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December 31 2020

Good riddance for this ugly year. We didn't sleep well and looks like the thermal fuse part wasn't going to get here till next week so I decided to short the fuse and continue using the dryer without a thermal fuse to get the laundry done. Worked like a charm and we spent most of the day keeping an eye on it. Once the wash was done I unplugged it so we don't forget.

I did go get new exhaust piping for the dryer. The old slinky type was worthless and was clogging up. For about \$25 I got some better stuff at HH and hooked it up. Much better.

Still expecting some deliveries but nothing has showed up by 3pm. Don't think we will be up at midnight so I pushed the blog out early.

Last night we finished watching Queen's Gambit. I was a little hesitant as things were going downhill fast for Beth. She did change her life and there was a happy ending.

December 30 2020

Another lost day. I was awake all night thinking about the Prestwick condo. They dropped the price 5K but not nearly enough. Wondered if I should offer 200k so I could redo flooring and reno the main bath. It has a small shower and silly jet tub that takes up a lot of space. Spent the night considering having Rudy help do the shower. Maybe move the door, and get rid of the jet tub. That's a lot to do.

Might have got 4 hrs sleep. Groggy all day and no appetite. Checked the outdoor temp around noon. Was OK to do the walk but I was too grogged out. Mary went to pick up some meds at GE. I tried to sleep without much luck. I must have slept a little since I did not hear Mary return.

Jacob is in the dog house again, which makes matters worse. A lost year for him.

December 29 2020

Another mind numbing day. Mary went out to get her blood drawn for testing before her Jan 4 Dr appt. There were 2 Police cars out front for the neighbors across the street. Looked like the wife ws unhappy with the teen staying there. Just who that is, is a mystery. She has only young kids but I have seen a teen parked there for quite awhile.

Mary dropped some frozen dogs we got Wes off for him. And that was it for the day. I watched the Bills beat up on the Patriots last night. That was fun.

Oh yeah, we did another workout. Sweating like a dog after 20 min again.

December 28 2020

Mind numbing day. Took out the dryer thermal fuse. It was toast. Now all we can do is wait and let the laundry pile up.

The big excitement was getting the mail and bringing back the can from the dumpster. Wow, wow, wow. Sisters card from Pittsburgh took 16 days. T-Rump sure has done a number on this country.

December 27 2020

Made good progress today. We had to pick up groceries at 2pm so we had to shovel out where the plow dumped across it. Thankfully, neighbor Denny came over and got started. Mary went out and helped and Nick did a little too.

We pulled the dryer out and took it apart looking for a thermal fuse but I did not see it. Later in the evening I looked at the drawings closely and realized it was in the heated box and it was the same part I had replaced in 2016. I have one on order and just in case, found my walmart kit order so I reordered that. The fuse has to be matched with the regulator. Last time I replaced the regulator and the fuse blew. So I got the kit just in case.

We cleaned out the dryer vent tube. Probable cause for the overheat. Not sure why all that gets thru the lint screen?

Found the setting on the google hub that sped up slideshow to 10 sec instead of one minute. Tried 4 pick 3s at Gulfstream. Lost them all. Next time.

December 26 2020

Spent a good part of the day setting up new gifts. The earbuds were easy. Got them working with the ipad so Mary could use them for church streaming at 4pm. Worked good for that.

Worked with Wes and Kaetchen to set up google photo sharing, Took a long time but it did work. So now we just put them into google photos in the sharing folders or make a new one there and share it.

Did not ever get a slide show going on the new google hub they gifted us. They did call us on the hub but it never rang. But it shows a missed call and I can call back on it. I can see them but the one they got us has no camera.

Buffalo was hit hard with lake bands but Grand Island was missed. That is where bro and sis live. Carolyn was in charge at work and said they had all sorts of problems. Amazon orders would not release and they filled the fed ex truck and there was no room for several items. Tough day.

We stayed in but need to pick up groceries tomorrow. Carolyn said the roads were OK today.

December 25 2020

Ho ho ho. We watched the kids come down to see the presents. They opened their stockings first. Lincoln seems fascinated at the apple he got in his. The video froze after 10 minutes and we opened up our gifts. Lots of good stuff. More gators for my collection! I also got an Amish wood Putter. Got several puzzles and lots of candy.

We zoomed later and that was a hoot as well. Kids can entertain! Carolyn came and shoveled. Nasty 10" drifts and snow stuck to the shovel. I did maybe 10% but kept getting chased away. Not allowed to shovel in the cold.

Tonight we watched 2 episodes of Queen's Gambit. Pretty awesome.

December 24 2020

Ho ho ho. We did mrandmrsmuscle's 20 min workout and she promised we would be

covered with sweat when it was over. She was wrong. I was there at 15 minutes. It looked pretty simple but sure wasn't.

After lunch Mary went to wash my red shirt for tomorrow and found the dryer inoperative. Looked up the schematic and decided it was the thermal switch. Called to get one but they had to get it from their supplier. Their supplier also had to get it from out of state. Bummer. No dryer for perhaps the next week or longer if the post office gets involved. Trump has messed them up good.

When the wash was done, we grabbed our quarters and headed to Hartville Laundromat. That took the better part of an hour. Mary is streaming church and I am going to start the burgers and steak fries.

December 23 2020

We had a short warm up before the storm. We bundled up and did our walk. Thought about golf but the stiff wind kept it chilly. Oh my, the workout yesterday left us with aches and pains. My squatters were a hurting.

Went to GE to pick up pills but only one was there. Saw Mike and Cheryl (old neighbors). She had a heart attack in September and they don't yet have her BP under control. Too low right now. Meds are \$200 a prescription to go with her stent.

Wes brought over their gifts and we got to see the kiddos for 10 minutes.

December 22 2020

Great sleep last night. Not up till 8am. I had thought about going back to the Y the other day and decided we waited 9 months already, another 3 won't hurt. So I set up Tues/Thurs on my calendar for a workout at 10am. I found a youtube 20 min workout with weights so I did that while Mary rode the exercise bike. We took a break after 10 min for a drink. Then we switched it around.

Both are heads were soaked and we could tell we were out of shape. This is going to be good to get us the 3 months we need. Hopefully a vaccine by then.

Mary got her hair done and we took Jacob to work at 4pm.

December 21 2020

Up a little before 8 today. Headed to see doc at 10:15 while Mary did the grocery pickup at GE. Doc said all the blood tests came out good. A1C a bit high at 5.6 but it has been there for years.

Loaded 6 bags of xmas gifts into Wes' car. Once again, most of the stuff is from our Buffalo Santa. Crazy stuff. Finished the other half of our Olive Garden dinners. Thinking we will have raman noodles for Xmas.

December 20 2020

Whipped up eggs bacon and toast this morning. Not much going on.

Ordered Olive Garden for pick up at 3:30. Stopped at the bank, dropped an item off at Mel's and then picked up the order. Twas good and leftovers tomorrow.

Carolyn stopped by. I fully loaded her trunk and back seat with gifts from Santa (my sister). I gave her my gifts too. Those all fit in the palm of her hand. Did I mention my

sister is a compulsive shopper?

December 19 2020

After breakfast, waited for the temp to go up a bit. Got out there and put the new riser in the septic and it now comes to the surface. Mission accomplished. Pete came over to see what was going on. He likes to be up on everything.

Not much else going on. I watched the races while Mary streamed church. Settled in and watched more netflix while I listened to the Bills win another one. They pretty much dominated once again.

December 18 2020

Big task this morning. We ordered groceries on line for Monday pickup. Tried handicapping Gulfstream and had the first 3 of the pick6 but lost 4 in photo. Maybe tomorrow. Couldn't win at chess either.

We watched mollieb on youtube after Jeopardy. She has 3 Christmas specials and will have another next Tuesday. She is an awesome talent. Plays 15 different instruments, sings like an angel, and is the polka queen these days.

December 17 2020

The county called yesterday and confirmed an inspection would recommend putting the softener backwash discharge somewhere else, but would not require it. Also yesterday, Carolyn got a text that her covid test was negative. There was so much going on I had forgotten.

Today, we got the bathtub scrubbed down and got the remaining packages wrapped. Ordered some new liners too. We grouped the packages together by person and got them in bags for transfer to the appropriate place. I was win free at the races; glad I had them cut me a check the other day. Missed the last race of the pick 4. Almost put that one on my ticket but chose another. Poor choice.

We looked for a gift item we purchased in St Augustine this Feb for Steve. No luck. I did find my Arnold Palmer stamps I was going to use on my Christmas cards, and some South Africa coins I was going to give to Jacob. Thus it wasn't fruitless.

Tomorrow's activity is to send out the next curbside pickup grocery order.

December 16 2020

Oops, forgot to blog yesterday. We ended up traveling to Salem to meet up with sister Sue to pickup gifts from Santa (sister Catherine). Then we watched Oak Island at 9pm and quickly into bed. Must have been distracted.

Today was a busy one. I was off to get blood drawn for next weeks doctor appt. Got back and turned around to go look at a condo in Canal Fulton. It was very nice. Ranch style with much green space. Had a little moisture in the basement that was worrisome otherwise quite nice. Called Mel later to get his take on the place because I was a bit confused. He called it a cluster home, not a condo. What you own is the structure and the sq feet of property the house is on. The rest of the lot is owned and maintained by the HOA. You have to maintain the inside and the outside siding, roof, and structure. If there are 3 units, you own all outside walls and 1/2 the adjoining walls. With true condos, the HOA maintains the structure. Thus the HOA fees are more like \$300 mo

than \$150/mo. I guess with a cluster home you could put the extra 150/mo aside for outdoor maintenance when you need it. I have to mull that one over.

Most troubling was the place was 15 minutes from Carolyn's. Seemed to take forever. Also the only decent road east was Portage. The local area had a Pizza Hut and a Giant Eagle but that was about it. Not sure we would be happy there. I am wondering just what would make us happy? Are we being too critical? Perhaps. No place will be perfect, eh? Maybe it will be like love at first sight when we find the right place.

We stopped to pick up some items, and when home, turned around and picked up Jacob at 4pm. Busy busy busy.

December 14 2020

Made eggs and bacon this morning. We picked up groceries at GE at 1pm. We did make a few mistakes in the order but we are learning learning learning all the time.

No luck with the pony picks today. Not even close again.

Did get a call from the county. He wondered where I saw that about the softener discharge. Told me it isn't illegal and no code covers that. They just have it there to extend the life of your septic. I told him there was no where else to discharge it. My bi level doesn't have a sump. He understood and said he would check with a co-worker to make sure he was telling me right. No call back as of yet.

Saw a nice place in Canal Fulton. That is a 30 min drive to the SW, but only 10 min to Carolyn's.

December 13 2020

We went to Salem to meet Sue and drop two gifts for transport to NY. She will pass them off to Catherine in Erie next week. We will meet her again to pick up some things from Catherine next week. Sue gave us a dozen snicker doodles. Sorry Bill.

We met at an Arby's, went through the drive thru and called and talked to each other while we ate in the car on the car enhanced phone. Pretty cool.

Hit a nice pick 4 using the racing dudes picks and adding a couple. One I added proved to be the key. Cleared \$300 and had them send me a check for \$500 of what I had so I don't give it all back.

Bills game tonight. Turnovers will be the key. They will score their share. Wonder if they can hold the Steelers down?

December 12 2020

Too many wake ups last night. I was thinking I should cover the septic riser hole before it rains, so I got up to see when the rain was due. That was a waste since we never got more than a trickle all day. I gave up trying to find a pvc pipe for a riser and ordered a plastic riser and cover from Amazon (\$80 rrr!). Will take only a week if lucky. I figure to leave the existing cover on and and this one 12 " higher.

Read over the county inspection guidelines. The only theory I have is they want to limit the volume the septic processes. Mentions that gutters, footer drains, and softener back washes should go elsewhere.

Carolyn went to get a test around 10am morning and they said she was marked as the

last one and told to go home and wait for a call. Finally tested around 2pm, she said it was very intrusive and too long. What's worse is she won't get results till middle of next week. Pathetic. So if she stays away from work she loses. If she goes in she could be a spreader. She will likely do what the boss says. No wonder the epidemic spikes with no one wanting to quarantine.

The fact that fast tests are not widely available is a big issue. There are test that are fast but T-Rump's team has not funded properly. Just ONE of his big failures.

Wes had to take Kalix in for an xray. She has a fracture from falling while climbing and has her arm in a sling. He said Akron General has 97 patients and has 127 of their caregivers out with covid. Pretty full load.

December 11 2020

So so sleep last night. Up at 8 for golf. Likely the last round of the year, Sable Creek is going to close after tomorrow. Tough conditions but we played fast. Was pretty cold for the first nine so we finished in 90 minutes. Two hours on the back nine. Everyone was up and down. Many topped shots and poor chips. Everyone putted well except me. Never made one over maybe 3 feet. Scores were Bob 87, Bill 90, Denny 92, and Dick 98. Bill was the man. Two birdies and chances for 2 more.

Mary said Carolyn called off work with a 101 temp this morning. She is feeling better but will be off a few days. Jenna didn't feel well either. Better keep our distance.

I called the county and the clerk referred me to the Lake township guy. He hasn't called back after I tried to reach him. Time to hunker down for the weekend.

December 10 2020

Did more septic research this morning. The county inspection training video walked through one and running the softener drain into the floor drain was called out. Did some internet searches for why. Only came up they wanted an air gap and maybe ptrap to keep a backup out of your softener. That would be hazardous. But there is no way a backup would ever got to my softener. It would back up from the floor drain and spread all over the house before it got 5 foot deep and into the softener. I don't get it.

I talked to the softener guy and he never heard of it. Promised to research and call me back. Called the county but the clerk was off today. I have to get to the bottom of this.

Gave Jacob a ride to an appointment and we came back and installed new LED bulbs in my headlights. They worked out well. Much brighter than the old ones, but not as good as the Toyota. Likely the new cars have better lens designs.

Wes said the hospital is now full and he will give me an update when he goes in tomorrow.

December 9 2020

Good sleep last night. Wrote my Pencil of the Week segment today and sent it out. Good memories at Tam O' Shanter RIP. Wes and Lincoln came over to bring some treats. Very creative ones at that! Had to show Lincoln the septic hole. That's where the poop goes. Boys like poop.

After lunch, we picked up prescriptions at GE, picked up some stamps, and sent out the rest of the xmas cards. Watched some races. No luck at Tampa Bay again but I

won 3 times at Gulfstream. Ahead by \$75 for the day. Anyday in the plus column is a good one. So was yesterday. I wagered \$40 and won \$41!

December 8 2020

Not so good night sleep again. Cold and windy today. Very busy day. The post office dropped 2 packages off in the morning, amazon another before lunch, then the post office delivered my LED headlights for my ford, and then a fed ex truck, and later another Amazon truck! Makes your head spin.

At 3pm the Templeton septic came and drained the septic. The guy said I need to extend my riser to the surface by the new rules. I guess if I measure and get a slightly bigger one I can just set it over the top to get to the surface. I had him leave the hole open so I could do that sometime soon.

Hit the pick 4 at Mahoning Valley with the help of the Racing Dudes. Used their ticket and added the right 2 horses and deleted 2 of theirs. \$620 win. Last race winner was appropriate...Im No Saint at 14 to 1.

December 7 2020

Not so good night sleep. Just laying there brain dead, blank mind, eh? We did our first curbside grocery pickup today. All went well except I ordered a pepperoni instead of a cheese pizza.

Called the doctor and said my neck was OK and we could talk about it at my normal appointment in 2 weeks.

A couple of packaged arrived. More to go. Possible golf this Friday. It will hit 51 Friday.

December 6 2020

Good night sleep, at least 8 hrs. Wow! Spent a few hrs getting wagers ready that did not turn out, then watched most of the first half of the Browns ripping the Titans apart, with the Titans help of course.

Some xmas packages arrived. Also the LEDs for the bathroom globes. I had 6 40W clear globes in there. It was bright. These were daylight Leds. OMG it looks like you could get a sunburn in there. Got to remember to never ever turn them on at night!

We picked up Texas Roadhouse steak kabobs and boy they were good. Leftovers tomorrow too! Bonus was I dozed off after that feast.

December 5 2020

Up at 6am with nothing to do. Mary got up at 8am so I fixed eggs and toast. Used some of the pre-cooked bacon too. It is a bit hard but its always easy to microwave, ready in 40 seconds with no mess. Maybe I should do a commercial?

We spent a couple hours writing out Xmas cards and got 1/2 in the mail. Need a few more stamps, and need to write some brief notes. I put the mower battery downstairs and out of the cold.

Called Tempelton to empty the septic and the lady went on about knowing where the cover was. So I tried to find it. Never did. I feel like I am in the twilight zone movie. I would have bet anyone \$100 I could find it in 5 minutes. Must have tried for 1/2 hr and then more a couple times with no luck. I must be very close. Thought about getting a

metal detector but after awhile figured they will probe and find it quickly. Its 20 ft from the house and 6 ft to the dry well. Got to be in between. Will find out Tuesday.

December 4 2020

Not recalling doing much of anything today. We did walk after lunch. Noticed it was 44 so we bundled up and got the walk in. No luck with the ponies today.

Had a little swelling in my neck by the back of my left jawbone last night. It went down overnight and slowly came back a little this morning. Checked with the doctor and I shall call him Monday if it is not gone.

December 3 2020

Not a busy day. Still cold with snow on the ground. After watching the stocks awhile, I shaved and went for a haircut. Spent a lot of time picking out gifts for Z and Kalix. There were quite a few they had on there wish list that were out of stock. What a pain.

Watched the races and hit the late pick 4 at Aqueduct. I used Ricky Rockets picks and added a couple of my own. Good thing. One of mine was a key addition, the others not. Tried Turfway, but a longshot ruined that pick4. Maybe tomorrow.

December 2 2020

Busy busy day. Did not sleep well but had stuff to do. We straightened up for the Realtor Carol. I got the Pencil of the Week published and the doorbell rang.

She did a walk through and was impressed with the bright colors, the bathroom upgrades, and that there was very little to do. Everything is new the last 6 years except the kitchen was redone in the 80s. She went through the comps for bi levels and thinks we should list at 215K which would net 197K after all is said and done. I would be very happy to clear 190K and carry a mortgage of under 50K.

Looks like I could put 5% down on a full mortgage on a condo and pay most of it back when this sold. So the plan is to buy, then list. There was one 2BR condo in Prestwick, an area we like, on the market. As it was empty, she took us over and showed it. We liked the layout. Needs about 7500 in new flooring but there was one corner of the basement that might have issues. I don't want to trade no problems for one unknown problem so we will move on. Also had a small shower with a jet tub. Not sure what the maintenance on those are.

We got home at 1:30 and went over a bunch of stuff she gave us. Busy right up till I published at 9pm.

December 1 2020

Couple of inches on the ground when I got up, 4 now at 8pm. Cleveland was whacked pretty good. Anywhere from 6 to 20 inches up there.

I went to the dentist at 11am. Lucky for us, the heavy snow stayed to the north so the drive was not an issue.

Xray showed I healed good. They want 10mm of bone. The front implant has 15mm but the back only 5.5mm. He will put a hole into my sinus cavity and lift the membrane up to stuff cadaver bone under it to get me 10mm. Sounds gruesome. I asked about risks and they seemed surprisingly minor.

I will tough it out and save some 650 for anesthesia. Just Novocaine for me. After stuffing in the bone, they will drill 2 pilot holes and screw the implants in. The new bone and implant areas will heal for 4 months. Scheduled for January 7th, Carolyn's birthday.

Merry Christmas to me. \$4k-\$1.5k insurance is 2500. I want my stimulus check and I want it now!

November 30 2020

Cold dreary day with snow expected soon. Good riddance to November. Pondered and researched my stocks. Sold nvid, bought vrt, and bought iyw.

Went to GE to pick up a couple of items plus a gift card then vegged the rest of the day. My credit card closes on the 3d so I will hold off on final gift buys till I can get it on next months bill.

Hope the snow is cleared early. Got to visit the oral surgeon who will check on my extraction recovery and plan the implant in January.

Looked at the news regarding snowbirds. They can fly over the border but not drive. That plus the virus worries indicates only 30% will come. There may be deals to be had.

November 29 2020

Nice day before the bottom drops out. This morning we washed the floors on the top level and I cleaned off the baseboard dust. After some rest, we got out and walked with the temp at 41 but no wind.

Watched the Browns win and listened to the Bills win as well, One more day for November.

November 28 2020

We slept in till 8am. After breakfast and some coffee, we started on Christmas. Moved the furniture, got out the tree and trimmings, and got to work while listening to the polkas. After the polka show was over, we played Christmas CDs. We took a break around lunchtime, then got back to work finishing around 2:30pm. Wore us out. Since no one will ever be in to see them, I took photos of all the decorations. Cropped the pics and sent them out via email to all our homies.

No outdoor decorations. Gave them up a couple of years ago. Too much work. As it is, inside decorations take a lot of effort crawling in and out of the cubbyhole not to mention the stair climbing.

Catherine had given us bags and bags of gifts in Columbiana the other day so I put them around the tree. Carolyn stopped over at lunchtime. She had something irritating her eye so we gave her some eye drops.

Maybe do the cards tomorrowoo, or look for gifts for the kidoes. Or there is always wall staring.

November 27 2020

Oops, missed last night. We had Carolyn and Jenna over for Thanksgiving. Jacob was working at IHOP. We cooked up the Marie Callender frozen turkey with stuffing and it

was delicious. Everyone was impressed, Set up tables in the garage. We added some potatoes and rutabaga but that was too much. Marie's pumpkin pie was the desert and it was good too.

Got to bed early but didn't sleep much. Up at 6:30 we went to Columbiana to exchange gifts for xmas with my 2 sisters. They had breakfast at the dutch place there, but we had to head back to get to my 10am tee time.

I started out with a good touch on the greens. Bogie, par, birdie! Looking good! Well, that slowly fell apart and I went 43-43 for a ho hum 86. Dick started bad but finished strong with 104, Bill was hot and cold for a 92, Mel's shoulder was hurting and he hacked his way to a 117. I was surprised he played the back nine. I hope he didn't do more damage.

I dragged my tired self home and stood in the hot shower for a long time. Carolyn brought over some turkey and fixings yesterday and it was very good.

November 25 2020

Rained most of the day. Got the rutabaga chopped up early and cooked. After lunch we got the pumpkin pie cooked up.

Spent an hour or two straightening up and reducing clutter for next weeks real estate walk through. Then it was veggie time for the rest of the day.

Ginny called and said her gastro operation went good. Mary called sister Ruth to pass on the good news.

Wes stopped by to drop off a desert treat and 2 cloth napkins Kalix made for us. Also dropped off a really irritating toy I bought the kids last Christmas. Payback time. I don't know, it was just so irritating I couldn't pass it up in the store. Just had to have it.

November 24 2020

Got a good sleep. We did a little cleaning up this morning. I went out and felt it was warm enough with the light wind for our walk. We bundled up and got it done around 11am.

Got the mail and was irritated to see the gas cost was 5.60, much higher. I called and complained and they said I didn't renew in July. That was a decision I made but I never thought they would jack it that high. So I signed up for 6 mo for 2.99 and told them they were going to lose me then. Put a note on my calendar to switch in 6 months in May. I signed up because it takes awhile to switch companies and the gas is being used heavily now. Switching in May when the use is down is a better ploy. Toy with me, eh?

Took Jacob to work and left my car there so Carolyn can get her muffler fixed. Will get it back Thursday.

Wes stopped over with the kids in the garage. We may do xmas in his garage where he has a big heater. I was asking about the hospital and he said it was getting scary. He has to train 4 hrs on ICU stuff because they expect to need more staffing. They have 70 patients on 3 floors and another 30 in the ICU.

November 23 2020

Crappy cold day. Not much sleep again. Somehow I injured myself yesterday getting up off the chair. Around midnight I must have been rolling over when there was much knee pain. Mary got up and got me a hot water bottle which helped greatly. Every roll over was painful and slow. Got up groggy at 6am. Looking at knee drawings, figured I strained my MDL. No swelling though.

We got out to GE to pick up a few items and I got through that. Bought a knee compression sleeve and that helped. Ibuprofen helped too. As I was zombie like, I went back for a few Zs. Did some cleaning today, especially the fan blades. We were going to take Jacob to work but Carolyn was able to get home in time to do it.

On the condo front, I mulled that over (while not sleeping last night) and had to agree with Carolyn's opinion that Mary would have trouble with the new roads and we both would miss more local access to the kids, HH, the Kitchen, the flea market, and golf. Let the agent know and thanked him. Next, contacted Keller Williams Carol Garretson, to give us an assessment of our place. Mary knows her from bowling and she helped Wes back when he was looking to buy. I will check with the bank after that.

Also figured we really would want to be in the Lake, Green, or North Canton area. The three promising condo groups are nearby in Lake, near Prestwick in Green, Pickle road near Chenoweth, and a couple places in North Canton.

November 22 2020

Crappy day. Rain started after lunch and just kept falling. Hope the grass doesn't grow. We got moving early. Since sister Catherine from Buffalo will be in PA at sister Sue's, I figured I better hand off my Buffalo gifts when she is here. So we went and got gift cards, golf balls, etc. Dick's was closed near the mall which surprised me? So we stopped at Walmart and got them.

Also stopped in at HD and got a new on/off handle for the tub. The metal coating peeled on the old one. Kind of surprising because its only 5-6 years old. Good thing I kept the old because the adapter was longer on the new one and didn't work. So I used the new handle with the old hidden piece.

When we got back we wrapped the gifts and watched the Browns win another one in the rain. They have a couple of plays that other teams just can't stop. They will keep winning till some team figures them out. Watched 60 minutes. Dementia studies are turning up surprising results. Now they don't know what causes it. No wonder they can't find a useful med. It was a sheer pleasure not to have any election related stuff on the show this week. A nice break.

November 21 2020

Quiet morning. Pretty decent temp today. Supposed to be nasty tomorrow. Went to view the Jackson condo model. Pretty nice! They have something like 3 sites or 6 units plus maybe another one left. Funny, turns out the sales guy was also a Lahora fan. He did his bypass last year after a heart attack. He also noticed that he is also more emotional now as well.

We did get to see the model we were looking at. With basement, \$210K. The upgrades we wanted were about \$10K extra, so if I was could get 190 for my place, I would only need maybe a \$50K mortgage. Would be a done deal if Carolyn and Jacob issues were resolved.

We picked up Jenna on the way back, she mowed, we picked up McD, and drove her back home. Meanwhile, Carolyn was having Verizon "fun and games" all day. Anyone who sticks with them needs their head examined.

November 20 2020

Wow. The 20th already? Two golf rounds and 18 days of staring at the walls. Got out to take Jacob to and fro and got home at 3pm. Talked to Kent buddy Steve about apartments and possible jobs in Kent for Jacob. Talked to him and Carolyn about moving him there. Upside is he can get set up for school there. Downside is he will be very much alone there.

We will go look at a Ryan condo tomorrow but don't think we would move till Carolyn's divorce is settled and Jacob has settled in.

November 19 2020

Maybe got 2 or 3 hrs sleep. Got up and shaved, then went back to bed with Mary to wake me at 9am for golf. Got up and had breakfast and told her I would normally cancel, but Bill would be disappointed as only the two of us were going today. After breakfast, saw Bill's text saying it was too windy and he canceled. Just can't win. Would have been a nice day. It did hit 60. Thought of going but anyway but I was tired.

Looked at the walls all day. Plan to do the same tomorrow.

November 18 2020

Thirty two this morning but it was sunny with very little wind. Ouch! Not much to do today. Around 2, we bundled up and did our walk.

Mary got 2 pair of jeans delivered. One did not fit very well so we returned it to an Amazon Lockbox over by the airport in the Hilton. Turned out it was very easy to do. Also got 100 more disposable masks to hold us over to springtime. On the way home we picked up a rutabaga for Thanksgiving. Would not be right to eat our frozen dinner without that traditional treat.

I setup a viewing Saturday of Jackson Place townhouse condo model. It is a bit farther south than I like but condos are in short supply these days.

Mel called and said his shoulder still hurts so he is out for golf. Denny has eye dr, and Dick had no sitter. Guess it will just be the Hardy Boys tomorrow.

November 17 2020

Great sleep last night. Not sure why. Last night we watched 3 more lectures on the Federalist Papers. They sometimes got into the weeds but were very informative and entertaining for the most part. Dual Sovereignty was explained as the brilliance of Madison in getting the Constitution approvals that were needed. The balance of power between the States and the Federal government was meant to be dynamic and in control of the people. As the people elected Congress, they could control it by choosing representatives that would work for them. Oh, that they really would; it would sure be nice.

We hunkered down in the 35 degree temps and stayed in. Only 123 days till spring!

November 16 2020

Decent sleep last night. After breakfast, we got out to pick up the leaves the loser neighbor blew back into our yard. After the bucket was full, we raked the rest into a big pile right in the back corner of our lot very close to our joint property line.

We had quite a few right against the front of our house so we picked those up and got back inside and out of the 40 degree temperature. That was that, and we vegged ever since. We did do some inside cleaning with the vacuum.

I was entirely amazed by the wind of yesterday. It certainly looks like it cleaned both neighbor's entire yards to our south, our yard, and both neighbor yards to our north. Where did all the leaves go? Never saw anything like it in all the time we have lived here.

November 15 2020

Not a good sleep for me but Mary slept in. I am jealous. Rained this morning and throughout the day now and then. Lots of wind. We got the bills done before lunchtime then skipped lunch for an early dinner.

I told her the excitement for the rest of the day would be to watch the leaves blow around. Neighbor's back hill was blown clean. I think half are in my back yard and the other half blew right through to the next yards over. The wind also cleaned off his front yard. Those going across the road to the new people in Brenda's old place. Good to be the them.

Browns won with their running game today. Bills are up at the half but it could go either way. Wind is continuing.

November 14 2020

After I published last night I thought I should have said God doesn't want me to break 80 but Bill sure does.

We were up 8ish and had breakfast. Then it was off to GE for groceries. We got about 1.5x what we usually do in event we don't want to go out and challenge the virus. So many cases these days makes it pretty scary. Have plenty of water, tp, paper towels, tissues, soup, spam, tuna, powdered milk, yeast, and flour. I suggest skipping the milk as it costs \$4 a gallon. At that price I can do without it. Also ordered more disposable masks. I think we will need them for at least 9 more months. I do hope GE will start curbside pickup here eventually.

Mary watched online church today. Still wondering just what the heck I will do this winter to keep busy. Only thing I can think of is repainting the living room. Maybe after xmas.

November 13 2020

Survived Friday the 13th. We played Tannenhauf. "We" was Bill and myself. Did not expect to see John T because of the cold (mid 40s). Dick called and said his Sally sitter called off. Mel called me the other day and said he hurt his shoulder. And Denny emailed that he could not make it. Either it was too cold or he had more eye surgery.

Bill had a bad start with a snowman, but came on strong with 1 birdie and a couple other chances. His iron play was very very good.

I was on for the most part but had 2 doubles. One due to a look up, and another from

just poor play. Oh crap. Thought I had 79 but looking at the card for where I had a double, I see Bill gave me a 5 on #9 instead of a 6. So an 80 it was. After a birdie on #18 we went back to #3 and I saw I needed a par to break 80. Got up and down for my 79 that was really an 80. Damn it. Guess God is still holding out on me. The two doubles and three 3 putt greens did me in.

Took Jacob to work at 5pm and we had Ted's dogs for dinner. Time to try chess again. I hung tough for awhile in the mid 1300s but just tanked this week down to the low 1200s now. How quickly I can fall!

November 12 2020

Got the jewelry off to the post office today. We took down our flags from veterans day and did our walk briskly in the 45 degree but sunny day. When we got back we could see the back neighbor had blown the leaves I pushed into his trees back out of them. I believe where I pushed them is still my property though. Guess I will pick them up next time I get out there. No hurry. He is just a jerk so I will just put up with him till I move.

Took Jacob to work while Mary did a tasty fish dinner. Dark at 5:09 today and days are getting shorter.

November 11 2020

I printed 2 labels for click and ship to send off some jewelry Mary had made for Xmas. She ran them over to find out the post office was closed. They sure have a dumb tool; letting me make a label for when they are closed. Will have to redo tomorrow. The rain cleared out by 11am so we got our walk and then had lunch.

Pretty much vegged until we took Jacob to work and got my oil changed.

November 10 2020

Got our walk in early and were home by 9:15am. Very nice out there all day. Getting worried about the virus. 380 more hospitalizations in Ohio today. Positive cases was 11% and a red flag. Sue invited us for Turkey day, but we already got our frozen dinners and the spike is concerning. Plus Sue has been having her grand kids stay over. Not liking it at all. 1M new cases in 10 days in the US. Yikes. Schools are getting shuttered.

Only slept maybe 4 hrs last night so we vegged all day. I did get in a 1/2 hr nap in before taking Jacob to work. When I was napping the neighbor in back was complaining to police that I blew leaves into his trees (which hang over my property). Mary went out and the police told her not to do that anymore. If I see the guy out there I will ask him what his issue is and seek to avoid irritating him next time, even though he deserves it.

November 9 2020

We clipped more iris down. Only one batch to go and we will be all done outside with the mulch beds. We walked again in shirtsleeves and it was great. Real quiet with the kids in school. We did see 2 ladies walking and poop scooping one dog.

After lunch, Mary got her hair done and I took Jacob to work. We both got back and finished the other half of our Texas Roadhouse food. Can't wait to order again.

November 8 2020

Slept like a baby till 8am, totally refreshed. We got out early and clipped some iris back. They were encroaching on the driveway so I cut some back. We decided to skip lunch and pick up Texas Roadhouse this afternoon. So we took our walk. Could not believe how nice it was. 71 degree walk in shorts and T-shirt. WOW.

Watched some races. I had 4 of 5 when we left, and later found out I missed the pick 5 by a length. Oh well. Ordered the pick up when we got to Walmart, then we picked up all out Thanksgiving eats. Marie Callendar Pie, frozen turkey with stuffing, cool whip, and some napkins and tissues. Also some rice chex for breakfast that day.

Roadhouse food was awesome. We have not dined on their food since January and boy was it good. Real good. Listened to the end of the Bills game. They won again!

Was looking at the election map and results. Very bewildered by the red south states where he got 60% of the vote. What a bunch of deplorable. Alex Trebek passed away at 80. RIP Alex.

November 7 2020

Took the remaining leaves to recycle and mowed in the back where we were bagging leaves and did not cut. Then we cleaned up some more spent flowers. Started wagering on the breeders cup races, but quit before half were over. Never came closer that second with a pick. There were a couple of insane winners with 70 and 90 to 1 odds.

Sometime later I looked at CNN and saw they declared Biden the winner. Thanks be to God, The nightmare is over. The slimy disgusting Russian stooge has been defeated. I almost cried with joy. Found 2 videos to celebrate; Celebration and Dancing in the Streets. Both appropriate!

Mary watched streaming church at 4pm, we ate some more frozen turkey dinner and called it a day. One Glorious Day. I shall sleep like a baby tonight.

November 6 2020

Oops. Wiped out after doing lawn work for 3 hrs till 5:30pm with Jacob and Jenna helping, I forgot to post a blog. Jenna mowed while Jacob and Mary bagged leaves. I bagged some and cut down the 4 groups of tall grass and other spent flowers. I was wearing very heavy sun glasses as I my eyes were dilated at an eye doctor visit before lunch. Mary made 3 trips to the recycle which helped me out.

Oh the pain last night and this morning from all the work yesterday, We played Sable Creek and it was Dick's first outing in months. He found a service to help with Sally and got out for a breather. I started bad with a 3 jacked 6 and almost did the same on the next hole. Three over after 2 but I settled down and finished the front at a 5 over 41. John T parred the first two and kept it going scoring a 40. He just missed 3 other putts or he could have been really low.

I played well and finished with 4 over 39. God didn't want me to break 80 once again as I took 3 to get down on 18 from just off the green. John had 83, Bill 85, Dick 97, Mel 100, and Denny 103. Dick said he played well after a nasty 10 start. Denny said he had met or exceeded my bad putting with 24 putts on the front nine. Looks like he settled down on the back though.

I got out in time to hightail it home and take Jacob to his doctor appointment and then to work. We ate at lhop and he cooked us up some good grub there.

November 4 2020

Went to bed around 10:30 comfortable Biden had not lost, but it wasn't very pretty. I expected to worry all night. Got up at 12:30 and it was clear a lot was going to be up in the air till more votes were counted tomorrow. Instead I worried about what Jacob needed to take to his new doctor appt Friday. Thought about it and whipped out an email in the morning.

Still no decision in the morning as expected but several states were up in the air. As the day went on they counted more early ballots and Biden got closer and closer as the day went on. So.....time for a Trump tantrum. And then it started. Trump sicced his kid and the laughable Rudy G on the media. Lets Get Ready to Rumble.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l6eQ78HCGEA>

My stomach has had better days. The angst has me really on edge.

November 3 2020

Nasty cold morning but it warmed up with the sun out there. I went and voted Biden around 9am. That went smooth.

About 1030 we went out and raked the leaves into 5 big piles and pushed some into the trees. Worked up a real sweat. Back in for lunch and finished the puzzle, then we took Jacob to work. Picked up a subway for dinner.

Election is today. Every time Dick hears about it he just says " I am praying the nightmare will soon be over". This is it. I really don't know how I am going to deal with it should T-Rump win. Let us all pray he gets swept out of there and back into the gutter from whence he came. Let him go back to grabbing women and cheating on his wife again. Let's hope NY puts him in jail for fraud.

November 2 2020

Nasty cold day once again. At least we had some sun though. Mary's Bday, so I cooked all day and she had an easy day. She had 2 cupcakes with candles.

I took Jacob to work at 4pm.

News said they are building a wall around the White House on election night. T-Rump must be paranoid.

November 1 2020

Nasty cold day. We hunkered down and watched the wind redistribute the neighborhood leaves most of the day, then saw the spitting snow.

I fixed our cackling witch. Needed to get some LR1130s to do it. Surprised I figured out how to get in there and change the batteries. A job well done! Carolyn picked up some milk and cupcakes so I can celebrate Mary's bday tomorrow. Day 11 of our self quarantine. We worked on the puzzle, watched the Browns lose, and listened to the Bills win by the hair on their chinny chin chin.

October 31 2020

Slept in till 830! It was in the mid 30s and frost on the ground. Yikes. Once it warmed up, we got out and set up for Halloween that would occur 3-5pm later today.

Wes came over with the kids at 2:45 and they scored mucho candy for the day. We had about 80 kids. I had 100 bags with 3 pieces in them, so when we got low I split them into 2/bag. We would have been OK though. Grass was still wet all day.

Almost forgot to post. Every time we watch a Netflix movie, I tend to forget because it is over so late.

October 30 2020

Good news is no symptoms for us today.

I did take Jacob to work at 5 but we both wore masks and I cracked the window a bit. Other than that, nada today.

We did watch 2 lectures on the Federalist Papers. Been thinking of ordering them for awhile, worried they would be too deep. They are quite stimulating and the professor does a good job of explaining the basic ideas in the papers. The first just introduced them; why they were written, who wrote them, and a bit about the authors (hamilton, madison, and jay).

The second one got into one of Madison's important papers. He said men are both good and evil, so there has to be a way to get rid of or pressure them into doing good. That would be limiting their term to 2/6 years and providing for impeachment. He didn't think majorities would band together to suppress the minorities and impose their will on them since the country was so diverse and geographically different and there would be many competing interests. So the prof did a good job explaining the rationale. In addition he noted there has been much change and the issues that have come about. Unfortunately times have changed. There are only 2 parties (many were anticipated), media and social media has led to banding together, and big money has helped corrupt the politicians.

October 29 2020

Not so good news last night. Niece Jill in Portland sent me a text that her BF felt bad Monday so got tested for Covid. Felt worse Tuesday and tests were positive. They had just been in the area last week as I had blogged about it. We met Jill and BF Marcus at Sue's in PA on Thursday. We did everything right. Outside cookout, masks, 6 feet apart, but he did bring ham roll ups and cooked the dogs. Jill did say he washed his hands before making them.

So here we sit wondering what our fate will be. Counting back this will be day 7, so we should self quarantine for 7 more days. Let us hope he picked it up on the way home after his visit Thursday night at the airport or on the plane, or over the weekend sometime. They also had people in to do their floor while they were gone. We will just have to see. The bad thing is I played golf with the boys Friday, was in the grocery store Saturday, got a hair cut Tuesday, and saw the kiddos Wednesday.

No temps this morning, so that is good. I was reading this long paper for the new thermometer. Said not to use it for oral readings after rectal use. Also said not to stick it too far up your butt that it hurts when using rectally. You can never be too careful. I

bet they had a room full of brain stormers coming up for all the warnings they had written down.

Anyway, that was the days highlights. I fixed a couple of minor to-dos. Mary did some wash. It rained all day, so we never did go outside.

October 28 2020

Low 50s today, so it was a good day to put away the outside stuff. Put the umbrellas, swing, hoses, and the dozen or so lawn ornaments into the garage till next spring. Took maybe an hour and a half. We still have tall grass and flowers to cut down. Some this week and some the next.

October 27 2020

Another cool one, mid 40s. No wind so we got our walk in. After that I got haircut and picked up some balloons and streamers for Z-Mans 10 birthday.

We decorated the garage and got it ready for a party at 4pm. Took Jacob to work and got back for the garage party. The kids had a ball out there. I swear they can have a good time with anything. They were blowing bubbles and sweeping the driveway and had a ball with that. Wore us out again leaving just before dark.

October 26 2020

Oops. Thought about missing the blog when I crawled into bed last night. Guess I was too excited waiting to see the Russian Stooage walk out on the 60 Minutes interview. Wow did he have a big chip on his shoulder. I suspect he planned it. What a Dufus!

Watched the Browns pull one out with 40 seconds left. Amazing. The Bills won thanks to 6 field goals. They missed 2 others as well. They dominated but had their troubles in the red zone.

Today was drizzly but we played Fox Den anyway. Mid 40s with no wind was OK although I did get chilled on the back nine. Did not have my A game. Putting let me down on the back. Played poorly on the front for a 42. Played well on the back but shot 43, missing 5 putts under 8 feet. Chips were short mostly leaving me long putts. Fortunately Denny and Ken tanked to the low 50s on the back and I squeaked in a win the last 3 holes.

Warmed up in the shower when I got home. Took Jacob to work and vegged the rest of the day.

October 24 2020

Wow. It was hard to hide my enthusiasm after waking up and finding it was 41 and it was going to get all the way up to 47 today. Wow. Wow. Wow. We bundled up and got our walk in, then had some more coffee to warm up.

Well that was the excitement. Mary watched streaming church and I watched racing. Nothing in the account so I have to wait till Nov for next deposit prior to the Breeders Cup.

October 23 2020

Last good day for awhile as it is supposed to be colder and in the 50s for the near future. I was on fire the front nine at Mayfair making putts and chipping close. Three

over 38. Held it together for 2 more holes; bogie, birdie. Then tanked with only one more par, 4 doubles, and 2 bogies. Very disappointing 84. Very close nets. Mel 70, Bob 71, Bill 72, Denny 74, and John 75.

Jacob was over to cut at 11, so Mary drove him home at 2pm. I had a possum in the trap, so I let it go. Must have been in there since last night.

October 22 2020

Slept in this beautiful morning. Wore shorts today as it almost hit 80! We went to PA to see Sue and Jill who visited for the day. New BF Marcus was along and he was very nice. He works 10-14 hr days as a construction supervisor and Jill works from home for Jacobs Engineering. She is going stir crazy at home all day.

We stopped for ice cream on the way home.

October 21 2020

Rained last night but it was out of here by 10am so we did get our walk in. We finished a puzzle and made some Christmas earrings after lunch. Mary talked with Ginny too. She goes for stomach surgery Nov 3.

Picked the last 4 tomatoes and tossed the vines in the dumpster. Mary made some mac salad to take to Sue's tomorrow.

October 20 2020

Another miserable day. We slept in and moped around the rest of the morning, then took Jacob to work at 2pm. Then we headed to Walmart to pick up the candy for Halloween. Also picked up 2 frozen dinners to taste test them for Thanksgiving.

At dinnertime we had the Marie Calendars turkey dinner and split it. It was very tasty and a winner. We both felt we should have one for each person because there was not enough in a half dinner. Same with the dressing. Not bad at \$4.98. Stay tuned for the review of the Stouffers.

Decided to visit Sue for a cookout Thursday outside at her house to visit with Jill. Jill bailed on her 3 day visit but is going for the lunch cookout. Both Jill and I scolded Sue for her disregard of CDC Guidelines regarding babysitting her grand kids. Oh well, what can you expect from a T-Rump supporter.

October 19 2020

What a miserable day. Mid 50s, drizzle, dark skies, endless drizzle. We started a puzzle.

Also got Sue on Facetime somehow to make sure we could. Jill is supposed to visit Sue Tue/Wed and leave Thursday so we were going to go there to see Jill. Sue said the grand kids were over all weekend and had runny noses. We bailed and promised to Facetime Wednesday.

We took Jacob to work at 5pm and stopped at Target to pick up some birthday items for Z-Man. Picked up 5 guys burgers and fries. There was enough fries for a small army. Drizzled all the way over and all the way back. More of the same is expected tomorrow.

October 18 2020

Another cold one. We slept in then went over to help Carolyn. Put the charger on her mower and raked leaves for 45 min or so. The mower started so we spent another 20 min picking up sticks and then headed home. Had lunch when we got back and cleaned out some more flowers before the rain. Not much rain to speak of. A non event.

Watched the Squealers squash the Browns and vegged the rest of the day. Not looking good for golf tomorrow unless the rain blows by before 10am. We shall see in the morning.

October 17 2020

Yikes, 38 this morning. We got out to pick up groceries and go to the bank since it was so cold. After lunch Jenna came over and mowed. She is doing good driving. Carolyn thinks her mower starter is bad. Wants me to go over tomorrow and give my opinion before she buys a new part.

Mary streamed the 4pm mass, we had dinner, and that was about it. Amazed it is pitch dark at 7:30pm!

October 16 2020

Very cold start at 45 but there was no wind. Got back to staying over the ball as steady as I could. Started +1 then 5 straight pars before going 4 over the last 3 on the front for a 5 over 41. The back started OK with +1. Then 2 missed birdies but got pars. Next 4 were bogies so i am now 10 over.

Missed the green on 17 and lobbed it over the bunker and it went in for birdie. On 18 i was short of the front bunker. Mel and Bill were nearby so I said "I wonder if I can do that again?" Lobbed it over the bunker and again it went in. That brought me to +8 score of 80. t was the par 5s that did me in; bogies on all four. A Classic Bob round! Bill had 92, Mel 100, Denny 101.

Bill had just had his brake fluid changed, and it had all leaked out. I went over to Auto Zone and filled up. It was the right rear where it was being pumped out. I offered to help close the valve but he took a gamble and drove it back to Strongsville. He did make it back. I would have never tried it.

October 15 2020

Warm morning. Did not sleep well so up later than usual. We did get in a walk though. When I got back we had a squirrel captured so S1 was sent off to Quail Hollow. We had lunch when we got back.

Mary took Wes some tomatoes an some gummy vitamins we got from the free Aetna OTC stuff. Dropped some of my too small clothes at Gentle Brook. We did get rain starting around 2pm but it is just a drizzle.

Carolyn voted too. She had not gotten her mail in so she went to early voting. Biden has at least 3 Ohio votes now.

October 14 2020

Ugh. Lots of dreams last night. I was an usher all night telling people when to get up and vote. It just went on and on.

We walked around 10 and then headed to the Stark County Board of Elections to put Mary's vote in the drop box. The building is in a terrible place where there is traffic and multiple intersections. Dropping it was easy. Maybe 12 cars back it moved OK but it was hard to merge out of there. The lot was also full of early voters. Maybe 50 in line. Lots of old geezers. They were having trouble negotiating the lot, parking, and getting out. I saw one car full of old women that didn't know which way to go. They drove this way, backed out, and looked very confused.

We picked up Jacob at 1 and went to lunch at Menches Bros at the Shops of Green. Had a good time. Watered the seedlings. Still seeds coming up.

October 13 2020

Noisy night with a storm passing thru around midnight. We walked at 10 since it was chilly this morning then I got my nap in. Carolyn stopped over for lunch. We got Jacob to work at 2pm and vegged the rest of the day. Twas a slow one.

October 12 2020

Best ball striking in over 2 months for me at Seven Hills. I decided to focus on staying still on the ball. Only failed once or twice. After a bogey on the first hole, I three jacked my birdie putt on 2. Three jacked again on 3, missed a 5 foot putt on 4, a three footer on 5 before making a par on 7 and 8, then 3 jacking 9 for a smooth 44. On the front nine, I had missed 4 under 3 feet. Add an OB, a chip out and it was pain full waste of 6 strokes.

Shot a 39 on the back for an 83. After a par, I missed 2 short birdie putts on the next two holes. Horrible 6 on the next, then missed a 5 foot par putt on the long par 5. Took a double on the par 3 with another short putt missed and I was 5 over. Finished birdie birdie par for 3 over. All in all, God did not want be breaking 80 today. Felt great about my shots, not so good about putting.

We took Jacob to work at IHOP later, stopped at Handels, and loaded up the fuel perks for \$42 in gas savings.

October 11 2020

Got out and watered the seeded area and then got ready for mowing. While we waited for Jenna we took down the sunflowers and did some yard cleanup.

While Jenna mowed, Carolyn showed me what she found out at the lawyers and bank regarding keeping the house after divorce. Theoretically, she will be OK as long as Don keeps his job and they split income 50/50. Later I sent her a budget spreadsheet I made up for her and reminded her of a few items she still needs to research.

Watched the races and got 4 of 5 at Belmont. Ouch. Watched the Browns win, they are looking good. Forgot to update so I did it in the morning.

October 10 2020

Nice cloudy day. We got our walk in (shorts and T shirt) and were back by 10:30.

After lunch we picked up a few groceries. Grinders was packed as we passed by. Then I went out and watered the seeded area. Settled in to watch the races and Mary watched the church streaming. Broke even, Was hoping for better on the pick 4 but the favorite won the last leg.

Mary cooked up some Ted's dogs and made some macaroni salad. Twas very good.

October 9 2020

Another cold start to a decent day. I got to Tannenhaufl early so I could have the breakfast. Mel was the only one who played well with a net 63 scoring 93 today. I had many poor shots and finished fairly well with 44-41 after a double on 18.

Almost made another ace on one of my fav's #15. Down the hill punch with a 4 iron at 123 yds back pin. Done the hill and out of sight. Wait, wait, here it comes running up the green right at the pin. Curving in looking great, then passing to the back about 9 feet away. Wow it was exciting. This year's highlight! Missed my putt of course.

October 8 2020

Cold start to a decent day. We did our walk at 10 after it warmed up. Then I went out to water after lunch and mosey around. Mary Came out and Wes was bringing the kids over. We had a ball and they wore us out.

They picked tomatoes, rode their scooters, rode the garage toys, blew bubbles, ate ice cream, and 3 played monopoly. Zander drew a monopoly board on the driveway with about 10 squares per side. I drew a matrix of 0 to 8, 9 squares, and dropped a stone instead of using dice. All that went on till 3:15 when we had to hightail it to the doctor for our flu shot.

We exchanged some Kohls stuff then went to Handels for dinner. Ice cream is always a good dinner.

October 7 2020

Warm day. I was up at 6am and we got our walk in by 9:30. When we got back I raked one of the dead spots and transplanted a few grass pieces and spread the last of the seeds. Then I got the watering in. By 10:45 I was toast. Wow. Getting old certainly reduces one's energy.

Mary got wash done and we vegged the rest of the day.

October 6 2020

Busy day. We had planned to get Mary's driver license renewed. I went online to check the hours and saw that there were 2 types, so we planned to get the one that qualifies you to fly by TSA. We had to gather up the 5 items you need for that and headed over. Did not get back till 11.

We did our walk and then talked to Jacob. He needed a ride to IHOP for work. Since we were close to Kohls, we stopped in. I picked up some jeans to try as mine are getting too tight. You can't try them on in the store anymore. So you just buy them and return them if they do not fit.

I did the watering and tomato picking when we got back. Saw the neighbor sitting out so she took the cherry tomatoes and said the kids would like them. I think it was the sister of the people who bought Brenda's house last year. The dad was arrested for domestic violence last week and has a restraining order. Has a court date this week. What a shame.

October 5 2020

Forgot to post yesterday. The Bills and Browns won. Both looked good. Did some flower cutbacks and filled the dumpster. Like to get my moneys worth.

Today we played Fox Den. I shot 41-42, missing many putts. Denny shot 88 and was low net. He had around 5 less putts than I. My putting is killing me.

October 4 2020

John R sent me an email yesterday, He said Bill Tuma passed away at 95. John said he had gotten a text from Bill the day before he passed away saying he was in Akron Childrens burn unit after a shower accident. Likely never find out what happened. Bill had hearing loss and had many hearing aids over the years. Always trying new stuff people half his age were afraid of. He was a good man.

October 3 2020

Only 41 this morning but the sun was out and it quickly got into the mid 50s. That's as good as it got. We cut back flowers and loaded up the dumpster. Picked some more tomatoes and I watered the seeded areas.

That took us up to lunch and after that we picked up some groceries so we could make fresh tomato soup. What a way to take care of the never ending tomatoes!

Mary watched the church service streaming while I watched the Preakness. Surprisingly I got all my pick 3s right then hit a double to wrap up a plus 480 day. I am having them send a 400 check so I don't blow it all.

After the church streaming, I helped Mary cook up the soup. It was really good and we used up 2 big and 5 smaller tomatoes. Fantastic day.

Looks like I missed blogging last night with all the stuff going on. Mary's cousin passed away in Allegheny NY. We had thought of going as we have not seen the cousins since Aunt Ethel's funeral. I remember going there and Mary's late brother being worried his wife might find out that he went. Anyway, after some thought about the risks of traveling there and being in a room full of strangers, I decided we would avoid that. There is just too much virus spiking everywhere at the moment.

I played poorly Friday at Sable Creek. Mel played awesome except for the 10 he took on the back nine.

October 1 2020

Another cool one. I played Arrowhead with Otis, Chuck, and Sam. Not my favorite layout with all the hills and valleys. I was pleasantly surprised how good shape the course was in. Sam said Skyland Pines is running it now. I was on the front. It was playing short, as they were aerating the tees. Used my driving iron on most holes.

Ended up with 38 with 1 birdie on the par 35 side. The backside was poorly played and I shot 47. Two penalties, poor putting, and poor iron play. I think I got tired and was not focusing. Thinking back, I did not assess the putts properly either. Short on all my chips and putts was a big issue too. I am just going to have to hang in there and focus, tired or not.

Number 11 was a hoot. Up by the green, it hailed and there was no way I could save par by making a 5 footer. No way to putt through the hail on the green. That was my

downfall.

September 30 2020

Good riddance to September. We walked and were home by 10am on a chilly windy morning. Laughed at Colbert late show summary of the Trump - Biden debate. Pretty much a wasted day. We did pick a bowl of cherry tomatoes.

New neighbor across the street was arrested on domestic violence last night. We never heard or saw a thing. Brenda called and told us. It was her house they now live in. Funny. I had always told people that a space ship could land here and I would never notice.

September 29 2020

We had to bundle up for our walk today at 57 degrees. Sweatshirt and Jacket. Home at 10am. Watered the back 40 where we scattered some seed last week. Glad I saw some of it coming up. That was a lot of work.

Today was phone fun day. It's not over yet. Tried to get a chat going about Mary's car sticker. We never got a notice. The one for the Ford came today and I almost put it on her car, but sensed something was wrong and realized it was for mine. Before the chat wait ended I found where you can renew at oplates.com, so I did that and deleted the chat.

First call was to Aetna. I wanted to see if they covered toe nail clipping at a podiatrist. The phone help couldn't figure it out so they told me they needed the procedure codes. I found some network Podiatrists. Akron General in Green looked close so I tried there. Second call....i don't know what the codes are, call billing. Third call.....i don't know, call the doctor. Forth call.....let me call the doctor and find out. Please hold. Sir, they said to call billing. Well, says I, I was going to try to go to Akron General, but forget it, I will try somewhere else.

So I find a Podiatrist at Aultman on Whipple. Fifth call.....leave a message and we will call you back. Sixth call....I did get a call back with the codes, so I made an appt. Seventh call.....Aetna says the co pays for those codes are \$350. Eighth call....Aultman....leave a message and we will get back to you. Nothing yet.

These people get paid to "work"?

September 28 2020

Finally T-Rump is exposed paying no taxes 10 of the last 15 years with questionable deductions.

We played Barberton Brookside today. It was supposed to be closed at the end of last year. I inquired and was told it was sold and Joe agreed to run it one final season. Run it into the ground is more like it. The course was so bad, I lost interest after 11 holes. Rock hard, greens scorched, and lost of bare spots. Houle almost killed himself. His cart started moving and he tried to hold on but he slipped and went down. I grabbed it and he wasn't moving for 10-20 seconds. Seemed like forever, but he got up. We patched him up and played on.

Mary had called the doctor about her wound that was not healing. The nurse took a sample and sent a prescription in for her. We ate at Rockneys again and stopped for groceries and pills on the way home.

My chess had been great till this weekend. I am on a slide downward at the moment.

September 27 2020

We headed to GE early to pick up some Neosporin. The one we had been using expired in 2010, a few years ago. We got back and changed the bandage that is on the back of Mary's leg. Biopsy results were good and her face is healing, but the one on her leg is staying red and taking it's good old time. She plans to call the doctor tomorrow.

We walked the neighborhood, watered the back, and picked more tomatoes. Mary took them over to Wes' as we are up to our armpits in them. Finally, we got out the Halloween stuff and put it outside.

The Browns continue to look good with a power running game. The Browns sweep is awesome this year. The Bills were way ahead and almost lost it. They had to rally for the winning score with no time left. QB Josh Allen has a lot of talent but his scrambling should have lost them the game. The officials saved him, throwing a flag on the last play.

September 26 2020

Mary's face is sufficiently healed from the freeze spray last week to walk, so we did our walk and got back at 10am. Been 10 days since the last walk.

Was reading the Catholic news and saw 2 viewpoints on the election. One was thoughtful, saying the Bishops deem this a personal choice based on one's conscience of who was good and looked out for all. This could only be interpreted as a guy who is going to vote for Biden. Another right to life article pretty much said Trump is the only choice.

That got me to thinking that there are people who properly consider all things which would be good for our country before choosing and others that are 1 issue voters that only consider one item. Those right to lifer's and gun control people care only about their issue. In the pre-T-Rump days, there were people who would only vote Republican because they stood for lower taxes. Again, 1 issue voters. This is a simplistic view, as there is a mixed bag of many issue voters and very few issue voters.

What disgusts me is those that do not consider the good of the country before voting for T-Rump. He lies, doesn't give a damn about anyone but himself, tries to enrich himself and is loyal to his friends who do his bidding, legal or not. He isn't even against abortion, but sucks those people in by appointing judges who are. To him, all he cares about is getting more votes. He doesn't give a damn about whether those fetus live or die. He doesn't give a hoot whether you have your AK-47. He could care less about environmental disasters. All he wants is votes. He is a sick man and many of those who vote for him are sick people.

September 25 2020

Might be the last nice day for awhile according to the weatherman. We played Mayfair. I started poorly with a 4 putt 7 and poor putting continued most of the day. Was 7 over after 4, then parred the last 5. Started the back and my birdie on 11 had me even on the back. Two bogies and a par on the tough #13 and breaking 80 thoughts danced in my mind. That was quickly put to rest after a snowman on 14. Mel, John, and Denny

played well. Bill was the only one I beat on net.

Joyce was here to aerate. I did not see any seed out there but that is tough to see anyway.

September 24 2020

Slow day. Slept in till 830. Got the back watered for the day, then rolled up the hose for the lawn service. They will aerate the front back to the bird feeder tomorrow.

Watched a few races (no luck) and just vegged all day. Did get a little edging in around my one bush. I told Sue when we were there to rip hers out. They just take too much work. You have to trim them twice a year so they are just more unnecessary work.

September 23 2020

Another cold morning at 50 but it warmed up quick. I finished mounting the AC GE disconnect box by adding another screw and used the black pliable duct putty to close up the wire hole into the house and the extra hole we punched in the box by mistake. Did not work the first time cause one of the fuse contacts slipped out of the slot. Very crappy retaining plastic holding it in. I readjusted it and it worked fine.

Turned the hose on to wet the seeding area. I will try to wet the area twice a day but once a day when I am busy.

Talked to brother Jim. He has been nurse to wife Cris as she recovers from her 2nd hip replacement. The rheumatoid arthritis wreaks havoc. Talked to George too. He is heading to Fort Bragg to run some training exercises till mid October.

September 22 2020

It was cold this morning but it warmed up quick. I did some moving of flowers that were crowding each other. Sprayed the baseboards for bugs and had BLTs for lunch.

After a short nap, I looked for a 30 amp disconnect box and fuses and we picked one up at HD. Then picked up Jenna and Jacob. Jenna mowed while Jacob and I raked up some of the dead grass area. After scratching up the ground I had Jenna water the dry area. We used the fork to open the ground every 6 inches, sprinkled seed, and watered. That was hard work. We did a lot of the areas but there are more left.

We rested a little waiting for Carolyn to get off work and pick them up. I had Jacob help me put the disconnect box in. It is all installed now but I need to put a few more screws to attach the box more firmly. Something to do when it warms up tomorrow.

September 21 2020

Looks like I missed last Thursday so I updated the dates back till then.

We got a call from Mary's brother and sister the other day. When her older brother Jim passed away 13 months ago, they agreed to look out for his wife, Crazy Shirley, who was in an Alzheimer facility. They were working to get her house in order to sell and looking into other low cost facilities to move her, but she was very uncooperative.

Shirley got herself a lawyer (I have no idea how, but I bet the nursing home got involved). Shirley wanted sister Ruth off the list and Dave was not about to do everything himself so that was the last straw. They tossed up their hands and dumped her on the court. Good riddance and best of luck to Shirley. She won't be in the care of

concerned relatives so she is likely going to regret it.

Denny and I played Tannenhauf. Houle and Dave were out so it was just the two of us. He hung tough for nine, both had net 35, but he tanked on the back par 5s. I was low at 83 while he scored 99. I won by 7. I had 5 birdie putts. Made only 1 and 3 jacked another. Yet another day this year God didn't want me breaking 80. He did allow me 3 this year though.

Picked up some food at GE later and called it a day.

September 20 2020

Getting to be good at sleeping in. Rolled over at 7:15 and got up at 8:45. Lots of dreams last night. Whipped up a couple of omelets for breakfast and we went over and fed the cats around 10:30.

Cut back some of the skinny iris bunches and a few other items. With the dumpster full, more cutting back will just have to wait.

I listened to the Bills game. They almost blew it but hung on for win number 2.

September 19 2020

Frost out there when I got up at 730! Ouch! I spent the morning combining all my reno work into one spreadsheet. One sheet for each room. They I had one with a summary on it which I had before and now updated it. Total structural improvements from 2013 to now were \$18,500 with new furniture/bedding at \$3,000. I finished in 2019 but oddly nothing was done in 2018. All of it was my labor except the bathroom update that Mike's guys did for \$1500.

Looking at simple room updates, they come in around \$1000 with half of it being flooring. The rest is baseboards, paint, doors, vents, etc. Also wrote down the dates for major appliances. The dishwasher at 9 years might be the next to go. The stove and dryer are older but the stove is hardy and I have fixed the dryer a couple of times now.

After lunch we went and fed Wes' cats. Took longer than usual as Mary stepped in some doodoo and I had to clean her shoe off. Tomorrow we need to check to see where she tracked it. Picked up a few items at Marcs. BLTs, sandwiches, and tomatoes for food today. Same tomorrow as the tomatoes are overwhelming us.

September 18 2020

Bundled up for golf today. Seven Hills got the best of me today, the others as well. I played great the front nine shooting 4 over 40. Could have parred 3 more that got away. Started the back with a par and then it all slipped away. Two penalties, just clipping a bunker, and poor putting put me at 46 on the back. Bill putted best on the back and Denny best on the front.

Went to HH looking for fuses but no luck. Looks like my AC outdoor cut off box only fits 40A fuses. Dwain just put a copper pipe in there and that won't do if I sell the place. The 30A fuses are too small to fit, so it looks like I will have to replace that box. Not a fan of working with 220. Got to check the wire size to make sure I buy a box that will take that wire size. Damn.

September 16 2020

Busy busy day! Still cool this morning. We headed to the dermo dr. for a 1030 appt. I got away OK but they hit Mary with a freeze spray on the cheek and took a biopsy clip. We went over to Rockney's for lunch and all seemed safe there. I tipped heavy since I know they are struggling.

Then it was off to the dentist to install my crown and shell out \$450 to her. Gassed up in Hartville. Gas was 30 cents cheaper around 224 but I was into the tunes on the way home and forgot. Used my phone to pump my Pandora Mary Wells channel via Bluetooth to the radio. Love them oldies. You can understand the words too. Always liked Mary Wells. She did not have a very happy life after her music career was over. So sad.

Picked up Jenna and Jacob to mow and move some flowers. Wore me out.

September 15 2020

Nasty chill in the air this morning at 52. I turned on the heat to 70 this morning since it was 63 inside. We walked early and took 4 small bags of cherry tomatoes for the other neighbors. Left them on Bailey's rock for them to pick up. We passed them on the circuit and let them know.

Got me a haircut around 10 and vegged the rest of the day. Carolyn stopped at lunch time. Mary cooked up some bacon and we started working on the BLTs for dinner to consume the big tomatoes..

September 14 2020

There is a chill in the air. Sweatshirts are coming out. Better get my winter gear into my golf bag.

We played Ellsworth today. Most of the senior tees were up with the ladies (4900 yds) and the course was almost defenseless. Drive and 8/9/P. I chipped in for birdie on #1. Rue the day! I ended up shooting 81, net 68, but came in 3d out of 4 on low net. OMG, even Houle shot 90. The only one I beat was Eisner and he had 5 penalties.

September 13 2020

Rain this morning but cleared up after lunch. We went out and sprayed some weeds. I must have sprayed 200+ dandelions. Thank you neighbors! The crabgrass is still under control so far.

Got the printer and scanner working and re-created several useful bookmarks. Straightened out the laundry room now that the furnace was attended to. We also did the bills for the month.

Still missing the new license tags. I sent it in a month ago but they have not cashed the check yet.

Have not tried chess yet. I am up to a lofty 1355 at the moment but that won't last. This has the same touch-pad as the last so I figure I will need 5 min still.

September 12 2020

We got our walk in around 9am. Nice and cool sweatshirt weather. I pretty much spent all day moving things to the new computer. I still have to get the scanner and printing software working but that is for tomorrow.

I thought I was done at 4pm then noticed this little cloud icon on the far right. Drat! Somehow I had enabled onecloud and all my desktop files were being uploaded into the cloud. I had to shut that down and then delete all the files from the cloud. That was very slow. Then I had to load in the files again. Apparently I did not get the latest files past Sept 9, so that is data lost forever. Four days is no big loss.

September 11 2020

Golf course was very busy today. We had 5 and everyone played decent, but most threw in a couple of bad holes. I did not and did a decent 42 on the front and was on a roll on the back till I bogied the last 3 for a 4 over 39. I could have been someone. Jenna mowed at 3 after school and did a nice job. Yikes, we got ourselves too many tomatoes!

September 10 2020

Say what? What ever happened to Sept 8 and 9? Sept 8 we went to PA to celebrate sister Catherine's 71st bday. Horrible ride back right into all the setting sun at 7:30. We walked yesterday and today but not sure why I didn't blog yesterday. We watched Baby Mama last night and I guess I lost track of time. Today we walked and were back by 9:30. A to Zoff came at 11 am. I was very happy with the \$79 bill when I was expecting way more. When we got back in Feb with the furnace at a low temp, the warm up kept faulting to too many ignite cycles. I kept resetting the furnace and eventually got it working. The tech felt it was the igniter that needed cleaning so he cleaned it. Then it would not heat showing another fault. After much monkeying around he felt the control board was bad. At the last minute, he found that the igniter wire had some worn insulation and it was shorting to ground. Makes sense since he was working in that area. Dodged a bullet and one large bill.

September 7 2020

No walking today. It was storming to the north all morning and eventually dropped down to soak us. Stormed every couple of hours and it is still going at 7pm as I write this. We straightened out the house and did some odds and ends most of the day. Steve drove down with his nickel cans so I could take them to Catherine tomorrow at Sue's. We made pizza and brownies and set up the table for a garage dinner. The most interesting thing is that since he hates remote classes, he volunteered to teach a face to face class. He called it a mask to mask course. Of course some students opted for remote so he had to do both anyway. Not only that, but they told him he did not have enough students so he had to teach a second class that was all remote! Never volunteer in my motto.

September 6 2020

We got our walk in at 8am. Counted 256 flags, but 160 of them were between my lawn and 2 others neighbors. Thought there would be more put out. Decided to skip lunch. Wes called and we went over at 4:30 after picking up an order of Mexican food on the way there. We stayed and played with the kids for 2 hrs. I asked them if any of the kids had adopted both my and their dad's tendency to speak with pauses, They quickly pointed at Zander and said they are working with him on that. Sounded very much like myself. Too much thinking as I am talking disrupts the flow. They wore us out.

September 5 2020

Thought I would be watching horse racing but I did not get to that till 3pm. Had a leg cramp this morning and it was still sore when I got up at 8. After breakfast I was going to soak my leg in the tub but the stopper would not close properly. Googled the repair and after investigating the thing had a plastic screw in the broke. Plumbing! Yikes.

Hardware guy set me up with a new pop up stopper. I had to drill out the broken screw but I couldn't get the plastic in the grooves out. Tried to screw the new one in to clear out the grooves but the thing popped open and a bunch of parts flew around. Never could get it back together. Mary went back to HH and the guy there couldn't get it together either, so had to get a new one. Thought Carolyn's construction neighbor might have a tap and die set so I asked to borrow it. That did the trick so I installed it and it works but I don't think I screwed it in far enough. It just barely covers the opening but it looks iffy.

So I declare victory for now, till it starts to leak. Sort of afraid to screw it in any farther. It could fall apart again or if I screw it in too tight, I may never be able get it out again to replace it. When I get to HD, I will look at some of the other pop ups and perhaps find one with a bigger and better rubber stopper. Another "simple" plumbing job that too HOURS.

Jenna mowed and then I finally got to watch Derby day. Hit a nice exacta to start but then lost all my other wagers but only lost \$10 on the day.

September 4 2020

Missed yesterday for some reason. We were tired of just sitting around so we went to the antique mall up at 44 and 76. Big place. Took us almost 2 hrs to walk through. I bought a Xmas gift for sister Sue and got myself an envelope of 8x10s of famous Indian chiefs. It had Tecumseh and Red Jacket and was only \$20. After that we went to Crapper Barrel. Couldn't pass on the turkey lunch. It was soft and the mashed potatoes were soft and the dressing was too. Felt safe. They wiped the table down and the tables were far apart so that was good. Nice change!

We all hacked it around Raintree today. I was low with 90. Yikes! I had 40 putts and Mel had 43. Bill and Denny struggled too. Watched some racing. The Derby is tomorrow.

September 2 2020

Good ice cream with the kids last night. Got home about dark. Back to my other dentist to get decay under my crown. She took the old off and then had to drill below the gum line so they had to trim away some gum to get a surface to seal to. Another horrible experience. Worst one she has done. Now I have a temp on the only side I can chew on. Great Caesar's Ghost!

Mary got her hair done and I vegged the rest of the day. Still hanging barely above 1300 in chess.

September 1 2020

Time is a flying by. We did our walk this morning then we went for a check on my extractions. Doc said I was doing good. Wants to check it in 3 months and set up the implants if I am ready. He suggested anesthesia as it will be even more intrusive. In the back socket will have to push up my sinus cavity and pack it with bone then put the implant into the new bone. Then he will call for 4 months recovery for the implants. Early January is likely for the implants.

We were going to stop for ice cream but I guess that with the kids back to school, they won't open till then. We were bummed out. Wes sent me a text for possible ice cream with the kids 7ish tonight, so looking forward to that.

August 31 2020

Chilly day. Wore a sweatshirt for the front 9 at Zoar. Denny played well shooting 41. I did just about everything wrong and topped it off with a double bogey from 100 yds out on #9 for a 45. Ken had 48. Not good since I had to spot both of them 10 strokes.

Doubled #10 and gave up hope but wait, went par, bogey, 3 more pars, then 3 straight birdies to finish at even par with a 36 for an 81 for the day. Denny shot 85 and Ken 95. Amazingly, I went to all one hand putting on the back, except for the long ones. All three birdies were one handed from 10,12, and 14 feet respectively. You never know, eh?

The guy wouldn't give me a time for 5 of us, so I guess we won't be playing there. Odd since we waited every hole today.

August 30 2020

Not much going on today. Carolyn brought Jenna over to mow. She is getting more comfortable with mowing.

Neighbor Nancy stopped by for 15 min. Mary got a call from her sister Ginny and she feels like she has recovered.

August 29 2020

We had 4.5 inches of rain in the bucket outside this morning. Wonder how Sable Creek did? I slept in till 8am. Settling into a new pandemic sleep routine. Bed at 10:30, up at 12:30, watch 30min TV, sleep till 5:30, then either get up and go back to bed at 7am or roll over and sleep till 8:30. Got a full week of that under my belt.

Today we went over to the flea market. Picked up some rubberized gloves, some watermelon and some corn for Mary. I am not up for corn with my teeth, so she has 6 to eat. Took Wes a bowl of cherry tomatoes and picked another bowl for ourselves. They are better than candy,

August 28 2020

Canceled golf. It was storming in Cleveland but not here. First time I checked the radar it showed storm here by 10:30. A few minutes later it looked like 12:30. We just might have made it, as it poured around 12:15. Then it rained on and off all day.

We got a ton of rain, but we did get a sticky morning walk in before 9. Got a nice letter from Jacob today.

August 27 2020

Got up at 5:30am but went back to bed at 7am for 80 min. Was interested in the hurricane damage but it was too dark. Not much coverage later on either, so it must have been mild. Or nobody gives a damn about the people down there.

We picked up some groceries and that was it today. Denny called and backed out of Friday golf. His eye doctor moved back his appointment to tomorrow. He now has done both eyes, but one needs a secondary zap to get a spot they missed.

August 26 2020

Short night. Wes came over last night around 9pm and stayed almost to midnight. Trying to switch his phone over to Visible Mobile. His Verizon phone had stopped and his new one was not recognized by the network so he was texting with them for 3 hrs with no luck. I finally chased him out as he had to get up at 5:30am for work tomorrow.

Drizzled rain most of the morning. We did absolutely nothing today. What a waste. Carolyn dropped in for lunch so that broke up the day.

August 25 2020

Slept in on another hot day. Went to the dentist for an 11am appointment and she filled 2 lower front teeth. Said the extractions are settling good. Picked up some donut holes for lunch and they were good. Nothing else doing. We did pick up a banana cream pie at the Kitchen for dessert. Yum.

August 24 2020

My heart was not into playing another hot day, but out I went. Dave and Ken both struggled with the heat and slow play on the back. I shot 41-43 but it should have been less than 80. Chucked one into the water on #8 to get a double, else the front would have been 39. Missed a short birdie try on 9 too. Started the back birdie par but putting let me down on the back. Three 3 putt greens. Took a 7 on 15 after driving it to 100yds. Looked up and dumped it into the bunker then to the bunker in back then back across to the front where it took 3 more putts. Yikes.

Took \$2 from each with the skins so you know they played bad. We need some rain and some more days cooler than 85.

August 23 2020

Busy weekend. I traveled to Erie Pa to play with brother Jim, Jim Jr, and George. Got there for our 11:50 tee time and played very well on a tough course. Shot 89 even though my putting was dismal. George was on with a 79 and Jr had 88. We went to Longhorn and it was very safe. We were at least 10-12 ft from another table, but not apart from each other. Did not sleep well. Stayed apart from George and wiped things down.

Played not so good today with 5 penalties. Played the layup holes perfectly but then mishit 5 into the poop. Geeze. I was low with 90, Jr at 94, and George ballooned to 97. Brother Jim was around 100 both days. I felt cooked in the heat by the time we finished and it was a long ride home (2:15) being tired and sleepy.

So we should be safe, but if one of us had the virus, I am sure it will be shared with the others.

August 21 2020

We walked our loop around 8:30am at 67 degrees. Put fuel perk gas in the cars and filled up the mower. Cut around the edges to make it easier on Jenna. I cut some tree branches to make mowing easier. Jenna came around 2pm. She cut and then took a nice bath, as there is just a shower at home.

Mary went for her mammogram around the same time. Got to pack some stuff for my mini golf trip to Erie. Whispering Woods looks like a nice course. Looking forward to

it.

No Blog tomorrow.

August 20 2020

Time marches on. I the 50s this morning and I slept well. We walked around 8:30am at around 60. Sweatshirts were required. Vegged til Lincoln's 4th birthday party. He was a riot. Of all the gifts he received he liked the sock snake his bro and sis made for him. Our gifts are coming Saturday so I cut out a picture of them for him and put them in the card. Not sure he picked up on that.

Got a nice apology letter from grandson Jacob today. Glad to get it. Jenna is supposed to cut the grass tomorrow and wants to take a bath. Carolyn only has a shower now, so Jenna can't wait.

Mary made mashed potatoes for me today. Real food!. The back tooth still seeps blood now and then. No pain though.

August 19 2020

Very nice day around in the low 70s. I mostly missed it vegging all day.

Only got about 5+ hrs sleep. Bleeding started to slow around 1:30am, allowing me to sleep 2 hrs on the chair then 3+ in bed. I did not want to drool all over the bed so I did not go there till it slowed. Still slow seep all day, especially from the tooth farthest back where it took him the longest time.

No pain at all so that is good. Eating soft stuff today. Applesauce, yogurt, pancakes today and maybe tomorrow too. Mary went bowling today. Her partner is getting a lot of flack from her kids, so she may bail. Told her not to touch her face and she took wipes to use a couple times a game. She said the lanes were spaced.

August 18 2020

Very nice day around in the mid 70s. We walked and were done by 9am. Sat around waiting for my nasty dental extraction appointment.

Got there 15 min early for my 3:15 appointment. Doc Klein gave me about 5 shots to numb me up including 2 in the roof of my mouth. I was waiting for numb to set in at 3:30.

Maybe started to work on me at 3:45 and I was out of there at 4:45. He said those were the toughest extractions of the last week, sorry to say. He tried to break the bridge loose with no luck, so he got his saw out and cut it in 2 places I guessed. Then it took what seemed forever to grind/drill/pry the one set of roots out. Hoped the other tooth's roots would be easier but no luck, but they did go quicker. Almost felt like he was poking down through the roof of my mouth to push the roots out a couple of times. He did a xray to make sure he got it all, then said he would have to pack the sockets with cadaver bone now rather than later. He said he had to cut some bone out to get the roots and if he did not pack it now, the area might collapse.

So pack it he did and put several stitches in to hold it in. He said my body would nourish the bone and merge in with mine. Just call me Frankenbob or Bobenstein? Sent me home with an antibiotic and ibuprofen and told me to call if I need stronger.

I figure the guys Jr. will give me some extra handicap strokes this weekend. Still

spiting blood at 7:15pm. Give you an update tomorrow.

August 17 2020

Very nice day around 80. Played Seven Hills and was on fire the front nine. Only 3 over for 39 with birdie ops on 3,4, and 8. Came up empty on all. Back nine was not very good. Three jacked 10,11,12,14,15 for a 47 on the back.

Great drives again and some nice irons. Mary got her Prolia shot and we had a nice dinner.

August 16 2020

Wow, a nice cool day with a good rain around 3pm. Somehow, I slept in till 10am. Did Hell freeze over?

It was still comfortable so we got our walk in. On the walk, we saw a girls bike being given away free. Eventually, we picked it up and after an early dinner of BLTs, we dropped it off for Kalix. Needs a new tube in the back tire and needs a new brake cable.

From there it was off to Handels for dinner of ice cream. Won a few chess games and remain in the low 1300s!

August 15 2020

Another nice cloudy day. No rain again. We sure need some. We got our walk in early finishing before 9am.

Took ½ hr to finish the phone transfer. Never would have got there if Wes had not sent us a transfer pin. Spent the rest of the morning setting up the phone, getting Aps, and connecting it in the car. Vegged after that for the rest of the day.

August 14 2020

Nice day but on the steamy side. Bill, Mel, and I played Tannenhauf today. Denny and John t were no shows? I should have broke 80 but a triple on number 17 put me at 82. Made only one putt all day and that was 3'. Driver was smoking hot and straight.

Spent 2 hrs trying to transfer Mary's verizon phone to Family Mobile with no luck. I will try tomorrow. More fun tomorrow, yay! Messed up the blog yesterday. Hope today is better.

August 13 2020

Slept in till 8! We got a walk in (four this week) at 9am then hit GE. Bought a lot of stuff. Sometimes I think the cashiers compete to see who can use up the most plastic bags. We got a ton of them. So we were busy till lunchtime anyway.

Mary did some towel wash and I vegged the rest of the day. I did call and move my dental extractions up to Tuesday, They have been irritating me on and off this week.

August 12 2020

A bit foggy this morning for our walk. Today we did some useful stuff.

I tightened up our table chairs with my allen wrench. Mary went to her gyno appt and all was well. I got the front mowed and a small part of the back, then we went and got

the fuel perks done. Almost got the 30 gallons at 1.70 off!

Maybe grocery shop tomorrow, and golf Friday.

August 11 2020

Decent sleep but up twice thus up late this morning. It was warming up but we made it on our walk.

Gold and silver tanked today. Crazy optimism. It's 7:35 pm and to be honest, I can't think of a useful thing either of us have done today after our walk. Wow.

August 10 2020

Decent sleep, so got moving early. At 8:30am it was warmer than I like so we quickly got off moving on our walk. Pretty humid but we finished around 9.

Really used my brain today! First up, I set to understand the dental estimate. There was no detailed info other than Delta Dental would pay 853 and I would be stuck with 3700. Called for more info and they sent a cryptic email which we discussed. The Doctor's \$1950/implant would come down to \$1450 and if I wait till January, they would pay 750 each and I would also. The 1500 for 2 would max me out for the year. Three other items were not covered and totaled 1675, but I will have to check with the surgeon on those.

Then I looked at switching Mary off of Verizon to Family Mobile. I got the gist of it, but transferring the number from verizon will be tricky. Finally, I figured out why Aetna was denying Mary's Prolia request (the doctor's office dummies ordered it twice).

On top of that, I figured out that NY was allowing 10 cases/100000 population before requiring quarantine when visiting. Ohio was allowed 1000 cases/day (7 day rolling ave), and PA 1280 cases/day. So that means my golf trip to PA will be OK for Jim and Jr.

Thinking of George, he is going too, brought my thankfulness for diffusion to mind. Always been impressed with this phenomena. Diffusion is the net movement of anything from a region of higher concentration to a region of lower concentration. Diffusion is driven by a gradient in concentration. The concept of diffusion is widely used in many fields, including physics, chemistry, biology, sociology, economics, and finance according to the Wiki.

That means when George farts, the smell will diffuse into the atmosphere. The pollution gets smaller and smaller in the local space. Basically, you breathe less and less of the fart as time progresses. However, it really never goes away unless it is somehow pulled out of the atmosphere, perhaps by condensation.

August 9 2020

Another good sleep till 8:30, although I did get up for 1/2 hr at 4am. Seemed too hot so we skipped walking and vegged this morning.

We went over to Wes' for his 40th birthday party in the back yard with masks on all. Cake and ice cream was very good. Glad to hear his kids will do school remotely. Jenna will as well! That is great. I was worried about that.

We picked up a prescription and some cash at the ATM. Getting ready for a do nothing week. Going to be mind numbing.

August 8 2020

Got a good night sleep and temp was normal this morning. Had a donut for breakfast, shaved and we did our walk, getting back around 10am. Temp was still OK. It was starting to heat up.

Noticed some black at the top of the living room curtains. Investigated finding the rod was oxidizing and using the curtain closer, black stuff came off on it and when touched to the curtain left some on them. We washed them and wiped down the rod. Going to have to have a routine to deal with that.

Saw old neighbor Mike Shoulders cruising the hood. He stopped to chat and all was well with his people. Watched Saratoga most of the day and came out almost even. A good day for me.

Maybe they will call my name for Cash Explosion tonight. They said the minimum is \$6100. That would be my take home you can be sure, If they ask what I will do with the money, I might be the first to say "I am going to give it all to my dentists".

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Did not sleep well, spending till 2:30 in my chair and till 7:30 in bed. Temps of 100.7 to 99.7 till I went back for 2 hrs sleep. Mary took good care of me and went to the store for bananas and applesauce. Sat in my chair all day, checking temps. Must still be fighting off something. 99.0 after dinner.

I will take it easy for a few days and see what happens. If need be I will get tested next week.

August 6 2020

Another nice morning. We walked around 8:30 and it was a little chilly. We cut back the last small iris bed along the inside back fence. Then we dug it up and moved it to the front of the house. These iris are purple and white and the most beautiful we have. We thought we should feature them better. more iris bets leaving just one or two small ones.

I redid my Open Office profile so the spell check works again. This new touch pad still drives me nuts so I am trying something new. A click anywhere on it is a click now. To right click I can use two fingers anywhere on the pad. I had set it up to right click on the lower left. But my thumb kept wandering over the line and I was getting a lot of right clicks I did not want. So far, so good.

BTW, I am sick and tired of that lady on the TV ad saying "I wants to see ya in a Ken

Ganley Kia". This is the most annoying commercial on the air these days.

While watering tonight there were a ton of bugs in the air. I believe they are some kind of sand fly.

August 5 2020

Another nice morning. We walked around 9:30 and it was still cool out. Nice! We cut back 2 more iris beds leaving just one or two small ones. One I want to move to a better area also.

Carolyn stopped over at her lunch hour. Good to see her. Went to GE to pick up prescriptions and some fresh milk. We will have a salad for dinner. I will upload this early and then look back to create a new profile in Open Office. Once again, the entire document looks like all words are spelled wrong. Seems to happen at least once every year.

August 4 2020

Nice morning. We walked before the rain, then cut back an iris bed. They were crowding out another flower so we moved them to the other side of the rock. Got real sweaty in the humidity when the sun came out. We cut back a couple of groups yesterday and will do a couple a day to keep busy.

After lunch I got me a haircut. Vegged out the rest of the day.

I get a kick out of a couple bogus commercials. One has Joe Nameth extolling the virtues of free rides to medical appointments. Like he needs them. The other is Tom Selleck selling reverse mortgages. Did you know he knows "What's what"? I wonder what that means. He also says this is not his first rodeo. What does that have to do with selling reverse mortgages?

August 3 2020

Nice day in the low 80s. We played Sable Creek. Played much better by not swinging so hard with driver, slowing the iron swings down, and a better short game. Went 42 on the black with 20 putts. Threw away about 3 on the greens. Found the right speed on the back, chipping and putting firmer as the greens seemed slow. Started the Maroon with 7 pars, missing 2 birdie tries. Saved a bogey on 8 and needed a par on 9 to break 80. Made the putt from just off the green for a birdie and a 78!

On the downside, my drives averaged 192 yds. My irons were 10 yds shorter than last year as well. Sucks to get old.

Jenna was feeling better today.

August 2 2020

Nice and cool for our walk this morning. We didn't leave till 9:30 and were able to keep a brisk pace. Did cut down 2 more groups of iris and collect some more cherry tomatoes.

We cranked up the new pressure cooker with a 3 lb chuck roast, onion, potatoes, and carrots. I don't think we did it according to the recipe which called for 30min slow cook. We used the auto cook which came in at 15 minutes. Since the meat was cooked. We pulled it out and threw in the veggies and gave it another 15 minutes. Worked out OK. Next time we will try to slow cook.

I ordered face shields to put over the masks so we will err on the safe side. Wonder what T-Rump would say about that? After all the sports reporting on playing in a bubble, I decided we were living in a bubble. Never leave the property except for groceries, pickup, ice cream, golf, and doctor appointments.

Jenna had a sore throat. They did a video visit with stat care and they just assumed it was strep. I think they should have had her tested though.

August 1 2020

Rainy day but we needed it. We picked up some groceries, especially stuff for the pot roast we plan to cook in our new pressure cooker. It will be exciting!

BTW, George had me send Mary's swiss steak recipe again and they loved it and so did their guests. Mary inherited it from her Mom, the best cook in the universe. We laughed about saying "A lot of people say it is by far their favorite meal".

Did a little iris cutback today. Bunch of that left to do.

July 31 2020

Good riddance to July. Corona virus deaths are rising even though the USA is at 159K so far.

We played Windmill this morning. George joined us and we had fun. Mel, Bill, and John were glad to see him too. John played very well but missed several short putts, as did we all. He also had a couple of chipping issues but he did strike the ball well to score 87. George was striking it well but scored 91 with poor putting. I stuck shots poorly and missed all my putts for a 90. Mel played good too shooting 100. Too many topped shots for him.

We had a nice salad for dinner. I added hot dog and Mary a burger.

Too other items: I looked back and have several more blog pages this year. I must be blabbering this year. My chess has been amazing. After playing poorly for many months I have worked my way back to the low 1300s. Now at 1320 where I haven't been for a long time. Thinking next week I will be beaten down to the 1250s again.

July 30 2020

We got out and walked early again. It was pretty comfortable today. Watched a lot of History channel this morning. Pretty cool ancient battles and stuff.

After lunch I went to the oral surgeon for a second opinion. He said it was the first time he saw a grown man cry without even touching his teeth.

Without the insurance:

phase 1 \$700 for 2 extractions

phase 2 choice 1 \$5500 for 2 implants and a bridge ?\$1500? at the dentist

phase 2 choice 2 tbd \$ for a partial at the dentist

I will wait to see what the insurance will pay for choice 2 but I am guessing it would be \$3500 + the cost of a bridge. I am thinking it is time for a partial and soft food.

Lesson learned....don't waste money on a bridge on old teeth. get the permanent implants. Also root canal + crown is 1600, whereas an implant is 1950. so if you

need that get the implant. It is permanent whereas they will likely have to redo the crown in 5 years for another \$800. Save the grief and get it over with.

July 29 2020

Wes sent a text that said he was negative on his virus test so that was a good start. We walked early and worked up a good sweat. It was already up to 77 on the way to 88 when we got back. Carolyn stopped over at lunch time for a few minutes.

We got the pressure cooker we ordered. Now we can pick up the items we need for beef stew and see how it goes.

July 28 2020

Wes emailed he had a fever last night and it went down at bedtime and was going to be tested today. Talked to him after his test and it seems more likely that he overheated while bike riding in the heat. The body does some funny things when you abuse it. He will call tomorrow when he hears about the test results. As a precaution, I stayed away from Mary, as she went for ice cream with him and the kids yesterday.

I made her lunch and dinner today and she avoided touching stuff. Needless to say it was a slow day. Carolyn stopped over for lunch, but forgot her lunch bag.

July 27 2020

Oops. Forgot to post yesterday. Nothing happened anyway. I sprayed the baseboards and we put stuff away that was hanging around.

Today I played poorly at Good Park. Took me 7 holes to get a par. Another par on 9 gave me a 45 on the front. Started the back with 2 should have been pars and then ripped a drive thru a tree. Very lucky. Pulled out my lob wedge and dropped it just short of the green. It bounced up and trickled into a front pin for an eagle 2! Parred the next then finished with a bunch of should have been pars for a 41 and an 86 total. Hit some 170+ 4irons like in the old days. Of course the ground was rock hard.

Mary got her hair done and went for ice cream with the kids at lunchtime.

July 25 2020

A hot one at 87. We got out and walked early again. This is walk #12 this month as we try to keep active. Carolyn stopped by and found us walking so rode along and talked as we headed home. Hit the grocery store around 10:30 and loaded up. Needed food for lunch.

After lunch, we finished the puzzle. Seems like people are becoming more sense able. Cleveland schools are delayed till October and some of the colleges canceled fall sports. Lets hope the local schools do as well.

Still no rain so we will continue to water the flowers after 7pm.

July 24 2020

Warm day. We played early at Mayfair. I was 4 over after 3 holes and it was looking bleak. Followed that with 2 nice pars, 3 bogies and a birdie for 42. I was on fire the back nine, with another birdie and a 38 for and 80. A double on 17 after a perfect drive killed my chances to break 80. John had 87. The others played the back very poorly

with Denny at 49 and Bill and Mel at 56 and 57 for a 96, 105, and 108. Yikes.

We had an early dinner then hit DQ for a Blizzard.

July 23 2020

Cloudy day at 80 but high humidity. We walked early and got back before 9:30am. We took one weight and used them again to get more in for our time. I called and got my implant consult moved up to the 30th.

Figuring I would need to eat softer foods going forward, I ordered a pressure cooker from Kohls. Found a good pot roast recipe and printed it for Mary. We spent the day working the puzzle.

My Mary Trump book came and I read the first chapter. She was dining with Trump's sister, judge Maryanne and they were amazed the evangelicals and Fallwell were endorsing him when Maryanne, a devout catholic, said "WTF is wrong with them? The only time Donald went to church is when there were cameras there."

I will read more this evening.

July 22 2020

Nice cloudy day. We walked early and got back before 9am. We took one weight and used them along the way. I cut down the spent iris in the back bed. They were looking all brown and ugly.

Started a puzzle after lunch and some naps. Mind numbing day.

July 21 2020

Cooler today as well. Drove Mary to the dentist appt at 11 to have her crown installed. She said she forgot to bring the phone number because you have to call from the parking lot when you get there. I told her I know the number well. Then it hit me. I know only 4 phone numbers; Mary's cell, the home phone, the dentist, and the pharmacy. How sad is that! Don't know the kids phone, nor my relatives, nor my friends, but I do know the dentist's number. OMG!

On the plus side we had lunch at Handels. Hot fudge for Mary and Raspberry chunk for me. Really good. edged 1/2 the front flower bed and got the tomatoes watered.

July 20 2020

Cooler today but still hot. Tried to play Tannenhau. Dismal performance. I putted poorly again missing at least 5 short putts. On the plus side I did make 2 today. Not sure what my issue is. Driver was OK but I did pull 2 and slice one. Only about 1/3 of my irons were crisp. The others played very well with nets under 65. Mine was an 89 or net 75. Way out of it.

Not much else happening.

July 19 2020

Woke up to 78 degrees at 7am. Yikes. After finishing the pot of coffee we went to Marcs to pick up a few grocery items and get back to the cooling. We were back in at 10am. Very few people at that hour. No Ores at Marcs? The trip was necessary as we

were out of ice cream.

The kids stopped over on their way home from Wingfoot Lake. We tossed the plane around until it stuck in the pine tree and squirted to water. They wore me out in an hour and a half.

Worked on the puzzle and watched the horses then had watermelon for dinner.

July 18 2020

Woke up to the weather this morning telling me it would be 92 today and 95 tomorrow with high humidity. We walked but only 1 mile this morning, as the humidity and lack of air movement made it real stuffy out there. When we got back, I finished the E2C model plane I was working on so we could clear the table for working on puzzles as we stay out of the expected heat.

Watched some racing and worked the puzzle all afternoon to stay out of the heat. We had watermelon for lunch and BLTS for dinner. Good summer fare.

July 17 2020

Well, I will be a monkey's uncle. I would have sworn I updated the blog the last 2 days but apparently not. Wednesday, I took Mary to Fairlawn for her Crystal Clinic appt. Thursday we took the kids to ice cream. It was good seeing them.

Today I struggled at Brookledge. It was hot and I shot 91 with at least 42 putts. I don't believe I made a putt over 3 feet and missed several from 3 feet. One penalty for pulling my drive into the woods. Should have parred 8 on the back but parred only 2 of them. I am done with that course for a long time. Part of it was my left wrist was not behaving itself.

Looks like it is a major issue to travel into NY. Anyone coming in from Ohio must quarantine for 14 days. Since Jim and Jr. both work, there is no way they can visit here for golf. This pandemic is cruel.

Saw Mary Trump on TV last night. She says Trump is dangerous. Just confirms what everyone else has said.

July 14 2020

Another great day again in the low 80s. We got out and walked early. We each took a weight so we could do some curls, kickbacks, and side lifts along the way. Got a good workout. After we got back around 9:30 I took the garage door window over to the repair shop. I imagine it will be done next Tuesday or Thursday.

Mary rode along to the Periodontist in Fairlawn to keep me company and not miss out on any treats should I stop for any. He looked at my tooth for the crown lengthening and said it would be a patch and would only last a couple of years.

Recommended losing the bridge and putting in 2 implants. That ain't gonna happen for \$6K + 2 crowns. That was without insurance which would bring it down maybe \$2K. After we got home I called them and asked them to run the insurance and let me know what that would be. Then I will call my dentist and see what the alternatives are. No way am I spending \$8K on 2 teeth when I have a mouthful of crowns to worry about.

I am a little ticked she didn't look at a closer xray before sending me off for a root

canal. That cost me \$450 and will only be useful if it gets patched up. It is \$1100 (before insurance) for the crown extension and add a crown to that is another \$450 so the patch job will be around \$1500. Guess I will learn more the next couple of days.

I better check with Dick and see how those adoption papers are coming along.

July 13 2020

Pretty nice day again in the low 80s. Played Fox Den and drove it well once again. Three solid driving rounds in a row now. Was chipping to under 8 feet most of the day and made 5 up and downs on the front and could have had 3 more. Birdied the par 5 for a 41.

Similar on the back but had a couple blow ups and several missed short ones. Was not keeping it firm to the hole and was either short or did not hold the line. Finished with a 46 for a disappointing 87.

July 12 2020

Pretty nice day in the low 80s. We started out fixing the temporary cardboard patch for the garage door. Looks pretty solid for now. We then picked up groceries at GE.

Worked on my E2C model and are almost done. Trying to put some of the decals on. Not an easy task. Watched some horse racing and golf and vegged the day away.

July 11 2020

Morning clouds and light rain kept things cool today. Nice breeze as well. We did the bills for the month. Great to have it down to once a month now.

We took the garage entry door apart so I could get the glass replaced. Another double pain seal broken. I looked for a replacement door but they only sell the entire pre-hung assembly for \$250. I believe I can get the glass replaced for a lot less.

I asked Mary which wall she wanted to stare at today. She picked the one right behind our recliners. It was very nice. Has some original art and a block of photos on it. After a quick nap and staring at that wall for awhile, we decided to go to the flea market. Not too many vendors and nothing stood out. We picked up some grapes and peaches. Stopped at the Kitchen and picked up a banana cream pie for dinner.

We stopped at Wes for 20minutes and gave him 1/2 of what we had bought, then headed home for our peaches and pie dinner. That sure did hit the spot!

July 10 2020

Hit 92 today. Very groggy this morning but I dragged myself to Brookledge to play golf. We got cooked good in the heat. Mel 89 and Denny 86 played fantastic. I stuck the ball well but had my usual issues with the greens there. Denny had 30 putts while I had 40. two three putts and 2 4 putt greens. I know this is what to expect there so I don't let it bother me.

The big plus for the week is two golf rounds with not a poor drive in sight. Irons are improving as well.

We had a light dinner and headed to New Baltimore for a hot fudge sundae. Very good!

July 9 2020

Hit 92 today. We slept in too long so we skipped walking in the heat. I worked on my E2C aircraft model and made some headway. Today was truly a mind number.

July 8 2020

Hit 91 today. We headed to Mary's eye appt and stopped at McD for lunch pickup. Still not comfortable dining inside places. We got the car a wash. That is wash number 2 for the new car, now 8½ months old. I ordered her some prescription reading glasses from eyebuydirect for \$50. Hope they work out.

Got Mary to paint the screen door handle black with the small bottle of paint I got yesterday. Looks nice. The plants are looking forward to their watering tonight after another hot day.

July 7 2020

Hit 93 today. Slow morning then we headed to Mary's dental crown appt. I went, dropped her off and picked up a small bottle of black paint to touch up the screen door handle. Got me some ice cream as well. Got back just in time to pick her up. She wanted pancakes for dinner to baby her temp so I went along. Forgot the pancakes were hard to get down the food pipe, so had to take it slow.

Got Jenna over to mow. Gave her a rundown on the mower and got her to do 2 circles in the back and then up and down for the front right and across on the right. She wasn't thrilled but she needed to practice driving. Guess she is ready to learn driving. She did a nice job.

July 6 2020

Hit 90 again as we played Wilshire. Did not sleep well for some reason; don't know why. The 10:24 tee time was not helpful. We got cooked pretty good. Dad and a kid ahead of us was painful. They tossed them on #10 as they were holding everyone up. Asked them to come back when it was less crowded. I almost walked back in but was glad I did not.

Shot a nice 39 on the front with 1 chip in birdie. Slow start on the back. I strung some pars together and missed a couple birdie putts, but tweaked my wrist on 16. Came in with 2 doubles on 17 and 18 that cost me low net. I was ticked Dave got a stroke on the 100yd #6 canceling my birdie. Final score was 84.

Vegged the rest of the day.

July 5 2020

Another hot one, yesterday as well. Thought about posting last night but not much to say so I skipped it. Yesterday we slept in so we skipped walking. Did vacuum the cars and feed the cats but that was it. Neighbor spent a fortune on his fireworks but we stayed away as there were many kids there.

Today we walked early. No breeze all day so it was cooking out there. Picked up groceries at GE and fed the cats after lunch then we hunkered down. Spent some time working on my E2C model. So far so good except for the stickers. Messed up about half of them miniature buggers. When I soak them to get them off the paper, they just curl up before I can get them on the plastic.

Picked up some ribs from GE. They were good last time we got them. We will share ½

rack pretty soon.

July 3 2020

Hit 90 today. We had a 10am tee time and it was slow so we were out in some high heat the last 5 holes. Everyone played well with Dick struggling a bit. He was high man with 102. My drives were stellar, irons not too bad but I could not get up and down till the end. Went 44-39 for 83 with 6 pars including the last 4 holes. Bill 86, Denny 94, and Mel 98 played well.

Met Mary at Wes' to feed the cat and we ate hot fudge sundaes for dinner around 3:30. Too hot for anything else so we vegged the rest of the day. I might have dozed off for a few.

July 2 2020

On a roll, another great day. We were out walking before 8am and got that done before the heat rose. I touched up the front door as it had some spray paint that had worked under the plastic I tried to cover it with. They both look great now. Cheap solution to what I first thought would be door replacements.

After lunch we did the cats. Mary headed over to GE to pick up prescriptions and I headed to my root canal in Fairlawn.

The root canal was less than exciting. First, my forehead temp read 101.7 from my long car ride. That settled down. Then the doc had a hard time finding my roots under the crown on the bridge.

He saw decay in the next tooth and thought the bridge would have to come off anyway, so he tried to remove the bridge using some kind of thing that smacked the bridge with some kind of sliding weight. Felt like he was hammering my tooth against the jawbone. That was no fun.

He did eventually find them and wrapped things up taking 60 min. Normally my root canals are done in a very short time. Will have to call the dentist to schedule the next step. What a pain!

July 1 2020

Another great day. Jenna is 16 today. We gave her a card with some cash on Monday. We were busy early. Out for our walk to beat the heat at 8:15. Thought we were early but we saw neighbor Tammy who said she was out at 7am. She said she saw a lady out there at 6am from inside her house. Wow.

We taped up the front storm door with plastic and waited for the sun to pass over the house. Then I spray painted the inside white. Mary went and got me another can and I then did the outside part. Then I put the windows and hardware back on. They took us to 2:30pm. Then we did Wes' cats and got home to bake some pizza.

Gonna veg the rest of the evening and get my root canal tomorrow.

June 30 2020

Another great day. We slept in till 8am but were able to get out for our walk and beat the heat around 9am. After lunch, we went over to feed the cats. Wes is on the island till Monday.

We stopped for ice cream at New Baltimore then picked up some white spray paint for the screen door at HH. We stayed out of the heat but it clouded over at 2:30. Took that opportunity to get the lawn mowed. We will rake a little when the sun goes down. Too warm with the sun out there. Good exercise

June 29 2020

Great day. I got to go golfing at Skyland Pines. Had a tough time getting started with a poor short game, but caught on fire for the back. Scored 43-37 = 80 by making 2 birds on the back and missing 2 more. Bogied 18 or I would have broke 80. Drives were stellar

Mary took Jenna to her dentist, then went to her doctor appt, then picked up Jenna to head for home. 83 today and it is supposed to heat up for the rest of the week.

June 28 2020

Long long day. Up at 6am with maybe 5hrs sleep so the day dragged on. We got out and beat the heat at 830 for our walk. No one stirring out there. Back for another cup of coffee and we headed to GE for groceries because out cupboards were bare. The day was pretty much over by 1030am.

Picked up Mexican food for an early dinner. Vegged the rest of the day watching the pickers search for rusty gold.

June 27 2020

Was a hot one with the heat kept down by the clouds and wind. We walked early to beat the heat, then reached the strip at 10am where the stores were just opening. We picked up a few things including the main item, glue for my E2C model airplane.

We stopped at Loews so I could pick up some crabgrass killer and we added a hanging basket to the bill.

Pretty much vegged and stayed out of the heat the rest of the day, although we did some quick weeding every now and then.

June 26 2020

Great weather at Raintree today. John 87 and Mel 103 played well. Good to see John as he is holed up in WV taking care of Dell's aunt. She is in a home now but they are visiting daily and trying to straighten out her affairs. I played decent, scoring a 90 with 2 penalties and 4 putts left on the front lip of the cup. Hit a bucket to straighten out my iron swing and made much progress on that. Hope to play better Monday.

Carolyn stepped in for the unreliable Jacob and mowed for me. The mail delivered new golf gloves which were much needed.

We set new records for virus cases today. Opening the economy is certainly leading to more spreading illness. The economy is bad, unemployment is high, now T-Rump is trying to kill the Affordable Care Act as he whistles a happy tune. The man is scum and perhaps the Devil himself.

June 25 2020

Nice day. We got out and walked early around 9am. Backed the car out for mowing but Jacob changed to the afternoon and then later on to tomorrow morning. I will not be

happy if I have to rake again.

Thought about hitting some balls to fix my irons but decided to get there early and hit a bucket in the morning. Weeded mulch beds, primarily getting the grass that tends to creep in. I just edge with the shovel and yank out the grass creeping in.

The furnace guy was supposed to call 10 days ago. I called last week and hear he hurt his back doing stuff with the grand kids. Must have done himself in good. That and perhaps repainting the screen door are on my project list. List is getting real short now.

June 24 2020

Got an early call that my garage window was ready so I went and picked it up and put the window back in. Done with 8 days of plastic flapping about in the wind!

We wanted to do something for Wes' Anniversary, so we quickly whipped up 2 dozen cupcakes and delivered them on the way to the dentist.

There, we found out what we will be doing with our stimulus money. Mary will be getting a crown and I will be getting one plus a root canal and my crown extended so she can get to some decay below the gum line. I assume they will be cutting some gum away or laser cutting it. Ewww. Hate that smell of burning flesh. That one will take 3 visits; one to the root man, one to the gum guy, and one to the dentist. Then a couple of fillings to boot.

I told them to make sure they don't give me the virus cause it would do me in. They said the same to me.

June 23 2020

Good sleep last night. Not much happening. Mary went over for lunch to the neighbors with Brenda driving in from Massillon.

Got a small bookcase I ordered, so Mary helped put it together. We went for a Sunday drive on Tuesday, as Carolyn locked her keys in her car at work. We picked her up and took her back. Rained off and on most of the day. Dentist tomorrow.

June 22 2020

Didn't sleep well again so it was another rough day. Rained off and on all day. It was a great day to fill my Cologuard container though. It was weird driving to CVS with poop in the shipping box. It is a UPS pickup station. Never drove my poop around before.

I was going to freak out the CVS lady. She was a rather large lady and seemed frustrated that someone else had her scanner. She called and another even larger lady brought the scanner over. They both looked confused so I just handed it over and got out of Dodge.

Watched a good movie on Netflix called the Healer. Real feel good tear jerker.

June 21 2020

Not much going on till 530 when Carolyn came over for a cookout. Wes was working so the kiddies did not come over till later. Got much cooler when the front came through.

We had some good food and salad and Jacob mowed.

I did not get to sleep till 3am. I was tossing and turning over prep for the cookout. I had to disinfect this and that and wear my mask when cooking and wash my hands, and so on. Drove me crazy.

Did not get up till 830 and it was too hot to walk by then. Good thing, as I was still tired. This fathers day stuff is too much for me.

June 20 2020

Hot day kept us indoor. We did get out and pick up some items for a garage picnic tomorrow. Carolyn and family is coming at 6pm. Maybe Wes too?

I watched the Belmont. Hit a small pick 4 but missed the pick 5 second race. Lots of favorites won today.

June 19 2020

I left the driveway blockers out to get a little more drying. Good thing, as there were 2 deliveries today.

We played Mayfair today. I was pleasantly pleased with my 40 on the front nine. Super drives but not quite solid irons turned to super drives and regrettable irons on the back as I shot 47 there. Just not timing the ball strike right. My wrists break too soon or too late resulting in weak hits. Everyone else played poorly on the back as well. There were many 7s, 8s and a 10 back there.

June 18 2020

We got moving early. Out for a walk around 9am. Nice and cool then, but it warmed up later. I couldn't stay in the sun for more than 10 minutes. Called and got an 1130 appt for a haircut. Sure nice to be able to do that.

No luck on the ponies today. The Belmont Stakes is Saturday but my picking is not good. That lines up with lottery scratch offs. Nothing there either. Can't remember when I doubled my money on those. Guess I will put the cars into the garage. The driveway is dry. Just try not to twist the tires out there.

June 17 2020

Oops. What happened yesterday? We were going to do the driveway but Jacob had to work till 2pm. So I grabbed my can of white post paint, took the flags down, and touched up the paint on the columns. It got pretty warm quick an I was cooked when I finished. That must have been it cause I am drawing a blank about the afternoon.

Today I had a doctor appt and Mary an eye appt, so we both left at 830am. Doc thinks my left wrist issue is a tendon. He offered some pain cream but I declined. If it gets bad, maybe a steroid injection he says.

Picked up Jacob and we got the driveway done by noon. He did another nice job. Dropped him off home after that. Showered and got the sealer off me and vegged the rest of the day.

Virus cases are exploding in NC, Texas, Georgia, Louisiana, Arizona, and Florida. I sent out Happy Days are Here Again video link to go with the latest death toll which is a hair away from 120,000. One third of all deaths have been in nursing homes so far.

T_Rump is reducing Medicaid costs just like he said.

June 15 2020

Took the window over to Viking Glass on the way to golf; \$100 to fix it.

Surprisingly, my putter was on fire for 7 holes. I had 5 pars by then. Then it went cold, missing a short par putt on 8 and 3 putting 9 for a 4 over 39. Actually had better ball strikes on the back but too 4 penalties with my driver. Too long and into the creek on 13, into the marsh on 15 trying to drive the green (dumb play), and then into the left weeds on 17.

Made no putts on the back. !4 was very disappointing. I was off the front in 2 and chipped 15 ft past, missing my birdie putt and settling for par. Two pars and 2 doubles on the back for a 45.

Prepped driveway for sealing tomorrow. Jacob should be over early.

June 14 2020

We slept in till 830 this morning. Anniversary #51 today. Last year we celebrated by going to Jamaica, this year it was Walmart and Handles.

Jacob mowed and we visited with Jenna and Carolyn, the headed to Handles and had hot fudge sundaes to wrap up the day.

June 13 2020

We played Sable Creek again yesterday. I played decent but made zero putts shooting 86. Mel played very well scoring a 99 and winning lots of dots. Everyone else played poorly; Bill 93, Denny 99, Dick 99. I was surprised I played decent after the poor sleep I had the night before. All the stress and sleepless nights have probably reduced my expected lifetime. Trump Anxiety Disorder isn't helping me one bit. I was toast after golf and took a couple of naps before bedtime.

Slept OK last night. Wondering how we can celebrate anniversary 51 tomorrow.

We took out the garage window so it could be repaired but the place was closed. After lunch Mary started the lasagna. We had left the hamburger in the fridge too long, so she tossed it and went to get new. Got it started and Wes called and said the kids wanted to pick the strawberries. Well, I had just picked them so I took them back out and sprinkled them around on the ground.

Each one picked a bowl full and ate them. They played outside and eventually the lasagna was cooked, so we got out plates and drinks and had a picnic out back. Great seeing them all again.

June 12 2020

Watching all the news events last night got me to thinking that I should document my thoughts about "President" Trump while I can. He is in the final year of his 4 year elected term.

The damage he has done to the country is incredible. He started out before he was even sworn in by having Flynn contact the Russians and undercut US foreign policy with regard to Obama's sanctions on them. Once elected, he seemed to be Putin's stooge as if Putin had something over on him. So much so the NSA and FBI had to

investigate just what the hell was going on. There were many strange and secret meetings.

He neglected appointments to government offices. Failure to staff the organization that approved corporate mergers personally cost me thousands of dollars when deals fell through. He gutted the State Department, pulled out of International arms, trade, and environmental deals, gutted EPA safeguards, and made the US a laughing stock all over the world. Our Allies wondered what was going on here. Friends and neighbors were asked that by their acquaintances in other countries.

He was rightly Impeached, but the Republican majority in Congress turned a blind eye and supported him every step of the way. Shame on them.

I knew it would be bad when he was elected. But I never thought he would endanger my life and the lives of all my relatives, friends, and their spouses of my generation. He has totally botched our response to the Coronavirus Pandemic. Over 2M Americans have been infected with 114,000 dead and likely another 100,000 to go as it has hit the elderly hard. At one time 98% of those dead in Ohio were over the age of 60. This is indeed life threatening for all my friends and family.

The man has flamed the fires of the riots and protests over police brutality toward the blacks and created one of the most disgusting immigration crises in US History. And he isn't done yet.

The man has disgusted me. He is a crook, uses women, is a racist, has protected the rich and ignored the poor. He is going to rot in Hell. My only hope is that I outlive him so that I may make a special trip to his grave site and spit on his grave.

June 11 2020

Went in to have blood taken for lab tests. Dr appt (6months) next week. Not much going on. Beautiful day again. Keeping Mary quiet for the week after her eye surgery. She is seeing well. All very boring.

June 9,10 2020

Lost track yesterday, as Mary had her second eye done. All went well and much quicker than the last time where they were way behind schedule.

Took her back this morning for a look. They said her eyes were very dry and she should use drops to moisten them. We stopped in Mogadore to do a waymark, and also at Tallmadge Circle to log a visit.

I picked up Jacob from work to mow and dropped him off later. Pretty hot out there. Cooked the DiGiorno up for dinner and picked strawberries out back. Also helped with the wash. She can't bend down for 2 days, lift anything heavy for 2 weeks.

I have to fast for a blood draw tomorrow at 11.

June 8 2020

Another great day. We played Sable Creek. All my drives were good once again. Still struggling with irons but I hit maybe 75% good. Missed a bunch of putts by a small margin. Came in with an 87 but missed low net by one thanks to my poor play on 9 and 18. Four putts on 9 and 2 chips on 18. Rrrr.

Got home and we ate early, then went to GE for groceries. Tomorrow is Mary's second

cataract surgery.

June 7 2020

Up too early before 6am so I went back for another hour at 7am. Cooked up some omelets and toast and did some weeding around 9am. Mary went to church and when she got back we went to an open house for a condo in North Canton.

Turns out the open house was canceled as they had 7 showings and sold it within 48 hrs. The lady said a smaller one might become available as one guy just went to a nursing home. We picked up some Mexican food and headed home for an early dinner.

I vegged with a pain in my right side since last night. Calms down when I rest so I think it is a muscle pull.

June 6 2020

Great weather. Hot this morning with no wind moving but there was a nice breeze when we walked around 3pm. We went to CVS and picked up some 2.0 reading glasses for Mary. I may try some breathe strips but they are extra strength. Likely too big. We watched some more lectures on the American Revolution. Did 12 of 24 so far. Washington was on the ropes until his bold move at Trenton. Washington is now holed up in Morristown.

Jacob came over to mow after dinner so the lawn looks nice. Dang lawn needs cut every 5 days.

June 5 2020

Great weather in the high 60s. We played Fox Den. I managed an 84, Bill 95, and Mel 115. My Diving was flawless. The irons improved today but my chipping was poor. Never got one inside of 6 feet, and missed almost all of those. The low point were 3 putting two par 5s on the back, going 1 over on the first and par on the second. We did play quickly in about 3 hours.

Talked to John T. He is ready to play, so I am trying to catch Denny to see if he will be playing. My wrist was tweaked several times today. Hope that won't become an issue.

June 4 2020

Oops. We got started on our walk early so as to miss the rain. We got out halfway and it started to sprinkle. We got fairly wet by the time we got back. So much for my radar reading skills.

We skipped lunch, picked up a prescription and had an early dinner at Hartville Kitchen. They put up glass between booths and spread the tables to 12 feet. Of course the storm had to hit about that time, so we got wet once again.

June 3 2020

Nice one today. Took Mary to her 1 week eye checkup so that is done. Next week the other eye is up for repair. We walked when we got back. Carolyn brought her lunch over and we sat out back with her.

Trimmed a small pine up that sits in the front left and vegged the rest of the day.

June 2 2020

Cloudy day. Of course the sun came out for our walk so as to cook us doing that. Did a little yard work.

Jacob mowed this evening and Carolyn helped with the fuel perks. \$57 saved in gas.

Mary's appointment paperwork said 910, but she got a text and email saying her appt was 950 tomorrow. I called and they said 950 too. Then they answered one of my texts questioning it and said 910 was correct. Huh.

June 1 2020

Nice day starting in the low 50s but warming to the 70s. Played Ellsworth today. It always is tough so I was apprehensive since I haven't played for 16 days. Rough front nine but I hit enough good shots to scrape together a 44. Magic on the back as my drives were long and my putting much better. Only 3 over on the back for a 39. I was amazed. I had at least 3 decent length putts narrowly miss and made all the short ones on the back.

Mary finally got to the hairdresser and is a happy camper tonight. I am a happy camper as I had 2 hot dogs with buns and a blizzard today!

May 31 2020

Well that does it for another crummy month in 2020. Mary went to church for the first time as they finally held services. Pretty sparse and safe she said. It was cold. Needed a sweatshirt and then some.

We had to shop as we ran out of coffee and lunch meat mainly. I through in the towel on my diet. Quite disappointing I did lose 5 lbs in 13 days but the last 4 days were minimal.

On the plus side the weather looks good for golf this week. Should be a cold start tomorrow.

May 30 2020

Promised to be a slow day. Jacob came over around noon and mowed. So much grass I had to rake. Filled 3 bags and took them to the recycle. Wore me plumb out. We threw a sheet over him and gave him a big hug. The sheet went into the washer, but we got that done.

Wes said he found my mole traps. I went over to get them and I helped hold a board while he hammered it into his shed. We went to put his umbrella up on the new boards and there were big ants all over it. We dragged it out and sprayed and killed the big old queen. Funny place to nest?

Picked up some more of those boneless wings for dinner while Mary had Wendy's chili.

Just to keep with current events, there have been protests all week all over the country over a black man who died while police in Minneapolis had their knee on his neck. Lots of outsiders starting riots at peaceful protests. I figure the Russians are involved.

May 29 2020

Canceled yet another round of golf. Looked like a thunderstorm would just after tee off

time. That made for another boring day. Thought Jacob would have enough time to mow before round 2 but he was late getting out of work. I put the car out to take advantage of a free rain wash. That was my excitement for the day.

Went out and clipped spent flowers every now and then. Also got in a 20min exercise bike segment. Spent most of the day grooving to Miss Monique.

We watched 2 lectures on the American Revolution. Not too interesting as he was setting the stage with some background info on Britain We will watch 2 more tonight. There are a total of 24 lectures. The professor was at Gettysburg, but he was on the Grant special and is at Princeton now. Hope my Cousin and his Yalie family don't find out I have been watching a Princeton guy.

May 28 2020

I got out to the garage around 9am and put the second coat on the garage repairs. Where I touched up the dark walls it looked OK. I think the paint goes on thin and you can see the paint under it. The newly painted areas stand out as there is no darker paint behind it.

Wes called and needed my help moving his bags of leaves to recycle. They sat there all winter and were full of wet leaves. It took 2 of us to lift them onto the HD rental truck. It was a dirty job but somebody had to help.

The kids and Kaetchen had gone to the island for the week so it was a good time to get it done. I was glad to help. We both needed a shower after that.

Never a dull moment.

May 27 2020

Turns out the captions were put there by Hulu. After going and deciphering their instructions I turned them off.

We went back to the Novis Eye Clinic and she took Mary's patch off. She only has to wear it at night for awhile. When I got back I went for groceries. More diet food as I need at least another pound. Down to 168 this morning.

After lunch I got out my texture paint. Took lots of mixing. I was amazed it is still useful after all these years. Painted over my wall patch and will paint tomorrow.

I mowed the front lawn to the north of the driveway to get it down on cut 5. We have been using the 6 setting cause the grass is growing so damn fast. It looks nice but I had to rake and ended up with 2 full leaf bags of grass. Not sure when I can get to the rest. It is a real workout.

Going to watch the last part 3 of Grant on the History channel. Drove me nuts yesterday. It was 6 min of show and then 4 min of commercials. Rrrr!

May 26 2020

New fangled TV remote turned on captions. Tried to turn them off with no luck. Dang!

Touched up the door paint last night on the inside and then the edges this morning. Then we vegged till time to head in for eye surgery. They called to say they were running late but we were almost there. I sat with the car air running for 3 hrs before Mary emerged. She had to hide from the light the rest of the day. I heard from Bill that

he had his done earlier in the day.

She was starving so we picked up McD on the way home. Carolyn stopped on her way to Tallmadge from work to chat for 20min.

May 25 2020

Thought it would be boring today but it was not. I was up before 6am but went back for another hour of Zzz at 8am. We took off the front door and painted in in the garage. As I sat back and looked at the first coat, I realized it was the wrong side of the door. Oh well. After it dried an hour we painted the right side and later a second coat. After that dried, we put it back up. The outside looks great. The inside needs another coat.

I went and picked up Jacob at IHOP to mow. He said they were busy earlier and then it petered out. At 3:15pm there were 2 cars I front. That is a great time to eat an early dinner.

Carolyn came around 5pm and helped me trim the plywood to the right size and I nailed it into the garage. That helps keep the wall solid where the mower is parked. The wall there gets nudged a lot. He just finished before a pop up thunderstorm passed thru.

Worn out. Mary has to fast for her eye surgery tomorrow.

May 24 2020

Lots more flags lining frontage in the hood. I got everyone going on Thursday and now it looks nice. Mostly in the back of the development though.

Mary did some wash. I added some mud to my garage patch and wondered how I would match the texturing. Looked online but never saw similar. Should be fun. I am guessing they just used a normal roller? Guess I will find out.

After lunch we went on a Sunday drive on Sunday! At Home Depot, I was dismayed to see so many shoppers without masks. I did rough counts 3 times. Two counts came out 1 mask wearer out of 3. One count, walking across the front of the store, I got 1 mask out of 20?

Picked up a piece of plywood 4x4 that was too big to get in the car so I had to go back in and cut it. Too bad he cut it $\frac{1}{4}$ inch too long. It will have to be trimmed. Got file, a retractable clothesline and a couple of rollers.

Stopped on the way home to get Mary a hot fudge sundae, none for me as I am on the diet. How is that for will power? Saw a condo complex just off Mt Pleasant in North Canton. Love it! That is the top choice so far. Nothing for sale though so I am unable to get any details on the HOA. It is called Fiddlers Creek. Pretty close to Cleveland Ave.

May 23 2020

Moving right along. Mary went to HH and picked me up some mud. Mine was getting moldy. Had the wall patch I did in the garage so I could pull out the cut live wire last fall. It was to cold to mud it last fall and now it was warm enough. Got the first round done. We had lunch and I decided we should do a Sunday Drive on Saturday.

We went up to Kent to look at the condos at the lakes at franklin mint off Fairfield (Graham) Road. They are \$250K and up , real nice, but out of my price range. There are

15 or so across the road in an unnamed development around \$200K that look decent but I have not seen any on the market. We drove thru those.

Headed back to a condo complex off of Howe Road in Kent but near Brimfield. They looked nice and the lawns well kept but something was amiss. I saw mold on some of the siding on quite a few houses. That should not be with an \$187/mo HOA. Wary of this. Pleasant Lakes of Ohio on the sign with a build to suit offer on it. A couple new ones were mostly built also.

There were a ton of kayaks out on Mogadore reservoir. Parking lot was full! Never seen that. They say bikes are selling out, must be kayaks too.

We picked up Wendys for Mary and I got boneless Wing St wings. Presently surprised. They were quite good. I did a bit of flower trimming while listening to Miss Monique 2015 podcast. I was grooving out there hope nobody saw me. The music quees up in the garage and I can spent 3 minutes away from the house till I need to go back and que some more up. Did 20min on the bike grooving to her, then it was upstairs to watch Colombo.

May 22 2020

Another golf rain out. We stared at the walls most of the day. Did some weeding and moved some flowers in between showers. Mary did some wash. I packaged up Founding Fathers DVD box and sent it to Catherine to watch. I checked the Great Courses and found the American Revolution on sale, so I ordered that.

Mary was going to attend a Zoom meeting at 11 but it never started. The knitting lady emailed later and said her power went out, but she did not understand why the WiFi would not work. Duh!

After dinner we walked again. That makes 7 days in a row. Thanks to two golf rain out this week. I hope this record is never ever broken. That is 12.6 miles total.

We did a salad tonight. The walk and the low calories should help out.

May 21 2020

Nice day. Did some edging on the flower beds and cut back one of the Lilac bushes to get rid of dead stuff. Was pretty darn warm. We then headed off for a walk in t-shirts. That is how nice it was.

After we got back, had some lunch and headed to the barber to be sheared. Been at least 60 days since the last haircut. They were mandated to be closed during that time by the Governor of Ohio. I gave him the money I would have spent while he was closed down and he was very grateful; said he couldn't be dissing me anymore when I was not around, lo.

Jacob mowed around 3pm and we visited with Jenna and Carolyn. Before they left, they put out the small flags across the front for Memorial Day next week.

More roast beef for dinner. Down 3 lbs already on my diet. Should slow a bit now.

May 20 2020

A cool overcast day with the sun finally making an appearance at 6pm. I had a miserable night sleep but did doze off just before dinner. That should help.

The Y plans to open sometime next week. Don't expect to go right away but give it some time. We found Mary's exercise mats and gave them a good cleaning this morning. Going to get a retractable close line . I figure we can string up the exercise mats in the garage and sanitize them after the Y.

Early afternoon we bundled up and took our walk. Stopped to talk to Tammy. She has no plans to mess with the Y as she has all the equipment at home. Also talked to a couple doing major landscaping at the corner of Sagebrush and Canyon.

Diet is going good. Roast beef and buttered mushrooms today! Still have about 2 days worth of roast to go. Was hoping for a lawn mowing but have not heard anything as of yet.

May 19 2020

Another rainy overcast day. Down a pound after day 1 of dieting. Carolyn stopped on her lunch hour and ate in her car. The rain cleared around 12:30 so after lunch we did the neighborhood walk. Three days in a row.

Did some weed sprayed when I got back and that was that. With the grass cut high a lot of the weeds hide in there so I miss a lot when spraying. They can't hide forever though.

Did get my new flags out so I have all 4 flying; Old Glory, The 1812 flag of 15 stars, the Ohio flag, and the Don't give up the ship flag. Only 4 more Founding Fathers lectures to go.

May 18 2020

I was up at 7:30 checking the radar. Unfortunately the radar showed rain all day, so I bailed on golf. The light drizzle went away and it turns out we could have played. Dick noted Sally kept him up telling him she had to get to an appointment in the middle of the night. Sadly, there will be worse to come.

Spend an hour with Dell Support. Getting ready for the call I thought I would run Support Assist to make sure I was up to date. It would not run and I could not get a new download. With all the messing around I did, my Adobe issue went away but I had the Support Assist issue.

I called and they found the virus check wasn't allowing the download. That ticks me off because it should notify users what is going on. He also spent 20 min or so checking stuff and speeding it up before disconnecting.

We went to GE for food stuff, especially protein for my low carb diet. Weigh in was my usual you had better get going weight of 172.8 which is a tough to fit in your pants weight for me. We got in a neighborhood walk after we got back. The radar showed all the rain just west of us going straight north.

May 17 2020

We FaceTimed the little ones last night. They were running all over the yard picking the puff balls and blowing them on Wes. More yellow flowers to come! Everyone looked fine. Those kids must be bonding cause they have been cooped up with each other for 2 months now.

We did the bills. Need to call one biller tomorrow and have them move it up earlier in

the month so it auto pays before we do all the other monthly bills. Sprayed some weeds and then took our neighborhood walk just before lunch.

Dug out some unwanted ferns growing in. They have deep snarled roots! Put out the trash then packed it in for the day. All of the rain so far missed us to the north west. Not sure if it will screw up golf tomorrow or not. Will see in the AM.

We have 6 more Founding Fathers lectures to watch. That should get us through this week.

May 16 2020

Foggy wet morning so I asked Carolyn to bring Jacob and Jenna at dinnertime to give the grass time to dry out.

We did the neighborhood walk after lunch.

Jacob did an professional job on the lawn as usual. He is in desperate need of a haircut as we all are. We had a back yard picnic from KFC and Taco Bell. Was very nice to see all of them.

May 15 2020

We were able to play golf during the window this morning. We did get wet on the 9th hole but it let up and we played on. Everyone but Dick and Sally anyway. She seemed to be having a bad day and was cold when none of us others were? We were down to t-shirts. Dick figured he had better pack it in with her now wet. She has gone downhill quickly the last 2 years. Sad to see Alzheimer's raise it's ugliness.

My swing has been poor all year since Florida. I did decent there in February. As poor as it was, I even lost that the back nine, finally hitting a good iron on 18 to make par. I had 6 pars for the round. The other 12 holes were 18 over par. Even threw in a nine on #17.

Bill was at 86, Bob 89, Mel 104 with Dick at 53. On the way to/from golf, I saw the barber and salon have opened. Too many cars for me to stop so far.

May 14 2020

We were going to do the home Y today but we went over to Carolyn's and helped pick up sticks. After about 90 minutes of helping we ran out of gas and had to stop. Good thing, as the rain came along. We were both getting light headed bending over so much. We certainly cleared a bunch of sticks! Got the front and side done. Likely more to do.

We got home and cleaned up for Mary's eye appt. They measured her eyeballs for cataract surgery. We thinking of going with the intermediate lens. The std lens is what I have and medicare pays for. The intermediate is an extra \$900/eye, and the super duper lens is \$2300/eye.

Closed down all the shades when we got back because of dilated eyes. And hunkered down for the night.

May 13 2020

Up at 7:30 am to 40 degrees but it got up close to 70. I was out later in t-shirt. I have not been getting to the exercise so I told Mary we should do it like the Y. 9am twice a

week. SO I shaved and got dressed and drank 2 cups and we got to it at 9am. Gets the day going early!

I sprayed weeds and then tried to use grass/weed killer along the tree line. The sprayer was pumping but nothing was coming out? RRR. We had lunch and went to HH. We got a plant for the back deck, some paint for the door and inside railing, some weed killer and some small screws for the flags.

The flags had thumb screws to hold them in but the flags catch on them. The screws are slightly too long but only stick up a 1/8 inch. Hope that helps. I could torque them in further but they then dent the flagpole. I may do that if the flags still catch on them.

Mary potted the flower and I got out to spray along the tree line. She made yummy swiss steak for dinner.

May 12 2020

Up at 7am to 38 degrees. Again? It did warm up to mid 50s so I got the grass cut. It was cold out there. Mary took the stimulus checks to the bank. Maybe 1 month after they passed the bill?

I changed the cartridge in the kitchen faucet. Thought I would need a trip to HH but it turns out I had one all ready to go. Maybe spent 20 minutes on it. We worked on a puzzle for the rest of the day.

Carolyn stopped on her way home and picked up some ear ring stuff for Jenna and took some puzzles. She commented on my ugly grass cut. I knew that. I was in a hurry to get out of the cold and making it look good had to fall to the wayside.

May 11 2020

Finally a good sleep! The trash truck woke me 6:30 and I was rested. Rolled over and woke at 7:30, again and it was 9:10. What a relief! That did not last long as I saw the thermometer reading 41. This is nuts.

Did stocks and puzzles then had lunch. All of 43 degrees by then. We picked up groceries and snow was flying. Unbelievable.

Finally got the stimulus check. Us poor folk get them pretty early. Some won't come till September. I guess I am supposed to run out and spend it. Already got my huge TV, but that was only \$425.

May 10 2020

Woke up to more stinking cold in the high 30s. Finally warmed up to 55 so we walked around 1:30 and beat the rain. Was nice to get out. We ordered out around 3 and picked up 2 Grinder pot roast meals. I highly recommend that meal.

We finished one puzzle and started a new one. I did do a little weed spraying this morning. TV says airline travel is down 95%.

We all called off Monday golf. Starts out in the 30s again tomorrow. Alaska is warmer again. Perhaps for the next week as well.

Carolyn called for Mother's Day. Mary was so glad to talk to her. She had sent a very nice card yesterday. Mary almost cried with joy when she read it. Good one Carolyn!

May 9 2020

This is nuts. Snow in Cleveland Here it never got above 41. Alaska is warmer right now. No kidding. We hunkered down and worked puzzles. A mind numbing experience.

May 8 2020

Nasty 40s weather with snowflake at dinner time. My new smart TV was delivered and I set it up. Moved the old one to the toy room and the one there to the guest room. Maybe one of the kids will take one.

I did go give Jacob a ride. Traffic seems to be picking up a little. Looking over virus website I was not happy when I saw of the resolved cases so far 25% died and 75% lived. So far 78,000+deaths in the USA.

May 7 2020

Looked nice out and in the 50s when we started golf at Sable Creek. However, the wind picked up and was almost a monsoon wind. On #7 par 5, even Mel got to the green in 3. He missed his birdie putt leaving it 2-3ft short and missed that also. Ouch. I missed a 3 ft birdie try on the back, not even close to going in. Dick birdied the last par 5 by putting it 2 feet short of the pin. Sure was nice with the wind at our back, not so much going into it.

I started to make better contact with my irons by getting a turn in. Still moving around too much as I swing. My left hand did not bother me today; I am thankful for that. I scored 84, Bill 89, Dick 99, and Mel 110 fading on the back.

Jacob mowed around noon when I was gone. After having to rake a couple times ago, we are cutting often enough and it looks beautiful. Mary enjoys visiting with Carolyn during the mowing.

May 6 2020

Not much doing. Looked nice but the wind was cold. Mary finished her last 2 bracelet so that Xmas gift is done. She made bracelets with anchors on them to honor her brother, with red white, and blue beads.

We finished a puzzle last night so we started a new one today. Where does the time go?

May 5 2020

Busy morning, then vegged all afternoon. Talked to brother Jim last night and he was in need of masks. So we made a couple this morning, stuffed the fits it ships package for him and took it to the post office.

Changed Friday golf to Thursday due to cold and SNOW in the forecast?? Crazy. I had asked the Dr. the other day about my wrist so I got an x ray The report said there was evidence of an old injury (Jan 2019) and a few medical sentences I don't know the meaning of at the moment. I am sure someone will interpret it for me.

Very cautious at the Medical Center. They took your temp, asked you all the questions then had you use the sanitizer. The US is up to 71K deaths so far. My guess is 100K by June 1.

May 4 2020

Cold and windy at Fox Den today. Never did get settled with the cold, shooting a 44-46 90. Dave shot 90, Dick 94, and Ken 106. I was about 70% decent on everything. The other 30% added up. Dick almost left at 9 with Sally being cold. We are all pretty tired of it. Took me hours to really warm up.

I dropped off a dinner plate at Steve's in Kent. Saw some nice condos there but none for sale. Long drive to the kids but I liked the green space they had.

May 3 2020

Quiet morning. Carolyn brought Jacob over to mow and he did a nice job. I trimmed around the mulch beds and sprayed some weeds. They are hard to see and mostly hide down beneath the top of the grass. I will get them. They can't hide from me long.

Around 1:30 we did our walk but went the reverse of the normal walk. That put us up the big hill right up front as opposed to going down it near the end of our walk. It is a tough one. Later on we worked a puzzle.

Darn nice 70 degree weekend. Golf tomorrow? Of course it is going to drop into the 40s. What else?

May 2 2020

We slept in and woke up to a nice day. I got out and sprayed the weeds to allow the warm dry weather to soak it in. Put back up my flag holders that had been pulled out of my front posts during the spring storms. All 4 flags are up and flying. Old Glory, the 1812 13 star flag, the Ohio Flag, and Don't Give Up the Ship!

Sprayed the baseboards downstairs then we had lunch and did our neighborhood walk. Lots of mowers and trimmers running out there today. That was that and it was veggie time.

May 1 2020

My goodness the golf course was wet. It shouldn't have been open. Dick backed out. Good thing too. They would not allow 2 people in a cart. Guy said the people in the houses call and complain to the health dept and then he could be shut down. The course must have ticked off the neighbors methinks.

I was working on finding my swing. Positive results today. Made 17 holes without a double before my snowman on 18. Shot 86 but should have been an 82. Bill had some issues but made a couple of nice long putts and made birdie on #9. Mel was bad on the front but came back on to shoot 51 on the back.

We had pigs in a blanket sister from Sue brought again. Very yummy! After a miserable day, the sun came out at dinner time. Getting to be a bad habit.

April 30 2020

Good sleep last night. Helped Mary with her bracelet making. I was the inspector, bead finder, and holder till the glue dried. Got out and got the back cut before the rains came. Tried my luck at the races but went 0 for 3. At least my deposit carried me to the end of the month.

We had pigs in a blanket sister Sue brought yesterday for dinner. It was very good and

we have some for tomorrow too! I think she was feeling guilty for voting for T-Rump and wanted to make amends. Hard to believe MY sister was duped so bad!

Last day of the month. Been back from Florida for 2 months now and it is still cold here. 50s are the word for the next 10 days. How sad.

Looking back for March ad April, we made bracelets, masks, puzzles, watched Founding Father lectures, and scanned photos. We did the Y for a week+ before it closed, then biked and walked when we could. We got the mulch in and did lots of mowing. Got a new laptop up and running, fixed the carpet, but struck out on the fridge water dispenser. As to birthdays we did remotes to Kalix and myself. Easter was celebrated by loading up the Easter X press and delivering to Wes, Carolyn, and Steve/Kathy. Finally, I golfed a way few number of times and played badly. Chess was dismal as well.

On the sad site...RIP Dan Gorski and golf buddy Darrell this month.

April 29 2020

Good sleep last night. Must have been because we moved a lot of furniture before bedtime. We were up and working by 8am. We moved the bed and night stands out and I headed to HD to rent the power carpet stretcher. We had to cut back the carpet by about 3/8" in order to get it back under the baseboards. The only theory I have is the cheaper carpet with a more flexible base can stretch over time. Lesson learned.

We were able to get the bubble row out of the carpet. May be a slight bump left but we did the best we could. Hope it holds. We were waiting for a Walmart text on my prescription and just as I got it, sister Sue called. They were heading over to drop off \$9, some puzzles, and some free food. It's a little under a 90 minute drive. She had cooked some pigs in a blanket and brought some over for us needy. Much appreciated!

She left and we headed to HD to take the rental back then over to Walmart for my prescription. We had sandwiches for dinner. Too tired to cook. Should sleep well tonight.

April 28 2020

Oops. Must have missed Sunday. Damned if I can remember anything other than getting the Mexican food. Corrected the date on Mondays entries.

Today we finished the puzzle and began to move bedroom stuff out so I can re-stretch the rug tomorrow. After lunch we walked the hood to beat the rain. Still no rain as of yet. Late afternoon we got our photo books delivered and wrapped up all the photo work. Got a full storage bin packed with prints that weighs a ton.

Just got a call from Denny. Bill King let him know our Monday hack golfer, Darrell passed away Saturday on his couch. This is the second one to bite the dust. His lungs had been eaten away by asbestos work from years ago. RIP my friend. Damned if I ever knew his last name. Denny could not recall at the moment either. Fine group we are.

April 27 2020

We suited up this morning and headed to Walmart. It was very safe at 9:15am. Very few shoppers. We grabbed what we needed and got out. Unfortunately my prescription

was still waiting on the doctor's renewal approval so I will need to go back soon. I did look at the TVs and see I could get a 50 inch for the mid 300s. I think our max is 55 " for the area so that is good. We did our share of goodies like goon n plenty, krispy creams, and cookies.

After a donut lunch (I feel like Homer) we went for our neighborhood walk. Twas beautiful out there at 60. We splurged yesterday picking up Mexican, but we stretched it to 6 meals for \$3.67 a meal.

April 25 2020

Put up some pictures, put computer stuff away and weeded some dandelions. Carolyn brought Jacob over to mow and we chatted while he mowed. He finished around noon and it looked great. He is such a hard worker.

Mary went to pick up her bowling money, as the season remainder was canceled. We were just sitting around when we had some surprise visitors. Robin and Alex had been to Akron to pick up a 1992 Ford pickup. I guess it's his toy. His dad had one years ago and wanted to get one and he had found it in Akron.

So they stopped by on their way back and spent somewhere between 1 and 2 hours with their dog before heading home. If we catch the virus we know who to blame.

Played the late pick 5 at Gulfstream and I remember going back and forth choosing between 2 horses. Well the wrong one won and paid 1700. Ouch! I suppose if I had picked it, the other one would have won, lol.

April 24 2020

Finally got to play golf. It was supposed to warm up but never did until the sun came out.....the last 2 holes. Just my luck. I struggled all day. Did make one putt though. Had one birdie try but 3 jacked it from 12 feet.

Bill was on fire. He holed out a wedge from 100yds on the par 5 3d hole for an eagle! He said it was only his 3d of all time. He later birdied one with a long putt. The man shot 82 and will soon have to give me strokes. I was up at 89, Mel at 105, and Dick at 99. We played fast at 3:30 and the group behind pushed us for the last 5 holes.

It was finally nice after I got home.

Wes had stopped over to pick up his masks yesterday. He worked 2 days on the virus floor this week. Said Calvo's brother Dan was on life support. Today Brenda said he was on dialysis. I think he lives on Tumbleweed along our walk path. Just had to add T-Rump cartoon. What a dufus he is.

Trump's latest remedies for Covid-19 patients...



April 23 2020

Another busy day. We made 2 more masks for Carolyn with the elastic. Then it was off to our walk. After lunch Wes stopped by and we gave him stuff we were saving up for him.

Got everything transferred over to the new laptop. Had to use a youtube video to get the mail transferred. I had to grab a Thunderbird file by going to help, then troubleshoot, then open profile, then going to the roaming file and copying a file called Thunderbird. I shall use this to backup from now on.

Perhaps the most irritating development is the touch-pad The old laptop had a Dell touch-pad and one could have the right click open a shortcut menu. This one had a Microsoft touch-pad and I do not see any place to assign the right click button to anything. So if I right click it simply opens stuff. Rrrr I say.

April 22 2020

Kept busy today. We made 2 more masks for Wes with the elastic. Had to adjust the elastic shorter after the first try. We will make 2 more for Carolyn tomorrow. After lunch, the DVD drive came so that filled a couple of hours.

I loaded the photoshop and scanner sw and tried out the media player that came with it. Cyber Media Suite is awesome. It recognizes different formats. I tested the

Founding Fathers DVD which I previously had to use VLC to play, and a War of 1812 set from the library that I couldn't get to play before. Still need to load the printer and test a couple more programs there before moving the files and email there.

We watched the 2 DVD War discs. The one on the 1812 War mainly was about the burning of DC and the attack on McHenry plus the battle of New Orleans. Pretty much ignored the rest. The second DVD was on Andrew Jackson and was pretty good coverage of the man overall and in line with the Biography I had read.

More beads for Mary arrived also. BTW, she found my baby book which I scanned and treated the Shutterfly shared site members to.

April 21 2020

We finished up another 27 scans and I figure that work is done. Waiting on ordered albums to put away the rest of the prints.

Waiting on DVD player to finish getting the new laptop up and beads for Mary's bracelets. Otherwise we can make more masks because the elastic got delivered. Weather still sucks with snowflakes in the air all day long.

April 20 2020

Another busy day. Found more pics to scan. These were in an envelope that had been posted at Mom's funeral and never put back into a book. So today I scanned them plus some post cards from our travel days here and there. There are also a couple of small books to do tomorrow.

We went to get groceries and wore our masks for the first time. I really don't think we need them there as there are few shoppers at GE, but we tried them out. They worked well.

Did the mowing and the back was higher than I anticipated. I had to rake so Mary came out and helped scoop up the grass piles. Some went in the dumpster and some to the back pine trees.

Still no stimulus check.

April 19 2020

Another busy day. We got the last of the old photo's scanned and uploaded to Shutterfly Needed a few more photo books so I ordered some from Michaels. Then we put away all the Easter stuff that no one saw except ourselves. That was a wast of effort in hindsight.

I got most of my software up on the new laptop, then it was oops, this doesn't have a DVD drive. Oh well. Ordered one to plug into the USB port. Cheaper than buying new software when I can use the perfectly good outdated stuff.

Around 3pm we got out for our walk. Pretty nice. I had thought about getting a round in but I wanted to get all this stuff done today.

April 18 2020

Busy day. We hunkered down but it wasn't too bad out there. Around 9am we started to scan old pics in. With a break for lunch we continued to about 4:30pm. Looks like we have about another full day to go.

New laptop came around dinnertime so I started on that and worked till just before 9pm. Long day!

April 17 2020

Slept good. Snow expected and it did show up mid morning. I set up the scanner and we spent all morning scanning our pictures from the old days. I have an ancient scanner from Dennis and it is a bit slow. We did groups of our wedding, Carolyn's wedding, 2004, 2001, and some real oldies before marriage. Those ruled and I sent some of them out to old friends later on in the day. There are many many more to do. They will keep us out of trouble for awhile.

Mary's sister Ginny sent 8 masks for our family. She is a quilter of and sewer of excellence. Hers were really nice. Did 20min on the bike to get my heart rate up.

April 16 2020

I slept well but Mary did not. More snow on the ground this morning but it melted by noon. More expected tonight. We got to work and made 3 more masks. Each one goes easier than the last. Since NY has mandated masks, we sent 2 to Catherine. Just caught the mail truck to save me a trip.

Ordered some masks for mid June delivery figuring this would still be here. Also ordered some elastic to make the next few a lot easier.

April 15 2020

Finally slept well. More frost this morning. We finished 2 more masks before lunch. After lunch we bundled up and did our walk.

A little later we cut strips to sew for the ties for the next 3 masks. Sewed 1 set so far. Save the rest for tomorrow. My brain is once again dead. Can't win a chess game. Playing too slow again. Maybe watch some more lectures tonight.

April 14 2020

Oops. Missed yesterday. We started to make masks yesterday and continued to make some today. We eventually made 3 and gave Carolyn one to wear. Ran out of ties but Carolyn brought over some ribbon we can use.

Sewing is hard. I think you need at least 3 hands. The very first mask, we were perfect. Every step there was to do, we did it perfectly wrong. Then it was rip out and try again. The next 2 went smoother but not problem free. The sewing machine got messed up and fixed by re-threading. Then the pins kept coming out on the pleats on the last one. By professional standards all 3 would be rejected, but good enough for the grocery store.

Carolyn called off work because she got a black eye yesterday getting out of the car. She reached in to get her purse and whacked it on the corner of the door. It did look ugly today. Such things happen when you are stressed and lack proper sleep. She brought Jacob over to mow and took him back when he was done. Quite a pair. Her with her black eye and he has his left hand wrapped. His hand was hurting from an injury a couple months back which I sort of remember minus the details.

April 12 2020

Jesus arose today. We celebrate Easter Day the first Sunday after the first full moon

after the equinox.

We put the ham in at 8am, then cooked the potatoes and packed it all in the car by 12 noon and we were on our way, We stopped at Carolyn's first and they were hungry by then. She gave us some flowers from her neighbor. Off to Wes' house. The kids were glad to see us and we got long distance hugs. We left the flowers there so Mary would not have to hold them for the next hour as we headed to Kent for a drop off for Steve. Steve came out in his sock mask and handed us some cupcakes from daughter Kathy. Back home we headed to eat our portion.

Noticed a few things on the way. No golfers at Mayfair but several groups on Prestwick. Some kayaks and fishing on the reservoir. Dogs need to poop. Lots of dog walkers. Finally, don't buy Easter dinner at Bob Evans. There was a long line outside and 30 or so cars in their parking lot. Dollar Gen and Tree were open as were auto parts and gas stations.

The ham was very good. We have enough for another dinner and then a little more. God bless you all. We sincerely hope this isn't the last.

April 11 2020

Vegged all morning. Once the temp hit 50, around 1pm, we did the usual walk. Mary got some bead parts in the mail and we fixed up the bracelet she had done. She is making some for her family with an anchor on it in remembrance of her brother Jim.

The anchor needed a metal circle to attach it to the string and allow it to twist. Turned out good. The hard part is guessing at the length. The bracelet stretches to put on but it has to be big enough to get over your hand.

After dinner, Mary made the cabbage salad. Tonight we will watch a couple more Founding Fathers lectures. Getting exciting now. The proposals for scraping the Articles of Confederation are getting underway.

April 10 2020

Yikes! Two inches on the ground this morning. It melted off by 4pm but I just never wanted to see it. Maybe it killed some virus off? Forgot to mention that we made up the Easter baskets. Once the food is cooked Sunday, we are ready to do Easter on wheels.

Very poor sleep last night of 4-5 hrs. I dragged out my spirometer so I could practice my breathing and perhaps improve my lungs. I saw them on Amazon for \$5. Wonder what the hospital charged me for it back in 2015? I was very surprised that I was able to inhale the 2500ml which is normal for my height and age. Did my 10 breaths 6 times during the day and will do another one or two before I retire. They suggest 10/hr but it gets very boring after awhile.

We both did 20min on our old exercise bike to finish the week. We walked 3 times, did weights, and finished up today with the bike. Need to keep that going as we are stuck home day after day after day.

Hit a pick 3 at Oaklawn so I am up a couple hundred. That was after I donated \$100 to the Stark County Hunger Drive. Funny how things like that happen. We picked up fish sandwiches for dinner, as this is Good Friday, the day Jesus was crucified.

April 9 2020

Before I forget, had to fix Open Office again. Spell check indicates everything is spelled wrong. Have to delete open office profile. Path is c/users/bob/appdata/roaming/open office/4 user to user.old

First thing today I ordered a Dell laptop. This one is OK but the wireless is flaky and I am tired of restarting it. I suspect it is HULU messing up the driver but it may be the Intel driver or wireless chip. Ordered an Inspiron with AMD chip. First AMD based laptop for me. We shall see.

We did some light weight hand lifting today since it was too nasty for our walk. Came close at the races; 3 of 4 of a pick 4 and 4/5 of a pick 5. We did the bills for April and are done till next month.

April 8 2020

More Happy Birthdays to me. Wes and the kids sent a video message, got a couple more cards and emails too. Tornado warning last night. Started in Barberton and went down to Green. Carolyn got the kids downstairs and Wes lost power. We were not in the path but it sounded bad with the wind and rain.

We did the walk 11am before it got too warm, then picked up the Easter Bunnies and picked up Jacob to mow. Could have waited another day but the weather is going south. Prefer to cut it early rather than when it is longer and have to rake stuff.

April 7 2020

Happy Birthday #72 to me. Slept in till 8am. After breakfast and coffee, we washed the upstairs windows. Did some of the puzzle then sprayed a few weeds in the front. Around lunchtime we went for the neighborhood walk. Nice and warm out there.

Mid afternoon we ordered from Grinders. We both got pot roast and it sure is good. We are so blessed to have Grinders nearby. Never had a bad meal from them ever. Letting that settle then I will join Mary in singing Happy Birthday to me. Then wolf down some cake and ice cream!

April 6 2020

We worked on a new puzzle this morning. There is no color in this puzzle. Have to rethink everything with no colors to clue you in. Wes called around noon. Face timed the kids for a half hour. That was uplifting. They were silly and helped lift our spirits.

We went and picked up food and meds but I forgot I had one there for Mary. Oops. After dinner we went out and did the neighborhood walk. Only 2 squirrels? Must have been in for the night.

April 5 2020

Mid 40s today. Perfect temp for mulching. Mary got the food ready early and I started moving mulch at 9am. Moved about 9 wheel barrows to the mid island, then 7 to the front left, then 7 more to the north house side. Then I ran out of energy. I did do a little raking later but that's all I could do. Carolyn, Jacob, and Jenna did the rest. Then Jacob cut the grass for me.

I dragged out the grill and Mary started cooking while I helped start the mower. The battery was weak and needed more oomph to start it. Hooked up the charger and got it started. We all maintained a 6 foot spacing.

We dragged the food out to the garage and Carolyn made the kids food plates. She did not want them touching things. The party was in the garage. It was all over by 1:30 when I jumped in the shower. Did some clean up, put away inside and vegetated the rest of the day.

Not as much fun as usual at all today. No Wes and the kids jumping on the pile. He stayed away to protect both us and himself. No joy in Mudville today.

April 4 2020

Added a section below on the passing of old friend Dan Gorski below. Today we started on the mulch around 8:30am. By 11am we were toast so we packed it in for the day. Not sure why we ran out of gas so soon. Maybe our heart just was not in it.

We vegged the rest of the day and watched Netflix "A change is in the air" quite a different movie. I would say it was one of those Artsy introspective movies. We enjoyed it. Did not publish till this morning though as I think it was another zombie like day.

RIP Dan Gorski

Forgot to report yesterday that Mel called me and said JoAnn saw Dan Gorski passed away which was posted on his Facebook page. Since I don't do FB, I can't look.

I don't know why we never called him Big Dan. He was a mountain of a polish man. When I started at Goodyear Aerospace, he ran the hybrid lab. Got to know him well. Eventually they shut down the lab and he found a job with Ford Aerospace in Michigan. Eventually he moved to LA and worked the aerospace companies out there. Brilliant guy and he sure knew his materials. He was making LEDS and military lasers out there.

We all thought he was nuts buying a house for \$100K out in Orange County. But that dang house ended up to be worth 10 times that. He had a foundation issue when his floor heating pipes leaked and made the foundation unstable. They totaled the house, then sold it back to him for nothing but it could never be insured. He lived out his years there and passed away around 90.

He was married to a nice lady named Esther (sp?) who passed away in her 40s. She likely was an early AIDS victim before all was known about the virus. As I remember she went in for something routine and never came out of the hospital. She had transfusions and the like. No one will ever know but a year or two later, all this AIDS panic set in.

He did like the ladies and after Esther passed away, he went to the clubs and started filming the ladies dancing with him. Called them Dan's girls. He had given us DVDs of some of the recordings. He liked the clubs where some of the old rock and roll stars played. This was LA you know. Partied with the best out there. I went with him once on one of my trips. Very odd to see this mountain of a man dancing with someone in their 20s or 30s. He stayed active well into his 80s.

Last time I saw him it was a sad occasion. Every couple of years he flew in to visit relatives and we would get together. Don't remember the year, somewhere around 2013, we met in Fairlawn for dinner. Mel and JoAnn, Mary and I, Big Dan, and Jack and Coleen Bowyer were there. Jack was deep into his dementia and that made it sad.

A toast to your life Big Dan in that dance hall in the sky.

April 3 2020

Finally a good sleep. Probably because I knew I would golf in the morning. Very poor start to golf with my driver but it did come around. Short game never did get going, but somehow I shot 89. What a wonderful day.

Got home around 2pm and helped Mary tie off the bracelet she was making. Not much else going on. What a great day.

April 2 2020

Must have been half asleep yesterday. Did not write or post the blog. Still sleeping poorly. Have not won a chess game in several days. Too brain dead and too slow. Lack of sleep will do that to you. We did our neighborhood walk for the third day in a row. Been bundled up. Sunny the last two but low 50s and a brisk wind made it chilly and too warm nearing the end from calorie burning.

Good to get out and get away from the tanking stock market and depressing virus news. Around 1000 deaths a day in the US the last two days. By July 1 the count might be up to 95,000. That is just nuts.

We finished another 750pc puzzle. Took us 4 days for this one. I think we have 1 puzzle to go before we run out and then what do we do? Not sure I want any more used puzzles that have not been quarantined for 14 days. Maybe we should get some of those word search books.

Did a ½ hr worth of weeding this morning. Shook out some Preen in that area and will do the other areas before mulching Sunday. Tomorrow we will play safe golf. Wonder if I remember how to swing. I guess I would be happy to break 90.

March 31 2020

Chilly day but hit the mid 40s. Another poor night sleeping. I think this virus stuff has me on edge. The US has almost 4000 victims and they are projecting the total will be 150,000 to 200,000. That is a lot of misery down the road. You have to be disturbed by that.

Took the car in for an oil change at Mr Tire. One guy was working and it was like a ghost town. While they were changing it, we went to GE where I picked up food for the Sunday mulch party. Found wipes too! That was a first. I saw a whole palate of Raman Noodles. We looked for those a few weeks back and found none.

Did more on the puzzle. This was the second day on a tough 750 pierce.

March 30 2020

Chilly day spritzing rain now and then. Very poor sleep so I am surprised I am still awake at 5pm. Took Jacob to his doctor appt. Some kind of backup waiting from 9:30 till noon. Tried to get oil changed but they were closed up for the virus. Got an appt tomorrow to get it done.

Ordered mulch for Saturday delivery so we can spread it at Sunday's mulch party. Called Sable Creek and got a Friday tee time. Should be Dick, Bill, and I as usual in the off season.

March 29 2020

More rain and thunder last night. Slept in to 9:15 which has to be a modern day record. Been putting off cleaning the kitchen cabinets for a couple of months now. Saw a video on how to do it on youtube. Purchased brushes for the drill and Murphy Oil spray bottle. Took a good 2 + hrs but it was worth it. They look much nicer now.

We picked up Mexican for dinner. Tried to drop of at the library drop box but that was closed also. Dropped off some cardboard at the flea market recycle bins. Put the garbage out at 3 pm but the wind is too strong. Better put it out when the wind dies down.

March 28 2020

Rain and thunder last night broke up my sleep. Rained on and off all day so we did the puzzle finally finishing after dinner. Warm day as well, so I watched the radar and it looked like we had 2 hrs to get in our neighborhood walk. Off we went around 1:30. Could hear rumbles of thunder as we got close to home. We made it in and there was a short downpour about 10 minutes later. Then it poured at 2:30. Looks like I missed my forecast.

Good chicken and rice for dinner, then we watched 2 more lectures on Hamilton and Madison.

March 27 2020

We did a remote bday party for Kalix on the mini ipad last night. Worked great. She liked the gifts we gave her. Today we worked on puzzles.

March 26 2020

Nice day. We got out and cut the tall grasses lower to the ground to facilitate better spring growth. Also picked up some leaves from the ditch. We Facetimed with the kids this morning and will do so again after they have dinner and Kalix opens her gifts. Wes stopped over and picked them up. They don't want to contaminate us should they be carriers of the virus.

I was a bit worn out from the outside work so opted to do a shorter walk and skip golf. Might not have gotten on anyway. We had dinner and are waiting for the kids to call later.

March 25 2020

Better sleep last night but could have been better. I was wondering why people were hoarding TP? There certainly isn't a shortage. Milk and butter too? Te cows have to be milked and the milk shipped before it spoils. Same with eggs which I heard today. What is wrong with people? All you have to do is think about it for a few seconds. Really!

We finished a puzzle today. It took 2 days to do the big sky part of it. Lots of gray in the puzzle. I watched the stocks and made a few trades to get me into some promising ones I thought would rebound.

We did the neighborhood walk around 1:15 as it had warmed up to 53. It was nice out. Around 4pm I called Sable Creek to see what they would be doing. They are open and doing the 1 cart per person thing. She apologized that there would not be carts

available till around 2 pm tomorrow. I may give it a try on my own. We shall see. Glad they will be open!

March 24 2020

I woke early and did not have much luck falling back to sleep so i got up at 5:30 and went to see how Giant Eagle was doing with the senior hour. Ten cars in the lot and one checkout clerk. They must be restocking at 6am cause they sure hadn't done anything earlier.

Big disappointment. No baked bread, lots of empty shelves everywhere. Spaghetti sauce was emptied except for the off expensive brands, zero butter. zero wipes or sanitizers. I did get 9 rolls of TP. Pretty worthless. Looked like Aldi was still closed. Mary went around 10:30 and they had some items restocked. Don't bother going at 6am.

I was toast most all day with the lack of sleep. A short nap helped. Hope I can stay awake for Oak Island. Also found some hydrogen peroxide. We will use that and stop looking for wipes, which are impossible to find in stores.

Finally, it is not looking good for golf. Both Raintree and Mayfair said no carts, as that violated the 6 foot spacing rules. They would have to put out double the carts on the course. Makes no sense to me at all.

March 23 2020

I got out today! After a puzzle morning, I took Mary's car in to the dealer for it's first checkup. They rotated the tires and did the inspection. They had a steering wheel wrap and the guy wore disposable gloves. Very nice. I used a wipe on the wheel and key just in case.

Picked up Mexican on the way home for an early dinner. It was good and we have half left for tomorrow. Stricklands was open if we feel the need for ice cream.

Watched 2 lectures last night on Jefferson and Danial Shay. Highly interesting. May watch more tonight. Email indicated another golf course shut till April 6. Governor issued stay at home order. Wonder if that includes golf. Nothing for tomorrow.

March 22 2020

Another boring day. Whipped up eggs and toast this morning. Started a new 750pc puzzle today. Did some cleaning.

Spent the day moving between the puzzle and reading and watching the Pickers on TV. Reading the Iroquois in the War of 1812. Almost forgot to put out the garbage. What more can I say?

My chess has been dismal the last 3 days. I was on a run before that, moving to the low 1300s but now down around 1250? Seemed to have lost my quickness and decisiveness. Maybe need more sleep?

March 21 2020

The beat goes on. Slept good. After getting up at 3am, slept great till 8:30 this morning. Neighbor kid came over to print a document. With the schools and library s closed down he was out of options. For some reason I could not add a printer to his

laptop so we used a memory stick and I printed it off mine.

Set up the puzzle table and we are almost done with 500pc puzzle. Talked to brother Jim. He is still working for 3M making sponges. They are working 24hrs as this is one of the essential items for cleaning. Wife Cris stopped her Humera, so I asked Wes about that. He said his doctor told him to keep taking it unless he gets sick or is exposed to a covid19 patient.

We watched Grand Daddy Daycare on Netflix yesterday and enjoyed it.

March 20 2020

Somehow I missed a day? Don't know where it was lost. Yesterdays is labeled March 18. With the rain we did not get out to walk, so I did 20min on our old exercise bike listening to Miss Monique hooked up to my Bose Bluetooth. Bought the Bose in January and it is coming in handy.

Cooked eggs and toast for breakfast so we skipped lunch and had a salad for dinner. Trying to cut calories since we are inactive now a day. We did go out back for a half hour to rake up sticks in the back forty.

Mostly another nothing day.

March 18 2020

The boredom continues. I called Tannenhaus at 9am. Said they got 2" of rain so they were closed. Very sad. News said Governor closed the hair salons! Oh my, the ladies will not be happy.

It warmed up as the day went on so after lunch we took the neighborhood walk. Forgot to mention we did the same yesterday. Need to get out for awhile or we will go stir crazy.

Watched 2 more 30 minute lectures on Robert Morris and Ben Franklin. Pretty interesting as most of the info was new to us. The highlight of the day was getting the Oriental Trading shipment of Kalix's birthday gifts and wrapping them up. We are a week ahead of schedule. All are craft items. She loves doing crafts.

March 17 2020

Nothing going on this morning. I checked the weather and set up a tentative golf round Thursday. As long as they don't get a lot of rain Wednesday they will be open.

Carolyn stopped over for lunch from HH warehouse. They were busy yesterday but the printer was down messing up their process.

We needed groceries so we went to GE. They had very little left of eggs, milk, bread, cereal, and pop tarts. All the staples. Quiet night as they all should be for awhile.

March 16 2020

Phone at 7am jarred my out of bed. It was the nurse at the doctors office wanting me to set up a virtual appointment. Went back to bed for a half hour to wake up properly. Got up after a half hour and had much trouble setting it up on my phone so I called support. After 20min or so with little luck, I downloaded the Ap on the mini ipad and was done in 2-3 minutes. Gotta love my Apple stuff.

Doctor called and we talked for about 5 minutes and it was over. We skipped the Y. Turns out that was a good choice. Later in the day they emailed saying it will be closed till further notice because of the virus at the end of the day. We headed to the laundromat to wash our heavy rugs.

Mary went for her hair at 3pm. I got a call from Brookledge Golf Course. The Falls (City) owns it and was shutting it down for 2 weeks due to the virus. That jogged my memory to email Denny and the Monday crew and call Darrell. Darrell painted a bad scenario of his health issue. The Asbestos he sprayed years ago was in his lungs and eating them away. Nothing could be done. He said Bill King was also in poor health. I offered help if he needed anything to give me a call. Darrell said he gets out a bit but it is hard to make it from the car to a table in the restaurant. Since they only do takeout due to the virus now that won't be an issue.

I remember my uncle Lloyd's last days with lung cancer. Painful to watch him gasping for breath. Horrible way to go. I hope when the time comes Hospice will provide a large goodbye dose as soon as possible.

Watched 2 of the 36 lectures on the Founding Fathers I got from Great Courses. They covered Washington and Thomas Mifflin and were quite entertaining.

The video lectures will be of great use during this pandemic. Basically everything is closed (except shopping so far). So everyone has essentially no where to go. I believe golf will stay open unless ordered to close, which could happen the way things are going.

March 15 2020

Beware the Ides of March. Not much happened besides the panic in the streets from the pandemic. We opted to order from Grinders for pick up today instead of eating there. Dominates the air waves these days.

President T-Rump was on to tout all the good things for the economy. That is all he is worried about, that it stays strong so he can get elected this fall. Aint going to happen anyway.

We finished weeding the mulch areas. Got to be the earliest we ever got that done. Took about an hour and a half from 11 to 12:30 this morning. Did some wash and finished reading Agent of Destiny, the life and times of Winfield Scott. One amazing guy! Was a key player in the War of 1812 and served thru the early parts of the Civil War in the 1860s when his health failed. He served 14 Presidents and was in and out of favor along the way. Even ran for President in 1850.

I was unaware of all the history he was involved with, especially the Pig War and the Mexican War. Also was not aware of all the cut throat politics he had to endure.

Tried some wagering but 5 of 6 at Gulfstream depleted my funds for the month. Should be a slow day tomorrow with a morning dr appt.

March 14 2020

Went over to HH early to find some fittings to connect the tube in the fridge to the small water pump. Not many in the store (impact of the virus)? My theory was there was a frozen blockage in the fridge water dispenser. Hooked it all up and tried to pump hot water in but the air blockage wouldn't allow any water movement. So I guess it will

not get fixed. Still dispenses ice so we have that.

We got out and did some weeding and edging. Finished around the house, The spot by the garage took quite a bit of work. Then we did the bed near the septic and half the mid lawn bed. That leaves the other half, and the beds on the front corner of the lots. Should be a couple of hrs at most.

Mary went to church and I cooked the chicken. Carolyn and Jacob came over later and we almost finished his taxes. He was missing one item from last year's return.

March 13 2020

A bit groggy today. Slept poorly for no known reason. Stocks went up for a change today. Next week, who knows?

The virus situation is crazy. All the colleges have gone on-line only for 30days, the school kids are off 3 weeks, gatherings of 100 people or more are banned, and shoppers are hoarding toilet paper! We went to Marc's to see. TP was gone, but they had lots of water and soup. Did not see anyone in panic mode.

We did the March bills and eventually got things to work out. It is a bit tricky to pay all the bills then check it against the bank balance since the bank has 2 it hasn't paid yet.

Somehow I got my chess rating back to 1300. I only played a few times in Florida and inched it up a bit. This week I pushed it higher.

March 12 2020

Still sore from the Tuesday class, we pushed ahead today at the Y. Going to be sore again tomorrow.

Since it was a nice day, we went for the fuel perks and saved \$33 on our 30 gallons. Mary went to the eye doctor and stopped at Carolyn's. I had to call her home and have her pick up ice cream cause the kiddies were due at 4:40.

The kids had a ball. They did the toys, the stickers, then we spent an hr or so outside. They left 8pm ish and we be whipped.

March 11 2020

Veg day today. Mary did laundry and went to bowling.

I did my taxes and sent them in. Turbo tax wanted even more money than they got from me already to efile my state taxes so I printed it and took it to the post office. I paid \$40 for the state return software and I get no efile? Going to dump them next year. With all the pages, it was 70 cents to mail.

Stopped by the bank and deposited my Tvg winnings. I am \$400 ahead for the year. Monday, 25 or so people were indited, including 2 notable trainers for illegal horse doping. No wonder I always had them in my picks.

I ordered my Mollie B tickets and the 2 Easter Bunnies of 4 pounds at \$84 each.

March 10 2020

Still grumbling about my score yesterday. Looked over the card this morning and realized I had done some nice chipping to give myself a chance, but never made any putts and threw a couple of 3 putts in as well. At least there was one positive for the

round.

Stock market looked ugly for me most of the day, but my stocks came back for a decent 2% gain. Hope things keep coming back. Long way to go.

We went to the Y and Jenny beat us up good. I went even though I had a poor sleep last night. Not sure why. Slept till 2am then saw all the hrs after that with some sleep along the way. We picked up some groceries then hunkered down for the cold. Carolyn stopped by with Jacob as she had brought him back from school at Kent. They are canceling classes for 30 days due to the Coronavirus. Old school Steve is not happy. He has no clue how to do on-line stuff.

March 9 2020

Quite a day. We did the Y this morning. The class was crowded so I ended up with 10 lb heavy weights. With the number of reps they were doing, 10 lbs did me in.

Got home and headed to the golf course. Wilkshire was in terrible shape. Leaves and sticks everywhere. However, this in no way explained my 41-47 score. At least 4 topped shots, 3 look ups on chips and very poor putting. Never did find a swing. Eventually hit 2 good irons on the back nine but that was it.

I had a time there for next week but canceled it once I found another option. Maybe next December for Wilkshire.

Stock market was crashing, down 7+%. My stocks were worse, down 9%. OXY fell 52%! Never heard of such a thing. Another, ET, fell 27%. Damn Russians were feuding with OPEC and the oil market crashed. That on top of the virus scare did everyone in.

March 8 2020

Time change last night was painless. We had eggs for breakfast and when it warmed up a bit we started cleaning up the flower beds. We did the front and one side of the house in 2 hours. Had lunch and then got to the bed by the mailbox. Whipped after an hour, we gave up for the day.

I was able to grab a tee time for tomorrow so that should be fun. It is later so I have time to do strength class beforehand. Gong to burn some calories tomorrow!

March 7 2020

Was thinking about the fridge all night. Decided to call parts select. They have no info other than what I have seen, so the support person was perplexed as well. I did take a tour of HH, a pet store and HD trying to find a small pump that I could use to pump in hot water but had no luck.

Just to be sure, I disassembled the front of the dispenser. Found that the spigot and tube is indeed hidden inside the door. Only way to get at it would be to disassemble the inside of the freezer door, and there were no videos on that. I ordered a small pump and will just have to wait for it to come in a couple of weeks. If that doesn't work not sure what I will try next. Only other thing would be to shut down the fridge and wait a few days for it to thaw out. Last resort is call a service person.

Mary is at church, so I need to cook the pasta.

March 6 2020

Good score at the races yesterday but not today. Tampa Bay again with no help. All on my own. Also got pummeled in the stock market today. Not my day to make money.

Frustrating day trying to figure out why the fridge won't provide ice water. Checked filter and the feed to the water line that goes into the freezer door to provide the water. All good there. Water pump is working, providing water to the bottom of freezer door. Ice maker works so it is getting the water and making cubes. The switches for cubes and crushed ice are working. Just won't pour water?

Looked up all the parts on the parts select website. Drawing leaves off the water tubes. Best I can figure the water tube just connects to the spigot and when you push the release with the glass, the motor turns on and should push the water up thru the door and out the spigot. I can hear the motor turn on and already checked that water gets forced into the tube going up through the bottom of the door. The only logical reason would be there is ice in the line up the door somewhere. Why now after all these years? The door is well insulated.

I tried to snake a wire up the spigot but it only goes so far, maybe 3 inches. Must be ice there. Only idea is to shut it all down and wait for a thaw? I guess I will try a chat with the parts company to make sure that the water just flows thru and there is no water switch behind the spigot.

Took Jacob and Jenna out for the church fish fry with us. They loved it.

March 5 2020

Kids watch was fun. Haven't seen them little buggers in a month.

Mary thought she had a hair appt but she did not. I am not so sure. I remember confirming and appt for her a few days back, but deleted it. I had an appt with dermo lady. She froze 2 more spots on my face so I have to deal with those healings. Maybe 10 days? Saw Dick Miller there. He looks great at 90. Mows his own lawn and still drives.

We went over to keep Jacob company. Picked up a pizza and took him an old puzzle we always did together to cheer him up. He was happy to see us.

March 4 2020

Mary had bowling today and I had the retiree lunch. Good to see Bill Tuma in his 90s. John R picked him up. Guess he isn't driving anymore (thank God). Sat with Terry Y and John. We talked about some of the people we worked with over the years. Sam Malene came over bragging about his 78 on an executive course in Scottsdale. Good score even if it was short. He also scored 110 on a longer course, lol.

After lunch I picked up my repaired golf clubs and stopped at the bank. Kids watch tonight.

March 3 2020

We did the Y this morning and Jenny beat us up good. She had been off two weeks for surgery and could not exercise so SHE wanted to get back to it seriously. The rest of us paid for it. Mucho squats and abs. My abs are sore already.

It was pancake day at the Y, so we sat down and had a couple. Jenny and one of our classmates joined us. Classmate gave us her story of being a widow for 3 years. Her

husband had a treatable cancer so they downsized to a condo on Prestwick Golf course. He was an avid golfer and was looking forward to retiring in a few years. He did not make it though. Pneumonia did him in before they moved. Big Ouch!

Picked up lunch meat and pills at GE, got a haircut. Put away the suitcases and travel bags and settled in. Jacob called needing a ride home so we went and picked him up.

March 2 2020

I forgot to blog about one thought I had on our return trip, day 2. We stopped in Beckley WV, used the facilities, and sat down in their food court with a couple of whopper jrs.

There was a lady there assigned to take care of the area. She came over and wiped down $\frac{3}{4}$ of the table next to us missing a piece of it and missed wiping the edge. Then she used the same wipe to do part of the vinyl seat. Saw her move down a few tables and do the same. Looked to me she was just pushing around whatever crud was on it. With the recent news about covid-19 I can see it spreading here very easily. I was sure to use the wrapper to shield my food from the table. OMG.

Today we went to the Y and I was surprised there was no panic about the virus. Crowded as usual. We were welcomed back by the crew and classmates. That was nice. We did OK considering we had not picked up a weight other than a water bottle for the last month. Guess all the walking we did helped.

After the Y, we dropped off my 2 golf clubs for repair, picked up groceries and then back home. Went thru all the mail, helped Carolyn with a spreadsheet while Mary completed tons of wash from the trip. Still some catch up to do.

March 1 2020

The dang furnace decided to work last night after several restarts. Keeping the temp low while we were gone must have caused the burners to get lazy? Not sure I understand why they would be reluctant to light. Running them a long time to pull the temp up must cause some issue but I have no idea. Once the temp was up and they are only moving the house temp a few degrees they seem fine. It is a mystery to me. No issues today with the furnace either.

We ended up helping out over at Carolyn's today. She is looking to get a legal separation from husband Don for a few months now. He had stopped by while she was out this morning and made a real mess she had to clean up. She filed a police report. Don just isn't right in the head anymore. Quite a mess she is in.

February 29 2020

We traveled 8 hrs yesterday and 8 today. Got back at 4:15pm and did a little unpacking. Turned up the hot water tank and furnace. Water is good but furnace is acting up. Restarted it twice and waiting to see.

Flashing light code says too many burner restart tries without lighting. Had this trouble a few years back and they cleaned the burners. What a pain. So far the furnace starts but once it reaches temp and shuts off it doesn't want to restart. I hope a reset when it cools down in here will work. Always something.

February 27 2020

A cold 46 this morning, but it warmed up reasonably well with the sun out there. Around 58 now. Since it was cold this morning, we did our packing up. We were ready by 10:30.

Went bowling at noon since they open then. There were some bowlers just leaving? Somehow I scored a 123 the first game because I was making the spares. Mary was just under 100, missing spares by a minuscule amount. I had a rough game 2 while Mary played much better. She had me on the ropes but went back to missing her spares by inches. I had a 113, so she needed 9 pins to tie me. She got 8 in the last frame.

We had an late lunch/early dinner and are heading for one last hot tub. Then we have to dry stuff out and be ready to leave in the morning.

February 26 2020

Rain was not due till 2pm, so we hit the beach and walked in the water 9ish. From there we went to the pool and spent a half hour there. As soon as we were leaving, the wind picked up and made it cold to get out. We hustled over to the hot tub and had our 15 minutes of warmth.

After showering, we headed to the outlets. We picked up a bunch of underwear and Sketchers for each of us.

One more day to go. Maybe bowling or the pool again?

February 25 2020

We got out early to beat the rain. We headed down to the Matanzas inlet to look for shells. Not many people out but there were a few. The tide was up, sad to say, so we did not get to walk in the area that trapped water stays after the tide recedes. Saw a couple of the turtles out despite the lack of sun.

On the way back we cashed in what I had thought was \$89 in lottery tickets and was paid out \$172. One of those word games must have had more words that I thought. Likely broke even on tickets or came out somewhat ahead. The rain started at around 11am as expected. We hunkered down for the day. Did some wash. More rain tomorrow. Maybe we will go bowling.

Happy 19th birthday to Jacob today.

February 24 2020

Beautiful day in the 70s. We took stock of food and it looks like we have plenty of items for the meals left. Lots of eggs and burgers with pizza and pasta left. Weather looks to be an issue this week. Today looks like the only good day for golf. Tues/Wed is rain, then it cools off for our last day on Thursday. Bummer. We shall hope for an improvement in the forecasts.

Tried to get on Royal St Aug again but they were packed and carts were all out. We went over to St Johns Golf Club and the starter put me with 3 brothers. Very slow. Driving was OK and I was playing decent but could not save pars. Putting was not my friend today. Only had 4 pars but should have had 4 or 5 more.

These guy must have been all over 100. I think one of them lost a dozen balls. On a tricky risk reward 250yd hole across a lake, I barely cleared the safe part, hit a 5 iron

on the green and 2 putted for a par. These guys hit 2, 3, and 3 balls off the tee. Not sure what their scores were.

Back and hit the hot tub. Missed the last 2 days with the cold. Only 3 more hot tub days to go.

February 23 2020

Warmed up a bit but chilly this morning. We walked the beach against a cold win at 10am, then had lunch. Packed up John and Ginny's stuff and dropped them to the airport.

We stopped at the JAX Zoo on the way back. Stiff price at \$45 for the 2 of us. Some really nice exhibits and some poor ones too. They had an Australian path but all there was were birds? Saw Manatees, so that was cool. I would give the Zoo a C for the mix. My goodness the place was packed! They were rolling in cash today.

February 22 2020

Still cold but up to 64 today but with a nasty wind. We went to the Catholic Shrine church and the ladies went to 12pm Mass, John and I went over to look at the Spanish Treasure. I bought 2 spikes ,civil war era, and an 1808 coin recovered from a wreck.

The we went over to the Fountain of Youth for another taste of their water, stopped at the Lighthouse, and then John bought dinner. We were just in the nick of time cause there was a big line when we left. Too cold to sit outside. They had lots of tables outside that were empty.

February 21 2020

Nasty cold 50 today with a 40 feels like temp. Very windy. We all veg'd today, working on puzzle. Mid afternoon we stopped at a quilt shop, checked Goodwill but did not find any puzzles, and stopped for coffee and substances.

T-Rump has gone mad again. I wonder if he just wants out?

February 20 2020

Chilly day with the wind. Got up to 64 but it felt a lot colder. Sorry I didn't wear my sweatshirt under my jacket. We did St Augustine with John and Ginny. We re-did the Fort but they had National Park passes so it was free a second time. Then we hit the Pirate Museum which was on my must see list. We had lunch/dinner. Then a long time consuming shop walk down George Street. We stopped at the church which everyone enjoyed and then a quick cold walk against the wind back to the parking garage!

Mary and I did the hot tub. Should be a cold one tomorrow at low 50s. Yikes. TV said coldest day of the winter so far.

February 19 2020

Listening to Miss Monique as I write. She is alive and well and looking chipper. New youtube posted Feb 11 2020. Added the link for your listening pleasure.

John and Ginny took the car to Gainesville to visit one of his relatives. We declined as it meant another 3 hrs in the car. We walked the beach for 2 hrs and saw a live crab and a shell with something in it. We played with them for a few minutes and moved on. Hit the pool for about half an hr when the guy that came in to test the water said it needed

more chlorine and closed the pool.

He had checked our hot tub and had that drained and refilled. Ewww. We were in last night. It is up and running now. We went to the hot tub in the next building over. We had an early dinner/late lunch and walked to Coneheads for a HF Sundae. About a mile out and a mile back. That pushed the total to 4 miles for the day.

February 18 2020

Picked up John and Ginny around 1:45 today. They had not eaten so we offered to stop or cook an early dinner. They went with the early dinner which was not ready till 4:30. We cooked chicken. It was frozen so we took it out to put in the meat thermometer. Checked it at 150 and put it back in. Somehow the oven turned off and the next time I checked the chicken was at 130? Cranked the stove up again and it finally got done. Quiet evening after the hot tub. Watching the finale of Washington on the History Channel later.

February 17 2020

We dropped my sister at the AP around 11am and then stopped at the golf course we played 2 weeks ago. Luckily a 2some was signing up. I asked if I could join them and they agreed. I had a rough start with 2 snowmen in the first 4 holes, then settled down a bit to score 46 on the front. On the back I was on fire. 3 bogeys and 1 birdie put me at 38 for an 84 total. Close to dropping 2 more birdies as well. Bittaker was traveling this week. May catch a round with him next week.

We grabbed a bite at Steak and Shake before hitting the hot tub (only missed on mardi gras day). Had to get a new phone Sunday. Phone was randomly turning off even with power, plus the power connector socket was becoming unreliable. The cheap phone have non-removable batteries so they are throw aways. Still working to put all the contacts back in. Tried to watch videos on auto transfers but they were a waste of time, esp if the 2 phones are different makers. I suppose I will have it back to where I started sometime this week.

February 16 2020

Busy day. This was sister Catherine's last day. Sad. Mary and her went off to church then we had some lunch. We then set off for a grueling day of shopping at the outlets. I carried lots of bags around. Did get a few golf shirts though.

We had dinner at Carraba's then were back to hit the hot tub and watch Washington. Catherine packed up for her trip.

February 15 2020

Busy day. We went tp Blue Springs park to see the manatees but none showed up. We got to Leesburg around 2pm and bummed around, shopped, and listened to the music till the mardi gras parade at 7pm. We were sandwiched between some rude people who grabbed all the beads. We moved to a new spot and scored many beads.

This was around 1/3 the size of the Panama City Event and they seemed to toss out many less beads. Lots of people there from the Villages including a bunch of senior twirlers in the parade and the rude people next to us. It was still worth going but not up to expectations.

February 14 2020

Rainy and cool today. We went into Belk to shop. Located in a strip with a closed JCP and Sears, it looks like it is on life support too. Not much variety, everything marked 30-50% off, but nothing stood out. We passed on the merchandise.

Jenny called and we met her and Jim for lunch. Had a good meal at Mango Mango. OK but not fantastic. Their check in time was 4pm so they came back and we talked for 2+ hrs or so. He is a funny guy. Jenny is Carolyn's long time best friend and we consider her almost family as much time she spent at our house.

Still cool so we worked a puzzle and stayed warm the rest of the night. May not be a blog tomorrow. Heading to Leesburg for Mardi Gras and will be back late.

February 13 2020

Another scorcher at 85 today. We went to the pool around 11am and did the exercise class. It was fun. We had lunch and headed over to St Augustine at 1pm. Spent about 2hrs in Castillo de San Marcos Fort. Hot hot hot! Grabbed some ice cream then walked a bunch to the Governor's Museum. A little visit to Flagler College and then we walked the older part of town. We were whipped from the heat and walking. Likely 3 miles.

Never did have to pee from 1pm till 10pm and I had about 50 oz of liquid since then. Yikes.

February 12 2020

Scorcher at 85 today. We hit the pool around 11am and spent an hour in it. Sweet! We had lunch and then headed to the Cone Head ice cream shop. After that we hit the surf shop and cleaned them out. Got an item for the little ones at home.

We went over to the nearby pier and it was almost fogged in. The pier was still closed due to hurricane damage, but the beach was full. We walked around for half hour. Not many shells there. Picked up some pills I needed at CVS and 5 or 6 items at Walmart. Funny, I got my \$0.00 CVS pills and got a \$2 coupon which we used on 3 boxes of good-n-plenty for \$1.00 out the door. Licorice fights off the flu you know.

February 11 2020

Scorcher at 81 today. Went south to play with Mike at his home course Halifax Plantation a short walk from his house. No water and pretty wide open. Seemed like an easier course than the last one. It was longer and the ball got no roll. Shot 93 with only 3 pars. Par on the first hole then a string of 5 straight bogies.. Up and down the rest of the way. Think I was tired fro the 4 miles of walking yesterday. Also right index finger was getting a blister. Lack of golf and the hot tub are the suspect.

Mary and Catherine visited the shops at Flagler beach where they dropped me off. They found a cool fold up shopping bag for their purse. The hot tub really hit the spot for my weary bones tonight.

February 10 2020

Was only supposed to get to 73. We headed out around 10am and it was plenty warm and sunny T shirt weather. We went to Fort Matanzas even though they said the ferry was grounded. The Fort was really a lookout and cannon location to keep ships out of the inlet and was restored from the early 1700s by the park service. Much of it was intact. Matanzas was Spanish for massacre, where the Spanish killed many French before the Fort was built somewhere in this area. We got a good tour by the ranger.

The ranger pointed us down river to the beach where we walked along the river, crossed under the bridge to the ocean and down the ocean back to the parking. Bet we walked a mile at the fort and 2 on the beach. We walked thru the water and found a huge conch shell, 10" maybe.

Five more miles down the road we walked another mile at Washington Gardens and saw some beautiful roses and trees. Another awesome day.

February 9 2020

Quiet day. Pretty windy 65 kept us with a wind breaker on. We went to the flea market, open just Sat/Sun. I found a nice pink flamingo and some work gloves but nothing else jumped out at us. After lunch we did a beach walk and the wind was brisk. We started a puzzle and are waiting to 11pm to go out on the beach and watch a space launch from Canaveral, 120 miles away. Hope we can see it.

February 8 2020

Cold but sunny. We bundled up and went to Fort Mose. They were having a re-enactment and this was the last day, so we changed plans to go there instead. It was a very powerful performance. We were run away slaves walking thru the forest and we met other runaways, helpful Indians, slave capture-rs, and the black Militia. The Spanish had offered to protect them if they made it to the Fort. Such a shameful history we have had at times. When the Spanish lost the land, these poor souls had to flee to Cuba.

We ate at Harry's which was good, and visited the Lightner Museum. He was a hoot. He somehow kept his fortune during the stock market crash and bought this wealthy retreat in St Augustine and bought enormous collections of art, glass, and anything else for pennies on the dollar. His glass ware collection looked to be 500 or so amazing pieces. He makes a good wiki read.

Finally we went to 5pm Mass at St Augustine Cathedral Basilica. Awesome place, awesome sermon, and the place was packed. I was pretty sure it would stay standing even with me attending.

What a fantastic day!

February 7 2020

Cold front came through. A cold 65 with wind today. Mary and Catherine dropped me off at the World Golf Hall of Fame. I spent 2 and a half hours there and the ladies shopped. I gave them a call and they picked me up. Then hit the Beals Outlet for more shopping. Stopped at an antique shop and found 1 item. Nice necklace too but it was too small for Mary.

I hit 3 balls to the challenge island green. 2 in the bank and 1 in the water. Oh well, no fame for me.

February 6 2020

This was the day we were waiting for. Supposed to be 80 today. Damned if it didn't hit 85! We walked over to the indoor pool about 9:45. We were in about 15 min when another lady came in and said there would be water aerobics at 10:30. We joined in and were working out. When it hit 11, the coffee hit me so I headed out and whispered too much coffee to the instructor who was also in the pool. She immediately told the

group I was someone who did not want to pee in the pool. OMG. I came back and finished the class. Too old to be embarrassed.

We hit the hot tub and got dressed for a big lunch out. The place was being reno'd so we went to a chinese buffet. Then to Beals where the ladies chalked up around \$300 in stuff between the 2 of them. OMG again. Ave price was under \$20, some were under \$10. An ice cream shop was hit for "dinner".

February 5 2020

Just a beautiful day for golf. Mary and Catherine dropped me off and I met Mike Bittaker for a round of golf. I hit the driver perfect and hit mostly good shots. There were 3 clunkers that found the water. Tons of water on this course, but mostly right or left. I played very well with 1 birdie, 6 pars, shooting a 14 over 85. Mike hit a few more clunkers shooting 90.

Poor guy. Says he hasn't taken a vacation in years...cause they don't know where to go. Tough problem to have, eh? The ladies had a good time shopping, but are just getting started.

February 4 2020

Another great and busy day! We went to the Fountain of Youth and did a lot of walking and picture taking. After a quick lunch we went over to the Catholic Shrine where the first services were held after the Spanish landed in the 1500s. Mary lit candles for George and Dorothy and her brother Jim. Catherine lit candles for Mom and Bapchi. It was an emotional and humbling venture.

When we got back the ATT guy showed up and replaced the cable/wifi box and we finally had a decent internet. We had chicken and rice and hit the hot tub at 8pm. Had to reduce 180 pictures to the 60 I posted to Shutterfly. Took awhile! Golf for me tomorrow and shopping for the ladies, so pictures will be limited and I just may get a break tomorrow evening.

February 3 2020

OMG did we have fun today. We made trip 1 into St Augustine and I think we can still do 2 or 3 more. We did the 90 min walking tour for \$16 and saw a lot. After the tour we went down the main st shops in the historic buildings, ate lunch, had awesome ice cream and did the Lighthouse Museum on the way back. Catherine had 120 pictures to sort thru and I had 75. Posted about 58 to Shutterfly. Took me forever to reduce them to a reasonable file size. It was in the 70s when we finished. We shed layers after the tour so we were more comfortable. They are talking 80s Wed/Thurs. Gonna golf Wednesday!

This was one of those awesome days I hope I will always remember.

February 2 2020

With all the Super Bowl excitement, I forgot to post last night so I will do so this morning. We picked up Catherine at the JAX AP around noon. Almost ran out of gas. It was so sunny, that the dashboard was too dark to see with my eyes adjusted for the bright light. Eventually I saw we had but 15 miles left. Stopped right away and got some gas. Catherine had to wait for us a half hour as her plane was early and I was late.

We had lunch, then did a beach walk. I found a full conch shell, first time for that ever! Good Super Bowl. Turned off the light with 1 minute left and KC up by 11.

February 1 2020

Weird. Last night we had to dry the sheets? The bottom of the bed sheets and the comforter were damp, like they had been washed and not fully dried. Took us 45 min to dry them in the dryer. Very odd. The maid must have been in a rush?

We were up at 8am. Stopped at McD for a quick breakfast, then stopped at the Toyota dealer to have someone show us how to get the radio on. It was a simple fix but not intuitive at all. I had pushed the IHeart Radio Ap and it was stuck there. The Entune and Scout ap for navigation you run from your phone are buggy too. Glad we had the old Garmin GPS to use.

We must have spent 90 minutes in Walmart to find most of the stuff on the food list, then went to Publix for the deli and a few other items we never found in the vast expanse of Walmart. We came back for lunch and then found the pool and walked the beach for 90 minutes. Lots of shells! There is a long way from the beach thru extensive dunes to any building structure. No high rise condos either. Back for dinner and a 7pm dip (#2) in the hot tub!

January 31 2020

We finished the next 450+ miles with 3 delays thru the big cities. What a pain. Got here about 5pm and unpacked and hit the hot tub. Kind of disappointed with the unit. Smaller than anyone we had but we are getting used to it. The hot tub is less than 10 steps from our door and makes up for it. Parking 20 steps from the patio. Should be great for hauling in groceries. Last places we stayed we had to walk 1/4 mile to the garage. Tomorrow..the beach and supply shopping.

Downer on the Senate Republicans today. Hope they doomed themselves in the next election. I have stronger words for them but this is a family blog. Posted a small 2 lines for yesterday below.

January 30 2020

Up early and drove 8 hrs to Huntersville NC, 450 miles. It was in the mid 30s till we hit NC then got up to the low 50s. Seven hrs of driving to go from here.

January 29 2020

Took the car seat out that was put in for Lincoln transport the last month. That was a chore. Emptied non essential stuff out of there too. Mary headed off to the doctor for her shot and then to bowling.

I finished packing and watched the horses to no avail. Fell short in the last race for one pick 4. Also watched the impeachment Q&As. More BS from the Republicans. I doubt he will be removed but I am hoping for witnesses to expose all his latest lies.

We will pack the bathroom stuff and electronics in the morning and head south.

January 28 2020

Got moving early this morning. Stopped the mail, got some gas, went to the bank, got my haircut. Was going to get my car washed to set in the garage for the month, but it was spritzing rain and I couldn't bring myself to get a car wash. Hopefully tomorrow

will be better.

We did some packing but there is more to do. Lincoln was over at 4pm and we took him to the Y for his sports thing at 6pm. Back home by 7:30

January 27 2020

Looks like I had 2 Jan 24ths in the blog so I renumbered the days since then. Sometimes I make some morning comments then forget and add a second day in the evening. I suspect I will do it again soon. We went to the Y and took it easy at strength class. Don't want to be in pain while traveling. We will skip tomorrow's class and stay pain free.

Mary went for her hair today, then we took Kalix to her gymnastics class at 6pm. Watching the class, the stretching they do looks useful. The other stuff seems unnatural and silly when you think about it. Flipping over bars and walking on beams. I don't know about that stuff. Two more days before we leave. Lots of things to get done tomorrow.

January 26 2020

We hung out with Jenna today. She had french toast for breakfast, then made herself a bracelet out of Mary's extensive bead collection. Had her make some fudge and vegged some till it cooled. She cooked the Schwans orange chicken stir fry and we took her home around 6pm. Carolyn should be home around 8:30. She can feed the cats and do homework till then.

No luck on Gulfstream mandatory pick 6 as very few favorites won confounding most everybody. Payout was 11K out of 10M so there were 1000 or so winners. Likely groups that pooled to a big ticket.

January 25 2020

Jenna stayed with us last night. Looking for things to watch I found Hook, an old Robin Williams movie. At the end he gave his dad a bag of marbles. His dad was ecstatic because he thought he had lost his marbles but now he had them again. I had myself a good laugh. I got to get me a bag of marbles and keep them close by.

January 24 2020 take 2

Veggie day. All the snow melted but it is supposed to come back tonight. Jenna is going to stay the night while Carolyn works an overnight shift so we had to prepare. Rug vacuuming, take out garbage, bed making, wash, and straightening up were the order of the day. We did puzzles and watched horses run. No luck there.

Mary went to church and I cooked the spaghetti for dinner. Should be a quiet night.

January 24 2020

Mary went to knitting class while I went up to Cleveland to get my free lunch from BobM. I was spotted 2 games this year but did not need them as the Bills won way more than the Browns. Went to the B Spot, a Micheal Symon restaurant. Food was OK but not impressed. Looked run down in a very upscale strip mall. Was good to see Bob.

Stopped at the MGM in Northfield. Was never up, but did get out of there down only \$120. Dreary rainy day and crappy for driving. Down to 6 nights before the trip south.

January 23 2020

Final weigh in is 165.4 indicating 5 lbs of fat have been flushed out over 10 days. How you say? Here is the 10 day food tally: 10 eggs, 4oz pepperoni, 10 oz of turkey/ham, 12oz roadkill, 3 burgers, 6oz salmon, 6oz chicken breast, 1 salad, 10oz steak, 2 hot dogs w buns, 1lb peanuts, and 1 basket of mushrooms. What did I give up? A loaf of bread, 10 side dishes, 3 burger buns, all snacks and desserts. Those are all carb heavy.

It's likely not the best way to cut out carbs with all the saturated fat, but 10 days over 2 months after Thanksgiving and Christmas shouldn't hurt. There was a ton of goodies, pies, ice cream, chocolate and candy consumed during those 2 months.

We went and picked up the bone scan results and they showed significant improvement! Unfortunately, she went to a different facility, Akron General, and her doctor at the Crystal Clinic always poo poos using a different (not their) machine. Oh well, we will go back to them in 2 yrs so they are happy.

We met Sue and Ed in Columbiana at the Dutch restaurant. \$12.50 was the average meal price. Seemed to be overpriced. The pie was good though. Finished another puzzle and did my taxes. TurboTax Basic + Ohio was \$80. That was \$80 more than my taxes. Rrrr, I say.

January 22 2020

We picked up some groceries early. Got some gift cards for the trip so we gained some fuel perks on those. Twas cold out there!

I watched some racing with no luck and did some puzzles while Mary went bowling. Spent 30-40min on the phone with Carolyn while they set up the old printer I gave her. I think they thought it was wireless, but I eventually got them going. The printer jammed once so that took extra time.

Just about ready to head to the last kids watch before we leave. Hate to go out in the cold.

January 21 2020

Had a dream last night about being stranded without a cell phone. I wrote it up and added it to the Getting Old document that has a link a few lines down on the website. A real eye opener. Consider my suggestion to put a few phone numbers in your wallet.

Got beat up good at the Y today. We did the warm ups and got right into the heavy weights for lunges and squats. I was whipped. Looked up and we were 4 minutes into the class. OMG. On the plus side, Jenny did have some progressive music. Thought I was listening to Miss Monique for a minute.

Mary called sister Ruth and gabbed for an hour while I had lunch. Dennis was in the hospital this weekend with a mysterious rash but was home and out for lunch with daughter Bonnie today. So all is well there.

We worked the puzzle till dinner, then went to the Y to watch Lincoln learn basketball. Next week is soccer. Dang cold out there at 26 with wind.

January 20 2020

Another 20 degrees day. Down to 10 more nights in Ohio before heading south. This

morning weigh in was 167.

We did the Y and there were lots of reps. I used 10 for my heavy and they did me in. Only 5 min of abs so that was good. Likely going to be harder tomorrow.

Watched the horses and finished another puzzle. I made poor choices picking horses. Caton B's ticket was posted way too late, maybe 5 minutes to post. She had them all on the pick 6 for 1450. I couldn't wait so I put my own ticket in. That was painful. Only got 3 right. Only enough left in my account for 2 or 3 tickets this coming weekend. My checks for \$500 should be in the mail soon. Should get them before I head south.

January 19 2020

Only 20 degrees today. Only 11 more nights till departure to a warmer climate. Getting excited! I used part of yesterday's winnings to order Carolyn an el cheapo TV for her family room that we did the flooring a month or two back. I know they wanted one for the room.

We will finish another 2 day puzzle today and head out to Texas Roadhouse a bit later. The roadkill is zero carbs but I may add a salad or chili. Down to 167.4 and the diet will end later this week. Lunching with sister Sue in Columbiana on Thursday and that might be the last of it.

Got home and found out I hit the Tampa pick 5. Cleared another 300 for the day. Good deeds are repaid, eh?

January 18 2020

Snow on the ground this morning. Two to three inches. It was supposed to warm up and I thought it might melt. Turned to slush so too heavy to shovel. I suppose it will be an icy mess tomorrow as temps drop tonight.

I emptied 2 gas cans into the cars and put the cans Steve passed over in a bigger trash bag. We worked a puzzle most of the day. Watched the horses and hit Tampa pick 5 and cleared 250 for the day. Missed the pick 6 at Gulfstream by 1 race. The way it worked out with the scratches, I had 6 tickets, but my single pick in the 11th got passed by 4 horses down the stretch. Oh well. Pretty exciting but I missed one race and got zip.

Mary went to church and I cooked up some mushrooms and a burger. Lost almost 3 lbs so far. Would like to take off one more.

January 17 2020

Chilly but not bad today. Supposed to turn crappy tomorrow. We worked the puzzle today. Made a short trip to the bank and to get a storage box at Big Lots.

No luck at racing. Almost hit Tampa pick 6 but my last horse was passed at the wire by a fast closing favorite. Should have been 500ish. Guess God didn't want me to win today.

Likely we will veg the weekend.

January 16 2020

Kids watch went well last night. We did the Y today. I wasn't sure I wanted to go but my Tuesday beat up was feeling a lot better than yesterday. Not too bad today so far.

Right off to meet Rudy for lunch. He said he will be signing up for SS as he hits 62 this year. He has done a little work for Lockheed but that is waning. I am going to keep him posted about Friday golf. He might be joining us since he has so much time on his hands.

Weather is turning cold now. TV says 27 of the last 27 days have been above the normal and it is about to end. Cold wind and 32 a little bit ago. Oh yeah, had to email Jr. about my 79 and long miracle putt yesterday. He will be chapped.

Great day as the Impeachment Senate Trial starts.

January 15 2020

God finally wanted me to break 80. Nice start to the year with a 41-38 = 79 at Wilkshire. Dick was at 95 and Bill shot 85. Bill started out with a birdie and par, while I had 2 bogies. I told him it was a mistake to birdie the first hole. I wasn't doing anything very well but hung in there for bogies. All of a sudden I began draining putts? What is up with that? I never make any. Well I finished the front with mostly pars, then started with 4 straight pars on the back. On the #12 I putted from off the green, down the hill, curving left, stopping in front of the cup and then dropping in. Wow! One birdie and no doubles the rest of the way for my 38.

Mary went to the doctor and bowling. Grabbed a shower to warm up and then dinner and am ready to head over to kids watch at Wes' till 9ish.

January 14 2020

Not a good sleep, then the idiot across the street had to warm up his noisy car at 6:30am. I wasn't very happy with that. I had one of the hardest elliptical in the room. Most behave similar, but this one was very difficult. I dropped the level from 5 to 1 and it was still hard. On top of that, Jenny did us in with every kind of squat imaginable. Regular, plei, front lunges, side lunges, and back lunges. OMG are my squaters going to be sore tomorrow.

Mary went to H Kitchen for lunch with Julie. Ate an early dinner cause Lincoln is coming at 4pm and we take him to the Y at 6pm for volleyball? How little kids are going to play that should be interesting.

January 13 2020

The Y was busy today. Before I went I tried to get a tee time but no answer. I called when I got back and got one for Wednesday. Sweet. Andrea gave us a good workout. The new room is much bigger but it is still full. I counted at least 33 women and 2 guys. I am sure Jenny will do us in tomorrow, so I am going to be whipped by Wednesday golf.

Mary went to the Red Hats Lunch at the Pantry in Hartville. It is an ancient building. A lot have tried to make a go of it there but none last too long. I watched the horses without much luck.

Diet weigh in was 170.6, so I have at least 4 lbs to drop in the next 2 weeks.

January 12 2020

Nasty evening. The temp dropped from record 70s to the mid 30s last night as the wind whipped up a storm. Ripped my one flag right out of the posts, almost another

and tried hard on the other two. My porch posts are closing in on 50 years old and have seen better days. I was wondering if the mounts would hold up and now I have the answer.

I think I will load up the two posts most protected from the wind and just patch the two posts that were ripped out. Replacing the four 16 ft posts out front would likely cost \$4-5K. Did not see any wind damage around the neighborhood when we were out.

We finished another puzzle and picked up some groceries after lunch and will veg the rest of the day. Planning another diet to get down from 171 for the Florida trip. Hit a pick 4 but was a low payout, so broke even. Tried the pick 6 but was out on the second leg.

January 11 2020

Rainy and windy day with close to record high temps in the mid 60s. Going to the 30s in a few hours though. We finished the puzzle after an early dinner and Mary headed off to church for 4pm Mass.

I watched the races and Caton B helped me on another Gulfstream pick 4 for 300+ return. I am lost without her help. Nothing thereafter though. We started a new puzzle and are maybe 1/3 done.

Did the bills yesterday and came within \$10 so that was good. With the gas and electric on budget, I can pay all monthly bills right after the SS check comes in. Sweet. One and done.

January 10 2020

Quiet rainy day. We slept in till 9am which is very unusual. Cleaned up after last evenings party and vegged the rest of the day.

Got the puzzle table out tonight for additional vegging this weekend.

January 9 2020

Quiet day. Mary is resting to fight off a cold today. I skipped the Y as my squatters are still in pain from Tuesday's class. I did ride the bike for 25 min in the family room, listening to Miss Monique. My Bluetooth speaker arrived yesterday and I used it to fill the room with her wonderful progressive sounds.

Carolyn and Wes' family are scheduled later for her bday party and swiss steak. Looking at the scale this morning, a diet seems appropriate (once the swiss steak is gone).

The party, swiss steak, cupcake, and ice cream was a hit. Wes was working but we sent him a care package home with the family.

January 8 2020

Mary had a Dr. appt and just left when a blizzard hit. She had started out but turned around and came back home. I was going to take her when Carolyn stopped in and said it was bad. Couple of stopped cars, one almost in a ditch, and poor visibility. So we called and canceled.

Half hour later it was clear so I headed to the retiree lunch. Roads were still so so but cleared by noon. Mary skipped bowling as well. Dang tire was low again so I had to

stop and get air.

My Bose Bluetooth speaker arrived and I set it up using one of the 15 languages they had printed, English for me.

Kids watch tonight. Better get in my nap.

January 7 2020

Carolyn's bday 1973 on this day, so #47 for her. Hard to believe, eh? We went to the Y and Jenny beat us up good today. I see pain in my future, I gave up on the push ups though. Too hard on my wrists, so I do the bench press alternative for those. Jenny is crazy with push ups anyway:4:6:8:6:4!

Mary cooked the swiss steak as a bday gift. Wes stopped over and took the kids dresser for Z-Man. He has the closet organizers in the new kids room all built and set low so they can use them easily. Hopefully they do.

I had too much time on my hands so I made a collage photo called one good, two bad, and 2 misguided. Found a picture of Reagan (good), Manafort and Trump behind bars (bad), and my 2 sisters behind bars from vacation photos (the misguided).

January 6 2020

Went to the Y today and we used the new big room for strength. It wasn't set up so it was a shorter class by the time we got started. I am still not 100% but I did OK. Lots of reps again. I did have a good spot.

After class, we picked up groceries. Mary is going to make swiss steak later this week, requested by Carolyn for her bday.

I spent 40 min in a chat reporting Blog issues with the host i page I have to change the file name as a work around for now. Will likely take a few weeks to fix it.

January 5 2020

Still under the weather with a cold but slowly improving, or so I think. We started taking down the tree at 9am. We were mostly done and Carolyn stopped by. Great timing as she helped store things away and rearrange the moved furniture. She stayed for lunch.

We finished up vacuuming and straightening up till dinnertime, then I read a bit more on Andrew Jackson. Guess the month will be focused on reading, the Y, and maybe puzzles to fill the voids.

Bill emailed me that the blog was not updating. I will try a rename of the file with an a suffix and see if that works. The blog site has screwed this up before. We shall see.

January 4 2020

Still under the weather with a cold but slowly improving. Guess I will tackle taking the tree down tomorrow if I am feeling OK.

Was going to keep it up till the Bills lost, but they lost today. They played a perfect half, then the young QB got nervous and blew the entire 2nd half. Fumbled once and sacked twice while in FG range. Then he got caught grounding a pass. Looked like a deer in headlights. Hope he learns from this. I looked at my pulse rate during the heat

of battle and found it to be 120! Can't take that anymore. Next year, not gonna watch any important games..

Mary went to church and called Ginny on her 72nd birthday.

January 3 2020

Still under the weather with a cold but not so drippy. Had a good night sleep as well. Just passed the time trading some stocks today.

Mine went up again as T-Rump assassinated an Iranian General with a drone strike and oil and gold went up. Guess he wanted some more pluses for his election rally drive. He wasn't your usual high profile bad guy, so it is a bit odd. He was no Saddam nor Osama, but he was Iranian, so that is good in my book. Always wonder what the criteria is for assassination.

January 2 2020

Damn sump pumps. Nothing like replacing one outdoors in the winter.

Up at 5:30 this morning. Been using more and more tissues the last couple of days. I decided I must be battling a virus. Must have picked it up from one of the Christmas visitors or more likely from the grocery store Tuesday or the Y. Been lucky the last couple of years, so I skipped the Y and will go for more rest the next few days. Tried a nap today but only got an hour in.

The good news is the snow melted, but the bad news is it is going to rain for 2 days then snow some more. Oh well, got a cold anyway. Likely will hunker down for the weekend.

My stocks went up. I am always doing good for the first 10-20 days of the year and then fall by the wayside. At least I came out ahead 6% last year.

January 1 2020

Happy New Year! I made it till 10:30 last night.

We planned to veg all day, but Carolyn called and wanted help with a spreadsheet. She is learning how to use one. She left around 2:30 and we settled down to a pork chop, rice, and kraut. About one bite in she called and said her sump was out. We ate half and saved half for tomorrow, then headed over.

She had the new one assembled and ready. We pulled the pump up but the adapter fitting was frozen. A few whacks with the hammer and we got it off and installed the new one. We headed home around 4:30.

She went out to check to see if it had stopped and the float was working later and the pipe had pulled out at the top. We never did find out which breaker the pump was on when we worked the electrical a few years back, so she had to turn a bunch of breakers off. She still doesn't know. Now the pump vibrates turning off and bangs against the side of the hole, so it is too close to the wall edge right now. She will have to pull it up and rotate the pipe so it is not against the wall tomorrow. Too dark now.

