. Likely take 2-3 weeks.*

*She was concerned with a dark line on my toenail? Thinking the minocycline might be causing it she took me off that and wants to see what the new growth looks like. The brown discolor on my legs is likely from years of tetracycline in the 70s and 80s.*

*Got home to some serious heat. Tried a pick 6 at Thistledown and nearly hit. Horse in last race finished 2<sup>nd</sup> to the heavy favorite. Mine and another horse*

would have taken the whole pot, but sadly it did not work out. Will have another chance Saturday.

Forgot to mention that the blog did not update for several days till July 7 or 8. I discovered my new uploads were being pushed aside and the July 1 version was still showing. Spent an hr+ yesterday with their tech support till they found and fixed it. My readership (small to begin with) must have been busy as I got no complaints from anyone. If a tree falls in the forest with no one around, does it make a sound?

#### July 9 2019

Warm; another pleasant day. We woke up to our new neighbors beep beep backup beeper. Every weekday morning at 6:30 now. went to the Y and did the usual. Kim was in for Jenny. She does weight reps till you are toast. Easy on the abs though.

Jacob was over helping Pete weed his garden. He was doing the big stuff and Pete's wife Sandy was following up on the small stuff. They will do it again on Thursday. He cut both grass there and here and headed home. I did a little weed spraying. The annoying weeds can be pulled but since they have long roots they just grow back. Weed spray kills them off much better.

We cooked up a London Broil. Boy it was good. Next time I would broil on the grill. To much smoke in the house.

#### July 8 2019

Warm but the humidity is down so the day was pleasant. Played Good Park again and did better shooting 42-42 =84. Should have broke 80 but once again putting let me down. 3 jacked the first two holes, missed a short one on #3 and so on. Never did have a reasonable birdie chance. Tied for low net thanks to another 3 jack on #18. Arrg.

Jacob was over at neighbor Pete's helping him weed and set up his new grill. Worked over there from 9am till 5pm. Worried about him. He has a negative attitude this year. Been a rough year; so far this year he has a 6 mo suspended license, had his car broken into, plus other stuff I won't get into. Trouble seems to find him. Gotta pick yourself up and keep going though. It could surely be worse.

Carolyn and Jenna came over to pick him up and I graded her guide to being a teenager book I wrote for her. Showed her if she got out of bed 3hrs earlier over the summer, she would gain 11 days of summer.

#### July 7 2019

Another hot one. Mary went with ex-neighbor Brenda to Toledo to drop off her nephew. I talked to her on their way back. Sounds like they had a good time. I gave her the location of a Perry Monument I wanted a pic of for my slide show on Perry and they had fun going there.

I went to the Y to do the ellipticals. Busier than I thought. Went over to the pool to check the temp. Had to walk past a naked guy on the way thru the locker room. That will take awhile to forget THAT. Anyway it seemed warm and

*the lifeguard said they keep it at 80. Might have to try the pool next Sunday. Only 1 guy in there doing laps.*

*Pretty much vegged as it poured off and on all day. Listened to Miss Monique and watched the races. No luck at all again. Purchased an expert selection for \$10. I kept track of the return on their 9 exacta boxes (\$56). It was \$3.55; thinking I got ripped off.*

#### July 6 2019

*Another hot one. Jd is over. We got to grocery shopping but forgot to pick up pills at the pharmacy. After lunch we went and fed the cats, then went over to pick up the pills and some gas for the mower.*

*Did some weed and grass killer at Wes' on the driveway and did around the north perimeter of our house by the pine trees on the boundary line. I have to cut the neighbors pines up a little to mow and like to kill off the encroaching weeds. Same by the other neighbors wood/weed pile.*

*Mary went off to church and I made dinner. No luck with the horses. Lots of upsets at Belmont and Gulfstream today.*

#### July 5 2019

*Twas a 90s scorcher today. Jd4. Hit a lot of good shots and a lot of mediocre shots too. Two nice birdies with a 2 footer and a chip in from the fringe on par 3s. Poor chipping and putting cost me again. Was chipping way past the hole again. Tried to adjust but then came up way short. I had no touch at all. Missed some short ones on the front but did better on the back. 44-42 for 86 with a 4<sup>th</sup> place net of 72.*

*Met Mary at Wes' on the way home. We fed the cats then went to Lake Diner for a salad and shake. Awesome shakes there. Back home to cool down and veg the rest of the day.*

#### July 4 2019

*Nice days remain on a roll. Jd3. Did not sleep well, maybe 6 hrs. Perhaps I will sleep thru the neighborhood fireworks? Slow day. Put some tools and paint away and gathered stuff to take to the thrift shop.*

*We went out for an early dinner. Most things were closed so we landed at DQ. Not eaten there in ages. We went with cheeseburgers and blizzards. Was very weird as we drove thru the hood. We only saw 2 parties in the hood. Most must be partying elsewhere.*

*Put some water in the freezer for golf tomorrow. Looks like a hot one.*

#### July 3 2019

*Nice days are on a roll. Jd2. Mary had a late morning dr appt and I did too. Mine was for an ultrasound screen for AAA. They look at your lower Aorta. She went to Gyno man.*

*After lunch we went over and fed Wes' cats then headed to HD to pick up some weed killer, bug spray, and crabgrass/weed killer. Lots of chemicals! Stopped at Stricklands for ice cream on the way back. No plans for tomorrow.*

**Dinner out likely.**

**July 2 2019**

**Another nice day. Jd1. We went to the Y and did the usual. Megan was in for Jenny and gave us a good workout. We headed home to get Jenna started on mowing. She only did half then had to leave for a dr. appt. I had to finish. Lots of clippings from all the rain in June. I did circle cutting so we could rake up some of them.**

**Was soaking wet when we got done. Filled the dumpster with grass. Wes is gone to the island so we have to feed the cats till they return. I can use his trash can for some of my trash as his goes out Thursday night.**

**Not sure what I am going to do with the grass cutting. Jacob can't do it anymore and Jenna isn't interested.**

**Neighbor Pete did his own today too and picked up the grass with his mower. You have to empty it after 2 or 3 passes on his lawn. He is not supposed to be on the rider with his back issues. It's a wonder he lived through it with the heat today.**

**July 1 2019**

**Another nice day. We played Zoar. The tees were up so it played short at 5300. I was surprised to find my drive on #1 only 60 yds from the green. Holed out a lob wedge for an eagle 2. Had another eagle try on the back nine par 5, but 3 jacked it for a par. Made one birdie on the front and missed all 6 chances on the back, 3 jacking 2 of them. Kept rolling the ball 3-5 foot by the hole for some reason. I could have been somebody but went 36-39 for a 3 over 75.**

**Jacob got himself another 6mo driving suspension. Will cost him \$600 but wait till he gets his next car insurance bill. Ouch!**

**June 30 2019**

**Great day to round out the month. Summer is finally here. Got out early to put the sealer on the composite deck. Found the stain for the treated wood foundation and put on a refreshing coat. Did not paint underside cause it needs cleaning.**

**We cooked up some ribs and headed out for A hot fudge sunday at Handels to call it a day.**

**June 29 2019**

**Decent warm day. We got right to washing the deck this morning. I tried scrubbing the mold but the stuff in the faux grain didn't come out. I did some research and found the product Defy that would seal the composite deck material. After lunch, we went to HH to pick up some. Also found Home Armour mold remover.**

**The mold remover worked great. Spray on and wait 5-10min, spray and it is gone. Mary went to church and I finished cleaning the deck so it is ready for sealer tomorrow.**

**Bad news from Buffalo. Her brother Jim (79?) needs his colon removed and**

*they will check for cancer. Wife Shirley is immobile, so we wonder how she will get by during his recovery. Unfortunately, she has burned bridges with most family members, so they are not jumping up to help. Should be interesting.*

#### June 28 2019

*Another hot one. Glad I took 3 water frozen bottles. Used them all! We played Raintree and moved up to the red tees on the lowest 5 hdcp holes. That put the yardage closer to 5500yds. John E, Dick, Denny and I played in the 2<sup>nd</sup> group with Mel, JohnT, and Bill going ahead, as John wanted to get home early. There was no early today as the pace crawled along. Didn't check but likely 5hrs in that heat.*

*I had a slow but decent start and should have had 42 on the front except I 3 jacked #9 from under 2 foot. Then I was on fire with 2 birdies out of 4 tries on the back for a 44-41=85 day. That was low net by 4 strokes so I did well.*

*I am bound to clear out my closet full of Slazangers. Brought a dozen and tossed every ball that gave me a bogey or par. Dick eschewed them on #1,3, and 4 but started picking them up as he dumped 2 into the lake on #4. All in all I found 2 balls and tossed 10. I will bring another dozen next week.*

*After a good rest, we finished the last 2 Iris beds and called it a day. A few odd tasks for tomorrow but it should be a relatively work free weekend.*

#### June 27 2019

*Was feeling good about my golf game this morning but it did not last long. Played with Lockheed guys O and Ivan at Good Park. They both cleaned my clock. In fact I had to turn away while O was putting. I was sick of seeing his putts lip around the cup and in. I don't know how many he made but it was sickening.*

*I had 44-46=90. Was just a tad off and hung in there waiting to get going but never did. My short game started good but that only lasted 3 holes. Thereafter, never got up and down capped off by 4 strokes from 10 yds off on one hole.*

*Twas a hot one today and maybe worse tomorrow. Got home and cut back 4 more Iris beds resting now and then. Two more to go yet. Showered at 6pm to cool off. Seems like Jamaica today. Sure burned some calories.*

#### June 26 2019

*Slow morning till we left for the dentist at 10:15. All went well and we had a nice lunch at Olive Garden after. We were headed to the grocery store but we heard the mower wheel fell off as Jenna was mowing.*

*Just a wheel clip fixed it. I am not sure why nobody looked and saw that? \$1.75 later at HH I picked up a clip and put the wheel back on. Jenna will be back later to finish. Kids watch tonight.*

*Looking forward to more good golf tomorrow.*

#### June 25 2019

**Mary went to visit ex-neighbor Brenda with neighbor Nancy. I went to the Y. Kim substituted for Jenny today and she beat me up good. Lots of reps today.**

**Since it was so nice outside, I did a weed walk and sprayed here and there. Then I finally got to washing off the floor mats from our February trip. Been so crappy since I never did get to it on a nice day.**

**Cut down some more iris. Four down and five groups of them to go. Did some trimming around the beds. I think Jenna is going to cut so I wanted to make it easier for her. Burned lots of calories today so after dinner we went for some blizzards at DQ.**

#### **June 24 2019**

**Great day. Sneaked in a round before the rain got here around 5. Dave was on fire. He shot 82 but missed 3 short birdie putts. I was back to the edge of greatness shooting 9 over 81. Missed 2 short birds but I am feeling it now. Look out competitors! Got home at 1:30 and got things ready for the kiddos.**

**We just had K and L and they had a ball watering plants and washing our cars. Playing in the water was the thing today.. The kids left at 6pm and Mary got to calling hours for her old bowling partner Elaine who made it to 86.**

#### **June 23 2019**

**Beautiful day! Up early and got busy on the weeding early. Ended up cutting down 3 groups of withering iris, weeding 5 mulch beds. Spraying some weeds, and cutting back some pines so we could mow the lawn edge. Filled ½ a dumpster with the weeds. Tried a couple of pick 4s but the experts I used to gather consensus picks were dismal, thus so was I.**

**Golf looks iffy tomorrow with storms and showers on and off. Busy day for Mary as she has to go to doctor, watch kids, and go to calling hours to wrap up the day.**

#### **June 22 2019**

**Sorry I didn't say the blog was off until today. Me Bad.**

**Thursday was mostly rain. Mary got a call before we left that her old bowling partner, age 82, had a massive stroke and was in Hospice at City hospital. We stopped there for ½ hr to see her. She had her right side paralyzed and was non communicative. Mary was glad we stopped for she passed away the next day. We got the call while we were waiting for my Aunt's Memorial service Friday.**

**The service was very well done. Met my cousins for the first time in years and enjoyed meeting their kids and eating the lunch they provided afterwards. My brother and 2 sisters also attended.**

**Played with my nephew at Willobrook in Lockport with his longtime friend who is a very good golfer but can get wild. He almost eagled the first hole then missed his birdie putt. Jr had filled him in as to how I frustrate him with my good short game. I was on and off the front shooting 45 (2 water balls) with a birdie chip in. They had 45 and 48. I turned it up on the back shooting 40 with a double on 18. My reputation is quickly spreading:-)**

***We headed home and for some reason my grass was long? Looks like Pete's got cut but it was clumped up all over. Must have been real wet. Maybe Jacob ran out of time. I cut it and it was a good thing cause there was lots of flying grass which would give him fits.***

#### **June 19 2019**

***I was up early for what promised to be another crappy day but the rain is delayed till this evening. We went to Kohls to correct the last receipt which we got before we left for Jamaica. The cashier did not give us the right discount. Frustrating dealing with incompetence.***

***On that note, yesterday I canceled my Consumer Cellular for the same reason. They never did get the chip working in Jamaica so I had no phone there. I spent at least 3 hrs on the phone with them while over there. Then after I got back and put the new chip in they could not get me back up. Got all kinds of excuses like "the chip burns itself when you take it out". Go to Target and get a new one. Sure it burns itself you twit. The support twit did not care I was going to cancel just because the problem was over his head. Hell is going to freeze over before I pay their last bill.***

***Off to Buffalo tomorrow. Not stopping at my sisters camp site cause she has a camper that does not even allow 3 people to get in if it rains. Not sure if I will golf cause Mary's sister will be out of town. Am sure of Friday Memorial Service for my Aunt and lunch with cousins after. Also sure the hotel has a nice pool. Damn well better be in service.***

#### **June 18 2019**

***Was up at 7am for yet another rainy day. We did the Y and got beat up just a little bit as I took it easier than normal. We picked up some groceries after and stopped at the ATM.***

***Mostly veg'd and played the ponies as we watched the stinking rain turn on and off. Wes stopped by and dropped off my car he had borrowed while his was in the shop.***

***Nothing much planned for Wednesday. Thursday it is golf (if no rain), then head to Buffalo for my Aunt's Memorial service.***

#### **June 17 2019**

***I am back mon. No worries in Jamaica but here..... Was very busy processing and posting pictures, picking up mail, paying bills, changing doctor appointments, planning Thursday's Buffalo trip, and whatever. Mary did several loads of wash and towels too. Lots of folding and putting away as well. Bushed.***

***Great relaxing time. We mostly hit the pool then the ocean, showering around 2 and eating the rest of the time. We did go on 2 tours. We both look a bit pink right now despite using SPF50 every day. Wish I had brought more, as 8 oz was \$28 in the hotel store.***

***One to snorkeling on a glass bottom boat, and one to shopping/ Ricks Famous Cafe, where you could jump off cliffs of various heights into the water***



*pool at the base among the molten rocks on the shoreline. They boast the best sunset but it was overcast that day. Lots of booze and partying there. We passed on cliff jumping.*

*The return trip from snorkeling was a coastline tour where we ran into a nudist catamaran with a huge crowd of naked people proudly waving at us for shock value.*

*We would have liked to do more, but there were many attractions that would require 2-3 hr bus rides from Negril there and equal on the way back. Ten hour total times. We passed on those but feel we missed 2 nice waterfalls. If we go back I would stay closer to those sites. I blame the travel agent for not pointing out the travel issues.*

*Very disappointing to come back to 60 degrees and rain after being in 90 degree sunshine.*

### *No Blog June 10 to June 17 until return from Jamaica*

#### *June 9 2019*

*Finished packing early and went to the neighbors graduation at 2pm. Almost 5pm now, better hit the sack soon.*

#### *June 8 2019*

*Got right to packing today. Started out making a packing list, then brought out the suitcases. Paid some bills so they won't be rushed when we get back.*

*Mary went to the bank to get some small bills for tips and then was off to church later. Pretty much ready to go very early Monday morning. We get to Jamaica by 10am Monday. Gonna be one short night tomorrow.*

*Played some pick fours tickets at the Belmont and Gulfstream but bombed out early and often. Was a pitiful experience. Oh well. Tomorrow we veg in the morning then go to the neighbors graduation party. Got to keep it short so we can get to bed by 6 or 7pm*

#### *June 7 2019*

*Stellar round at Sable Creek today. After not staying down on several shots yesterday my focus was on that today. Also on using one hand to move the putter. The result was 2 birds, 11 pars, 3 bogies, and 2 doubles for a 5 over 77. Been a long time for a good round this year. This formula was proven last year so I better get back to it.*

*Went over to watch the kids from 6 to 9 as they went to First Friday in Canton. All went well. Got 4 of 5 at Belmont and 4 of 5 at Gulfstream. Broke even for the day on the Gulfstream consolation payout. Hope to wager on the Belmont tomorrow. My Derby horse was DQ'd. Pimlico horse just got edged out of 2<sup>nd</sup>. Sounds like I am going backwards.*

#### *June 6 2019*

*Played early with the Lockheed guys at Turkeyfoot. Not my favorite course. Shot 90 but should have been at 83. Dang greens need some clowns and windmills on them. Hope to play better tomorrow.*

*Got back early and we hit Kohls for shorts and tops for the Jamaica trip. Made out good but the girl never took the 30% off. Got to get that corrected after we get back.*

#### June 5 2019

*I was off to the doctor this morning. It was chilly then and has not been much better all day. Low tire indicator had me stop and take a look, but they looked OK. Turned out one was low down at 25 as opposed to 35psi. I will have to keep an eye on that back left tire.*

*Mary got her hair done for the trip next week. We also read the trip tips they gave us. I still need to look at the optional day trips.*

*Tried a couple of pick 4s with no luck. A 3d in the last leg at Indiana Grand did not help. Getting ready to head over to kids watch at 6pm.*

#### June 4 2019

*Finally a good night of sleep! We headed to the Y at 9am and got beat up real good in Jenny's class. She was doing 30 reps of everything in 3 groups of 10.*

*Jacob came over to mow, so I went to put a hold on the mail next week and pick up the mirror at HD. Those twits packed 2 mirrors in the box so I have to take one back someday. Got back and put up the mirror and valence in the down bathroom to finish it all off. Started April 28 and finished in a little over 5 weeks costing \$1300.*

*Picked up some groceries to last for the week and called it a day.*

#### June 3 2019

*Back from Buffalo golf trip. We left Friday and stopped on the way in Erie to check out Perry Square and take pictures of the Perry Statute in the park. The Wiki is confusing about it. The statue was Turner's work and erected in 1885 in Newport, RI where Perry was born. I think it was copied and erected in 1925 in Erie. We went out with my brother Jim, sister Catherine, and Jim's wife Cris for fish fries.*

*Saturday we played Terry Hills in Batavia. I shot 88 and won by 6 but it was competitive. We ate ribs and pigged out afterwards. I was happy since I had a poor night sleep that night,*

*Sunday we pushed our tee time back due to rain but it was cart path only. I shot a stellar 87 on this 6300 yd monster of Seneca Hickory Stick in Lewiston. There were 6 par 5s, many at 500+ yds. Could never get to them in 3 but a good short game kept me on top by another 6. Should be all over but the shouting when they visit Ohio for the last 2 rounds. My driving fairway percentage over both days was awesome.*

*Saw the in-laws after golf. Dennis had tremors on and off. Sad to see. They say its a nerve problem. He will get an EEG this week. Hope they can find a*

*curable cause.*

*On the way home we stopped in Erie to tour the Brig Niagara, a reconstructed version of the one that won the Battle of Lake Erie in the war of 1812.*

*May 30 2019*

*Yet another rainout. You have to be kidding me. Mary went out to breakfast with neighbor and Brenda.*

*I vegged all day and loaded some items for the trip tomorrow to Buffalo. Played a couple of pick 5s but longshots knocked me and everyone else out. 70 to 1 is crazy.*

*Heading to AkronU for Jacob's graduation after dinner. NO BLOG TILL MONDAY.*

*May 29 2019*

*Slow day. Went in early for blood draw. Emptied some gas cans into the cars, and cleaned up some spent flowers and picked up grass and whirley birds.*

*Been watching Buffalo weather since I will be playing there sat/sun. Pitiful. Amazingly 20-30 degrees cooler there? Highs mid 60s and lows in the mid 40s this weekend. Gonna take some warm clothes.*

*Going to head to the bank and eat out, then get ready to watch kids tonight.*

*May 28 2019*

*Rain got thru early and it was clear till 4pm. We squeezed in a round at Ellsworth Meadows. I went 44-41=85 and hit perfect drives all day. Great irons on the back nine finally. Tried to keep my thumb on the top of the grip as I went thru the ball and that helped. Lousy short game though. Missed 2 easy birdie putts and a few others as well. Decided to take the pin out on all short putts. Dick shot 43 on the front then petered out.*

*Lincoln was here as I got home. He is really growing up and communicating much better now. Going to be 3 in late August. Lots of storms from 4:30 and on.*

*May 27 2019*

*Got right to sealing the grout and caulking. Got that out of the way 10am ish. Headed to Walmart where we picked up rugs, soap dispenser, and trash can for the room. All that is left is to mount the mirror and valance when they arrive.*

*We had a late breakfast at Crapper Barrel. Had the eggs in a basket that I have been hungering for.*

*Back home, put away all the tools and such. Put the door back on the bathroom and added another coat on the grout seal. It is looking good.*

*Another sad racing day. Missed by 1 race in each of my pick 4/5s.*

*May 26 2019*

**Rain on and off all day. Checked all the bathroom walls and declared victory. Took off the painters tape and put away all the tools and stuff. Glued up baseboards on one side of the vanity. Still need to caulk and seal the back splash. Maybe tomorrow.**

**We headed over to feed Wes' cats 11ish. Bonus poop cleanup near the front door. From there to HD to pick up an Auto for sale sign for Jacob. Looked at mirrors but no luck. Then over to Carolyn's for Jacobs Grad party.**

**The party was very nice. Lots of neighbors and relatives. Steve was there as were Pete and Sandy where Jacob mows (next door to me). Lots of good food and cake. Headed home at 4pm to veg for the rest of the day.**

### **May 25 2019**

**A hot day but the wind kept it cool. Got right to painting the down bathroom from 8 to 10am. After lunch, we went over and fed the cats. Wes and family headed up to the island for the Memorial Day weekend.**

**I played some races but missed out on all. Did get 4 of 5 in the pick 5 and got some money back. The heavy favorite did not win in the second race of the sequence. If you had the winner of that one you collected a 4 figure payout.**

**Cooked a burger, mushrooms. And home fries for dinner as Mary went to church. Put on a second coat of paint cause it looked like I missed some. After looking at it for awhile, realized it because there was not a primer on the skim coat. Once the skim coat is sealed, the 2<sup>nd</sup> coat won't get sucked into the skim coat and look better.**

**Tomorrow we feed the cats again and go to Jacob's Grad party. Will put away the paint after touch up if there is any.**

### **May 24 2019**

**Very nice day. Picked up Mel and we headed to Barberton Brookside for Friday golf. First time we had 6. I made 2 putts, both on the par 5s. Played a good front at 5 over. Could have been even if I had a short game. Nine over on the back with only one par. For an 87. John t had 85, Dick a 96, Bill a 93, Denny was at 97 and Mel won me the match with a 99.**

**We put out the flags when I got home for Memorial Day weekend. Not much happening till the Graduation party Sunday, so I guess I will paint tomorrow,**

### **May 23 2019**

**Woke up to bad news. Strong storms going thru the area 9am to 11am. No golf. Got right to work on the grout. Getting the grout on was pretty easy. Cleaning off the excess was not. Took 2 full hrs to remove the excess and clean it up. Even then we had to go back and redo maybe 5% after dinner.**

**Not entirely happy with it but it will have to do. If I had a do over, I would seal the tile before I grouted. Kind of looks like some of the grout stays in the small imperfections in the tile you really can't see.**

**Trimmed back the lilac growths in the afternoon. They have all kinds of shoots coming up from the soil that I like to knock down a couple times a**

*year. What a pain.*

*Played several tickets on the horses. Ended up \$11 to the good. Positive anyway.*

#### *May 22 2019*

*Wow, slept in till after 8am. Carolyn did not come over but Mary was an able assistant. We put up the backsplash in 2 hrs and it looks great. I had a little extra space on the end I hope can be filled with grout. Likely do the grout by the end of the week and paint next week. Squeezed in a haircut before lunch.*

*Thought Jenna was going to mow so I took a run around the perimeter to set the boundary. Jacob ended up getting here 2pm ish and did both Pete's and my lawn. I told him to put a sign in his car fo \$3500 and be ready to accept \$2800 to \$3000. Got to get rid of that car. The police are onto him and you can't miss that car.*

*We picked up a prescription at Walmart then pigged out at Texas Roadhouse. Good Rx was a lifesaver \$47 with it and \$168 with my Aetna insurance. Crazy stuff.*

#### *May 21 2019*

*Supposed to be a quiet day but we were busy. The furnace went out. I checked the code and reset the breaker and things worked fine. The no flame for 3 starts code was flashing. Maybe the thermal feedback wire is wearing out?*

*Hit the Y for the usual. Class was kind of tame surprisingly. Maybe there were more seniors today and Jenny took it easy on us. We went for our fuel perks and loaded up with 30 gallons saving \$33. Put some of that in the other car and cleaned some garage areas to store the gas cans.*

*After lunch, Mary went out to visit a couple of antique stores. I stayed and played a pitiful pick 4 (only had 2 of 4) while I addressed around 40 post cards for sending out just prior to our anniversary.*

#### *May 20 2019*

*Chilly day. I took Mary's tire over to get fixed and the screw removed. Turned out to cost \$20 to fix and put on. Seems a bit much.*

*I played Skyland Pines, Dick played very well shooting 92. I went 42-48 =90 and hit the ball great. Just couldn't handle the fast greens there. Also 2 penalties for balls lost in their tall rough. We found 6-8 golf balls here and there. It was all very frustrating.*

#### *May 19 2019*

*Busy day. We ran out to get a few groceries and a gift card and just missed Carolyn. She stopped a little later and dropped off a co-mother/fathers day gift of a wind spinner. It is pretty cool and has a solar ball on it.*

*We went off to visit Brenda in her new condo home in Massillon. It is very close to Legends golf and about 35 min from here. She had invited 2 other ex neighbors as well. She was glad to see us all and it was a good time. She is just far enough away that she doesn't get many visitors, so she has to find*

*new ones.*

*Hit another pick 5 and missed 2 others. Cleared about 100 profit which helps get me back but still about 200 down from the peak account value. I had them send me a check for 3000 to be sure I pocketed at least 2/3 of the profit, with 1/3 for future play.*

#### *May 18 2019*

*First things first. To correct the record, Bill had 2 birdies yesterday. Don't want to forget his nice shot AND putt on the long par3 #8.*

*We did the bills and checkbook for mid May. Minor victory as Mary came within \$1 of the bank balance on paper. Another chilly morning for soccer for the little ones. They stopped over for a bit after and it was fun. After they left we did our 1.8 mile neighborhood walk. Thankfully the scary boxer dogs were inside where we turn back for home.*

*Mary went to church and I watched the Preakness racing with not much luck. By the way, they said Covfefe broke the track record yesterday for its race. Ordered delivery from Pizza hut. The thin crust we got must not have many carbs. I will have to keep this in mind for my diets. Still at 167 and holding, down 8 lbs. Maybe go another 10 days?*

#### *May 17 2019*

*Another nice day. Played Brookledge with the Friday boys. No Friday rainout for the second week in a row! My driver was golden once again. Stayed down the whole front nine but slipped up on a few shots on the back. Progress though. I went 42-42 =84, Bill also had 84, Dick 95, Denny 96, and Mel 108. Denny was not on his game and got cleaned on wolf dots. Very unusual to have someone with that few (1).*

*Again had fits with the chip just outside the collar. Lots of them botched the last few days. Bill had the only birdie. Almost drove the green, hooking a 4h around the tree and almost chipped in.*

*Played a pick 5 and a pick 4 missing by one race again. Guess my win magic is gone now. It was short but sweet.*

#### *May 16 2019*

*Very nice day. Two in a row? Played Mayfair with the Lockheed boys. Rough day going 44-46 =90. Made some nice putts and 3 jacked several. Driver was flawless today. The biggest issue was waiting for the slow group ahead. I think every time I waited a long time I hit a bad one. Took 7 on one hole after being green side in 2. Ended up short sided several times with a lot of collar to either chip over or putt thru. Handled them poorly all but once.*

*Got home and Jenna was mowing. Jacob had cut the edges so she would know where to mow. Pretty decent the first time. She missed a lot on the turns but did great slow by the mulch bed edges. I was very pleased. She will get the hang of it.*

*I hope the storm tonight blows thru before tee time tomorrow.*

### May 15 2019

*Very nice day for a change. I went to the dermo man, who is now a dermo lady since dermo man retired. Got to learn to keep my mouth shut. Asked about the dark spot. On my cheekbone. She looked and said just sun damage but to be sure took a biopsy.*

*Met Chuck Ivan at Wayside. I asked him to use his truck to pick up a recliner and I would buy him lunch one of these golf days. Very nice of him. Saved me from getting a pickup at HD and the drive to/fro.*

*Wes brought the kids after school. They headed to a movie and I took Z to soccer practice while Mary watched the other 2 here. They headed home around 7pm. Mary will get to watch Survivor tonight.*

### May 14 2019

*Cold start but it warmed up to the mid 60s. Carolyn came over after dropping the kids at school and renting the wet saw. We tried it out and the water pump was not working at all. We did cut a couple items and figured it wouldn't work. Our cuts were too small and the small piece crumbled. Thought of just filling that space with grout.*

*We tested that theory and found the grout I had bought was too dark and darken the backsplash pieces. That would not do. I was going to go with a simpler tile, but Carolyn took the saw back and got a small tool to try. That did not work but using a hack saw we were able to cut the small pieces we needed. So we will try again next Wednesday when she has time again.*

*I tried the Parx pick 4s again. Won one and lost one but up \$200 for trip spending money. Sweet. That won't go far, so maybe I will try again tomorrow.*

### May 13 2019

*Back to back real crappy days. We went to the Y for the usual. Lots of lifting reps. As an example, two sets of 20 8lb in each hand chest presses was pretty aggressive. Mary went off to Red Hats after that. I played the pick 4 at Parx and won \$480. That about covers the rest of the Jamaica trip. Now I can play for spending money?*

*We headed off to see meet Jane and see Batcher in Stow a little after 3pm. He was same as usual. We stayed 2 hrs and then went out to dinner at Parrisons as we normally do. Jane said she has been seeing a guy my age that owns his own business. Good for her.*

### May 12 2019

*Real crappy day in low 50s with dark clouds all day. I ordered some trip stuff from Walmart this morning. We headed out to JCP at Canton Center. The place had a ton of clothes. I did not find any of the stretchy waist shorts I was looking for but got a swimsuit for \$11. Mary did not find a sundress but she did grab a couple of comfortable short pants and some sandals.*

*We headed to Crapper barrel where I was hungering for their 2 eggs in a basket and lots of bacon, but it was swamped at 12:45. There were about 40 people waiting outside. Luckily Rocknes had some open seats at the bar we*

*did not have to wait for. They were super busy too. Mothers Day sure swamps the eateries!*

*Vegged out the rest of the day. Tried the 2 Belmont pick 5s but missed 1 in each. Oh well. Not looking all that great for golf tomorrow once again. About a 50% chance of rain all day.*

#### *May 11 2019*

*Cool morning in the low 50s but it warmed up nicely. We got the tile ready to cut then headed to HH to pick up the cement, grout, trowel, and paint. From there to the GE to pick up pills and a few grocery items.*

*Got another bullnose for the top of the backsplash and we set it on the wall where we want it. All set to go. Jacob came over to do the 2 lawns and help Pete do some roto tilling. I played a pick 5 and got busy for awhile. Checked back and saw I had a chance in the last race. Checked back later and the computer said the race was off and waiting on payouts. That took a long time so I looked and they were just announcing a DQ with my long shot promoted to first. Nice payoff of 2K!*

*Mary was at church so I played the late pick 5. Much to my amazement, another nice payoff of 1.5K! Go figure. Lose all year, can't get a decent scratch off, then win enough to cover 85% of our Jamaica trip. Mothers day influence? Also won 8 quarters at golf Friday. Well, that makes this a spectacular week.*

#### *May 10 2019*

*Lots of rain last night but not much here. Mayfair was very soggy but we finally did get a Friday golf round in. I went 42-45 for 87. John was at 90, Bill 93, and Denny at 94. Then there was Mel at 110+. I started and ended with 2 doubles. In between I managed a birdie and 4 pars. Made 2 long putts but missed at least 4 short ones. I have a lot of work to do on the short game but hit the ball well.*

#### *May 9 2019*

*Went to the Y this morning for the usual activities. After, we went and filled up on gas, stopped at the post office, and tended to my hot dog craving by hitting the local hot dog shop. Down to 169 this morning I figured I could chance a bun and dog. It was good but I could have had another.*

*Sanded down my skim coat for an hr and ½ It went slow because of the small spaces and checking the walls with a light. Mary cooked a roast for me then we headed off to look at the Wayside sale.*

*Saw a nice lift chair but the color wouldn't work. We looked at the power recliners and found the perfect one on sale for \$299. Sweet deal! It was raining when we left but when we crossed into Stark Country it was dry. When we got back, Carolyn had sent me a text with a pic of a crashed up car and said both Lindsey and Jacob are fine. It was Lindsey's car. Asked her to call when she had time.*

#### *May 8 2019*



**Got to the mudding early. Looked at the latest after sanding and declared victory. Did a skim coat on all 4 walls. Will sand tomorrow and be ready to put up the backsplash next Tuesday when Carolyn is available. Between now and then, need to get a few items and decide on a plan of attack sequence of events.**

**Went to Seven Hills to hit a bucket. Grabbed some Wilson clubs I had put away 4h, 5h, and a 4 rescue. After hitting them, I returned them from whence they came. My swing speed definitely needs a senior shaft. Hit 2 driver bombs and put that club away. Did better staying on the ball.**

**Going to meet Wes at the soccer fields at 5:30 and watch the kids till 9 ish at their house. That will wear us out.**

### **May 7 2019**

**Mary went to the Y and I headed to the dentist. This was the 3d crown they had built and it finally was right. This goes all the way back to February, when I broke the crown next to it and noticed this needed fixed as well.**

**Jacob got the back mowed. With all the grass flying, his neck broke out in a rash. Luckily we had some benadryl gel lotion. Veggy afternoon**

### **May 6 2019**

**Chippawa today so I did not play. I proposed a CPR rule for this course today. CPR stands for the Chippawa Parker Rule. I proposed for the Bermuda triangle on the back nine. Once your ball hits the green, not necessarily ending up there, you have the option of adding 2 or 3 strokes and picking up your ball. Should you decide to play it out, you must use your actual score on those particular God forsaken holes. The 2 or 3 strokes are determined by a coin flip.**

**Carolyn came over and helped take off the tile on the one wall next to the shower and I put mudd coat #4 on there. Will need yet another coat after sanding. Checked the weather and they took off the rain threat for Tuesday, so I told Jacob he could do the mowing tomorrow.**

**Oh yeah. We went to the Y this morning for the usual stuff. When we got back I noticed what looked like hundreds of baby spiders on webs on the side of my car. I sprayed them then bombed the garage for good measure. My worst nightmare. I don't know if I will sleep tonight.**

### **May 5 2019**

**Crappy start but to my surprise the sun came out around 3pm. We made mud pass 3 early before Mary headed to church. After church, we went to Kohls and the mall so she could shop for some trip items.**

**I had no luck looking for a water tight phone bag or mini ipad protector. Mary found a sun dress, shorts at Kohls and a \$\$\$ bathing suit at Dillards. That is OK cause it is hard for her to find suits that fit and I am just not wanting to do more shopping. Shopping was under 2 hrs but it seemed like an eternity. I was ready to poke my eyes out with a sharp stick. This was an old saying my dad used a lot.**

*The grass was long already and Jacob didn't think he could do it till Tuesday when they were predicting rain. Wednesday it would be way too long and it would be a mess. Rather than wait and risk it, I cut the front when I got back. Sent him an email to try to get to it Monday night or I would need to cut the back too.*

#### *May 4 2019*

*Wow. Yet another crapola day. We went to the school to watch Z and K do soccer. At 53 degrees it didn't seem too cold. But we got there and there began a drizzle. Nasty. Wes and I with L and K came to our house, threw clothes and shoes in the dryer and made some hot chocolate. Mary and Kaetchen stayed or Zs game then joined us. The kids had a ball with our big box the vanity came in.*

*Later we went to Cheryl and Mike's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary party. They are still close by ex-neighbors. Other neighbors Vince and Elaine were there, as were ex-neighbors Mike and Joyce now in Monaca Pa. The food was nothing to speak of but the cake was good. We drove back in the rain just before dark.*

*Missed the derby. I had \$10 win place and show on the DQ'd winner. Sorry about I jinxed you Maximum Security.*

#### *May 3 2019*

*Was up yet again early before 6am. Dang it. Weather map indicated golf just was not in the cards for another Friday. Good grief Charlie Brown. I decided to put a coat of mud on the wall seam in the down bathroom. Opened the joint compound and it was molding? Must not have closed the top very well. Headed to HH and picked up a gallon after trying to lift the big bucket of joint compound. Figure it would be enough. If Wes or Carolyn need mud, they will need to get more.*

*Rough mudding only took an hr or so. I will do another coat tomorrow and again Sunday where I cut out and replaced a section. Then we did the bills and I wagered some at Churchill with mixed success. Sprayed some more trouble areas where the chickweed is thriving. That will be a lifelong job given the surrounding lawns.*

#### *May 2 2019*

*We went to the Y for the usual stuff. I had an easy time of it. The fact that this is the 3d class this week has me in shape for the weights. We had lunch and then headed to Walmart to pick up several items. We picked up a few graduation cards, an anniversary card, paper product items, couple of food items, and a towel bar for the down bathroom. Picked up pills and hit the ATM for the next couple of weeks.*

*The mail had a new shower map for downstairs and a new nose hair clipper. The old one Jacob got me for xmas a few years back stopped working and it has been hard to properly clip those pesky nose hairs not to mention the ones in the ear. Life is good once again as I will look my best with well trimmed nose and ear hairs.*

#### *May 1 2019*

**Couldn't sleep so I got up at 5:45. Holly was saying 80 today? I wasn't prepared for that. Looked at the weather and it was supposed to be dry, so I sent out an email for golfers for today. As soon as Bill raised his hand I started calling for a tee time. No other responses so I sent out a text. Mel said no. Still nothing so I called Dick and Denny. Both went right to voice mail so I figure their phones were off.**

**Bill and I played Sable Creek. We both had up mixed success. Bill went 48-44 and I went 45-41 with 8 pars but too many doubles. Putted a lot better on the back with several one putt greens. We played the front fast and the back slow but still under 4 hrs. Very windy as well. Finally a golf round after a pitiful April. Still looks iffy for Friday. Ray at Sable said his Friday league has yet to play a round, while his Wednesday guys have 7 rounds in already.**

**Jacob came over to cut grass. Still very windy.**

#### **April 30 2019**

**Another rainy day. April just sucked for golf. Four stinking rounds and that was it. That's not right. We went to the Y for the usual. Jenny beat us up good. Lots and lots of squats.**

**Mary went to Grinders with 2 of her friends she has not seen for awhile and ate well. I was planning on Jacob mowing but a lot of rain hit around 2-3pm and made it too wet to mow.**

**More vegging planned till I get to golf. Good riddance to April.**

#### **April 29 2019**

**Sanctuary was still too wet to let carts out so another Monday canceled. Geeze. So I headed to the Y for the usual elliptical and strength class. Crowded class but not too stressful.**

**After lunch, Mary helped me "fix" the floor in the down bathroom. On the left side of the vanity and along the front, there is about 2" of flooring missing. Called the company and alas it is all gone and discontinued. Cut some stick on tiles we bought and put 2 levels to build up from the cement, then put a similar tile on top. Doesn't look too bad but it is noticeable. Cut 2 pieces of baseboard for the left side that covers some of it. Not much else I can do without redoing all the bathroom floor and the hall floor (The tile presently carries all of the hall and into the bathroom).**

**Changed the fridge filter and ordered some more. Carolyn is sick with a temperature and nasty di for 3 days, Wes also has the di but no fever. Guess something is going around, eh? I just might have to stay in 3-5 days ahead of the Jamaica trip in June?**

#### **April 28 2019**

**Rain last night isn't going to help the golf courses. In fact we saw Sanctuary was closed today. Hope it dries out by tomorrow. Dang grass also needs cutting already (cut Wednesday).**

**We took back the backsplash samples we won't use to Lowes and HD and picked up 2 more of the one we selected. Also picked up some bullnose for**

***framing the backsplash. Also checked into the flooring we used. It is discontinued. I need to call the supplier tomorrow and check if there is any around elsewhere. In case that is a dead end, we picked up some stick on tile that looks close to it.***

***After all the shopping, we hit Texas Roadhouse for red meat. Leftovers tomorrow.***

#### **April 27 2019**

***Cold start but not too hateful in the high 50s by days end. Lots of sun too. Finally a good sleep brightened my mood. We went out to HD and Lowes. Sanctuary where we play Monday had few cars around 10:30 but a fair number as we returned. Much like a weekday, but not very crowded.***

***We picked up ta vanity light for the down bathroom at Lowes. Also a couple of backsplash samples. At HD we picked up a couple more samples, then looked at wet saws and checked the rental center. We can rent one for the day for \$27 which is less than a buy at \$109-\$127. Figuring a one time use, rental seems better. I am a little reluctant to use a wet saw cause I really like my fingers, but Carolyn said it wasn't too scary. Picked up a couple of grocery items on the way home.***

***Mary went to church, so I cooked up the sahlens dogs for dinner. With Ted's hot sauce and some sauerkraut, YUM.***

#### **April 26 2019**

***Crappy day with another golf Friday rain out. Someone has angered the golf gods? That is at least 4 weeks in a row, perhaps 5? Just as well as for some reason I slept real poorly. Groggy, even with getting up as late as 7:30 to check the weather. Not much in the mood for breakfast I skipped it.***

***We put away the Easter stuff for next year. Seeing all that candy left, I decided my diet could wait a week or so. Especially since I had lost 4 pounds already and my blood work is not till the end of May. Finished off the choc raisins before lunch.***

***Mary went off to knitting class at the Y and I veg'd out. Same for the rest of the day. Thought about shopping but I have time to wait till another day since I am retired. Another day after a good nights sleep.***

#### **April 25 2019**

***Another decent day. Rain expected at 2pm but it waited till 4. We went to the Y. Very crowded class, maybe 34 ladies + me. I am still amazed there are so many, and many of them in better shape than I. Sigh. We saw Wes heading in as we left. Lincoln was napping.***

***Did a little planning for the down bathroom. We need to hit Lowes and HD to look at the lights, mirrors and back splash this weekend. Damn rain predicted again for Friday golf. Guess I will check in the morning and hope it is almost thru here. Otherwise another cancellation.***

#### **April 24 2019**

**Decent day again. Carolyn came over at 8:30. Her and my trusty assistant Mary helped me install the new vanity. The demo went quick. I had removed some of the plumbing yesterday. Decided to replace the wall panel behind the vanity so it would be smooth for the back splash. We put on the sharkbite shut off valves and that went smooth. Then we cut and installed a new piece of wall board. That was the most labor intensive and took us almost to lunchtime.**

**After lunch we placed the vanity and hooked it up, Shockingly there were no leaks. We were all totally amazed. Another half hour for cleanup and we were done by 1:30. Jacob cut the grass and did a great job once again.**

**Met Wes' family at the soccer fields. Z is in a Y program and it was over at 6:15. Wes took our car to trivia and we took the kids home and watched them till 9:15. Tired us out.**

#### **April 23 2019**

**Decent day. Mary went to the Y while I got ready to leave for the dentist. They called about ½ hr before I left and canceled. Said my crown wasn't ready. Bummer. We went to MGM, the old Rocksino to get my birthday meal deal. I pushed the wrong button at the kiosk and ended up with a BOGO at the buffet. It was good and we made about \$10 for the day. It is very rare I walk out ahead, and not lose my \$100 limit. Success!**

**Got everything ready to start putting in the vanity tomorrow. Carolyn is coming to help in the morning.**

**Forgot to mention I went on the low carb diet yesterday, so this is day 2. Had quite a protein feast at MGM. All fish, shrimp, muscles, and meat, plus a no sugar desert.**

#### **April 22 2019**

**A little chilly early but I went with shorts and sweatshirt. That kept me cold for the first 4 holes. Went 44-43 with 4 pars and 1 bird. Very good drives except for one that got me in trouble. Grass was thin so I did chunk several irons. Putting was disappointing as well. More work to do. It was great to get out there. Dick played pretty well and shot 97.**

**Sue visited. She took Mary and Catherine to HK for lunch. They came back for desert, then both left for home while Mary got her hair done.**

#### **April 21 2019**

**Good weather for Easter. Mary and Catherine were off to church before 8am. I got the flags and tools ready, set up the table, washed the towels, got the ham ready. and did other stuff I can't recall at the moment. I was busy.**

**We got over at 10:30 and we put up the 4 flag mounts. I had hoped to use wall anchors but they were a bit too short for the post lumber thickness. We tried on the first just but they just spun around when we tried to tighten them and set the anchor. Oh well, we went with the plastic inserts that came with the mounts. They were a bear to tighten down because my screwdriver was a bit short. But we got it done. Lots of walkers seemed to be wondering what was**

*up. Sure isn't flag day.*

*Dinner was excellent. We only had nine people. We missed Don and Pam, Tasha, and Kathy. Sue and Ed will drop by tomorrow. I may get to see Sue and Ed after golf if they are still around. Mom's apple pie turned out really tasty. The crust around the edge was crispy and a lot of crust, but it was a huge success.*

*Carolyn and Wes were chased out after I played Molly B Christmas DVD. Watching a Christmas show at Easter was weird. Steve stayed to watch Mollie B then headed home. All in all it was a good day for family, and that is important.*

**April 20 2019**

*Prep day for dinner tomorrow. I helped Mary make the famous Mom's apple sheet pie. My job was to core and cut the apples add sugar and cinnamon. Then load the pan with the pie crust and piece them together. It took 2 hours start to finish to get it into the oven. Mary rolled out all the pie dough, baked it, and put the sugar frosting on it. Turned out very yummy.*

*I got the flags I got for Christmas out and got them ready to install tomorrow. Wes is supposed to come over early and help put them up. Found some wall anchors to use on my front posts. That will help keep them put in the high winds. Bet the aluminum pole bend before the wall anchors give way.*

*Catherine arrived around 4pm after her normal stops in Erie and Grove City. She brought tons of stuff including 5 bags of coffee, sahlen hot dogs, and Teds hot sauce. Plus 7 varieties of candy.*

*Played the DVD for her from Horseshoe Bend. Going to be real busy tomorrow. They go to 8am mass, then need to do the potatoes cabbage and ham.*

**April 19 2019**

*Dang it. I canceled golf even though I looked at the radar and thought we could get nine in and then the heavy storm would miss us to the south around noon. The weather channel radar showed it was not going to miss us. Reluctantly I canceled. Turns out I had it right and the weather channel wrong. We could have played. When I was working we only had weekends so I chanced it more. Now retired, there is always tomorrow.*

*Colored some eggs for Easter. Guess I will be eating them after Easter as I need to go low carb again. Gained a bit in Florida and now that we are home in crappy weather we are less active and I picked up some more flab to get rid of.*

*My dental work seems like a problem. Not with the temp crown, but she cut (burned off) some gum tissue that was in the way. I am thinking she cut away too much cause there is a hole near the temp crown that is still sensitive. Wonder how this is going to go. Appt is Tuesday. Might as well wait because it is her next day in the office anyway.*

**April 18 2019**

**Wow. It hit 79 today after a very shaky morning. Otis picked me up for Thursday Lockheed golf. It was just the two of us. Barberton's greens were spectacular but a bit slowish. After an opening bogey, I dropped a putt for a birdie, then par bogey par, then another birdie! Even par with 3 to go! A lookup bogey then two great pars missing birdie putts on both, and I finished 1 over on the front. I wish I could say it continued on the back, but I lost it and went +11. Had 2 putts for birdie but left them both short, 3-jacking one.**

**That was encouraging because I finally started hitting some good irons. The bucket of balls last week really helped me figure what I needed to change. And so I did for 9 holes anyway.**

**Jacob was over to mow Pete's and my lawns. He did a nice job as usual. Looking like another Friday rain out tomorrow. Bummer.**

#### **April 17 2019**

**Got an early start at 8am getting a haircut first thing. The lube shop was closed today so I did not get Mary an oil change.**

**Then it was over to HH to get the shutoff valves I needed for the vanity. I got the push on sharkbites rather than the compression fittings where you have to tighten a bolt. Nice to have someone who knows what they are doing help you. At HD you are unlikely to get that kind of help and I sure did not yesterday.**

**Did a little weeding and moving grass from where it shouldn't be to dead spots in the lawn. Mary went to help at a funeral. Getting ready for kids watch tonight. Gonna wear me out.**

#### **April 16 2019**

**Busy day. Went to the Y this morning. Jenny beat us up good. I had to stop the weights  $\frac{3}{4}$  way through as my left back muscle (lat...something) was cramping up. Recovered in time for the ab workouts. Too many at the barber this morning so I just got an oil change. For the car that is.**

**After lunch we went to HD. I picked up the drain and trap stuff, plus the plumbers putty and the faucet. Will have to go to HH for the shut off cause I am not exactly sure what I need.**

**We stopped at Tom + Chee for dinner. I thought we should go before it went belly up. This is the 3d time I have been there. They have a slow trickle of customers but I have never seen more than 6 tables in use. Hard to see them lasting too long. Too bad, cause the food is good,**

**Tried chess today. Pitiful is a good description. Slipping down to mid 1200s.**

#### **April 15 2019**

**Snow and mid 30s this morning so golf was canceled. Off to the Y I went and we did the usual. Lots of reps for the big muscles. Almost no abs today.**

**Carolyn and Jenna came over and Mary went to the thrift store with them. Green canceled school today due to the storm damage to tree and wires so Jenna was off. Apparently the Goodwill thrift is closing. Likely because there**

*is a similar store nearby in the old HH building. That is a bummer cause we always take all our junk we want to get rid of there.*

*Warmed up in the afternoon, but we just veg'd.*

**April 14 2019**

*Rain all morning. I watched Tiger win the Masters, Pretty amazing stuff. The comeback of the century. Mary got stuff to complete the Easter Baskets. Then Carolyn stopped over. I showed her the new vanity.*

*The rain cleared in the afternoon. We did our neighborhood walk in 70 like temps. As dinner approached, the rest of the storm arrived. We had to hit the downstairs with all the warnings. Power went out a couple of times but back on in 3-5 minutes.*

*All the rain won't be good for Sable Creek tomorrow. Not sure they will be open if it got too wet.*

**April 13 2019**

*Very nice day today. We got started early and picked up a bunch of choc bunnies at Hartville Marketplace. Mad a quick stop for groceries and the bank and were back home by 10:30. We had lunch and did the bills. Big CC bill with dental insurance, vanity, half vacation payment. Ipad, ipod, root canal, mulch and more.*

*Next month also looms large with the other half vacation payment and my dental bill for 2 crowns and a filling.*

*We also got the Easter baskets ready to see what else we needed. Just a few items for the hunt and one basket to go. Mary went off to church and I cooked dinner. Veg'd the rest of the day.*

**April 12 2019**

*Stinking rain from 10:30 to 12:30 canceled golf. Major bummer. Watched the stock market and made a couple of poor choices. Ended even for the week. I better think twice before I trade, giving I am mostly brain dead. Jumped on CELG BMY merger as bot shareholders just voted to merge. Seems like a good choice, so why did the CELG drop 75 cents. Don't make any "cents" to me.*

*Threw some grass seed and dirt on a few bare areas. Went to the last Lent fish fry. Wes, Kaetchen, and the kids went too. They ate good and behaved themselves. The kids go nuts over all the dessert choices. They love the \$0.50 desserts cause there are either 2 cupcakes or 4 cookies on the plate. The more the better, eh?*

**April 11 2019**

*Still bummed out over not winning that car. Was a modest white Chevy Cruze. Well. Mary headed to the Y while I headed to get my crown and another temp and investigate one spot where I couldn't get the floss thru. Got my new crown, they cut off the other one that needed replacing and gave me a temp. Floss issue was a crumbling filling so she fixed that. Teeth are a crumbling. It*



**was one of my longest times in the chair. 1 hr and 15 minutes total. Either I got a bargain at \$1200 or I still have a bill coming.**

**Had a small numbers of chips for lunch. Went out and grabbed all my lawn sprays. Hit the weeds in the lawn with weed killer and near the pines with everything killer Roundup. Lots of them white flower weeds, more every year. Not sure how long I can hold them off. May already be too late for that. Of my 5 neighbor lawns on the perimeter only one fights the weeds. Don't think I can win. Better move somewhere else.**

**Played Survivor for Mary since she misses it watching the kids Wednesday. I chilled out playing Miss Monique. I shall call her Miss M going forward. Electronic thump thump boom shika boom. Saw a bunch of other artists on youtube with similar stuff mostly at either the Boiler Room, The Lab, or Radio Intense.**

**Oh yeah. Stopped at Firestone public on the way back from dentist and hit a small bucket. Striped a couple of drives so I put that club away. Same for the 3hybrid. Worked the irons with my 5 iron. Found for a good strike I need the short and slow back swing and a smooth rip at it. Same as last year but I have not been able to grove it as yet. Easy to get away from that when you are tired or cold (or maybe just old). Sent ex-bro-in-law George a happy 66<sup>th</sup> bday email.**

**April 10 2019**

**Major bummer. Mary pointed out at the Y that the car being raffled off was not parked there anymore. It was raffled Saturday and I had no phone messages on any machines. Sad sad sad. I was planning on winning it.**

**Bad start to the morning. No coffee cause the brewer was dead. Got dressed and went to HH and bought an el cheapo \$35 Mr Coffee. My goodness they had some for \$199. Some they had were longer than my counter top. Very bazaar. They have free coffee there so I got my fix before getting home.**

**We looked at the vanity and I did not see any way to take out the drawers to plumb the thing. I clicked on the item in my order email to see if they had any online instructions but there wasn't any. The website says it was now \$130 less. I called and they refunded the difference. Wayfair's policy is to give you the new price if it is within 7 days of delivery. Good thing I called today. They were very helpful and contacted the factory and sent me a youtube link on how to remove the drawers later that afternoon. They even called as well. As a point of interest they had the best customer support I have ever contacted. I was quite impressed. I asked where they were located. The billing person was in Maine, the service person in Texas.**

**Met Rudy for lunch. He is back to work in the old centrifuge building doing two boards. He said Dale Sebok passed away from cancer just found in February at 61 yrs of age.**

**April 9 2019**

**Nice warm day. We went to the Y and did the usual. Jenny had some minor surgery so she went easy, which was to our liking. Walking from the elliptical**

*to class I found an iphone in my coat pocket. No familiar contacts in the contact list, so I called till I got someone. Said it was his dad's phone. I had thought it was Dicks from golf yesterday. Cutting to the chase, turns out it was his jacket and his phone. I was embarrassed. Thinking back though, Mary grabbed the coats off the rack. I put my ipod into the inside pocket which had velcro just like mine so I did not question it. Oh well.*

*We got back from the Y with something chirping. Turns out the CO detector is at end of life so I ordered another one from Walmart. Got a new bathroom rug to make free shipping. So there Amazon Prime. I can do without you and your money grubbing membership price.*

*We opened up the vanity boxes which arrived yesterday. Everything looks in order. Will start the install after Easter when my sister leaves for home.*

*Wonder is AA is going to have enough airplanes flying in June or will they change my Jamaica flights?*

#### *April 8 2019*

*Nice warm day but the wind kept it chilly. The new vanity was delivered this morning just after I left for golf. I drove it OK but my irons still are poor. Putting was erratic. I counted 4 3-putt greens on the front and 1 on the back. Also missed putts from 2 close chips. I figure I lost 7 shots on putting. Very puzzling. Scored an 87 despite all that and lost low net by 1. Dick improved with a 97 today.*

*Darrell stopped by when we were finished. He just got out of the hospital from viral pneumonia and was hooked up with oxygen. Now both Darrell and Bill carry tanks. It is a sad Monday group indeed. Two 6 feet under, 2 with tanks, and 4 healthy. Three of us had bypass and one with a pacer.*

*Mary was off to Red Hat lunch as the vanity delivery got here early. Found that soundcloud is easier to use on my birthday ipod. Not only that it has all the miss monique podcasts! Bouncing on them right now.*

*Always watch a lot of news on TV but getting real tired of the non-news crap they put on. With social media, it is getting worse. Who cares about what post went viral today. Viewer comments are also irritating. Mostly from idiots. I shall listen to more miss monique.*

#### *April 7 2019*

*Super nice warm day! Happy Birthday to me at 71. At times, wasn't sure I would make it this long.*

*Mulch party started at 10am and the 10 yds were gone by 11:30. Excellent time. Everyone helped out and the kids liked climbing the pile. Cooked up burgers, dogs, and brats for the hungry crew and they wolfed it all down. That was pretty exhausting.*

*We had cake and ice cream and then the kids played and tried to fly kites. All the running with the kites and I am not sure which was harder. Moving the mulch or playing with the kids. Everyone was gone by 4pm, so I took a shower*

*and am now wondering if I can get some energy back for golf tomorrow.*

#### **April 6 2019**

*Nice warm day! The mulch truck pulled in at 8:15; must have been his first delivery trip. Not much going till 1:30 when we left for Girard Ohio to see Mollie B Polka music. She is fantastic. I like all kind of music with the exception of classical and opera. Classical live is OK though. Jazz, Funk, Techno and Trance are favs of course.*

*Stopped at Crapper Barrel to eat on the way home. Their eggs in a basket was very good. I shall have to try that at home.*

*Should be a busy day tomorrow. Mulch party and we celebrate Kalix bday as well. I will have to get the grill and stuff out and everything ready in the morning.*

#### **April 5 2019**

*Went to Walmart to pick up some Easter stuff, but they did not have it all out yet. Picked up some stuff for Sunday's mulch party too. Stopped and got some prescriptions.*

*Went for fish again. Mary's was fine. My shrimp was good but my piece of fish was rubbery. I tossed it and it left more room for desert. Had I been hungry I would have taken it back. Did not even look like the same fish. A bad one in the box I suspect.*

#### **April 4 2019**

*The kiddos were good again last night but wore us out. Mary slept in till almost Y time so I figured we would skip class. But no, she said lets get to it. Darn. So off we went and did lots of reps. Crazy crowded with over 30 women in there.*

*After class we headed to Ollies for good stuff cheap. They had her clown shoes on sale for \$3.99. We bought 6 pair for us and visitors. From there it was up to Akron to have a gyro at John T's church. We said hi to Dell and talked with John thru lunch. Just had to go back for a second baklava.*

*Still no squirrels caught? Chess wise, I am down around 1280 hanging on by a thread.*

#### **April 3 2019**

*Pretty warm in low 50s but monsoon winds made golf cold. Blew right through my ski cap. I shot 93, Denny 98, and Mel was over 120. The only word I can come up with it pitiful. Denny made some putts. I made nothing and 3 putted too many to count. I should have been around 85 for sure.*

*Off to watch the little ones after dinner tonight.*

#### **April 2 2019**

*Cold morning but it warmed up. Will have to skip retiree lunch tomorrow to play golf since Friday is rain again. Holding Friday tee time just in case.*

***We went to the Y and Jenny beat us up with more mega squat exercises. I coasted thru her ab workouts. I can not do the ones with leg holding the ball and lifting it, so I did something else for those. Did try my side plank with pillow on the floor this afternoon at home. Was able to hold that plank for over 20 minutes. That went well.***

**April 1 2019**

***Hello crappy April. Just did get to 40 after being below freezing most of the day. No golf in the snow. We went to the Y and Andrea did lots of reps with the weights. Can't do many lifts above my head with my left shoulder. Pain moves in after a few reps. She did so many reps we almost ran out of time for abs. She hurried in a few ab exercises but it was less than 5 minutes.***

***Got the Easter stuff out yesterday so today was quiet today. Watched the stocks most of the day and took profits on a major up day on two I figured would head back down. I will buy them back when they drop a hundred or two.***

**March 31 2019**

***Goodbye crappy March! You have sucked mightily. Lots of snow up to our north of 3-5 inches. Just a dusting here but it went on all day long. Mary took Jacob and Jenna bowling for spring break. I got out the Easter stuff and did some towels.***

***Did some more reading. Real interesting book. It says we avoided war on the St Lawrence front because David Parish loaned funds to the US as long as they stayed away from his property up there. Not only that, he made lots of money smuggling goods to Canada. Much more of a strategic spot than Detroit or Niagara. Money talks, eh?***

***Also Gen Wilkinson was put in charge of the effort later on in that area and he was an incompetent impostor. Most books primarily report the action and results of battles, occasionally alluding to the mistakes. This one relishes the behind the scenes skinny. My fav Gen, Winfield Scott, wanted to take 2 pistols to battle. One for the enemy and one for Wilkinson.***

**March 30 2019**

***Slept in with temps at 58 this morning. We got out front early as the rain had taken a breather. Lots of leaves on the rosemary and iris to bag. We pretty much filled a whole bag full of leaves. In under an hour, we were finished. All ready for mulch.***

***Checking the 10 day it looks good for next Sunday. We picked up burgers, brats, shrimp for the salad and dogs at GE. Also 2 prescriptions at zero cost. Spring Break bowling is tomorrow. Today would have been better with all the rain, but the kids wanted tomorrow.***

***Mary was off to church while I watched the races without much luck. Had I got the Florida Derby right 6 of 6 would have paid \$2000. Instead, my horse finished 3d. Tomorrow should be quiet. Maybe I will watch some youtube plumbing videos.***

**March 29 2019**

*I was up too early at 6am, had breakfast with Mary 7:15 ish and went back to bed till 9am. Very rare, but I must have needed it. The rain had mostly passed so I went out to resume my attacks on the mulch beds. Finished the front by 10:30 and went in to dry out.*

*Mary headed to the Y for knitting, so I got after the mulch bed in the back. I had just finished it when she got back. I started the last bed that encircles the house as she got back. She changed and helped on that. We finished all but in front of the house. Hope we can get to that tomorrow. Very little weeding but quite a few leaves to pick up.*

*Fish at the church was very good once again. We got back stuffed at 5:15pm. Did some more reading of The Civil War of 1812. Amazing story of incompetence, cut throat politics on both sides, cowardice, plundering, vengeance, and you name it.*

### March 28 2019

*My squatters are mostly recovered today. Mary went to the Y while I headed off to get my crown installed and other one repaired. Major bummer though. The crown they had made did not seat well and would have not been able to be sealed. She fiddled around a bit and took another impression for a redo. Then she was unable to make a fix for the other crown. So that one will get worked next time. Been an expensive several months, eh? Two crowns and a bonus root canal and I am not out of the woods yet. Hopefully end of April? I will be eating carefully in May so I will have a fully working set of teeth in Jamaica for June.*

*It was warm all afternoon and it was not raining, so I went out and weeded another mulch bed. Hope to get to 2 more tomorrow in between periods of rain.*

### March 27 2019

*Oh my, my squatters are in pain today. We played Sable Creek. We all struggled the cold front nine and all did better when it warmed up. I went 45-41 =85, Dick had 53-44 =97, and Mel 59-55 =114 for his first round of the year. Carolyn and the kids were over when I got back but they were just leaving.*

*I warmed up with a shower. It was warm enough to work outside but my squatters said "hell no". Squirrel went all around my trap but not in. Maybe he will return tomorrow and be braver.*

### March 26 2019

*We went to the Y and Jenny gave us a good workout. She gave me a shout out for nailing the curtsy squats at 70 years of age. The class gave me applause. That is the second time I got applause in my lifetime! The first was from the UGSA course rating people in Medina after I sank a birdie putt. After class we went to HH and I asked about a carpet guy and a window guy for some home repairs.*

*I ordered a 35" vanity for the down bathroom from Wayfair. HD and Lowes search engine cost them an order. It is similar to the one we installed upstairs. All was quiet till we went up to Bedford to meet up with Al and the*

*crew. It was good to see the old crew and dinner was good as well.*

#### *March 25 2019*

*Cold low 40s with wind today. We went to the Y and there were many reps with the weights. For the shoulder raises I had to back down to the 3 lb weights for my left arm, with up to 8 with my right.*

*Too chilly for weeding. Spent a lot of time online looking for 36" vanities for the down bathroom. Want something similar to the upstairs sink. Wider and deeper is what I want. HD search engine sucks as does Lowes. Tried Wayfair and the engine is much better but the website is so sloooooow. I narrowed it down to a couple and asked a question on one of them, Likely order when I get a response.*

*Kalix got to the doctor. She is still ill but the meds should turn her around quickly. Tomorrow is her bday, but the party will have to wait. Mary will take Z to TKDo class tonight.*

*Al is in town. May meet him at the Lizard with the crew for dinner tomorrow night.*

*T-Rump was cleared of collusion by Muller but he left open the obstruction issue. Likely did not want to make that call. Comey and Obama did in Hillary, now Muller gives the T-Rump a pass. What a buffoon.*

#### *March 24 2019*

*Pretty nice day at 55+ today. We slept in past 8 today. We were up late evenings and early in the morning with our visitors plus the kids tired us out yesterday. Mary was off to 11am mass.*

*We had lunch and I went out to weed 3 of the mulch beds in the front. Three more to go in the front plus around the house and one in the back to go. The mulch party is in 2 weeks so we do have time to finish. The dumpster is heavy right now but will be emptied tomorrow.*

*Also picked up a few grocery items and visited the 2 banks. Sent out the invite to Easter dinner. Seems odd that Easter is so late this year. Struggled at chess since I am up so high at the moment. Might not last long playing 1400+ players.*

#### *March 23 2019*

*Better day with sun and 40s. We took Dave and Kim to Hartville Marketplace. First time I have been there since they renovated the south end. Pretty impressive to me. Some flea market tables, a chocolate and a grocery store.*

*We did spend a couple of hours there and I picked up early Xmas gifts for Wes and Catherine. Yummy fudge as well. Wes stopped over with Z and L; K was sick. We had a good time with them from 1:30 till around 4pm. We cooked up some burgers and our company left around 7pm.*

#### *March 22 2019*

*Super crappy day. Snow on and off all day. Went with Dave to Kames but nothing was purchased. We went to the Friday church fish fry and it was*

*excellent once again. Mostly visiting with Dave and Kim and vegging out.*

#### *March 21 2019*

*We were off to kids watch while Kaetchen and K went to a teacher conference. Z was ill, so his is delayed for now. L was a hoot. He was dancing to Weird Al Eat It music. From there we hit Subway for a quick bite, then spent an hour and a half at the travel agent going over flights and all inclusive resorts in Jamaica for our 50<sup>th</sup>. About \$4k but we are sure to add some day trips.*

*After that, it was off to pick up Mary's new glasses, home for dinner, then Mary went to take K to her Tae Kwan Do class. Her brother Dave and wife Kim left Buffalo to spend the weekend here. They should arrive sometime after 7:30.*

*I know he will want to spend a couple of hrs in Kames. Options for Saturday are Maps, Rock Hall, or the scenic train ride. Perhaps something else.*

#### *March 20 2019*

*Quiet morning. I played Sable Creek with Dick. Temp was OK at 40 and 45 later. Greens were still frozen at the start but softened up later. Very bumpy though. If you did not firm it, the putts would wander around and jump here and there. Impossible. I went 47-41 and Dirty Ball Dick went 48-48. We both drove it well but had other issues.*

*A hot shower helped. No kids watch tonight, but an hour and so tomorrow for a teacher conference. We could use the break as neither of us slept well last night.*

#### *March 19 2019*

*We went to the Y this morning. Jenny worked us hard. She caught me taking a breather at the end of countless reps of leg lifts with a bar and called me out to keep going. Dang! Can't get away with anything. We had the Y pancakes after class.*

*Mary went out to lunch with an old friend and we went to see Batcher at 4pm. Danged if he did not look as better than ever and was alert as well. Jr. had gotten him into a wheelchair before we got there. After that, we went to dinner with Jane. She is doing well also.*

#### *March 18 2019*

*We went to the Y this morning. Andrea was into the weights and lots of reps. I was OK except for any left shoulder work. Even at 5 lbs I could not do continuous reps. Had to skip reps as needed.*

*Put out the Squirrel trap but too late. They had made their rounds already. I will set it out earlier tomorrow. Carolyn and Jenna stopped in for an hour. Was good to see them.*

#### *March 17 2019*

*St. Patties Day. Slept in till 8:15 this morning which is unusual. Nice and sunny but cold today. We picked up the groceries around 10am. Later on we did all the windows on the main floor. Mary had these non-streak windows*

*cloths and they really worked well. We are all set for Dave and Kim's visit next weekend.*

*Went for dinner at the local Grinders. I had pot roast and Mary meatloaf. It was all very good. Watched the end of the golf. It was very competitive and entertaining. Promises to be a dull week ahead. Maybe golf on Friday if we are lucky.*

#### March 16 2019

*Kind of a crappy day that barely hit 40. Dusting of snow last night melted. I did see my first pair of robins, so that was a plus. Lots of misc things to do today to catch up on waiting tasks. I replaced a garage bulb, took down puzzles, put away Kalix's gifts till her birthday, vacuumed the car, sprayed the baseboards, plus some other stuff. Made an appt with a travel agent for next Wednesday to discuss a possible anniversary trip.*

*Mary did the bills and an other misc things, then headed to church. I made a couple of salads for dinner and played a couple of races with no luck. Tomorrow should also be a slow day.*

#### March 15 2019

*Nasty day. Temp in the mid 40s but the 15 mph winds were wicked. We played Wilkshire in tough conditions. I was late to the meeting place but called and let them know. A rough night sleep and I left 45min ahead of tee time, but I needed to be at the meeting place then. Oops.*

*Not a big crowd there so thankfully we moved along quickly. I went 39-40 to shoot 79. Bill was at 87 and Dick at 100 for his first outing this year. On the back nine along the river, we realized the tornado warning of last night were appropriate. Lots of tree damage there. One totally downed but many snapped off branches here and there. Lots of clean up to do.*

*Hot shower warmed me up when home. We went to the church fish fry again and it was very good again this week. Hope to catch up on my sleep tonight.*

#### March 14 2019

*Lots of dreams last night. I was yelling at Mary to bring me a bucket cause the pipe was leaking. She was taking her good old time and I was getting madder by the second.*

*Went off to the dentist. She put in a post and temp crown and try to patch the other crown where decay is sneaking in one spot. That will save some money for now. If I kick the bucket before it needs total replacement that will save some money. Course I wouldn't care anyway.*

*Drove back to Fairlawn later for the Cisco reunion. I was not too keen on it but had a good time. Remembered more names than I though I would. Only missed a couple. Steve Cloud is into early colonial days so I got his email and we can pass on any good book titles. Beat the storm home. Hope the course isn't too wet tomorrow.*

*Worked on a slide show I am making up for O H Perry Monuments. Have pics of 3 now and plan to get another 3 later this year. Kaetchen's family will get a*



***kick out of it since it is a big thing on the Island.***

### **March 13 2019**

***Bill and I played Wilkshire today. We both played well, but I had a snowman on each nine. Bill had 83, I had 85. We played in a quick 2 hr 45 min. We did run into a slow group on #5, a perfect place to wave us through, but they did not. I got Bill to skip ahead of them on the next hole and that helped. One more slow group waved us through on #10 and we flew around the back nine. We played 2 balls on #16 to make up for the one we skipped. Low to mid 40s with no wind was super weather to play in.***

***Heading over to Wes' to kids sit tonight. Carolyn, Jenna, and Jacob will stop in to commemorate his 18<sup>th</sup> Birthday which was Feb 25<sup>th</sup>.***

### **March 12 2019**

***We did the Y today. Jenny beat us up good. I would call it squat abuse. OMG, my squatters will be sore tomorrow. I might not want to get down and look at any putting lines. After lunch, I put air in my tires. Been waiting for the warmer weather to get out there. Two were OK and the other two were 25 and 20 lbs for some reason. Drove around the block to reset the sensor.***

***The neighborhood squirrels are making a come back. I moved a bunch of them to Quail Hollow a few years back, but after my trees went down I retired from trapping them. Now these immigrants are over running the place. I am sure there are terrorists criminals and rapists coming over the border. Hmm, maybe I could build a wall to keep them out? It would have to be a smooth wall so they can't get their claws into it and scale it. Glass would work. Wonder if I can get T-Rump to ask Mexico for funds?***

### **March 11 2019**

***We did the Y today. I can tell I am out of shape. The 5 and 8 lb weights were stretching it based on my recent inactivity. Mary went to Red Hat lunch and I had leftover Swiss steak.***

***Spent the rest of the day on the puzzle and looking at travel sites. Thinking an all inclusive Jamaican trip for our 50<sup>th</sup> is affordable. We will seek out a travel agent in the next few weeks.***

### **March 10 2019**

***Sprung the clocks ahead. I went out and picked up a few wind blown sticks while it was warm. Very windy so it did not feel warm. We headed out on a shopping mission. We picked up kids projects at Party Time for the next few kids watches. Then we went to Target to pick up some clothes for Kalix birthday in 2 weeks. They have too many toys, many still unopened since Xmas! I did get her a rubber chicken though. That was too hard to pass up.***

***After that, we picked up a gift for Jacob, who turned 18 in February and chowed down at Arby's. Looked for some hand grips for the bedroom wall at HD but none fit the bill. I found some on Amazon later on. I am pretty groggy getting up in the middle of the night and need a well placed wall grip to use in the bedroom. Hope the ones ordered work out.***

**Made a couple o tee times for next week. Will be cold but you can't be too fussy in Ohio.**

**March 9 2019**

**Rough night for sleeping. Had a thought that I should have contacted the History Channel to record all my history trips on my treks south and for my 1812 history treks. Could have that Oak Island commentator talking about the husband and wife team of Bob and Mary Parker. Then dreamed Mary went off to Pittsburgh to meet with an expert on ancient crossbows to see if the piece we found was old. The rest of the night I dreamed I was in a house with a tunnel under it and water on the porch. Weird one.**

**Mary and I got to work cleaning floors today. I wiped off the baseboards and the floor along it while Mary did the steaming. We did up and down and the entry way. Then we took all the floor rugs to the laundromat and did those too. That wore us out for the day. Mary went off to church and I got dinner ready.**

**March 8 2019**

**Got up to 40 today and most of the snow is gone unless it is on the wrong slope. Looking to golf next week Wed or Fri. Mary went to get her hair done early, then to the Y for knitting. I finished the taxes and went for a haircut. Told Tony I was going to win the Lake car drawing. That would sure be a miracle given my latest streak on lottery tickets.**

**I have to pay all of \$36 for my taxes this year.**

**Oddly, my chess has been good the last couple of weeks. All the way up to the 1310s. Now that I have said that, I'll be tanking. Church fish fry tonight was very good. Coating could be a bit crisper. Gave it a B+.**

**Told Wes he should ditch the busy beard. If I was a patient of his that beard would weird me out. Hope he listens.**

**March 7 2019**

**Another cold one but it did get to 28 degrees. I went to get my root canal done. Not a real pleasant time. Picked up some pills on the way home. Mary went off later to the eye doctor and took a long time. Picked out some new specs. Guess I will finish off the taxes tomorrow. Might have to pay \$36, damn it.**

**Fish fry tomorrow at the church.**

**March 6 2019**

**Woke up last night when Mary crawled into bed. My first thought was that we are so lucky to have each other around as we grow old together. Where did that come from?**

**Another stinking cold day with zero wind chills. Went to the retiree lunch today. Terry Brady was in Florida when one of his 300yr old trees split his house in half during the recent wind storm. Good thing he was out of town. Stricklands opened as promised but there parking lo was empty. I figured it**

*was too cold for ice cream at 19 degrees.*

*Went over to help put up Carolyn's new light in the kitchen then headed home to rest up for tonight's kids watch. Should be a lot of tiring fun!*

### *March 5 2019*

*Another the cold stinks day. We did the Y this morning. Wind chill was nasty. Lots of people there. I took the only open elliptical and Mary had to do the treadmill. There was a sub for Jenny's class and it wasn't too difficult. Waiting to see how much pain there is tomorrow morning. Many people asked about our trip.*

*Veg'd the rest of the day. Mary made swiss steak that was yummy, but we stayed out of the stinking cold.*

*In the que for this week is the retiree lunch, kids watch, root canal, and sending in taxes. Gonna be stinking cold till Sunday.*

### *March 4 2019*

*The cold stinks. I had to skip the Y and go to a Dr Appt this morning and picked up the mail. After lunch we went to the GE and picked up a ton of groceries. Our cupboards were bare.*

*Carolyn came over for awhile. She was not in a good mood after driving her friend all over. I think she has cabin fever.*

*We had a light salad for dinner and veg'd the rest of the day because this cold stinks. Or am I repeating myself. It really does stink though.*

### *March 3 2019*

*Well hello again. March 1 was a sad checkout day for the Florida condo and a long day. We first stopped at Fort Mitchell, a Fort built during the Creek Indian wars on the Federal road from Georgia to Mobile, Al near the Georgia – Alabama border. We drove thru and up through Panama City and saw the destruction for 30+ miles of our trip. I would expect the tree damage in the woods will still be visible years from now. The Fort was rebuilt on the foundations of the orig fort found during excavations. There are also Creek Indian monuments on the site. Took lots of pictures and visited quickly so we could hit the next site.*

*About 90 min away was Horseshoe Bend Military Park maintained by the National Park Service. This is where Andrew Jackson soundly defeated the Creeks ending the Creek War. Very nice site and a great video there. Thereafter, the Creeks signed a peace treaty with Jackson at Fort Toulouse, which we visited on our way south a month ago. Made it to Birmingham after a long day. Luckily, rain gave us a break at both sites.*

*Weather forecasts for Sunday encouraged us to make a long trip of 720 miles home on March 2. We left at 6:45am and got home at 8:15pm. I did not sleep well the night before, so that made it worse. Mary drove the first 3 hours, then I drove most of the rest. I had to stop near Mansfield as I felt odd. I was feeling shakey and was either falling asleep or was about to black out. We made a 20min rest stop, Mary drove for ½ hr, then I was able to complete the*

*remaining drive. Long day.*

*Today we unloaded the whole car, put stuff away, and did wash. Mary put in a full 8hr day.*

#### *February 28 2019*

*Cool day in mid 60s. We got most stuff packed up to leave tomorrow before I went off to golf. I had trouble with my wrist. It hurt every so often when I tweaked it the wrong way. Cost me a penalty when I quit on one swing and lined it into the water. Did see a 4 foot alligator on the bank of one of the ponds.*

*Denny and I both shot 87. He was rolling them in from long range. He had only 31 putts and only a couple of them were from under 6 feet. I had 6 more putts on the day. Painful wrist, painful putting. All good drives though.*

*Heading home tomorrow. Goodbye weather, goodbye hot tub and pool.*

#### *February 27 2019*

*Rained all morning and the golf was closed and moved to tomorrow. Around 12:30, the sun came out and just toasted the place. Since Mary and I have had enough sun, we went to Pier One and did some shopping. When we got back we spend an hr in the pool and hot tub.*

*My estimate for the month is 80hrs walking, 14 hrs in the pool, 10 hrs in the hot tub, and 1 hr in the gym.*

#### *February 26 2019*

*Cool and cloudy. We went to Bowl. Bob won the 1st, Mary won 2nd. I was leading the 3d when i took a bad step and had to forfeit. Putting weight on the left leg was uncomfortable and golf is tomorrow. After lunch we hit the hot tub for 30min and skipped pool. Got to be ready for tomorrow.*

*We walked to the bowling and back. Maybe 3/4mi each way? The street is all tore up. i found a metal object but i did not call in the archaeologists. They might have delayed the road work.*

#### *February 25 2019*

*Got an email from Catherine that my aunt Gloria had passed away. That is the end of an era for my mom and dad's generation. My dad's only sister outlasted them all. She was in her mid 90s. Not sure of her exact age. There will be a memorial service in the spring.*

*The gulf was very calm this morning after an awesome sunset last night. Wish I could see that every night. Headed to Deer Lake SP today and walked the beach a mile west then back. We were all greased up as we look a bit pinkish from the last 2 days. Probably my least favorite walk but we did see a couple of dead crabs out there. Good pictures.*

*We went back to the condo and did the pool and hot tub then hurried over for the free movie. They must have hired someone new, cause she was clueless. The previews were so loud I had to walk out, Somebody pounded on the door*

*and she came out and went back and turned it down. Then when the movie loaded up it just sat there on the start screen and she never hit the play movie button. After 2 minutes of that, we walked out and gave up. Someone else was pounding on the door to wake her up.*

*Three more days to go. How sad.*

#### *February 24 2019*

*Missed the blog last night so I wrote it up this morning. More to come on today's activities later tonight.*

*We went to St Andrews State Park after Mary got back from church. This time we started at the pier and walked east towards the rocks. Looked like I was about a mile each way. Found a few more shells and an iron stake. An iron stake on PCB? Could it be from an old wreck washed up onto the beach during the storm? Or could it be a tie down for a tent?*

*We picked up some ham, water, and goodies before spending an hr at the pool and warm tub. Sadly only 4 days of warm weather here left.*

#### *February 23 2019*

*We lounged around till 10:30 then went to the Mardi Gras festivities in St Andrews. It looked like a good place to get lunch and maybe stick around for a parade at 2pm. It turned out to be some doings! Huge crowds, great food options, and an awesome parade. Mary got 38 sets of beads as there were 23 floats all throwing beads into the crowd. I got hit in the head several times.*

*Talked to a nice lady who moved there from the north and she loved it. She suggested Florida Cavern park for the caves but it is closed right now with the hurricane damage.*

*We stopped at Gulf Coast Burgers and got a killer shake. Had to bring it home cause it was so large.*

#### *February 22 2019*

*Last night we went for ice cream after the movie. Dense fog that was condensing on the windshield. You had to have the wipers on. Must have been 100% humidity? Holy humidity!*

*Was very nice today. Nice and warm mid 70s with no wind. We (Mary drove the cart) got off on the back 9 before 9am and finished quickly. I somehow drained a 20 ft putt on #10 for a birdie. Had several bogies before a double, then finishing par par triple for a 7 over 43. Drives were good. Irons were mostly good but I jerked the club down a couple of times and looked up once. Got to get out of that habit. Still chipping poorly on these greens. I don't think I have chipped it dead once down here. Not going to let that bother me. Won't see greens like this till next February.*

*We stopped and got some items for the kiddies; swimming goggles. Also got a new bird and gator for my collections.*

*Sounds like the flu is bad in Ohio. Carolyn, Jake, and Jenna have it, but they did not get a shot. Z-Man too even though he did get a shot. Glad to miss all*

*that.*

### **February 21 2019**

*It hit 75 but with high humidity and lots of fog again. We went to the bowling ally for our annual contest. Mary won the 1<sup>st</sup> game, The pins were falling right and left for her. Her 145 is quite a bit above her old average and she won by 11. I won the 2<sup>nd</sup> with a 117 by 7. She had 9 pins 5 times. They stopped falling for her. I won the last game by a good number as she had 9 pins 3 times and 3 splits. Everytime she threw the first ball I wondered which of the 10 pins would stay up.*

*We got back and had lunch then had both the pool and the hot tub to ourselves for 75 minutes. Not even cold getting out of either! Pork chops for dinner then a free movie at the theater.*

### **February 20 2019**

*It hit 70 but with high humidity and lots of fog. We went to the exercise room for an hr, walked the beach for an hr, and did the pool for an hr, and picked up some lunch items. Busy most of the day till 2pm ish. Veg'd the rest of the day.*

### **February 19 2019**

*The building drove us crazy with fire alarm testing off and on all morning. We were able to cut the noise by going into the bedroom and closing the door. Glad that is over.*

*Mid 65 and windy. I played Signal Hill with Denny. Did not think much of the course. The greens were bumpy and fast. Hitting right at the hole often saw the ball bump either way for a miss. Once on the greens, my confidence level of a 2 putt was only around 20%. The other killer was the bunkers. If you hit it into the up slope, it buried and all you saw was 1/3 of the ball. I was in 4 times on the front, ending up with a 6, 7, and 8. Over swinging again was a problem.*

*I sure have lots of excuses for my 48-43 = 91 and Denny his own for a 95. Denny won't be playing this week with his company in town. I need to go play Thursday or Friday to get the foul taste of this round out of my mind.*

*Mary and Carol went to lunch and browsed some of the shops at the Pier One shopping area. Hit the pool when we got back. Very quiet today. Hot tub is still not fixed. Plan to hit the exercise room tomorrow. That should be rich.*

*Hoot of a dream last night. I dreamed that T-Rump was disgraced and went bankrupt. I was going to and fro his sites busting up his stuff with a sledgehammer. You got points for each item you smashed up to dust. Bought the grand kids T-Rump toys and they smashed them up too. Went around busting stuff up for hours. Highly satisfying.*

### **February 18 2019**

*Real gusty and cool today. Good day to stay in. We went to Bealls and Mary scored a real deal on a bathing suit. I picked up a Golden Bear golf shirt for \$25 and a pair of shorts. The 30mph gusts blew my hat off and across the street with a tire mark on it.*

**The kids were gone mostly so we spent 30min in the pool. The HOA lady said they will fix the hot tub as soon as the part gets there. We ate light with cereal, sandwich, and a salad. Golf is iffy tomorrow with wind and rain in the forecast.**

#### **February 17 2019**

**Another warm day. Mary went off to church this morning. In error, I sent her off to church an hour too early. She did not mind as she often does that at home and those there say the Rosary before Mass. I was wondering what was taking so long when I realized my error. Oops!**

**It was such a nice day we went to the City Pier and walked it and the beach down there. Also walked the Pier 1 shops and had BBQ for an early dinner.**

**Watched Andrew McCabe on 60 minutes. God help us. Trump is a liar, bully, and has to be in deep with Russia. What has the stupid electorate done?**

#### **February 16 2019**

**Up at 4:45am to get Catherine to the airport for her day long trip back to Buffalo left me groggy all day. We did 3 loads of wash, picked up groceries for the week, and did the pool. Hot tub was a warm tub today so we skipped that.**

**Pretty big waves today out on the beach. Forgot to let you know we have extra volume hair shampoo for the trip so I am looking good!**

#### **February 15 2019**

**Denny was sinking putts right and left the front nine, not so much on the back. he had me down 3 on the front and i pulled back to 1 then he went 3 up again early on the back. caught him on 17 and ended up beating him by 2. He hit a monster 3wood on his second shot on 18 that ran thru the fairway and into a pond. I played it conservatively and got my par. He was aggravated and 3 jacked the last green. He was hot!**

**bob 43-41=85, denny 43-44=87**

**Catherine's last night. After the pool and hot tub we went to Texas Roadhouse for dinner. Time to pack up.**

#### **February 14 2019**

**Another cold start at 47 but it warmed up quick. Breeze kept it cool. We went to Eden Gardens State Park. Very nice old park where a lumber magnet lived in 1897, logged, and saw milled. After his death the kids sold it off to a guy in 1953 who just moved the small buildings to the Gulf for cottages and let the house rot. Eventually bought by an eccentric rich lady and totally restored so she could live in and build gardens. She gave it all to the state when she was on her last days.**

**Went to the ritzy shops after and had a toxic brownie hot fudge sundae for lunch before coming back. We skipped the pool with the screaming kids and went right to the hot tub.**

#### **February 13 2019**

***Brrr. Only 47 this morning but it did warm to low 60s. We went out and visited 2 antique stores for a couple of hours and then went to Conservation Park. They have several trails from 1.7 miles to 11 miles. We picked the shortest which turned out to be a good choice as my hip was bothering me.***

***We finished our Mexican leftovers from Destin for lunch and did the pool and hot tub. Some crazy guy and his wife dove into the cold outdoor pool, his wife once, and he twice. He highly recommended it but we passed on that one. Catherine has only 2 days left. Supposed to be another cold morning tomorrow.***

#### **February 12 2019**

***Warm this morning but it turned to a rainy cool day. We were in shirtsleeves at the Destin premium outlets and had to sweatshirt up. Just shoot me. Clothes, shoes, candy, earrings, and more clothes. With gas, dinner, and shopping it was a \$300 day. The ladies went in 20 of the 110 shops there.***

***Picked up my prescription at CVS. Still waiting to hear from the dentist.***

#### **February 11 2019**

***Another warm day. Denny and I played Holiday again. I started off great on the front with 2 birdies and a 40. But I birdied the first hole. Those doing that will Rue the day. Sure enough I played poorly on the back shooting 45 for 85. Three 3-putts on the back + one penalty. Just did edge Denny at 86.***

***Mary and Catherine did the shop shop shop thing and brought back good fudge to eat!***

#### **February 10 2019**

***I wrote up yesterday's blog this morning as I was tired last night after working on the photos, so see it below. Today was a decent day. We were all whipped from yesterday so I planned to mostly veg'd today.***

***The ladies had another idea. We walked to the county pier 1.2 miles away out on the pier and back for 2.4+ miles. Took us 2 hrs and 10minutes. Hit the pool and the hot tub and all that took 4 hrs.***

#### **February 9 2019**

***A cool and windy day. We were on the move by 8am traveling to Pensacola to see an old Fort Barrancas. It was a 2 and a half hour trip. We took the coastline there and saw the communities along the way. The Destin and Navarre area were very snowbirdy but not so much in other areas.***

***We got a guided tour of the Advanced Redoubt there which is rarely opened. I don't see how anyone could defeat it with all the underground tunnels called the scarf and rescarf. One the cannons were rifled, most all forts were obsolete. There was another Fort out on a barrier reef but the water carried away it's ruins. The gulf brings sand to the barrier island on the east side, but the water entering the gulf from Pensacola washes out the west side. The opening there has moved west about a mile recently. Catherine had been to Fort Pickens on the barrier island a few years back.***



***We then had a tour of Fort Barrancas which was similar to the Advanced Redoubt and then the old Spanish fort built there and recovered when the Park Service took over. This area was closed during the govt shutdown and the rangers were a bit ticked, to say the least.***

***We visited the Navy Air Museum and the lighthouse before heading home.***

#### **February 8 2019**

***Another wonderful day. A little cooler at low 60s with wind today. We went to St Andrews State Park and walked the alligator lagoon, drove through the campsites, and walked the beach. Plenty of campsites open. Sweatshirts were a must with the wind. We lunched at Chic Fil a then went to the Historic St Andrews guided walk.***

***The guide knew her stuff as the 1 block tour took an hr and 15min. Lots of old stories and there was a 250 yr Oak at the local park. At the Marina Hurricane Michael blew away a floating dock and ripped apart a historic schooner. They are rebuilding that. What an amazing storm.***

***Picked up some groceries and hit the hot tub. Have not missed yet! Tomorrow is a long trip to Pensacola. Not sure I will get to blog tomorrow.***

#### **February 7 2019**

***Another wonderful day. It hit high 60s today. The ladies went with Carol to the shops west of town but came back almost empty handed as the prices were outrageous.***

***Denny and I played. I struggled the front nine with a 48 and it felt worse than that. Came back with a 42 on the back. Never made a putt on the back and added a couple of 3 putts. Should have been under 40 on the back. Figured out my back swing had gotten too long. Denny shot 87 and beat me by 3. Ouch!***

***Got back at 5pm so we had time to hit the hot tub before it got dark!***

#### **February 6 2019**

***Another wonderful day. It hit mid 60s but it was a little cooler than yesterday with some wind. We went out looking for a beachwear shop and found a good one. Nothing over \$9.99 but most everything was \$9.99. We got two towels for the pool, a suit for me, T-shirts for Mary and some sweats and a hat for her too. Got back and had lunch.***

***Mary and Catherine went off to the beach while I headed to the dentist. Nice dental practice. Turns out the guy just put a protective filling on it to get me to March. Then I need a root canal so they can put a post in, a new crown and by the way one on the adjacent tooth that is getting some undercut decay. That will be about \$2000. Easy come, easy go, eh?***

***Got back and we did the pool and hot tub once again. We love that.***

#### **February 5 2019**

***Another wonderful day. It hit high 60s and we walked barefoot on the beaches. We started at Camp Helen State Park and spent most of the morning on a <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>***

*mile trip to the beach from the visitor center. Slow go in the sand. We circled back another way so that added another 1/4 mile to the trek. We took off our shoes and walked in the sand.*

*Stopped for a few Dollar General items, then headed back for lunch. We stopped at the visitor center to pick up brochures. After lunch, another beach walk, the pool, and the hot tub. Catherine has a sunburn already, Saw around 10 seniors in the pool and hot tub. I swear every one of them were at least 100 lbs overweight. All in all a great day.*

#### February 4 2019

*Back into my routine. Not forgetting to blog tonight! Nice day in upper 60s. Unfortunately it did not help my golf. The course was wet. About 8 holes were cart path only. No roll at all. We played the 5900 tees which was a bad choice. With no roll that turns into 6400 yds; too long for old guys.*

*Only made one decent putt, had only 3 pars, and was only inside 150 yds 3 or 4 times despite good drives. Drive, 4 iron, chip, and two putts mostly. Three penalties kept me above 90 with a 46-46 = 92. A couple of 3 putts didn't help either.*

*Mary and Catherine were out shopping all day. Got an appt with a dentist Wednesday to either put my crown back on or get me a temp crown for the month. Came off yesterday afternoon.*

#### February 3 2019

*Huh? Forgot to blog yesterday. We ate at the Waffle House cause we did not shop on the 1<sup>st</sup>. Picked up \$200 worth of stuff at Walmart. We picked sister Catherine up at 2pm. The ladies went to 6pm Mass and that was it for the day.*

*Today, Denny picked us up as we all went for breakfast. Carol directed a 2 hour driving tour of the area showing us their favorite places. When we got back we went for a mile round trip beach walk, then hit the pool and hot tub. The indoor pool was very warm and very nice.*

*Watching the Super Bowl. Pretty boring so far. Golf tomorrow! Hope I still have a swing.*

#### February 1 2019

*We got here to the condo around 3pm and have settled in for the night. No food though.*

*Wednesday was brutal cold. It was from -2 to 2 most of the way. Stuck for 1 hr and 15 min just past Cincinnati for a crash. Got to Bowling Green KY after 8 hrs of travel. Had lunch at Crapper Barrel Nice hot tub at the Drury Inn there.*

*Thursday morning we went to the Hermitage. Great place but too cold to hang around outside. Andrew Jackson was quite a complex guy. Bought a book to read more. Another 4 hr drive to Montgomery. I messed up and got the wrong Holiday Express. It was nice but no pool. Crapper Barrel had Turkey dinner special and it was darn good.*

*Today we went 30mi north to Fort Toulouse where Jackson built a fort and*

*signed the peace treaty with the Creeks after killing most of them off at Horseshoe Bend. This place was pretty remote with hardly any visitors. Guy said wild pigs were a big issue there. Then we headed to Panama City Beach. After we passed through Troy Alabama, the last 131 miles were through nowhere. Just farms and pine trees.*

*Checked in after lunch at Olive Garden. Fantastic place. The place we rented was sold so the leasing company gave us a monster upgrade with a huge master bedroom.*

*January 29 2019*

*We went and did the Y this morning and Jenny beat us up good. Triceps are killing me. I got a haircut while Mary visited with Brenda a bit. We finished packing and loaded the trunk. The stuff we will take into the motels on the way down will load into the back seat tomorrow.*

*Took care of a few last minute items and will finish packing after a shower. Not sure if I will blog on the way down unless there is something to take note of. Chess was dismal today. Brain dead.*

*January 28 2019*

*We went and did the Y this morning. Stopped at the post office to stop the mail, then gassed up the car for the trip. Carolyn came just after lunch for a short visit before we go. It was nice to see her. We packed up all the food she needed to take; eggs, lettuce, apples, and so forth that would go to waste while we were gone.*

*I packed all my stuff I was taking except stuff I would need tomorrow. Tomorrow we will do the Y and pack the car for the Wednesday morning trip start. Day 1 is to Bowling Green Ky. Going to be a cold cold day Wednesday.*

*January 27 2019*

*After looking at the weather channel it looked like I could leave either Tuesday or Wednesday. Wanted to leave Tuesday but that meant another motel charge but we got away before zero temps hit. After some looking, I couldn't find an interesting 3 day trip I liked so decided to stick to the plan and leave Wednesday. Most likely will skip Pigeon Roost because it is all outdoor and it will only be 10 degrees there. Perhaps we can catch it on the way back. Will use the extra time to do synchronized pool walking at the hotel.*

*Made the reservations on booking.com. I was surprised on Drury. I went to book direct from them but they wanted to add \$57 at checkout for taxes and fees? That was not going to happen, so I used booking.com and had \$12 for taxes.*

*What is up with that? I went back later and found it was not their site but with a very similar name, druryinnbowlinggreen.guestreservations.com. Quite a scam!*

*Brenda was over and emptied her house of all remaining stuff, as a deal is at hand. She has to pay \$700 for someone to dig up her leach bed junction box*

*and make it "inspect able" for the new Ohio septic inspection laws. All the old ones are burred. I had a new bed put in many years ago and the junction box is above ground so I am OK. Not sure about Carolyn and Wes. Lots of neighbors are not going to like this.*

*We went to the Texas Roadhouse for dinner. Other than that, we are just gonna "chill out" till we leave.*

#### *January 26 2019*

*Up to mid 20s today. Brenda did not want me to fix anything at her house so that made the day easier. We waited till the Pharmacy opened and picked up 2 I needed for the trip. Picked up some stamps before the price increase, some money for the trip, and returned an item to Stein Mart. Never been in a Stien Mart. Wasn't expecting much so it exceeded my expectations.*

*Mary went to church and I got the dinner ready. Was thinking of leaving Tuesday to avoid the zero s Wednesday but the weather channel talked about a storm Tuesday. Local forecasts don't show that. Guess I will watch tomorrow and decide.*

*Did pack the clubs up and loaded them into the trunk. Important first step.*

#### *January 25 2019*

*Stayed in with the temps in the mid teens and the wind chills around zero. Mary did go to the Y for knitting class.*

*I pretty much watched the stocks and the debacle at the White House. Trump had a press briefing where he caved on the shutdown and then went on and on about the crises at the borders. I locked in some profits and bought back a couple that dropped a hundred or so. Maybe made \$175 doing that. Great start for the year so far, but I did that last year too.*

*Brenda got her signed offer but she had to fix some gas plumbing and some electrical. I will take a look at the electrical tomorrow and maybe fix if it isn't too difficult.*

#### *January 24 2019*

*We did the Y today. Lots of reps but not too many ab workouts. Brenda's house inspection was this morning. They were there from 9am till noon+? She called and said took a long time to find the septic cover with the snow over it then they could not find the leach bed junction box to inspect. Never heard of that one. She said it was a new thing. My new leach bed junction box is visible but the old one was buried a few feet down perhaps? Never saw it. They were talking about digging up the yard to find it. That is just absurd! Guess I will hear what they decide.*

*Watched the stocks and made a nice trade after reading an article on Ford. It is down where it is paying 8% dividends and has said it will maintain that. Up \$350 already. Hope it stays up. Emailed the newspaper when to stop and start delivery again.*

#### *January 23 2019*

**Not much going today. Carolyn stopped in for a nice visit. Mary went with her to Aldi and picked up a few items. I counted out the pills for the trip and ordered 2 prescriptions that will run out before we get back. Also got print outs of some of the paper work we need for the trip.**

**The mail came and one from Aetna said we can order \$15 worth of OTC stuff each every month. Use it or lose it at the end of the month. I quickly signed up. Could save us \$360 per year. There are enough vitamins on the list we could order for free. Sweet!**

#### **January 22 2019**

**Sister Sue was reading the blog and asked about a party. So I went on record stating there would be no party. We don't need a pat on the back for making 50 years. It is more of a shared personal triumph anyway. Been to a few 50yr parties. Lots of money spent and it's really not necessary.**

**We got a 50yr announcement last week from Rich and Trisha's kids. They moved to SC 40 years ago. We still keep in touch. For some reason they said no gifts but perhaps donate to St Jude hospital instead? That is a bit silly, I never figured to send them anything anyway. We know 2 others also hitting 50 this year. The Schafer's and the Domyancic's both ex-neighbors.**

**Mary got her hair done while I went to the Y and got beat up in Jenny's class again. Got home and the kids came at 11:30. Stayed till 4:30. No school today. Pooped out now.**

#### **January 21 2019**

**Twas frigid as promised at 4 this morning. We skipped the Y due to the cold and unknown state of parking in the snow. Mary finished the puzzle and I worked on a couple of projects. Spent a couple of hours looking for good photos for our anniversary in June. I scanned 2 old wedding photos and found some recent others of Mary and I together.**

**Then I used Photoshop to get a collage of the pictures and add some text. I tried 4 different versions. Also got out the charcoal drawing I had Mary sit for back in 1965. Maybe it was at the county fair? Been saving that one. She just had that look I could not forget and is the look I remember as I fell in love with her. Took a photo of it and cropped and adjusted the brightness. Took all these to CVS and printed them to see if they looked OK.**

**Thought the rest would be easy but no. Ordering prints and post cards should have been easy but the photo size had to be adjusted. Took a long time going back and forth, but they are ordered and we shall see if I like them or if the pictures fit properly. My confidence level is at 80%.**

**Looks like we should be busy tomorrow. Y, hair, and 3 kids for a few hours should do it.**

#### **January 20 2019**

**Holy crap! Snow and cold. We hunkered down all day. Neighbor Jan called to see if we needed a plow and I said yes (hell yes). Denny and son came over around 1:30pm and shoveled the drift away from the gagage. His brother**

*drove up and Denny plowed the drive. Good thing they shoveled near the garage cause they needed a running start to push the heavy snow. We had 7" with 13" drifts according to my yardstick this morning. Supposed to really get cold tonight with below zero wind chills. May just stay in another day.*

*10 more days before we leave for warmer weather.*

#### *January 19 2019*

*Slept in since the plan today was to hunker down and stay out of the storm. Snow started at 10:30 and hasn't stopped. Went out just now to look. About 6" of snow, very heavy, with a crust on top. We won't be shoveling that. Hopefully the car will be able to run out to the street when and if it gets cleared.*

*Mostly worked a puzzle. Tough one at that!*

#### *January 18 2019*

*Quiet morning. We headed up to Cleveland for a noon lunch at the Winking Lizard in Bedford. I lost my Bills/Browns wager, so met Bob Muller for lunch. I got away cheap, because Craig from Viasat canceled last minute, and Jane did as well. Since the Bills play in Cleveland next year, maybe Bob and I will go?*

*Stopped and lost our limit at Northfield Hard Rock, then headed home. Supposed to be bad snow 9-12" Sat/Sun, so we might be shut in for the weekend. We were going to go to Wayside Furniture Sat night, but that might be called off.*

*Sadly, it looks like I hit the wall on my diet. Hanging at 165.2 for 4 days now. I guess that is it.*

#### *January 17 2019*

*We went to the Y and did the usual stuff. No too bad. We got back and I listened to a Fidelity seminar for 2019. Lots of charts were presented and they felt the correction was over. I bought some ETFs for MidCaps and Healthcare based on the discussion. Hope that works out. Mary finished the puzzle while I was doing that.*

*Yesterday was painful. I got a notice Firefox was running slow and maybe I should refresh it. It was refreshing for much longer than expected so I terminated it. Bad idea. Firefox said it could not find my profile so I had to start over. Lost all of my bookmarks. Not only that but Thunderbird lost it all too. Luckily I do back up the email so I just lost the emails from Jan 2 till now. I guess from now on, I will back up both Thunderbird and Firefox every month.*

#### *January 16 2019*

*Iced roads this morning closed schools farther south. Carolyn called at 8am to warn us. So glad I made dentist appt later. I went at 1:15pm and the roads were fine. Not much going on.*

*Reading The Civil War of 1812. It is interesting and another perspective on the war. After the revolution, John Simcoe was governing Upper Canada for*

**Britain. He was a real hawk. Wanted to attack us and take back the territory. He offered almost free land and no taxes to Americans moving north. From 7,000, increasing to 75,000 moved there every year to take advantage. In the end the Jay Treaty infuriated him and he left back to England. The British rulers had preferred friendly trade over war.**

#### **January 15 2019**

**Stinking cold wind chill today. I am pumped. 164.2 this morning. I am sure I will add a little before I take more off, but 162.5 is in sight and will make 10 lbs. We went to the Y. After the ellipticals, Jenny did us in with what I call a squatfest. Never have done so many in so many different forms. After the warm up squats, we had to put the weight bar on our shoulders and do 4 sets of 10 walking squats across the room. And that was just for starters. Holy crap! This was without a doubt the toughest class I have ever taken at the Y. Must have burned a bunch of calories.**

**After lunch we picked up groceries in the stinking cold and stopped at the bank to refresh our wallets. Finished a puzzle where the last owner left it half still put together pretty quickly. After some down chess days pulled myself almost back up to 1300.**

#### **January 14 2019**

**Another cold day. Got up at 6am cause of leg cramps. Ran some bath water to soak it in. First time I did a soak in the tub since it was put in. Just barely got my leg straight while sitting all the way back. There is a slope to the back that steals 6-8 inches from the back of the tub. Did not know.**

**We went to the Y. I was worried about my sore calf but it was OK for the most part Andrea did a lot of upper body weights with 20 reps x2 or x3. She always goes easy on the abs as she has a pretty large waist. Methinks she should be on a diet as well. Down a ½ lb to 165.4 (lost 7) lbs. Adding more and more carbs but trying to keep the calories down. The carbs will catch up with me pretty soon.**

**Mary went to Red Hats and brought me back ½ her chicken salad. Was oh so good.**

#### **January 13 2019**

**Another cold day. Got up before 7am with a terrible cramp in my calf. Mary got the hot water bottle and after a few minutes she helped me to the shower and I got some hot water on it. Felt tight all day and still does. Mary went off to church. I made a pancake from a dairy and egg free recipe I found that would be OK for Lincoln. All there is in it is flour and oil, water, baking soda, and vanilla. Had to cook the insides so I used a high temp and made them thin.**

**Made Mary one too when she got back and saved the batter for the kids in case they wanted one. Good thing the syrup sweetens it up because they were not very tasty. Got the kids at 2 and they left around 5:15 or so. They did eat the pancakes. I asked Wes. Same recipe they use at home but with almond milk instead of the water. That would have helped.**

**Mostly watched kids Netflix but we did go outside for 30-40 minutes following**

*the deer tracks. Lincoln and I trudged about 1/3 mile. Mary and Kalix played in the snow doing snow angels and were out another 10 minutes. No deer but tracks for 2-4 deer, unless they came and went the same path. Carolyn and Jenna stopped in for an hour and we wished her happy #46. Hard to believe we have one that age.*

*Just wore us out. Wiley Wes brought over about 6 toys they got for Xmas saying the kids wanted some of their toys over here. Hmmm.*

*Down to 165.8 this morning after no loss the last 3 days. Lots of carbs today but not many calories, so today might work out. We shall see tomorrow.*

#### January 12 2019

*Another cold day. Worked puzzle on and off. Mary went to shop with Brenda and had dinner out. I veg'd but had to run out to the post office to mail a package to her sister in Texas. Dang snow started around 3pm. That is going to kill any chance of golf here. Not expected to warm much past the mid 30s any the next 10 days so it won't melt. We should be leaving in 18 days for Florida. Can't wait.*

*Expecting to watch 3 kids tomorrow, so we should be busy.*

#### January 11 2019

*Another cold day that did not hit 30. Busy inside day. We did the January Bill pay. I sent in some paperwork for Lockheed HSA reimbursement. Also took care to toss old credit cards and associated documentation cluttering up my drawer. That was a chore. Also tossed paid bill clutter that wasn't needed anymore. Ended up emptying the shredder twice! Also checked my RMD. It will be a bit less than last year, so that is good.*

*Mary started a new puzzle and spent some time at the Y knitting class. I got some recycling ready to go. Quiet day.*

#### January 10 2019

*Shiver me timbers. Low to mid 20s today. We went to the Y and did the usual elliptical and strength class. Lots of crunches and many weight lift reps. My legs were still sore from Tuesday. After class we went to the GE to pick up lunch stuff and some prescriptions.*

*Had a light lunch then a salad for dinner. Hope to keep the weight loss going. 5 1/2 down and maybe 1 or 2 to go. Spent the rest of the day doing a puzzle and looking out the window at the ugly winter snow.*

#### January 9 2019

*This month is moving ahead quickly. Went and got a haircut this morning. Had to laugh. Barber put up a huge sticker of Chief Wahoo on the wall. He said it has been there a year before I noticed. He is past the point of being politically correct.*

*Took Mary over to Fairlawn for her Prolia shot. Figured we could have an early dinner out there. We went for Crapper Barrel. Had grilled chicken salad at 610 calories. I have been on the low carb push since Jan 1. Dropped 5 lbs so far. I*



***was going to quit tomorrow but after looking up a picture of 1lb of fat, I figured I had better continue on.***

***Stopped on the way back at Kohl's and Target to take a couple of xmas items back. Mary got a nice shirt and I picked up some socks at Target. Got a Kohls gift card for their return.***

***Sadly, there is a dusting of snow on the ground and the cold continues tomorrow. Off for Kids watch tonight.***

**January 8 2019**

***We went to the Y and did the usual. Seemed hard today, not sure why. Jenny beat us up good with lots of reps. There will be pain tomorrow. One lady brought her husband. He had the same issue with leg lifts and lowers to the ceiling as I do, so I don't feel so bad now.***

***Saw a TV ad the other night about discrete delivery of adult diapers right to your home in plain unmarked packaging. So if you see your neighbor take deliveries in unmarked packaging you can assume it is something embarrassing. Last year I saw someone at the grocery with a lot of adult diapers on the belt. Note to self for the future: unmarked package delivery is the way to go. Let's hope it is way way in the future.***

***Not much else going on. Finishing a puzzle tonight.***

**January 7 2019**

***Carolyn's birthday today. Hard to believe our daughter is 46. Waiting to here when the party is.***

***Mary went to the Y while I went to the urologist. She said class was very full. I can go tomorrow. U man gave me a prescription for flomax. Was not overly impressed with this doctor. Had to ask many questions as he volunteered little. Would have been a decent golf day but a little windy.***

***We finished up another puzzle. Saw a huge hawk across the street in Brenda's tree. That guy could easily snap up some of those small dogs. I emailed her a picture and told her it was looking for her dogs.***

**January 6 2019**

***Not a bad day around 40. We started taking the tree down at 9am, and with lunch in there, we did not finish till 1:30pm. At that point my back did not want to do any more bending for sure.***

***Set up a new puzzle and did that most of the afternoon. Veg'd the rest of the day.***

**January 5 2019**

***Really nice day. Started cold but warmed up fast. I moved th cars out and swept the leaves out of the garage. By that time it was 9:30 and I started the mower. Cut the front of Brenda's yard and blew all the leaves into the trees. Mary raked the ditch and just in front of the door and put them in my dumpster. She did all the hard work. Looking nice for a showing later today and subsequent showings. At least till the wind blows.***

**Put the mower away and pulled the battery for indoor storage this winter. After getting the cars back in the garage, I emptied a 5 gallon gas car so Carolyn could use it for her fuel perks.**

**We finished another puzzle, Mary went to church, and I cooked the steaks. Tomorrow the tree comes down and back into storage.**

#### **January 4 2019**

**Dick flagged me a few days ago that this would be a good golf day, so I got a 10am tee time at Raintree. We had seen players there on our way home from Wilkshire last week. Turned out to be a poor choice. The front nine was very wet, had some ice puddles, and a lot of slippery wet mud here and there.**

**We were very cold when we started at 33 degrees. My short game was bad the front nine. Was getting a stiff neck from scrunching up from the cold. Thought about quitting around hole 7 but the sun came out and warmed us up. Bill was really putting well and scored his 3d birdie on #10! His putting fell off on the back nine and mine picked up as did the rest of my short game. Ended up 1 over on the back for a 45-37=82. Bill had 45-41 and Dick was at 99 after a good front nine.**

**Hit the shower when I got home to warm up. We started a puzzle after dinner. Supposed to be mid 40s tomorrow so I better get the mower set up for winter. Maybe rake at Brenda's? We will see.**

#### **January 3 2019**

**The kids were real good last night.**

**Decent day. We did the usual at the Y and then I headed off to meet Rudy for lunch at Johnny J's. Yummy steak again, a great deal! Rudy is off till March, so he has to keep busy somehow. We will get together in March for lunch again. He figures he has 4 more years before Rosemary retires.**

**Lincoln was over when I got home and stayed till 3:30. He is a riot. Wore us out again. Time to recoup before golf tomorrow.**

#### **January 2 2019**

**Back to cold weather. Went to the retiree lunch. It was a small crowd, so 2 tables were full, another 2/3 full. I sat down with Ed Hendricks and his wife at an almost empty table. Two others straggling in also sat there. Ted Buckowitz was a hoot. He believes the radio waves/ magnetic fields are bad for your health. He said he was measuring them earlier at his condo and they are higher than recommended with all his electricity off. OMG!**

**Talked with John T and Hogan a bit and told them my Ed Bose golf story. They had a good laugh. Headed to the dentist for my 1pm appt. As I was early, I stopped at the mall for the restroom. I figured the office was closed for lunch so I had better stop somewhere. That went well, got my tooth ground down for the crown, got a temp crown and headed home.**

**Busy day. Will head over to watch the kids after dinner. Stock market is**

***closing soon. Looks like I will be in the green for the first day. Haven't been in the green for a long long time!***

**January 1 2019**

***Happy New Year! I made it till 10:30 last night.***

***Looking back to last Jan 1, I was on day 6 of a diet at 165. This year I start out much worse. The dang scale is still acting weird. I changed the batteries without much luck. Getting on it says 172.5, then a minute later it says 169.5 Unfortunately it says 172.5 more often than not. Hard to believe I gained 4 lbs over the last week and a half. Alas, I will have to restart that diet. Perhaps ridayday?***

***We finished up last night's puzzle this morning, finished another before dinner and got a good start on a third. Mary and I make a good team and with puzzles it is no different. Maximum vegetate day. Tomorrow will be busy; retiree lunch, dental crown work, and kids watch.***