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December 31 2021

Oops, missed another one. Yesterday we did our neighborhood walk and not much else. I did go and pick up a short extension cord to use with Carolyn's septic. I cut off one end and stripped the wires. Hope to be able to solder it to the underground wire when we get a chance. Started a new puzzle (#3 for the winter)

Today Bill and I hoped to golf so we went to Wilkshire. I got there first and they were not open so I drove over to Zoar to see if they could squeeze us in. They were closed as well. Major bummer on such a nice day. Weird cause I had called Zoar and they said they were booked and then would be closed till Wednesday? Closed on such a nice day? I have lost my faith in mankind.

Jacob got his hair done at 1pm and we went over to Tim's Tavern for fish around 3pm. It was really good and the hush puppies were better than ever. Not cheap anymore! \$15.99 for a 2 piece dinner with 2 sides. Carolyn took Jacob to Dad's for the night.

Looking back on the year, it was another dominated by the pandemic. There was the move and \$15K windfall from selling our house.

Things are looking up for almost everyone:

Jacob has come a long way this year with only a couple of bad days. He worked Marshalls and now Grinders and is up above \$13/hr. Got back to Kent Stark and received 2 B's and an A.

Carolyn's divorce was final, she got a new loan for her house, and a couple of raises and year end bonuses.

Wes has survived nursing thru 2 years of the pandemic.

Mary came thru the year with no issues.

I have had a down year with falling, a bad ankle, sciatica, and some kind of issue with my left heel, all hurting my golf scores. Got to have doc look into those in our January visit.

Hope all has gone well for all of my readers. Best wishes for 2022!

December 29 2021

Got 6hrs sleep but could have used more. Was a quit day till Carolyn called. Mr, Sump went out. Dang it. Looks like I tossed my yard work shoes thinking I would never do any again. Oops. Forgot about helping the 2 kids with theirs.

She had my spare sump so that was good. It was hard to get the pipe off but we finally got it. The buried line was sparking so it appears it needs a new female plug put on. That will take time and some decent weather. Might get it done in a mild spell or may have to wait for spring. We laid out 3 extension cords to get from the patio outlet to the sump. I had her bag and wrap the connects to keep out the water.

Got back after dinner and showered the stink off me and we went for curbside pickup at GE. Have to pick up Jacob later.

Was hoping to play Friday but now they predict rain. Will not know for sure till Friday morning.

December 28 2021

Jacob spent the night at a friends house but returned no worse for the wear. I was really worried but he came through with flying colors (aside from scaring me). We did some repackaging of Christmas stuff but will keep the decorations up till after New Year. Finished a puzzle. That makes 2 with a bunch to go.

Made sure I got the trash out. Missed it last week when they came early so it is chock full and then some.

Just to show you I have all my marbles now. Here they are. I am keeping them close by so as to be able to keep a close eye on them. They do not seem to be helping my chess results though.



December 27 2021

Did not sleep well so I was a zombie all day. Had the same dream over and over half the night before I started worrying about covid. Yesterday I heard nephew Joey got covid. Following up on that, he had 2 Pfizer shots but caught it anyway. He had 102.5 the second day but was at 100.5 yesterday so he was on the mend.

I had thought about going back to the Y after the party was done with, but now figure we just better wait till things settle. I heard one person state they think everyone is going to get it eventually. Geeze! That kept me up most of the rest of the night. I did go back to bed for awhile. Not sure I slept much but I was comfortable.

As a result, I vegged all day. Got to get Jacob to work later and pick him up late. He went to Huntington Bank to add a savings account to his checking, but THAT guy was on his lunch break. This bank is a joke as far as I am concerned. Maybe he didn't look rich enough?

December 26 2021

Another good church service; this one on the importance of family. It was great that Jacob was there to hear it. It may be sinking in. The Bills won and have 2 more to go to capture the division title. There was very little roast left over from the 5.25 lbs we cooked. That surprised me. But we did get 3 more out of the leftovers for today's dinner.

Christmas yesterday was great. No drama this year as Jacob and Don have settled down. Jenna still has anxiety issues but seemed OK yesterday as well. Catherine drove from Sue's just over the border. Wes and Carolyn brought the kids around noon and we had a good time all day. I had some gifts up in the loft and the kids loved lowering them down on a rope, Santa (Catherine) again had gone crazy shopping so everyone got lots of gifts. The crown thinned out by 5pm and we got a little break before cleaning up.

I did not get my marbles back this year, but Jacob and Carolyn gave me a small bag full from Jacob's collection. Now I can claim I have that I have all my marbles. Been missing them for so very long and am glad to have them back. Alleluia!

December 24 2021

Oh my. Missed another post. Oh well. Such is life for the brain dead. We spent most of Thursday cooking up 2 roasts of 5.25 lbs total. That is a lot of beef. We had some for dinner so that helped. Jacob spent the night at his dad's. He bought land with a trailer in Columbiana county somewhere.

Carolyn brought him home in time for church service today. We got there an hour early in order to get a seat in the safe area. Half hr would have been sufficient. Fantastic service with the full choir and ensemble. Music was the best ever.

Earlier, Mary made the mac salads for tomorrow. Sister Catherine should be here around 11am. Sister Sue has a cold and we banned her, as did Ed's daughter where she was to go for gift exchange tonight. I told her God is punishing her for voting for T-Rump. The pitiful scum that was impeached twice and may face criminal charges for his role in the Jan 6th insurrection. She has no remorse either. God may forgive her, but surely if she is without remorse he will not.

Hope everyone has a great Christmas.

December 22 2021

Up at 6 this morning. This early rising is getting on my nerves. Sister Sue said she had a cold since Monday. She got tested and was negative. After 3 emails on my thoughts I zeroed in on telling her to stay home. It may be a cold, but if she gave it to someone here, they would need a covid test and that is a real hassle right now. Not happy that my thought process is so slow these days.

We did pick up some rolls and some other stuff we needed. Dang cold today as well. Cook the roast tomorrow. One and maybe 2. Forgot to publish yesterday so check out Dec 20 and forward.

December 21 2021

Up at 8 this morning getting some extra time in. We got the rest of the cookies baked and frosted this morning before lunch. Watched them better this time. None burned but I did knock some onto the floor. Mary got them frosted and they look nice.

Tomorrow we can pick up the rolls. Thurs and Fri we roast the beasts.

December 20 2021

Up early at 5:30 today. Dreamed that God gave me the Christmas Sword, and I woke up wondering what I should be doing with it. Very unsettling. Couldn't sleep so I got up. Bill said my blog was messed up so I fixed it. I had used an old name for a file and the site found the old file from September. I cleared out the old blog files. Did not use the sword though.

Went to get an electrical box. When I was updating the electrical in the basement, there was one ceiling light that had too many wires in the box and wouldn't close properly. I left it for another day and so today was that day. Lowes had the box but no covers. That section had a lot of empty spaces on the shelves. So I went to HD and they had plenty!

Took 1 hr+ to put in the new box to keep each under 3 wires. Needed some rest now and then cause it was all overhead work and tough on my shoulders. Mary was a great assistant.

December 19 2021

Off to church today. Another good music day. Listened to the Bills game. They won but it was too close. The other team had no kicker who got hurt in pre game activity. Lucky for the Bills.

Vegged all day long.

December 18 2021

Missed Friday blog. We went in to the Jackson Y and did the toning class. No pains today so it must have been easy. Jacob spent the day finishing his paper and then his website for his writing class. Got them both submitted before the midnight deadline Friday. He spent the night at a buddies and looked OK today when I dropped him to work.

Gloomy rain all day today. We picked up some grocery items but kept masks on. This Omicron variant is scary. We are going to go into protective mode till this calms down.

December 16 2021

We slept in and got to the Jackson Y at 10am. Did the elliptical. Mary got her hair done later.

My bathroom blinds came. Will install tomorrow. Dang weathermen were off. It hit 60 and did not rain nor was it windy by dark. Supposed to happen this morning. Should have golfed today! Rrr.

December 15 2021

Up early to get Jacob to his trig exam at 8am. He said he did good so that should be an A, Chem is likely a B, and writing who knows.

Picked up some groceries while he was there. Met Rudy for lunch at El Rincon in Jackson and I filled him in on all the goings on I knew about. Jacob has to get a few writing assignments in by Saturday, otherwise he is done till mid January. He still has to schedule classes and may find another job for a few weeks.

December 14 2021

Missed another blog Monday. Guess the kiddos wore me out. Got Jacob to his chem exam then we did the elliptical at the Y. After that I dunno.

Today was golf at Wilkshire. Denny called and dropped out at 9am. Bill and I had to wait an extra 30 with the frost. There were about 30 waiting. We got to the 3d hole on the back and Bill had a back spasm and could hardly move. Took 5 min to get him into the cart and we headed to his car where I loaded his clubs, changed his shoes, and sent him home.

Played with a mid to late 20 something that was on the Perry golf team and was getting his PHD at Case in sociology. He could hit it 250 but I gave him a good whipping 42-42 for an 84. Chipped one in and had a couple lip out. Was driving and putting well. Only 1 lookup.

Pretty sure that is it for the year. Glad to wash the memory of that last horrible round away with a good one today.

December 12 2021

Very good music at Church today. Checked my phone when we got back and Wes said he would bring the kids over. I hustled to Gordon Foods and got some sugar cookie dough and got them home and into the oven. We had 3 dozen done and started to frost them with the kids help with the sprinkles.

Mary and the kids took each of 3 neighbors a dozen and they were happy to get them (or so they said). Wes headed out and the kids ended up staying till 5:30 or so. We were whipped.

The Bills blew another game. They stunk it up and were losing 24-3 at halftime. They scraped there way back to tie into OT. Then they had nothing again. Did not see the game but the officials gave the Bucs breaks and the Bills nada. Going to be difficult to make the playoffs now.

December 11 2021

We moved the furniture and took down the old vertical blinds> The installer was right on time and installed the new vertical shades. They look great, match the colors, and are more modern. Got everything back together and made a trip to Walmart.

We went to the super center on Atlantic blvd. The place is huge! You could get lost I there. Poured on the way and windy on the way back. We got a new floor dust mop, water, and a few odds and ends. Stopped at Acme against my better judgment and picked up a rotisserie chicken. It was a bit early but it was great.

Watched the Army Navy game. George was for Army and Mary for Navy. Army is supposed to win but they are down by 1 at the end of the 3Q. Took Jacob to work. Should be easy since I doubt many want to venture out tonight with the storm lurking.

December 10 2021

We got moving early and went to an early class at Jackson Y. It was very hard to get moving for their total body toning class at 8:30. It is a lot easier than the Lake strength classes but it does get to all the muscle groups.

After lunch we took Jacob for a workout while we picked up a few grocery items. Missed a great day for golf. Dang weathermen missed on a day that almost hit 60. With no wind it was ideal. I am losing my mojo.

Had to change the blog dates back to missing Monday. All I can recall is the Jackson Y elliptical. At least I remember something about Monday. Oh yeah, we met Jane at Palumbos for dinner. Nice place and decent prices. She told us a wild story about Doug pulling his own teeth and almost died with an infection.

December 9 2021

My day to be the bus driver. Took Jacob to class then we headed to the Restore where we found 7 baskets for sister Catherine. She uses them for her Robert Burns fundraiser in January I think. Picked Jacob up from class. He wanted to do a workout after his zoom call so Mary took him, Picked him up later and after dinner took him to his group session.

Wrapped some more gifts and running out of places to store them. Weather looks better next week so I got a tee time for Tuesday. Will see how that works out. Got to erase that last round embarrassment.

December 8 2021

We picked up some beef for Christmas roasts. Dang snow is a pain. Wrapped some gifts but a slow day.

Off to the kiddos in a few.

December 7 2021

We got Jacob to school and headed to the Lake Y. Jenny was easy on us today. Had to modify some of the ones that my sciatica didn't like. No improvement is getting depressing.

Will skip the Y tomorrow since we have to drive to Hartville tomorrow to watch the kiddos.

December 5 2021

Church this morning. We got take out Mexican after. Twas pretty good. Helped Mary cut out the plastic grid for the tree ornaments. 25 for each tree and there are 3 of them. She has spent at least 4 hrs on the tree and has not gotten very far. She is going to be busy. From what I can see she will need 12mo and then some to do the 3 trees.

Got my clubs out of the trunk and cleaned them then put them into the basement. Pretty early for that but the weather is not cooperating and the rest should do me good.

Looks like everyone is coming for Christmas day. Going to be a full condo with 14 or 15 there. A ton of gifts and wrapping paper too.

December 4 2021

Up early at 5:30 after I got 8hrs sleep. Was to bed early last night. We went to the Strip to finish up some Christmas shopping, then Mary picked up a bunch of stuff to make xmas trees for the kiddos. The velcro was half the cost.

Jacob slept in then helped his dad move to Coventry before heading to work. Mary's meatloaf was awesome! Played the horses and never came close. Not much left in the bankroll for this month after cashing in half my winnings last month.

December 3 2021

Short day after a sleepless night. Jacob had gone to a concert and spent the night at his friends house. He got back in the morning and I was able to sleep 3 hrs, but pretty much a zombie all day. He apologized for worrying me. Off to work at 5pm, he seemed no worse for the wear. It is straight to bed when I pick him up later.

Pretty much finished Christmas shopping. I know what I need to pick up. Just need a couple of stocking stuffers.

December 2 2021

OK, I had yesterday as Dec 2 so I had to change it and this is the real Dec 2. I was on the phone to the golf course early and was surprised they were going to be open today. Thought it would be too wet to take advantage of a 50 degree day. Called the guys and we played at 10:30 to allow Bill to get there.

Turned out to be my worst score in 4 years. I shot 95. The big culprit was the first 3 holes on Sable Creek Black, all tough ones but 7 over was a killer. Normally I can get thru those in +2 or +3. Settled down after that mid round. Poor chipping cost me some saves. Got my back pain back for 17 and 18 and added another +5 to my score.

Not looking like we will get any warm weather soon so I am putting them away. Very disappointing year. Higher stroke average, fewer holes played, too few birdies, with lots of ankle, heel, and back pain. That plus an embarrassing final round. Yuck!

December 1 2021

Realized I missed yesterday and was going to update this morning but that did not happen. Yesterday we got beat up good in Jenny's class. My joints are sore today from all the lift reps. Took Jacob for a test and had to take him again today.

Lots of driving today. Took Jacob to class, went to the retiree lunch, picked him up and took him right back for another test and then back. So far, logged 81 miles. Heading to Wes' later to watch the kiddos this evening. More miles to go.

Hope to golf tomorrow but have to call in the morning to see who is open.

November 29 2021

Confusing weekend. I never knew what day it was. Missed yesterday. We went to church and watched football as the snow fell on and off all day.

Today we went to the Jackson Y and did 25min on elliptical. Then picked up a few groceries and of course forgot one item we had not written down. Carolyn stopped over to take Jacob to work and watch Survivor on the computer. Will pick him up later.

More snow expected. Hope we get one more round in Thursday.

November 27 2021

We topped off last night with going to see Kalix sing at Lock 3 in Akron, as Santa was arriving there last night. Not one to venture out evenings anymore I felt it would be a

good change of pace. It was great! Kalix was delighted to see us, the show was awesome, and it was the best fireworks display we had ever seen.

Today was as boring as yesterday was exciting. We finished decorating for Christmas and have the tree up and running. No luck horse racing. Too many 2yr old races. Impossible to predict them when half the field has never run.

November 26 2021

Hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving. We did. Long time buddy Steve and his daughter Kathy was there. Carolyn came too. She took a plate for Jenna and Kathryn. We stopped in for a care package after we ate. His kids are still isolating from having the covid. Steve skyped with Steve III in the DC area and I told them how to get their laptop to drive the TV. I am sending Steve the Bill but not confident it will get paid.

Today sisters Catherine and Sue came to black Friday shop with Mary around here. They were out from 9 to 3pm. Lots of shopping! Jacob helped me get out the xmas stuff and I put up the tree in the afternoon. The horse races were nuts. I never even got close.

We will head to Akron Lock 3 at 5:45pm as the kiddos will be going to see the tree lighting and sing at the festivities. Better dress warm!

November 24 2021

Jacob went to a group meeting at 10am and I headed over to pick up the turkey. They were leaf blowing and picked up the neighborhood leaves. After lunch we went to get a few grocery items so we are all ready for the big feast.

Played and hit a pick 4 at Tampa but missed on later ones. Came out a little ahead anyway. Hope all have a great Thanksgiving.

November 23 2021

Busy day. We dropped Jacob at school and went to the Lake Y. Really got beat up by Debbie filling in for Jenny. I saw her beaming while listening to us describe how tough she was. Picked up Mary's bone density results at the doctors then picked up Jacob and had lunch.

After lunch we got right to work on prepping the rutabaga After much chopping, we got the pot boiling and must have cooked it a couple of hours. It was still cooking when we put the pizza in the oven for dinner. Took Jacob to work and we got the rutabaga into the fridge for Thanksgiving dinner.

November 22 2021

We did the Jackson Y 25min elliptical. Stopped at Goodwill and looked around and got some kitchen utensils for a couple of bucks. They had some nice urns for under \$15 that must have been upwards of 50-100 new but we don't need one. Stopped at Target for a couple of gift cars. Surprised how full the lot was at 9:30am.

Spent 30 minutes getting Epson to send me a new scanner. Mine went dead after sparse use over 7 months so they owe me a new one. Also finished up the xmas cards. Found my Arnold Palmer stamps for them. Bought them for last xmas but had forgotten about them.

November 21 2021

Forgot Saturday. Nothing of note to report other than online shopping.

Today we went to church and got some raffle tickets to put into gift baskets. Put Lincoln's name on all the tickets since he has been known to be the lucky offspring of Wes. They had one basket with 500\$ worth of Legos.

Listened to the Bills get pummeled and watched the Browns barely get by the lowly Lions. Played the horses and missed only 3 races out of 15 but each killed a ticket. So close on all 3 too. Bad day all around.

November 19 2021

We went to the Jackson Y and did the toning class from 830 to 915. We can't get to the Mon/Wed classes as they are early but no school Fridays so we can get to this one. It was very nice, a bit different than the Lake classes. Lots more stretching while bearing weights.

Got to the GE for groceries and then took Jacob in for a workout at the campus then took him to Akron for his test. Got him to work after another great fish dinner. Carolyn came over to watch survivor later.

Wes and the kids won't make it for Turkey. Lincoln got Covid and they hit the trifecta, all 3 kids. He won't be clear till after turkey day.

November 18 2021

Got Jacob to school and then met Rudy for lunch at Winking Lizard. Rudy said he lost 20 lbs on a starvation diet. Will have to try that. Eat twice a day 4oz of meat, veggies, and fruit for 700 calories a day.

We had a good lunch and he came over for the tour and we went over all my changes. He thought I got a good price. Mary took Jacob to Grinders for lunch to get the discount since I was eating out as well. That made cooking today a non activity.

Came real close on my pick 4s but missed out. One of them I had the favorite in the final leg. Unfortunately he came in third and I missed out on a 2500+ payday.

November 17 2021

Got Jacob to school and then played Chenoweth. Never did have to put a jacket on. Just sweatshirt. Was playing my usual game when #7 and #8 jumped up and bit me going 2 over on the par 5 and 4 over on the next. Ouch. Settled down and got to 41 on the back for an 89. That might be it for the year? Nothing warm the next 2 weeks but I am targeting Dec 1 as the next round. Could be frigid.

Shoe bench for Mary arrived so we put it together. Got a couple more cable boxes for the bedrooms to set up. Jacob did good on his Trig pre-test. Guess the class is doing poorly if a pre-test is needed to coach the students.

November 16 2021

Rough day! We went to the Lake Y and did 15 min elliptical then Jenny beat us up good with bands and squats. Grabbed a haircut and then we picked up Jacob from school.

Had lunch and headed to the dentist. Was not expecting a marathon session. I went in at 3pm and got out the door at 5:30 and they were turning out the lights as I left. They

did my 4 lower front, the only ones with no crown. She was drilling forever and got an xray to make sure , then drilled another 15minutes. Holy cow. After that she filled all 4, one at a time. That seemed to take forever. Then the tech took forever to get my bite right. They said there wasn't much tooth left so no hard biting like apples or carrots. Might snap off at the gum line and it will be game over for them. I told her God never intended we live this long or he would have given us better teeth. Either that or we were destined to gum our food in our old age.

November 15 2021

Went to the Jackson Y and did 20min on the elliptical. We watched the forever fit class. Looked easy with a whole bunch of old ladies in the class. Very crowded. Hmmm.

Tried the horses and hit 145 pick 4 but ended up even.

Last night we cleaned the shower glass door and put some rainx on it. Seemed to be OK. Got to pick Jacob up later.

Found some old picks to scan in. Still looking for some of Mary's dad.

November 14 2021

Time is flying by. Started to snow after we left church and has not stopped. Sticking on the grass but not the roads so that is good. Lost the pick 4 at A so I am done with A. Too many unpredictable races. Better luck at Churchill where I hit the pick 4 for a cool 1500. Two upsets to start and then 2 favorites. I guess God wanted me to keep winning, Time to donate to the church retirement fund and the food bank.

Bills crushed the Jets as the Patriots did in the Browns. Weird year for football. Bills and Jets look great on some days and play like crap the next week. Looks like a week for the Y this week, perhaps golf Wednesday?

November 13 2021

We went up to the Cleveland Art Museum as it was a very crappy day and it would be a nice walk. Jacob went with us and also enjoyed it. We left at 10:30 and got back by 3:30 so he could get to work at 4:30. We picked up subs at Penn Station for the first time and I loved the Italian sub. We tried to stop at the local Subway but they were closed? Odd.

Took lots of pics. I loved the Picasso's they had there. Had put in a pick 4 at A but three long shots came in. Very weird. Two of them at 50/1.

Oh yeah. Threw in the towel on my diet 14 days shed 7.5lbs to 172. Wish I could go deeper buy doesn't look like it for 3 days at the same weight.

November 12 2021

We went to GE for groceries and then got a walk in. Pretty windy so we bundled up. Played the horses. No luck with my picks but I played a somobomb pick 4 at A and picked up 600+. Good day!

Mary cooked a great fish dinner and then took Jacob to work. Should be a late night.

November 11 2021

We went to the Jackson Y or the first time today. Everything I read said Silver

Sneakers are accepted everywhere. So we went and our Y cards worked like a charm. We did 20 min on the elliptical. This is much closer than Lake. 10 min drive vs 30 minutes. Sweet. The have toning classes but 8:30 is too early given we drive Jacob to Kent at 9:10. There is another couple we can check into that are low intensity cardio.

Back home at 10am and they were doing the leaves and mowing all morning. Nice job and I did not have to lift a finger. Watched the races today. Hit a nice pick 4 at Churchill yesterday and got another small one there today but lost at A and Indiana Grand. About even for the day.

Old buddy of Jacob showed up last night and took him to church. They have late services for the college crowd at First Friends or First Family? He drove to pick up Jacob from work last night in his Tesla. Nice car. Jacob got back at 1pm and slept most of the day as there was no school today. Hope he goes next Wednesday!

November 10 2021

We went to the Y but did not have time for the elliptical. We will have to head there again. Was going to get a haircut as well but they were too busy, We picked up some groceries at the GE there and headed home.

Decided to order the vertical shades for the living room window. After living with the copper color living room for awhile it has grown on us so we probably won't repaint. We picked a neutral color for the shades in case we change our mind.

Won't be doing much in the living room. Perhaps we will make some changes when the sleeper couch arrives sometime in the spring.

Thanksgiving is sneaking up on us, We better do some planning soon.

November 9 2021

Lucky I was on time for golf today. Thought it was 10am but it was 9:44. Jacob's chem class was canceled so he did remote for the other. If I had dropped him off I would have been 15min late to golf.

I announced on the first tee that God wanted me to break 80 today and I was right! After being 3 over after 2 holes, I had to wonder. Hit the wrong ball on 1 or 2 so I took a 2 stroke penalty. Parred the next 3 before messing up and getting a double on the first par 5, then birdied the next. Finished the front with 4 pars and a birdie but still was 5 over due to those penalties.

After a birdie on 10 I was convinced God wanted me to break 80. I had sliced the tee shot and it looked like OB was a possibility, but it hit the edge of the cart path and bounded straight left to a safe area assisting in my birdie. I made an impossible put on 11 to save par. After 2 bogie saves I chipped in for another birdie and was at even par. Two more pars and bogies and I finished 2 over 38 and a 79 for the day!

Still hope my fall yesterday cured me. Pretty much pain free today. Lets see how it goes.

November 8 2021

It was a quiet night. Mary got Jacob to school and back and drove me back from the eye dr. No changes so I should be able to see good till next year. Weigh in this morning indicates I am down over 7 lbs now. I shall stick with it till I get to diminishing

returns. I was pretty hungry at lunch today. Maybe I should load up at lunch and ease up on dinner?

Had a long talk with Jacob after lunch. He is in need of a social life and feels he is shut out of that. Have been worried about that for some time now. He needs new friends. Still not an excuse for drinking. He is back on track but the underlying cause is still an issue. Got to weigh moving him to Kent vs the safety of staying here next semester. We shall see how things go.

Mary took him to work. Realizing the sun would be going down, I waited outside for awhile. Little dog was loose and barking up a storm and started to attack me. I backed up right into the stupid garden edging blocks and fell on my rear again. I am thinking the fall may have help shift things around so as to relieve my sciatica. That is my hope and I am sticking to it.

Just then a lady pulled up and the dog jumped in her car. She was apologizing profusely and sobbing. She lives several houses down and I saw her pushing her husband around this summer. Said she fell and broke her hip and is just out of the hospital and picked up her husband from the nursing stay and now realizes she isn't up to the task of taking care of him. He had let the dog loose. He has Alzheimer s and the nursing home made him worse and her mom just passed away with Alzheimer s

OMG, when you think you have problems there is always someone who has worse. One day at a time is all you can do.

November 7 2021

Nice day! We got to church and Jacob went to help Carolyn with the leaves. After church we went over to Carolyn's to help. We raked leaves into a tarp and moved them to the piles. Was worn out so we stopped and put up our old shades in her family room.

Somehow Jacob had gotten some alcohol, likely from a work buddy. He just spirals down when he drinks and he was back hating on Jenna and it was difficult to get him out of there and back into the car and home. Tomorrow is going to be a long long talking to and some choices on his part. Doubt anyone will get much sleep tonight.

November 6 2021

Quiet day. Cold but sunny and no wind again. We got out and walked after lunch and talked to some of the neighbors.

We wrapped a few xmas gifts and I send a few emails that inquiring minds wanted to know about such gifts. Gave Catherine ideas for the kiddos and she has them in hand after a couple of days. She is a pro.

Also today it was time for a major bathtub scrub. Got it done early and it is looking nice. Went back to look at the Lazy Boy site and saw everything was 30% off. Since we had gotten 20% I gave them a call and they adjusted for another 10%. Pays to keep checking.

Got Jacob to work and will pick him up later. We were talking about heading to Cleveland Art Museum tomorrow after church. They have some fine exhibits there. Should be fun.

November 5 2021

Cold start in the 30s but it warmed with no wind. Played an up and down round at Fox Den. It is nice to report I made some decent putts for a change. Good thing, shot 43-43 =86 and it could have been higher. Bill made some nice ones as well going 41-46 =87. Mel played a nice front nine but faltered on the back.

Watched the Breeders Cup and came close on a couple.

November 4 2021

Oops. Wednesday was a busy one starting with the retiree lunch. Mary and I sat with Jim Hogan who came over to our table so we wouldn't be alone. Got to hear about the Brookledge worker ramming into his brand new car a few months back and his son's stroke. His son is in rehab learning to get back to normal. Then we went and sat with the kiddos from 5:30 till 8:30. Picked up Jacob from work and crashed.

Today was busy. I met Rudy, Tom Babyak, Don Z, Steiner, and Don Davis for lunch at Mi Casa on Waterloo rd. Had a good time. Don Davis son Greg played with Wes in soccer and baseball. Don't remember him at all? He said he developed the condos near the stadium. Knew someone that worked with Carolyn too. His son lives real close to the high school and takes care of or manages those who clean all the bathrooms at the HH megaplex including where Carolyn works.

I had promised Mary Texas Roadhouse so off we went at 3pm. She had a nice steak and I had a grilled chicken salad. Catherine had sent her a gift card so that kept the bill down.

November 2 2021

Busy day. Mary turned 39 again. Wes came and took her out to breakfast. Dropped Jacob off at school and then picked her up a bday plant as a gift. The Blinds.com installer put up the new blinds in the master bedroom. Took him no time at all. Should have done that myself.

Since he was done, we took a short ride and voted. Just wanted to make sure we were registered OK for important years. Just trustees and school board today. Left most blank.

We had dinner and Carolyn and Jenna came over for cake and ice cream. The party was over by 5. Settled in to watch the premiere of season 9 of Oak Island on the History channel.

November 1 2021

We got right to work pulling down all the Halloween decorations. Got the windex out and cleaned the glass in the 3 outside storm doors. We put away several outdoor decorations for the winter and put in the hose.

Picked up Jacob from school and after lunch he helped clean the back 3 windows. Something on the inside was streaking so we might need to do those again later. Finished the last of the London Broil. Very yummy.

Steve was asking what to bring for Thanksgiving. I told him dinner rolls. He said he is down to 152. It would be a miracle if I saw 169 again.

October 31 2021

Happy Halloween. So far so good on my diet, down 2 lbs. The pic shows just how

scary that is:



I definitely feel better with that gone. More of it has to go!

Mary cooked an awesome London Broil. I had to limit myself to a reasonable portion even though I could have eaten twice as much. Really really good. We went for another walk after eating That is 2 days in a row now.

October 30 2021

Slept in till 8am! Mostly vegged the morning away but I did order the Lazy Boy sleeper. Now we only have 4-7 months to wait for it.

Went with Jacob and Mary to Walmart to get the staples TP, Tide, dishwasher, kleenex, water, etc. Stopped for some dinner pick up and dropped Jacob to work. They had a busy night yesterday. Lots of people were out shopping cause of the all day rain. The rain is getting old.

Did pretty good on diet day 2. Oh, yeah; picked up a couple of pairs of sweat pants at Walmart. Need the diet to avoid XL pants. Jacob got a couple of pairs of black pants for work and church at Burlington.

October 29 2021

I tried reloading chrome and that seemed to work but the jitter did come back. So I took chrome down and am watching the behavior. Been stable since 2pm ish. We shall see. Played Caleb's TVG ticket Keenland ticket and won 300. Nice to win for a change.

Picked up groceries early and stopped at Lazy Boy. I had researched all the sofa and love seats here and there. Found the full sleeper sofa were the only good fits for us. The love seats are cheap (under 1k) but no way to sit 3 on them. The sleepers are a tad bigger and I believe you can squeeze 3 on them when configured as a couch. Theirs are a bit pricey at 2k.

This will also provide for more company as long as they don't mind sleeping in the living room. We will get the memory foam upgrade, a gimmick to get you to spend more but any future guests will be grateful. Wayside only had a couple of sleepers and we did not like them. Wayfair had some but they were also pricy. Delivery is around 16 weeks. Yikes.

October 28 2021

Oops. Missed 2 posts so getting the last 2 days of vegging documented this morning of the 29th. Wednesday I went to the Y and got beat up some more. My squatters were toast after Jenny's class Tuesday but I got thru it. All the ladies were asking where Mary was. She had opted to go to lunch with old neighbors Brenda and Pat.

I spent most of the day on the phone with Dell support as they remotely updated my computer and got Support Assist back running again. Took hours. Later that evening the display jitter I had seen came back. I didn't think it was solved because he never

worked with the display driver. The trick to get Support Assist back is to delete it before downloading new. Also learned to use de//.com/support to find new drivers.

Thursday was a total veg day. Should have gotten a walk in but still sore from 2 days at the Y. Dell support guy got back on and reloaded my Intel display driver. He said the NVIDIA driver is for gaming and not an issue. Will post today later on tonight. Scale said 179.8 so the diet has to start today.

As soon as I opened chrome to update the blog, the jitter came back. I will have to try reloading that.

October 26 2021

Even colder today. We did the Y and got beaten up good in Jenny's class. I was able to hang tough for most except the leg raise ab work. Just got to loose some weight around the middle but all the aches and pains are keeping me from trying very hard. Will try the Y tomorrow but that is mostly reps with the weights.

Picked up some groceries in Hartsville after and was a little late picking Jacob up from school.

October 25 2021

Somehow most of the rain pushed north so we were able to get 9 holes in. It was mostly ugly at 48 with 2 pars. On a par 5 I was 30 yds off the green in 2 and took a 7. A round to forget but it was good to just play after 10 days with no golf. Hope to get more exercise tomorrow at the Y.

Took Jacob to a late lunch at Grinders just before his shift. They took 50% off the bill. Nice!

October 24 2021

Church this morning and rain after church. An all day veg. We did look at our winter gear. I put a couple of items in the car for cold golf weather so I am ready for that. Looks like another week of rain outs.

October 23 2021

Short night and long evening. We went to Mollie B concert in Girard. She put on another good show but did not play as many instruments. Also she did too many non polka songs for my taste. About 1/2 polka, 1/4 cowboy, and 1/4 oldies. Sue and Ed had a good time and we ate at Bob Evans after.

Fun people watching. The classy dancers were not there but it was interesting watching the old timers enjoy the dancing.

October 22 2021

We went over to sand Carolyn's wall. I had thought I had done it better the 3d time but it looked pretty sad after sanding. With the bad lighting in the hall and putting mud over mud, it is hard to see. Best to paint it and get a new start smoothing it out. The paint should help me see the flaws better. I was pretty bummed out about how crappy it looked.

Not much else going on. The fish was good, then I took Jacob in to work. Got to pick him up late tonight.

October 21 2021

We got Jacob to school and back, put all the tools away from bedroom remodel, picked up groceries, cooked up apples, and did some wash. There were tornado warnings later but we did not see even any strong winds? At the old house we could just watch out the back patio door. Here our view is blocked off by trees so I guess we watch for tree activity.

October 20 2021

I am back! We got back last night but we were whipped and still a bit discombobulated today.

On the 18th we went to the Smithsonian Air and Space out by Dulles AP and then to the Manassas Battlefield. Mary's brother Dave loved the Air and Space. It was on his must visit list. I said hi to the MPP which is also exhibited there. We missed 1/2 the guided tour at the battlefield but it was good as well. Had dinner at Bob Evans. Stayed up late to see the Bills lose to the Titans. They did not get ahead by enough to silence Derrick Henry and he did them in. Close one but the Bills lost again.

Yesterday, we visited Fort McHenry which was on my 1812 visit list. It was OK but a bit disappointing. Fort York and Niagara are much better. This Fort was expanded and used in WWI and II and then restored to what they could tell was the original state. No guided tours and very little artifacts on display since it was built out and razed constantly over the years. Long ride home. Dave drove all the way back.

Today he packed up. We did wash and scheduled several things for next week to catch up like the polka show, car service, and car install.

Couple of items of interest: Getting gas on the way home in middle of Maryland, the next guy over asked if we knew anyone interested in being roofing team supervisor. Says he asks everyone he sees. No luck so far. Second was Dave's wife Kim talking to him on the way home. She had a bad day at work. Her doctors are yelling at her (she works in the office) to get 5 of their patients into the hospital. One hospital in Buffalo has the nurses on strike. The others are filled and there is nowhere to go. Shows how fragile things are right now. One is a 90 yr old on a ventilator and she had to send him home cause she could not get him in anywhere. Not a great time to be ill.

Got to get Jacob to the doctor at 2pm and work later. Got to doze off sometime in between, eh?

October 17 2021

Yesterday we went to the memorial service. It was very emotional as all the names were read by those who lost them. Afterwards we went to the Smithsonian Aerospace Center and just made it to the Metro before the storm hit, We got back at 4pm and went drove to a mall for a chic fila dinner. We were whipped. I slept from 9pm to 7am.

Today we met Steve III at the Native American Indian Museum and spent a long time in there. From there we went to the science museum. The place is huge. We pooped out after not even finishing one floor. Never got to the upper 2 floors. We quit at 3 pm. Steve III headed to Union station for his train north and we headed to the Metro. When we got off we went to Safeway and got chicken breasts jojos and mac/cheese to take home for dinner. Dave carried a 24 pack of water from Safeway to the apartment. Ouch! His phone said we walked 5 miles today. Writing this at 840pm. Wonder if I will

make 9pm tonight?

October 15 2021

Played Arrowhead and shot 81 Friday. God did not want me breaking 80. Mary's brother Dave arrived and stayed the night.

We left for DC 9ish and got here 4:30pm. Lots of traffic but most going other way. We walked over to find the metro station and plan to head out at 8am tomorrow. Not sure when I will blog next.

October 13 2021

Dropped Jacob to school then waited till my new dentist appt. She put the crown back on with no guarantee it would stay on. Said I had 4 cavities and needed 3 crown replaced. Showed me all on xray. Why hadn't the old dentist laid that all out to me? She knew I was cheap and tried to spread the work out and delay till needed. With the new dentist I will know and can control the sequence and time of when my pocket book is emptied. Basically I can now control just when I am taken to the cleaners.

Big difference in approach. The old dentist had her assistant do most of the work and walked away after gluing it in. This one did all the work herself and looked at an xray after it was done to make sure it was OK. We shall see how it all works out, eh?

I went and watched Z after he got off the bus till mom got home. Mary took Jacob to work and I will pick him up after close. Another long day.

October 12 2021

Dropped Jacob to school then Jenny really beat us up at the Y. Lots of squats. My hair was soaking wet. Several exercises I could not do with out sciatica pain. Dropped some vitamins off at Wes' then home for lunch. Got Jacob to work and back and stocked up on some groceries.

The new dentist staff had trouble finding my dental insurance. I think they got some of the numbers wrong that I gave them. Was thinking I could have been a terrorist, sexual predator, or a killer, but as long as I had dental insurance I was golden. What a world we live in, eh?

October 11 2021

Played Seven Hills and was off to a shaky start. Sciatica was killing me. After 4 holes I was 6 over, 3 of them due to 2 missed short putts and a bad reading on my gps. At that point I tried the swing I used last year when my left wrist was hurting. Snapping at the ball with my right wrist with the left just along for the ride. It worked wonders! Did not have to turn which eased off on my back pain.

Began hitting decent irons and my putting improved as to par 4 of the last 5 for a 43. Started the back with 3 pars and rolled on to score 40 on the back. Best round in a long time.

Got an appointment at a new dentist for Wednesday and the office people were very helpful. Their computer was down so I had to contact them on the fly to give them some additional info. I did look around at several more local dentists but did not find one that stood out above her. A little leery of this one since she is over 60. Didn't want to have to change yet again if she retires. Did go with her anyway figuring I would if I

had to. I will find out Wednesday how my choice went.

October 10 2021

We went to church, Mary got a flu shot, we picked up another gallon of paint, had lunch, and got back to painting. Jacob did most of it. I got the clear caulk out and did all the baseboards in the room and the went and did the same to the bathroom. No place for those spiders to hide caulking.

We cleaned up and put away all the paint stuff and it was dinner time. Waiting on the Bills game at 830 tonight. Playing my 3d game with Caleb. He has 2 wins online against me but I am getting better. That youngster plays a nice game of chess. Pulled off a great sacrifice last game to eat my pawns. Then I messed up and lost a piece. Move was to keep his king from advancing but it cost me.

October 9 2021

Oops, missed yesterday. Played Sunny Hills poorly going 50-42. Horrible chipping and putting and lots of look ups were the culprit. My new driver was smoking hot. Carolyn picked up Jacob and took him to work at 5, so we went to Loby's. They have a nice outdoor set up and a \$9 special fish fry on Fridays. Played \$20 in pull tabs and hit the big one \$599. Ca ching! Got \$40 more, \$20 on each game and got zip on those. Nice surprise!

Oh yeah. Heading to bed I used the water pick and my crown came off again. I spent a sleepless night agonizing over perhaps dumping this dentist after 21 years. Was one of her first patients. Fairlawn was easier to get to from Cisco so I went to her. She has been great over the years but the last 5 years she has been branching off and writing self help books. She wants to raise her income. Tried implants but gave up on that. They are not that easy to do.

She also has cut her hours and is only open Tues/Wed/Thurs. Also IMHO she has made several mistakes in my care since branching off and she pushes off a lot of work on her assistants. All that plus the long ride out there convinced me a change is needed. Got up and looked for Delta Dentists at 1am, found one, and will call Monday.

Today I had planned to finish sanding at Carolyn's but she was under the weather with a slight temp. I was tired with the unsettled sleep so I decided to stay in and get the bedroom painting going.

Mary helped me set up and move the light stuff then I called Jacob to help. We painted from 11 to 3:30 and got 3 walls done. He helped me move the bed so I could get to the 4th wall. He did all the roller on the 3 walls and helped edge too. I finished up. Mary and I inspected and the first wall and a half looked great. The others had a little less paint than needed so we will do a second coat on 2 walls tomorrow. Jacob did better with the roller than I did. Guess I am slipping.

I sat down for a late dinner and did not want to get up. Tired!

October 7 2021

Mary got Jacob to school and back while I went to the dentist. They got my crown cap back on and it only cost me \$25! Sweet!

Took Jacob to his group meeting and will pick him up later. Sent in a request to pay for Mary's eyeglasses to Aetna. We dragged out a few more halloween decorations for

the porch and living space.

October 6 2021

Another busy day. Dropped Jacob to school and continued to the Retiree Lunch. Mary went and we both enjoyed it. Hogan showed up for the first time in many months I was told.

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I was working on organizing old pics so I could find them easier. A lot of that still to go. Took Jacob to work at 5 then it was over to Wes' to watch the kiddos. Lots of board and video games were played. Picked up Jacob at 945 from work. Long day.

October 5 2021

Busy day. Dropped Jacob to school and continued to the Y. Debbie was the sub and she beat us up good. No weights, just the bands with the handles. Pretty much non-stop. The whole class was groaning in pain.

Picked up some groceries and Jacob. I was delinquent on my real estate tax. Figured the bank got it and then returned my escrow money so I never did get the bill. Called and they said I could see it online but no deal. Had 2019 and the one for January but no 2020. Also said my homestead won't kick in till 2023. The old owner did not have it. Bummer.

Went over to Wes' so he could go to teacher conference. Home by 730 and waiting to pick Jacob up from work tonight. Long day.

October 4 2021

Wow. Most frustrating round today. I did not enjoy. Played Wilkshire with a lot of discomfort from the sciatica. Could have parred the front yet was 9 over. The one I parred I made the green. On the other 8 I was 1-4 foot greenside and could never get up and down. The greens were major aerated and sanded and everything I tried failed. Denny had no problems with it and had 8 pars and 1 bogey for 37! Meanwhile Houle tied me and was 3 inches from an ace on the 100yd par 3 over the water.

The back was more of the same but I did get a few pars. Added two triples to those to get to a 47. Denny ended with an 81! I did have a 4 foot birdie try only to see the ball wobble up there and lip out. Again, most frustrating round this year. Those who have played with me know I rarely use foul language but I am ashamed to say I used some 18 or so times today plus a couple times in the parking lot after the round

October 3 2021

Computer wouldn't start yesterday afternoon. Went to Carolyn's yesterday and put her curtain rods back up after those areas are fixed and ready to paint. Also made another pass at the big fix as there were a few areas I had to cut out the tape that had bubbled. I hope a sanding will get it ready to paint. I suspect it would take another pass to make the repair undetectable but hoping the last pass can be sanded to get close enough to settle for. Depends on how good I put the mud on those areas Saturday, My back wasn't up to it today so I left it for Tuesday.

Yesterday I tried to start the laptop several times and after starting with the windows key down tried the last choice I had. It said start windows from another device (which I did not have). So I tried that choice and it showed 1 device to choose so I did. Only thing I can figure is it meant to start it by itself Dang thing booted?

Not one to take chances, I called Dell Premium support and they did the rest. With a remote session Rashabh decided I was out of date on several drivers. Thinking back, I don't remember doing any updates since we moved. Ouch. Support Assist had stopped reminding me for some reason. Rashabh updated several drivers and eventually downloaded a clean Windows 10 which was still running when I went to bed at 10:30, more than 5 hrs after I called him.

What a deal \$5/month is well worth it for Premium support. He will call Tuesday to check on me and I will get a working Support Assist.

Today was football after Church. I listened to the Bills crush Houston and the Browns eek out a win.

October 1 2021

Not a good start to this month! Shot 47-42 = 89 at Mayfair and the sticky fruit bar Otis gifted me pulled off my crown. Several lookups on the front and 21 putts did not help. Had 4 pars on the back but too many doubles to go with them. Ather round that could have been low 80s but was not.

JohnE had 85, 89 for me, 93 for JohnT and Denny, 97 for Mel, and Bill was at 99. Lots of road construction frustration getting there for some.

September 30 2021

Got up at 8am and rushed out to make tee time. It was a down and up round at Sable Creek going 47-40 =87. The front 9 was going ok till I had a snowman. The rough was nasty and I could not get out of it. Of course when your having a bad hole you 3 putt and I did that from 12 feet. The 47 should have been a 42.

Sadly I learned on the back I needed one more on the short irons and the long irons were a problem. So I hit the hybrid for those. That strategy paid off on the Gold and I made one birdie shooting 5 over. Three jacked another birdie try. The greens on the front were lightning but the downhill putts on the back were not so fast.

We switched to the Gold after the front was slow moving. We tore thru the back nine and finished in 3.5 hrs.

Gas is nutz. Filled up Mary's car for 2.72 yesterday; today on the way home from golf it was 3.19?

September 29 2021

We did the Y after dropping Jacob at school. After the brutal workout, went to Carolyn's to mud. The bedroom and living room is done except for a light sanding. I cut out some of the tape that bubbled but then more bubbled. I guess I will have to cut out all of it on next visit, then I will need a second trip to finish and smooth.

Took Jacob to Grinders at 5pm. They just reopened and they had a good crowd.

September 28 2021

Went over and did another round of mud at Carolyn's. The two curtain rod repairs are coming along nicely but the big patch has issues. Some of the tape bubbled so I will have to redo some of that. I guess I should have filled the cracks better before I put the tape on. Oh well. Probably something I learned and forgot.

Took Mary for a Covid booster. She asked me 3 times what she needed and I said ID and Aetna card. Got to CVS and it dawned on me she needed her vaccination card as well. That was 40 mins of extra driving. Gawd I am brain dead. I can tell by my chess debacles. Down to 1060s. How low can I go? I don't want to know.

September 27 2021

Did not feel right today. Kind of groggy but I di not sleep well with 2 sore arms from the needle yesterday. Checked my temp but it was OK.

We played Tannenhauf and I tried to focus on staying still over the shot. Did pretty good with the exception of 3 shots. Bunker on 9 cost me a double on the front shooting 43 and a brain dead 7 on 18 cost me a 45. Several missed puts did not help my cause. Last year I was saying God did not want me to break 80. This year it's 85.

Measured several drives on the back. Best I could muster is 195 3 times with 2 of them at 175. Irons were 10 to 20 yards shorter as well? It was windy but still somewhat depressing.

September 26 2021

Set up Covid booster for me before church. Rite Aid site was not cooperating so I tried CVS. Took a long time to provide the info so we were a few minutes late to church. After church we had lunch and I listened to the Bills game. They did well! Wes went and stopped at Teds afterwards.

We picked up groceries at headed to CVS. I got both the booster and a flu shot. The flu shot had a dull needle so she had to jab me twice. Ouch.

Got to get my car back from Wes later tonight, likely around 10pm.

September 25 2021

Nothing planned but ended up a very busy day. Was up at 630 and decided to fix the weatherstripping on the storm doors. Took off the mess I made on the back one and used smaller stripping. Worked out well.

The one in the garage I had used an aluminum piece with built in weatherstrip on the top a couple of months back. Put similar on the bottom and handle side. The front was OK so I am done now.

Just about when I was finishing she called and asked that I fix her drywall. She came over and help load up the equipment. Took 2+ hrs to do the big piece 16x 4ft, and two places where the curtain rods had pulled out of. Likely will take 3-4 visits to complete the mudding and finish. Mary yook Jacob for a haircut while I was gone.

Got home and Kaetchen called to bring the kiddos over. We cooked up some pizza, had ice cream, and they played and left around 630pm. Long day! Bushed!

September 24 2021

Much warmer today but still windy. We played Raintree. They have improved the cart

paths but the bunkers are in need of sand and care. Bill had a great game shooting 85. John E had a great back nine with 2 birdies and a 40. Doubled the last hole otherwise he would have had 38 or 39.

John T and I broke even, both playing giveback the entire round. I never could putt here and today was the same. Missed a lot of short ones. I think they are so fast I am afraid to firm them into the cup. Mental block?

Mary took Jacob to his dentist appt today. He has been sleeping since I got home over 3 hrs ago?

September 23 2021

Very cold in mid 50s with wind that made it colder. Leaves coming down and blowing around. Summer is OVER.

Played Sunny Hills with the Lockheed guys. Was low with an 88 going 46-42. Not played there in years. Two penalties on the front as my slice put one tee shot in the creek and unfamiliarity put a fairway shot in too. The creek comes into play on several holes.

Had a good feel with chipping and putting with their small greens that saved me several strokes. Three look ups did not help my cause. Otis was Oh so glad I had an extra ski cap! Played pain free but started to feel it on the back nine.

We went to Texas Roadhouse for dinner after Jacob's group session. Brought half home as they still load you up there. We had a 40min wait at 5pm. Ouch.

September 22 2021

Dropped Jacob at school and headed to the Y. Andrea did a lot of reps so we may be sore tomorrow. Not much after but we will be busy watching the kiddos for trivia tonight. Heading over in a few at 5pm.

September 21 2021

Sue and Ed drove over from PA to help with the barn door. Since they live on a mountain I can say they came down from the mountain. We went over to Lowes to pick up the door. The curbside pickup is sweet. Got to remember that.

We opened it up and after looking at all the parts, found out they changed the mounting approach so some of the planning work I did was wasted. I thought the old method was great. Put a header board into the studs and mount the rail to the header board.

They changed it so the rail mounted right to the wall and they provided flip toggle anchors. We went ahead with that. Had to go out to get a 3/4 spade drill to do the holes for the anchor. Started putting in the anchors and 2 of them broke. Back to Lowes to find anchors but none would work. So project is on hold till the company sends me some replacement parts. It does look nice but I thought the header board looked better. Oh well.

We had lunch and they headed to RO s for hot fudge and then home. Picked up Jacob from class and workout and put all the ladders and tools away till we get the new parts.

September 20 2021

Had a good round of golf today, pain free! We played Good Park and it was in decent shape, a bit hard in spots. Two pars on the front and 7 bogies. A couple of look ups hurt but no doubles. Right away I noticed I was chipping short so I tried to rectify that. Four really nice lob wedge shots helped me and got 2 one putts out of them.

Parred #10, and almost impossible par from 400+ thanks to another nice lob wedge. Doubled 2 of the next 3 with poor short chipping then reminded myself to hit them longer. Parred 4 of the last 5 to go 42-42 =84. Hit some nice solid 3 and 4 irons in that stretch. Felt like I could play again!

Jacob showed me his chemistry test. He got an 81 and was highest in the class. I looked at the test and could do nada.

I believe the 2 Aleve helped me play pain free today. What a good feeling! Did I say I felt like a real golfer today?

September 19 2021

Went to 11am Mass. Watched the first half of football then headed out to look at window shades and then have dinner. Jacob went with mom to Winking Lizard clambake.

There was no help at HD on the cellular shades for our bedroom (unexpected) so we headed to Lowes and got none there either (as expected). They did have a nice area to look at the books though, and I was able to figure out what I was puzzled about. Victory! We both ordered breakfasts at Bob Evans. We are gonna be regulars there soon.

When we got back I priced out the 2 shades + install a little under \$750. Should get a call to set up measurements. I already know the measurements but it goes along with the install.

September 18 2021

Veggy day. Took Jacob to pay his Verizon bill. Helped Mary get her london broil into the oven. It was ready at 3pm so we chowed down early and did a walk at 5pm.

Ordered the barn door from Lowes after Ed said he could help Tuesday. I have gone over the instructions a couple of times and figure it should go smoothly.

We got a couple more bali samples to look at. Figure gray would work best and provide the blackout for sleeping. Will have to go to Lowes to double check some ideas. I would prefer it is professionally installed cause the adjustments are tricky. We had that done on Oasis and glad I did.

September 17 2021

Played poorly at Sable Creek. Mostly bad short game and 3 lost balls did me in. That gave me an 89 when it should have been around 84. Snake bit.

Mary and Jacob visited McKinley Monument and walked the steps.

September 16 2021

Carolyn had the day off so she did the Jacob bus driving this morning. Twas chilly at Seven Hills to start. They aerated the front but not the back. Front nine greens were very slow. I played Ok but shot 46 with many shots lost around the greens.

Back nine I just sucked. Penalties on all 3 bridge holes. Was very dissapointed in the condition. The greens dew wasn't swept, the bunkers are a work in progress and they shaved the fairways to nothing. Lots of burned spots, sticks everywhere that had not been picked up and the rough had mucho crab grass. Managed to nip the Lockheed guys by 1 but a pitiful 92 for me today.

Got Jacob to his group session at 5:30 and will pick him up later. John T called. He will miss golf for an unexpected WV funeral.

September 15 2021

We took Jacob to class and then headed to Dermo lady in Fairlawn. She took 2 chunks out of Mary for biopsy and let me get away intact. Got her to change 2 meds so that was good.

Jacob worked out after class. He loves their wellness center. Had it all to himself. His personal workout gym! Picked him up after an hour workout. He studied for his Chem test tomorrow.

September 14 2021

We took Jacob to class and then went over to the bookstore and got him a cap and hoodie. Next, we headed to Walmart for my new tire install. We spent an hr wandering around the place and ended up with \$100 worth of stuff.

Got blind spot mirrors for my car, cookies, candy, some skin products, some games for the kiddos, and other stuff I can't recall at the moment.

I picked up Jacob and we went over to check out the wellness center. They have several treadmills and ellipticals and a lot of weight machines. Only saw 3 people making use of anything. He is likely to make use of it after class when he needs a workout. Should work out great and there is no cost for students.

September 13 2021

Was thinking about Bill while trying to sleep. He is getting Mho surgery for a spot behind he ear. I was re-living mine on my nose and remembered I was horrified they cut such a big hole. Don't know why the hell they showed it to me before sewing it closed. I think they were showing it so they could tell me it would be ugly sewed up unless they did some extra cutting and repairing. I told them to just sew it up and be done with it. It does look a bit ugly but it fits right in.

I got Jenna to Akron and got to Brookledge at 8am, a bit early for my 10am tee time. So I did a lot of people watching. Couple of senior leagues teed off with a 1/2hr dead time in between. Only 1 guy was walking. Maybe 2 were not over weight. Lots of bellies hanging over belts.

They had aerated the greens and midway thru the back nine we declared 2 putt green rule. That killed me off cause I lost my advantage of being right close to the green instead of 50 yds back most of the time and I never did make any putts. Adjusting my score for putts put me at 85 (I had 5 3-putters).

Birdied 2 of the par 5s. One with a long one from the fringe, and one by tossing an XE1 to withing a foot.

September 12 2021

Did not sleep well but what else is new? Eventually up at 7:20 and vegged till church at 11am. After church and going back for my glasses, we changed and went to Yankee Peddler. Watched a few shows, ate some fudge and chips, and bought a few items.

Came back to watch the last 4 minutes of a Bills loss. Wonder what happened. Mary was hungry so I took her to Bob Evans for a turkey dinner. I had soup and ½ sandwich as I was snacking at the Peddler. Had a good time.

September 11 2021

Got a good sleep. Watched some 9/11 stuff this morning. Carolyn picked up Jacob to do yard work and they cleaned out stick piles, had 3 fires, mowed, weeded, power washed. Nice wind to keep the skeeters away too.

We loaded up on groceries as we were down a lot with the weekend travel and all. May do Yankee Peddler tomorrow after church.

September 10 2021

Missed yesterday. Got Jenna to Akron and Jacob to school and back. Sue Ed and Catherine met us at the Warther Museum in Dover. Amazing guy! I must have taken 50 pictures of the trains he carved over the years. Never expected a human could carve so precise such small pieces and assemble working trains with no glue at all.

We rushed back so Catherine could experience RO s hot fudge sundae and then came back to veg for awhile before they left for home. Long day and I never did post.

Today was spectacular in the 70s. I got Jenna to Akron and went direct to the course (with my clubs today) and waited for an hr for tee time. Play was very slow. They had the tees up but we sucked really bad. I shot 85 and the rest were in the low 90s. Very poor scores for as short as the tees were. Denny and I had birdies and Bill just missed 3 of them.

I am weary of driving everywhere so this weekend is my chance to rest a bit.

September 8 2021

Got Jacob to school and headed directly to the Y to get our share of lifting in. After class I caught a quick haircut and we were only 5 min late to pick up Jacob. Luckily the chairs were empty when I walked in. Just beat the rush as 3 came in after me.

Vegged the rest of the day. Carolyn's bad shoulder is acting up. She had a rough day. Needs to see a doctor and find out what is going on with it.

Tomorrow will be busy. Got to take Jenna and Jacob places and Sue and Catherine will be in town for some of RO s hot fudge for Catherine's bday.

September 7 2021

Ugh. Left at 7am to take Jenna to Akron. Sine we were playing in Hudson, I left for there after dropping her off. So early I stopped at McD and got there before 9am. No clubs in the trunk so I threw up my hands and headed home. At that point it was 9:30 and no way I could make tee time plus I had already spent 2½ hrs in the car.

Picked up Jacob after school and spent another 2 hrs taking him to Akron for a test. Pretty much a lost day. I get a break tomorrow. No early trips till they finish up Thurs/Fri with Jenna. Grinders is closed for remodeling for 2 weeks so Jacob is off for

awhile unless he finds another job. Not enough hrs there anyway.

September 6 2021

Labor day today. Back from a Buffalo weekend.

We traveled to Buffalo on the 3d and met sister Catherine for dinner at this exclusive restaurant Russell's Steakhouse. She had given us a \$100 gift certificate for our 50th anniversary in 2019 and we finally got to use it. Pretty swanky place with all the staff in dress clothes, even the buss boys. Good food and classy atmosphere. Bill for 3 was \$200. After that, we hit the hot tub.

Went to niece Bonnie's memorial service on the 4th. She passed away in January at 49 and the funeral was under Covid restrictions. There was a breakfast after and then we hung with the relatives the rest of the day.

Yesterday I played golf with brother Jim and sons Jr and Joe. I edged Jr by 1 stroke. We both had sciatica issues so it was survival of the fittest. Could have gone either way with many putts just missing, lipping out, and stopping short. Surprised how many good shots Joe hit. He doesn't play much so 105 wasn't bad. Picked up Mary and headed home last night.

Jacob's finger had recovered well enough to go as well. Carolyn picked him up early Saturday and drove in the morning of the service. She stayed with us Saturday night and Jacob stayed with Joe and did very well as far as I can tell. He was asleep when we got home, so he must have 12 hrs sleep in for the night.

Today we scrambled and had a pop up much delayed party for Lincoln's 5th birthday. Wes brought dogs, I ran and got cupcakes and ice cream, Wes had to run out and get the buns he forgot, and Mary whipped up some last minute mac and cheese. The whole party took under 2 hrs and they ran off to another play date in Alliance.

Another busy uber week ahead for us.

September 2 2021

Talk about being busy! Picked up Jacob last night and he had almost chopped off his finger cleaning one of the kitchen items that had a high speed fan. Good thing he had an oven glove on so it just ripped up his one fingertip. We had a long discussion between Carolyn Wes and I as to ER or no but I insisted and took him to Green at 9:30pm.

Turns out they were really backed up. Nurse looked at it and gave him the option to take some stuff home with instructions or wait 3hrs for a doctor. He chose to head back and got here at 11:30pm. Seems like it is OK today. What a relief.

I got Jenna to Akron at 8am and Mary got Jacob to Kent Stark at 9:30. I finished up the bathroom. Sanded my mud, painted the area repaired, and got the grab bar in. Major bathroom items are finished. I want to clear caulk the baseboards, find another wall hanging, and change out the lights. Spent good money on the lights but I don't like them, so they have to go.

Picked up Jacob and took him to Grinders to submit his accident report then to Akron for another test. Will take him to a group session after dinner.

September 1 2021

Took Jenna to Akron for her 8am outpatient session one again. Take the back roads in and the express construction way home. We got Jacob to school and back and then to work 5 till close.

Tested out the grab bar screws and have that covered. Put another coat of mud on and hope to sand and paint tomorrow and get the grab bar up. Made another pass at bench stain. Need to flip it for one more coat on one side.

August 31 2021

Took Jenna to Akron for her 8am outpatient session. Will be doing that all week. Did not sleep well so it was a groggy day.

Took Jacob to Kent Stark and then we went over to the Y to get beat up pretty good by Jenny. Only had time for 12 min on the elliptical. Picked up Jacob from school and had a groggy afternoon. Then got him to work at 5 till close. He worked that last night and didn't get off till 9:30pm. Made for a short night.

August 30 2021

Headed to Chenoweth as the rain stayed to the south of us. Had a good round after a slow start 4 over after 3. Shot 10 over 41-41 =82 which should bring my hdcp down.

Mary took Jacob to school and I took him to work at 5pm. Tomorrow will be early as I need to take Jenna to akron early the rest of the week.

August 29 2021

Slow day. Went to 11 am Mass. Took off the tp wall hang and put some mud on it. Cleaning that up while we wait for a grab bar I ordered.

After that I did some more stain on the bathroom bench. Think it will take several more passes to catch all the thinly stained areas. No luck at the races other than a small win.

August 28 2021

Got moving early. Picked up some stain for bath room bench 8ish at Lowes and stained about $\frac{3}{4}$ of it. Finished it later after the first stuff dried. Looks nice. Will do a touch up coat tomorrow as stain did not want to stick everywhere.

Took Jacob to work and picked him up. Watched the Travers Stakes but it was real chalky. Mary cooked a yummy london broil and we went for ROs custard later.

August 27 2021

Played TannenhauF today. Hottest day of the year. Close to 90 with no moving air. I was cooked by 9 and considered dropping out, but I pushed on. Shot 43-44 with a 2 stroke penalty for hitting a ball while putting on the green. Just tried to survive the back nine. Denny was on fire with 5 birdies shooting 81 and could have been at 79 if he didn't mess up the par 3.

August 26 2021

Took Jacob to class and picked him up. First day at Kent Stark. He felt the 2 classes were easy. I told him not to get over confident.

Headed up to Streetsboro for lunch with Neil/Sandi and Dick/Sally. Neil was still a

good conversationalist but his spacial recognition was seriously deficient. He needs a guide to walk, climb stairs, and sit down. Sally was very timid and reminded me of mom. Very weak physically. I was shocked how far she had gone down hill in the 2 or so short years since being diagnosed. My heart goes out to Dick who has to look after her on his own.

Be very thankful for your health.

August 25 2021

Slow day. I did the silicon caulk around the back splash for the two sinks in the down bathroom. Put some shells around on the sinks. I would like to add a wall hanging and a grab bar by the toilet. Will have to tale off tp holder and fix the wall first.

Not much luck at Indiana Grand but came out even. Took Mary for her eye exam and stayed through most of it but had to break away to take Jacob to work. Came back and Mary was just finished. Went home and had leftover Chinese. Still have enough for yet another meal.

Got to pick up Jacob later. He works to close at 8:30.

August 24 2021

Took Mary out to Fairlawn for her Prolia shot. Next one will be closer at the PCP. Got back and had lunch then took Jacob for another test.

We ordered Chinese for dinner. First time we did that since the pandemic started. Twas good, but too much food. We will be eating that tomorrow for sure. Did our walk after dinner to stay active.

Won a nice pick 4 but gave most of it back at Mountaineer and Mohawk.

August 23 2021

Oops. Guess I was tired yesterday and never did post. Yesterday we did church, had lunch, and made a day trip to Gnadehutten. I had heard about the indian massacre there in 1782 during one of the lectures on my DVD on Native American History.

It was a little less than an hour to get there. We went into the Museum there where an old volunteer talked our ear off. He really liked Jacob and wanted to pass him the torch for the future of the country. I bought some arrowheads, some old buffalo nickels and an Indian head penny. Took a lot of pictures but missed the entrance way that was needed for a waymark. Oh well.

We looked at the video, the monument, and the massacre burial ground, and the nearby cemetery. Stopped for ice cream on the way home.

Today I played Seven Hills. After a 7 on the first hole, I went even for the next 7, making 2 of 3 birdie putts an missing an ace by a couple of inches, stopping 2 ft past the hole. Nice 39 on the front, but, alas, God did not want me to break 80 today. Shot 45 on the back with lots of crappy shots.

Jacob started work at Grinders today and I will pick him up at 7pm. Hope it went well. They have a lot on their menu so it could be a rough day for him.

August 21 2021

Slow day. We went and picked up some big stuff at Walmart then had lunch. Took Jacob over to Grinders for his orientation at 3pm. He starts there Monday at 2pm to 6pm.

Watched the horses with no luck. Carolyn came to get Jacob to help clean her garage so we did a neighborhood walk.

August 20 2021

Headed out on a long ride to Riverview this morning. The place was a swamp having been dumped on by the remnants of tropical storm Fred. Hit some good drives but my irons sucked. Only hit 3 good irons the whole day. Putting was unusually good. Was low with an 85. Wow, it wasn't my usual 87?

We went to Bob Evans for breakfast at dinner time. Mary and Jacob had just eaten there for lunch but humored me.

Read up on the anti-fungal meds. Supposed to break down the cell wall of the fungus so it dies off. Did not see improvement today after pill #2.

August 19 2021

The bedroom door was off kilter so I went about fixing it. I am the shim master after changing all the doors at the old house and a few at Carolyn's. Pulled off the moldings and had to knock/chop out the 3 shims that were in there. Used the long screws in the hinges to pull out the vertical boards to where the door closed easily. Put back the moldings and was done. There are 2 other doors that are a bit tight but I will wait till they get on my nerves.

Took Jacob for his test. He got a back account and is supposed to start at Grinders nearby any day now. Its only 5 min away. Also signed up for classes at the Stark campus of KSU.

I went to the doc and my rash he believes is a fungus. Prescribed a pill and some cream and said it might take 2 weeks to go away. Now there is a fungus among us. No one will want to share a cart with me at golf tomorrow.

August 18 2021

Took Mary to dr appt. She got a script for bone density and mammogram. Called and scheduled for October. Surprised it was that far out. We stopped on the way home for 3 more prints of Mary's brother Jim for xmas gifts.

After lunch, we finished up the grout on the second sink. Seemed like a long time but it was about 2 hrs. Most of the time is cleaning off the grout from the tile finish. Got all the tools put away as well.

August 17 2021

We headed to the Y this morning to do the elliptical and get beat up at Jenny's class. She beat us up good. Stopped at GE and picked up groceries and talked to ole neighbor Pete. The guy who now owns our old home was painting our 2 rooms that had bright colors. That will be the end of the bright coral Perry Como Room and the bright green Papa's Toy Room.

Helped Jacob apply for assistance with his Summa bills and got it to the Post Office. Also clipped pictures from the slide show used at Mary's brother's funeral. We will get

copies and frame them for xmas gifts this year. Also got some prints of Neil that we will take to lunch with him next week. Hope he enjoys them.

They began power washing our condo but they had to quit with the lightening out there. Hope they come back and finish.

Brenda and Angie were right down the street saying goodbye to Big Jim, Dwayne's cousin. He had cancer and is in his last few days at hospice at the Aultman site 1/2 mile away.

August 16 2021

Golf was canceled due to an all day rain. So I worked on the bathroom. There was very little moisture at the bottom of the cold water hookup so I tightened that connect some third of a turn. Seems to be holding up.

After that we put up the back splash on the second sink. Will grout it tomorrow. Mary took Jacob for a haircut and then I took him over to hallowed ground at Tam-o-Shanter to run. He got in a good run. Was supposed to go 1.2 mi but he got a little lost and did more.

BTW, no luck yesterday. None of my 4 tickets won the church car raffle. Not only that, I had a pick 5 ticket at Saratoga go to the final race. I was going to have 2 horses but decided to save \$27 and go with 1 horse. Kept the 3 and tossed out the 5. I had to wait outside while they ran cause I would have pushed my heart rate way up if I watched. #3 would have paid \$7500. So I waited. Jacob came out and said the #3 was almost last. #5 won in a close photo and paid \$6400. Not a good choice to save \$27.

August 15 2021

Another unsettled night sleep. Maybe I got 6 hrs. Not good for my health. Mary saw a little water around the bottom of the toilet. Thinking I might have to replace the ring? I know we messed it up a little when we put it in but I figured it would be OK. Maybe rocking on it with general use added to the wear. Will keep a watch on it. Also worried about the basement leak.

First thing, vacuumed up all the water and could see drips between the main beam. The main beam is 4 boards together. Likely the water enters by there and runs down the beam about 2 ft and drops. I had a drop on my back while vacuuming. The puzzling thing is that the rain has stopped so where is the water coming from?

I looked around for the french drain exit point. I did find a gravel spot in the back yard. So perhaps they did not slope it down enough? Who knows? I am wondering if the downspout are leaking into that area or the septic line from the house. Sounds like the french drain is not working properly.

Got ready for church and the church picnic after. Church and picnic was great and there was good food.

After church I noticed some water near the vanity bottom. Looked inside and drum roll, there was a leak up at the top where the cold attaches. Went down and vacuume up some new water and looked where the pipe went up thru the floor. Not obvious it was dripping. Noticed 20 inches to the left there was wet mark on the cross beam dropping directly on the support beam. Looks like there were several holes where they maybe had mounted a vanity or old vanity. Aha! The leak from the new faucet must be

under the vanity and dripping thru the mounting holes.

Looks like all the issues were mine. Hopefully what ever is under the vanity will dry up or drip down and it will be over for now.

Looks like Jacob will be staying with us again till he finds a home. He had moved to cousins but it was not working out. She was driving him nuts and he was drinking, missing work, and got fired. It was worth a try but a no go. He has to start looking for a room mate in Kent again. Told him if he drinks he is out. His struggles continue.

August 14 2021

I was up and down all night and saw all the hours pass by. Thankfully I kept rolling over till 8:15. After breakfast we grouted the back splash so we have 1 sink done. Grouting takes time. We missed some up under the framing so we fixed that. My loyal assistant Mary caught it.

Next up, we took the bag and filters out of the shop vac and I climbed into the crawl space and sucked up about 2 gallons of water off the floor. Brought it out and dumped it into the sewer in the street. Put the fan in there to dry up where I vacuumed. I did not pick it all up so there would be some for the workers to see when they get around to me.

Took a quick shower cause I was all hot and sweaty, had lunch, then we grabbed some groceries at Marcs. Watched the races but no luck today.

August 13 2021

Another hot one but no storms. We played Mayfair. I started out great till I started three putting. One over after 5, I 3 jacked 3 of the next 4 to finish at 44. I kept that going on the back for another 44. John and John Jr added 88s, Bill 90, Denny 93, Dick 94, and Mel 97.

Mary and I went to Loby's for fish but no winning tickets today.

August 12 2021

We had breakfast then stuck up the bathroom back splash rails on one sink. Let that set for an hour and then we put up the tile on the small section. Took longer than expected and we let that set till the evening. Plan on starting on the other section after dinner.

We decided to go to DC for Mary's brother's dedication at the wall and stay a few days and see a couple of interesting DC sites in mid October. Maybe Texas next year. Ginny and John have had a busy travel year so they won't miss us. Found a 2 bedroom rental at a good price that we can share with her brother Dave, who also wanted to go.

After lunch we went to Kohls to cash in on the Kohls bucks from last trip. We got \$60 worth of stuff for \$15. Good deal. Hit a pick 3 at Saratoga to stop the bleeding. Normally do poorly there.

Mayfair called and said to bring money as their power is out.

August 11 2021

Did the Y today and it went well. The storm hit 5 min before class was over. We had lunch after and Jacob wanted a ride to his interview. He was asleep and a no show. I

suspect alcohol was involved. When he woke up he was distraught. Took awhile to calm him down and get him back on track.

We watched the kids as Z went to meet the teacher night. We went to trivia after that but they had lost power with the storm, We sang the bday song and had some cake. Out till 8:45pm, latest we have been out in many moons.

August 10 2021

Did the Y today to get back into the swing of things. We missed last week with dental appt but it was not bad. Jenny went easy on us.

Picked up some groceries in Hartville and had lunch. Was a very long term drip under one of the sinks. I tightened it a bit and so far so good. Got my pencil of the week written. Watched a couple of back splash video. Perhaps put it up tomorrow after the Y.

August 9 2021

Sorry for not posting that I would be off for awhile. Went to Buffalo Friday. Friday we had dinner with my bro and sis and sis came over for swimming and hot tub.

Saturday I played Ravenwood in Rochester. It was slow. The course was nice and had the widest fairways I have ever seen. I think you could have landed a small plane on them. The greens were well guarded and the par 3s were tight but it was a grip it and rip it kind of course. I was 3 back in the scoring and lost another but it could have been worse as I was down 7 at one point. Shot 44-45. I was shaking my head on the front nine as I could have easily posted a 39. No putts fell that day once again.

Sunday we played Willowbrook and I took a drubbing. I hit the driver hard but the blue tees were brutal. Rarely was I inside 170. My long irons and hybrid were dismal. The heat, humidity and no air movement took its toll. Took 4 penalties on the front nine to shoot 49 and recovery was not possible. Turned a 45 on the back with another 3 penalty strokes. Jim Jr was the winner and looks to have solved his inconsistencies. He hit several 300 yd drives on the day. At 36, he is now large and in charge. At twice his age at 73, wins for me will be rare from the longer tees.

Today we came home but stopped to view several family grave sites in the area. Mary's grand parents' flat stones need to be raised. They are gradually sinking and you have to scrape grass off all of the flat stones in that area in hopes of finding them.

August 5 2021

Took the cardboard and papers to the recycle this morning. We took Jacob to lunch today. Figured we would go to Olive Garden since I had some left on a gift card. The food was good anyway.

We had to wait 15 min up front where there were 3 employees standing there doing much of nothing. I think one was training but why 2 others who just said "How many? It will be 15 minutes." One to say that and 2 to take you to your table I guess. Seems like the wait was because they were short servers cause there were many unused tables.

The kiosk on the table where you are supposed to pay were not wiped down. The waiter said to pay on it and I told him there was no way I was going to touch that and it was disgusting. He apologized and said they were supposed to be wiped down.

Someone could have checked it before seating us, eh?

Jacob said the rest room was a mess too. Will be awhile before I go there again. The state of the restaurant industry is very sad these days.

August 4 2021

Went to bed early. Lack of sleep caught up with me and I was chilled. Felt a lot better in the morning. Was disappointed in my diet weigh in at 171. Yes, I did lose 5lbs but I am stuck here for the last 5 days. Major bummer. Throwing in the towel. Guess this gut is gonna stay with me forever.

Finally went to retiree lunch. Mary went too. I figured there would be plenty of room and she would be pretty bored at home since there is nothing going on. Saw a small crowd but the conversation was good.

August 3 2021

Straightened up early then went in to get my crown installed. Another K in the dentist's pocket.

Talked with the other 1/2 condo owner when I got back. Turns out he has the sump pump for the unit. Wonder if my french drain is connected? I emailed the property manager about the issue. Looked up the disclosure which said it was fixed in July 2020. Looks like it was not or poorly done. More to come.

Jane stopped in to see the place. We went to dinner later and for hot fudge. I had to pass on that with my diet. Interesting to share stories about the kids and grand kids. Many of the same problems.

August 2 2021

Lounged around too long this morning and was almost late for tee time at Tannenhaut. What a super nice day! I was going to try to not attempt risky shots, and keep my head down and that worked out. Went 42-38 with a lucky birdie on the last hole. Emailed George and Jr as a scare tactic.

Mary cooked me up a good zero carb dinner and we went over to Walmart to get some sugar less candy, a belt, a plant, 60 school spiral notebook and 20 boxes of pencils. We dropped the school stuff off at the church as a donation. It felt good and I got good prices on that stuff.

August 1 2021

Stopped in HD to get a tile scribe/break unit under \$30. I was going to saw the glass tile but watched a video that did not recommend it. Picked up Jacob for church. He brought his wash over and got that going before lunch.

After that, he helped me cut all the tile. There were two small pieces that gave us fits. The tool was not set up for so small a piece. We tried a few things and I think we came close. Might need a little extra caulk on the ends though.

We also went into the basement and crawled over to where there is a leak. There was a small pool there and you could see where it ran along the wall then pooled in a second spot. Looked like the main beam was wet so that is where the water is coming in. Will need to find out whom to notify to investigate. There was a french drain disclosed last year. Maybe they did not do a good job? Will have to find out where it was fixed.

We took Jacob home and stopped to get Mary a cone. I picked up some sugarless candy, but I did not look carefully. Instead of grabbing the assortment bag, I had grabbed the coconut bag. I just can't win.

July 31 2021

Got the 2nd set of faucets installed in 2hrs. The first set took 4hrs. One small leak went away after I re-wrapped some plumbers tape. All ready for the back splash. Maybe do some tomorrow.

Set up the trip to Buffalo next weekend. Hotels sure have gotten expensive. Opted for 2.5 star at \$140.....yikes. The good ones were \$40 more. Going to be an expensive travel season if we go to Canada or DC.

We went to Kohls since the dressing rooms are now open. I needed some shorts so I got 3 pair. Mary got an outfit, picked up an 8" pan for eggs. Was going to get a belt but they were \$30? I got to check Walmart before I get anything that expensive. Retail must be good. Lots of shorts 40-44 and 28-32 but nothing in between.

Picked up Jacob after work. Mary cooked up a roast to support my low carb diet and it was fabulous.

July 30 2021

Played Seven Hills without rain. Very weird round like Monday. 41-45 was filled with a birdie, some triples, lots of pars, and, unfortunately lots of look ups. John and I had a close match. Denny played good but the others tanked.

Got a haircut and headed home to good fish dinner at home. Right around 7:30 Mary saw the Hall of Fame balloons flying by. Unusual north to south wind pushed them right over the condo with several landing right next to the church next door.

July 29 2021

Huh? I am kind of irritable today. Stupid fox 8 news was showing police rescuing a cat from a car wheel well. After seeing it 3 times I was ticked. Then they were joking for 3 minutes about naming bathrooms. I had to mute that crap. Following that you could watch somebody making cocktails in Wadsworth at 10 in the morning. What crap! Then watching the stock channel they could not go 2 minutes without taking about Robinhood's IPO first trades. Who gives a crap? Only the biggies who could get in on IPOs.

Grandson Jacob overslept so called off work at Marshalls. He oversleeps at least once every week or two. That is just not responsible behavior for an adult. We cut him 1/2 water mellon and will drop it off when we take him to lunch. I should skip lunch as it seems to reward bad behavior, but maybe he can pick up some job applications this afternoon. Looking for more hours and and one closer to the bus routes.

We had a good lunch and drove the bus 45 route while he marked down possible places to apply. We got 7 or so. We also saw a Diebold Nixdorf walk in welcome, so he went in for 45 min and applied. Sounded good but he isn't likely to pass background checks.

We got out and walked after the news and rain was over. Steve isn't answering the phone so nothing new there.

July 28 2021

Went to the Y for the elliptical and strength. Was not too bad. Started the low carb and did well. First weigh in was 176 yesterday and down 0.5 lb so far. Two thoughts. 1) got to be careful to keep drinking so I don't get backed up like last time, and 2) will try to cut intake I half to boost the diet.

We put up the bull nose for one bathroom back splash and marked the tile cuts for both sinks. Saw rental is \$28/day at HD so that is good. Will wait till I get the other faucet set in. Should be coming Friday. Hope to get it all done by the golf trip Aug 6.

We watched some more lectures and are up to the early 1900s when they finally stopped slaughtering the indians.

July 27 2021

Went to the Y for the elliptical and strength. Jenny beat us up good. Both the bathroom scale (176) and the class are giving me a strong hint it is time to step away from the carbs and put down my fork

We were hot and sweaty when we got to the HOA social lunch. Had a good time there but ate too much.

Carolyn stopped by and we watered the plants.

July 26 2021

Scorcher today but the breeze saved us. Maddening round at Fox Den. 43-43 for 86.

Two birdies on the front and 2 snowmen. I lost a ball in the middle of the fairway on one of the snowmen followed by 2 straight look ups. On the other snowman, I looked up on 6 shots including a putt.

Three jacked my birdie try from 5 feet on the back, had 2 or 3 look ups and another lost ball? Where did it go? Wow. Even par for 10 holes and 15 over on the other 8. Somehow I hit center face on one of my drives and took it out perhaps 230. Weirdest round of the year for sure.

Lots of traffic tie ups but thankfully they were on the other side of the road. Cleaned off some green mold out by the air conditioner. Did not want to wait on the HOA and had some time on my hands.

Forgot to mention Steve had his bypass Friday, finally relenting to the operation. Talked to him 1/2 yesterday and also today. Sounds like he is doing fine and facing all the same aggravations that I faced.

July 25 2021

Another busy one. Rough night sleep. Up at 5:30 and back to bed from 7 till 8:30 helped. Picked up Jacob to go to church. He looked great. Got tickets for the church car raffle for the family and will get one more next week. The raffle will be at the picnic Aug 15.

Jacob came over for lunch and his mom picked him up to see his other grandma. We took our coins and cashed them in free for a gift card to HD. We went to HD but did not see a decent area rug. Picked up some cement and grout for the back splash. Over at Loews we got the chrome bull nose strip and the back splash.

Watered outside and called it a day. A hot one at that!

July 24 2021

Another busy one. Mary helped me remove 1 set of the bathroom faucets and replace them with the new ones I picked out. Went fine with no leaks. Took 4 hrs end to end. We had lunch and headed to shop. Picked out some 1370 lumen Bling lamps for the bathroom and groceries.

Installed the lights. Boy the last guy was a hack. Messed up the walls good so I will have to take both down and fix the walls and paint cause the new fixture doesn't cover his mess. After that we went to RO s for our hot fudge sundae dinner.

Got to order another faucet set and the backsplash. Likely put the back splash up next weekend.

July 23 2021

Awesome day. Drove John and Mel to Sugar Bush while pain free with the prednisone. It was awesome to play pain free compared to me limping through the entire round on Monday. I went 47-41 in spite of making no putts again and including a penalty trying stupidly to clear a creek and a look up penalty into the brush, plus 4 or 5 other look ups. Should have parred the back.

We had a fish fry at Lobys and we ate for free thanks to the pull back ticket machine. Watched 2 more Native American lectures. We have watched 12 of the 24 now. Sure gives you another perspective on them poor bastards.

Had to lecture Jacob on the stupidity of posting, texting, or emailing ANYTHING that can be used against him once again. When will this idiot generation listen?

July 22 2021

We slept in till 8:30 from yesterday's busy day. I sized up what it will take to replace the bathroom sink fixtures. The shut offs work. I can get to the fixtures with tools so I think it should go well. Lucky we have 2 sinks so we have a backup if I run into problems. That will be Saturdays project.

Mary got her hair done after lunch and I went to get my oil changed. Carolyn sent me a txt that she went home from work. She had a reaction to her 2nd covid shot yesterday.

Looks OK for golf tomorrow!

July 21 2021

Wow busy. We went to the Y and did the usual. I really wasn't keen on going but I have to keep the heart muscle healthy and Mary needs the weight bearing exercise. On the way home we were a little early for lunch but we stopped for Jacob anyway. Took him up to Akron and then ate at Chipotle. It was good.

After we dropped him off we had about 20 min at home to straighten up for the kids coming later, then we headed off to the doctors for our yearly. He gave me some prednisone for my sciatica which I will start tomorrow.

We got home 15 min ahead of the kids. We watched them from 5 till almost 9. We had a ball but they tired us out good. Long day.

July 20 2021

Oops. Missed yesterday. Played Pleasant View with Denny and Dick. I was hurting and it was cart path only. Ouch. Denny and Dick played from the front tees at 4800 while I held back to the whites at 5900, limping out there to hit it and then limping back. I shot a pitiful 91 and was low score so I told them they should be embarrassed getting beat with them playing the short tees. With my sciatica I could not hit past 160 yards after my drives.

Later on we attended the yearly HOA meeting. I asked how many roofs there were and how many were redone. Since this development has been here 20 years, they are all due. I did not get a good answer so I wrote an email later requesting an answer. After the meeting, I lectured the chair that the govt is NOT paying people to stay home as he said during the meeting. It might be his opinion but should keep it to himself. Another Fox News stooge.

Today we went to the Y, did the elliptical and Kim was doing the class as Jenny was on vacation. My sciatica felt better afterwards. There was low turn out so we got to know her better. We hustled home to have lunch and head to Fairlawn for Mary's dr appt at the Arthritis Center. Long day!

July 18 2021

We were off to church for 11 am mass. We picked up Jacob and saw a special mass. We are so glad he is interested in church. The Bishop was there to dedicate a small chapel at the side of the church. He led the Mass and was a bit long winded. They gave him a HOF helmet gift for coming to the Hall of Fame City. Mary greeted him and I took some pictures during the mass.

Mary took Jacob grocery shopping and dropped him off at his apartment while I got back to painting. Finished the 2nd coat on the bathroom and clean up around 4pm. We went to Mexican where I was only able to eat about a third of it.

Called it a day, a good day.

July 17 2021

Thunder woke me up at 5am, I thought Jacob would get soaked going to the bus stop for work. So I got up and txt him that I was up and could give him a ride. Left a little after 6am. He has had a queasy stomach the last few days so he passed on McD. Just drizzling by then so the bus wouldn't have been that bad.

Back home, I dozed off till Mary got up at 8:30. Then I started on the bathroom painting. Omg, so many nooks and cranny s. Took me till 2pm to get the first coat done with 1/2 hr lunch. Started on the 2nd coat at 4pm, but my sciatica got the best of me. I threw in the towel at 6pm and will have to finish tomorrow afternoon. Not happy about that at all. Mary was a big help holding the light and doing clean up of drips.

July 16 2021

Did not sleep well. Too warm. Finally turned thermo down to 73. Tossed and turned thinking about the vanity tops. Figured cutting the glue from the 2 edges would not be enough so I would have to pull it out to get to the other edges. Looking closer, the water pipes come in from the bottom, so I would have to rip out the bottom shelf to move it. Considering the work involved I am throwing in the towel on replacing the

tops.

That's \$350 down the tubes. Never guess the tops would be that hard to remove. It is nuts to glue such a heavy vanity top down. Tack it down in a couple of places, yes, glue it every inch, no.

We took the color swatches to Lowes and picked out a couple of possible back splash tiles. Then we got a few grocery items and picked up the paint. Put the painters tape on for painting tomorrow. I hope getting the new paint on will help give us some good ideas on how to make the crappy brown spotted marble not look so bad with some kind of back splash.

Second golf rain out this week. Looked like rain would hit for an hour+ but it is all guess work.

July 15 2021

Slept in till 8am. After breakfast we went to Sherwin Williams for some paint swatches. They had 3 employees in there early and 2-3 customers; impressive.

After lunch I started looking at how to get the vanity top off in the bathroom. One edge was slightly up. It is glued down with some black rubber-like sealer. Utility knife cut thru it but blades are not long enough. Painters tool was too thick. Hack saw worked on the corner. Need a longer utility blade or a handle for hack saw. After fooling around for an hour, I maybe cleared 3”.

Around dinner time I picked up a handle for the hack saw and we went to Old Carolina BBQ. The food was good but the BBQ had some stuff that should have never been in there. Piece of bone, piece of gristle, couple pieces of gooey fat. Not going back. First time was good, second time they couldn't do any orders cause their computer was down, this time wifi was down and we got the crap in the BBQ. Also the floor in the serving area was falling apart. Blame the employees for the crap in the BBQ, but the floor falling apart is management.

July 14 2021

Rain gage said 1” yesterday. Nothing today. We went to the Y and I got up to 116 heart rate. That is good exercise for the heart.

Got back and put up our new shore bird in the entrance way. Looks good!. Took Jacob for his appointment at 3pm and back home by 5pm.

July 13 2021

Lots of rain all morning. Pretty heavy but not as much as the other day. I was up too early at 6:30. We went to the Y and did 25min elliptical and Jenny' class. Holy squats! I believe it was 50 or so over the 40 minutes.

Got home and we vacuumed the place so we are pretty much all done with housework. Maybe baseboard spray tomorrow after the Y. It was storming so we picked up Jacob at 3pm and I gave him a lesson on the two buses he could take home and the one he has to take to work. My goodness, I was taking flights at his age without any assistance.

July 12 2021

Denny woke me up with a call that Fox Den was too wet and it would be cart path only

so he canceled. I helped Mary with her fruit bowl for Red Hats then cleaned the up shower since Jacob has gone now.

Did all the towel wash while she was gone. Had the first 3 of a pick 4 at Parx. Two of my 3 last leg scratched so I had 3 tickets on the favorite. The race started and the favorite was 20 lengths back at the ½ mile pole. What a disappointment. My luck index is approaching zero now days.

July 11 2021

We got Jacob to church and then to Rite Aid for his second vaccine shot. Rained all morning. Last I checked the rain gage was at 1.5 inches at 5pm.

After church, I took him to his cousins to move in. Carolyn and Don moved his bed and TV and some other stuff there.

We went to Bubba33 for dinner and it was good.

July 10 2021

Lots of odd jobs today. Took Jacob to work and picked him up. Put up curtain to cover 12 “ windows on the door. Had to cut down rods from 28” to 12”, mount them and put on the sheer curtain. Cleaned off the weather stripping that did not work on the garage door and we cleaned the storm door windows. Picked up groceries for the week.

Googled - sun interfering with garage door sensor - and added the tp shades on the sensors (tp = toilet paper). Carolyn had trouble getting a fed-ex truck at work so she stayed late. So Jacob won't be moving out tonight. Delayed to tomorrow.

Sciatica calmed down. I used the heating pad last night before bed and got a good night of rest in. Still hurts climbing the stairs (right buttock). Also some nasty twinges now and then.

July 9 2021

Dragged myself to golf at Chenoweth. Played dismal scoring 48-46. Hit my drives and chipped well but my back pain messed up my irons. Missed many putts. Not sure what to do except skip Thursday golf for awhile? Back off on Y?

July 8 2021

Got Jacob to work and waited for someone to bail on golf, but no one did. So off I went to Raintree. Shot 43-43 and made a couple of putts! Unfortunately Sam did not listen on 18 and head for the car. We picked up on 18 green as the rain started. By the time I was in the car, I was wet to the bone and so was everything in my golf bag. I hope my car seat dries before the morning.

July 7 2021

A busy day! I took Jacob to work and then we headed to the Y for 25 min of elliptical and Andrea's class. She did another full load of weight reps Mary was sore from yesterday so she got a good work. Good for her bone growth! I got my heart rate up to 111 which isn't too far from my peak considering the meds I take.

We had 15 min to eat lunch and then it was of to the dentist for our cleanings and the start of my next crown. Ouch, Another hit to my pocketbook.

July 6 2021

Took Jacob to work and then headed to the Y for 20 min of elliptical and Jenny's class. She did a lot of lower body work and some of it was painful. I had some trouble with the ab work with the sciatica.

On the way back we stopped at Walmart to make up a care package for Jacob. He should be moving in with his cousin Saturday so we put together some items to get him started.

He has been here 6 + weeks and it was working out well. We hope we have made a difference and we expect to help out for as long as it takes. He should be able to take some Kent Stark courses and maybe next year get to the main campus.

July 5 2021

Took Jacob to work and then headed to Skyland Pines at 9. Horrible start with a 48 on the front missing at least 8 make able putts. Everything was coming up short. Figured the way to compensate was to close the club face and try to get more roll,

I called out to Clyde for help and it worked. Two birdies on the back (just missed 2 others) for a 40. I was down 4 to Denny on the front, but I got 6 back the last 3 holes to take his dollar. Lost to Houle 2 weeks in a row now. He shot 92 and beat me by 4.

Went thru 2 boxes of pencils and pulled out the ones not talked about yet. Got me a que of 10 now.

July 4 2021

I slept pretty good. Church at 11am.

Carolyn took Jacob to his cousins and it looks like he will move in next weekend. She rents right across from Sheetz on Pittsburgh and Applegrove. It is one block from the bus line. She will be able to take him to work, but we might need to pick him up unless he uses the bus. The bus goes to the Strip where he works and to Kent Stark. It is worth a try.

We tried to eat out but everything was closed. Picked up some ribs at GE, cole slaw at Marcs, and ate out on the patio with Carolyn and Jacob. It was nice.

July 3 2021

Took Jacob to work but no one was there other than another guy wondering the same. Gave up and went home. There must have been a late start and he didn't get the memo? Carolyn picked him up after lunch to go swimming with the family.

We went to Lowes and picked up some items for my bathroom project which should start next week. Also got some metal weather stripping for the storm door and we put a piece up. Tried to clean up the mess from the expanding foam that did not work out. My odor less turpentine top was broken and there had been much exposure to air. Seemed degraded so I will need to get new. It was not loosening the foam adhesive.

We went for Ros custard for dinner. Another hot fudge sundae. Not getting the nuts next time. I think they back off on the hot fudge to allow for the nuts.

July 2 2021

Took Jacob to work and then played, or tried to play Sanctuary. I went 42-47 but it was a struggle. Never made a putt all day as usual.

Problem was my sciatica. Handled it Ok for the front nine, then it got to me. Was trying to swing and not experience the pain. Wasn't working. Made a few good shots but chunked a lot. Took me 5 from 70 yds on one hole.

When I took my socks off later, the skin was peeling on my ankle. Either the skin that was swollen died off or the compression sock caused it. Who knows?

Got out the big heating pad and used it most of the rest of the day. Some improvement.

July 1 2021

Happy 17th Jenna. You grew up so fast! Got to sleep in till 7:30! Jacob was off work so we piled the stuff in my car for Goodwill and the electrical stuff for the Restore and headed out.

The Belden are Goodwill was a mess. The clothes were just thrown in bins as was everything else. They sell stuff by the pound! We picked up 2 nice baskets for my sister and a pan cover we were missing for \$3. There were shoppers there with full carts!

At the Restore we picked up a small table for \$12 and several more baskets for my sister! Great finds! They had lots of furniture and chairs. Didn't go back and look in the building material sections though.

For dinner, we went to Bubba33 when they opened at 3pm. You need to bring an appetite. I had the turkey and bacon monster sw, Mary had the fish sw, and Jacob had a burger.

June 30 2021

Half the year is no over. Kaput.

Took Jacob to work and then we headed in for a blood draw at the doctors office. The blood lady, best we have ever had the pleasure to visit, was hopping mad. Her co-worker just quit, was making more money, and she had a double case load while she tried to hire a new one. Ouch. We will miss her.

Then we stopped at McD for some protien before doing 25 on the elliptical and doing Andrea's class. She was relentless with the weights, leaving only 1 5min ab workout and a couple of minutes of stretching. Bet there will be sore arms tomorrow. The skinny lady with the bad circulation complemented my matching orange shirt and compression sock and the fact that all my compression socks are matched to my shirts. I was proud as could be.

After class we went to GE to pick up some no salt added turkey. Advice: don't go shopping right after fasting for a blood test. We brought home a ton of goodies.

June 29 2021

I took Jacob to work then came home and got ready for the Y. We did 25min on the elliptical then Took Jenny's class. It was tough but not insane. It really helped me with the sciatica. She said he son Alec was playing in the Ohio Open. I looked at the scores and we was tied for 19th at 70. All pars on the card. Very cool!

Picked up Jacob from work after the Y and we put up a shelf and a bar to hang clothes on behind the door. Since we have the closet between the loft and that bedroom filled, something was needed there. That should help.

Got my cable boxes and covers and installed them They really clean up the cables and look nice.

June 28 2021

Started out good at Ellsworth but had a couple look ups on the front that kept me at 43. Back was a disaster at 47. On #10 the gps said 120. I was short and landed in the bunker. When I got back to the cart gps said 130. Rrr!. Got worse from there. Won't bore you with the details but we skipped \$18 and took bogies.

The 90 degree heat was a factor but I was embarrassed that Denny beat me scratch. Beaten by an 82 yr old in the heat. Shame on me.

June 27 2021

Slept in till 7:30! We all went to 11am mass. The priest is mentoring a new one just arrived from one of T-Rump shit hole countries, Nigeria. I welcomed him to the USA after the mass as we left the church. He got his vaccine in 10 minutes at the local Rite Aid after going a year without one in Nigeria, He was amazed.

Showed Jacob the Stark Park that was once Tam-O-Shanter and we looked at the trail signs. There are 3; 0.75mi, 1.19mi, and 1.25mi. I see the construction of the Meijer store. They are building along Fulton, right on the spot where I had one of my aces. I have vowed never to set foot in there. Some say I hold a grudge for a long time.

Mary served up her famous swiss steak and it was awesome. Too bad for Steve whom we invited and never came. We took a walk later on. Very nice day.

June 26 2021

Took Jacob to work, then cooked eggs for breakfast. We tried out Fishers on Hills and Dales. It looks small but it is deep and actually huge. Took us awhile to find things and they did not have a couple of items but it worked out OK to shop early.

Mary started working on swiss steak when we got back so we forgot to eat lunch. When she was done we did the neighborhood walk and I watched the races. Bought a Racing Dude selection list but they pretty much failed so far. One more chance to go.

Picked up Jacob and we had pizza early since we were all hungry. Tasted the swiss steak and it is yummy.

June 25 2021

Played well at Mayfair. Chipping came back for a change but still never made a putt of any distance. Went 40-44 with a triple on the back. Had 2 birdie tries with no luck. All 6 played. That was nice for a change! Everyone petered out onn the back nine. I think some of it was due to the slow play. Better putting and I couldd have broken 80.

Mary and I went to Loby, just down the street for a fish fry. It was very good and only \$8.99 as a friday special.

June 24 2021

Didn't sleep very well agonizing over the sinks and what to do. Took Jacob to work and crawled back to bed for an hr to catch up.

Played poorly at Tannenhauf 44-43 with a double on each side. No made putts again. Poor chipping as well. It is painful to be 20 ft from the pin just off the fringe and not get it close. Arrg!

Mayfair tomorrow. Wonder what kind of game I will have.

June 23 2021

We went to the HOA luncheon at John's Bar. Met about 20 more old people. Discussed golf with one of the other 4 guys there. Food was good.

Two sinks came today. I ordered them as they were a real deal but did not do due diligence. Really wanted acrylic but these are vitreous china. Not sure I will like them. I don't think my brain was working well when I ordered them and I failed to realize it. Will have to give it more thought. I did look for acrylic today but did not find any the size I needed.

Talked to old buddy Steve up in Kent. He had cath yesterday and will need a bypass. Talked to him for a half hr. He usually isn't so chatty.

June 22 2021

Took Jacob to work and Mary helped install some weather stripping. Sigh, I might have to replace it because it has expanded too much. I read up on the air cleaner filter and ordered some. Two in a pack. They said to replace it every 6mo. No luck on my pick 4s.

Sue drove in from PA for some of that RO's custard hot fudge sundae. Showed her the latest changes to the place. We had desert first and then the burgers,

June 21 2021

Stormed all morning. Looked like it would clear and we would at least get in 9 holes before the rain came back. Got to Tannenhauf and still had to wait 15 min for it to clear out.

Tannenhauf is way to easy from the Sr tees. I scored 41-41 and made only one of my 5 birdie attempts. Frustrating because it was on 18. We were hustling the last 4 to just get it in before the downpour

Stopped and got some prints at CVS, picked up some cash at the bank and then Jacob from work and then some milk and cereal.

June 20 2021

All the fathers got blessed at church today. Wow, look at me. We tried to get BBQ for lunch but the place had computer problems and were so slammed with online takeouts they said no walk in orders.

On the way to Wayside to look at sofas, I saw that Bravo had no outside lines so we pulled in there. We split a lasagna and got some appetizers while Jacob got a pizza. It was very good and not too much to eat.

Nothing stood out at Wayside and their online store showed 3-7 months delivery.

Stopped at Walgreens to print some pictures so I ordered them and headed home. They were to be ready at 3:20 so I came back at 3:40 and they were not ready. I told the lady that was just great, I love driving up and down the highway. I left and won't be back. I will walk into a CVS and get them on the spot at a later date.

June 19 2021

Slept till 8am and had to wake Jacob at 11 so he could help me finish up the change over of the last of the outlets and switches. I did the first two in the loft while he had breakfast. He finished the last 2 in the loft.

Carolyn stopped over and they looked online for apartments. There were a few to make contacts with but they did not seem encouraged. After that, he finished off the last 4 outlet installs while I changed out a switch.

We packed up all the tools and stuff and took them to the basement. I will sort them out later tonight or tomorrow. Straightened out the living room and got more stuff put away. Ready for company now.

Next up is the window treatments and looking for a new couch for the living room. Oh yeah, got to install some door weather strips.

June 18 2021

Seven Hills seems to be our jinx this year. We got in 9 holes before the rain hit. Was going to be 2 hrs till it stopped so we got another rain check. Everyone played well. I was low at 41 but Bill, Dick, and Denny had a 42. Mel played well also but I didn't catch his score.

Jacob was getting a ride home tonight so we hit the GE for groceries.

June 16-17 2021

Oops missed again. Yesterday was busy. Wes came over and helped me put the dryer vent in. We had a lot of trouble with the hole saw. Especially the siding. I don't think the hardware guy gave me the right bit for it. It barely got through the wood. Hanging the inside tubing was easy. Done in less than 3 hrs and \$85 in parts, it was a heck of a lot cheaper than the \$550 the pros proposed. That was nutso. Then it was off to the dentist to get my final bridge installed and pay the piper.

Today I played Sable Creek with the Lockheed guys. My horrible short game got me a couple doubles and a triple bogey. Ended up with 44-42 when it should have been much lower. Hope to get back on track soon.

June 15 2021

Took Jacob to work and got ready for the Y. Did 20min on the elliptical and then Jenny beat us up good. There were a few things I could not try and the alternate was more squats. Holy squat. Must have done 50 of them. No issues with the weights. All the leg work was a killer.

Picked up Jacob after work. He took a nap then helped me plan the dryer vent install. Looks like I have all the parts ready. Took me 1/2 hr to figure out the hole saw assembly. Watched the ponies and hit a nice pick 4 with a long shot adding \$500 to my account. Then it was back to my usual losses.

We had eggs bacon and toast for dinner. Needed to get rid of some eggs before they

went bad.

June 14 2021

We celebrated our 52nd anniversary today. I played golf and Mary went to a Red Hat lunch. We did go out later for Ros hot fudge sundae, Mmm good.

My golf was dismal again although the driver was golden. Tried one hand putting on the back. Everything with 2 hands went left, a common issue for me. Mary's lunch didn't sound stellar either.

June 12-13 2021

Parker family Tournament time. Pretty warm conditions! We played Kennsington Saturday and took 5 hrs behind a scramble. It was brutal. I played well after a poor start caused by lack of sleep. Good short game touch as I adapted to the slow greens. Went 44 -44 for a 3 stroke lead. I got on golf now and read them the riot act.

Not so good at Glen Eagles Sunday. The course was wet, so I had no chance of reaching any par 4s over 350 and there were several. Never got the hang of chipping close and had many long putts. Result was 45-45 and I fell behind by 2 or 3 for the two days. We never waited and it took 4 hrs. Playing the 6000 tees when wet were just too much. Kind of took the fun out of it by having to lay up all the time. Never reached a par 5 in 3 either.

My ankle held up and I was happy with that.

June 11 2021

Was going to take Jacob to work but a friend showed up to take him so I went back and slept till 8. Headed to Sable Creek at 9. It was a slow go. Four hrs for the round. I went 42-40 and never made a putt over 3 ft. On the plus side, I did not miss one under 3 ft. One birdie putt lipped out and the other ran by. My irons were not crisp. Poor long iron play but I did start to hit the short ones better on the back. My foot wore out but is still OK. Lets see how it goes tomorrow.

Picked up Jacob at 3. Mary cooked a stir fry and Carolyn picked up Jacob for the evening. We will head over to Wes to watch the kids for 2hrs. I won't be much help as I am worn out.

June 10 2021

Took Jacob to work and then crawled back to bed. Wow. Slept till 10:15 and could have rolled over and went for more. Unheard of. Got up and cooked up eggs and toast for a hardy breakfast!

We made a list and went to GE to get decent food prices. I need to get some weather strips and work on the doors. There are some leaks and places for spiders to hide I need to shore up.

Jacob got a ride home. We had dinner and I took him to his group session. Got an email regarding his Kent apartment application. We should hear soon.

June 9 2021

Slept in till 7am! Around 9am I dug out this pointy evergreen bush the previous owner had planted right next to the furnace exhaust outlet. Needless to say, it was not faring

too well. Got that into the dumpster before they came.

Jacob was up around 10 so we started organizing the garage. I had 2 shelves I took down in a dangerous spot. We found a place to put them up and they should work out fine. Those took a lot of time. The brackets were in the wrong place and some of the mounting screws did not find a stud. The stud finder was having trouble. Seemed like the studs were way back from the drywall which is odd. We got er done, straightened up, put away the tools, then a quick nap and an early dinner at Steak N Shake.

I had to blog early cause the kids are coming over at 5:30 and we will surely be whipped when they leave.

June 8 2021

Took Jacob to work and picked up some donuts this morning. Got a few items delivered so I replaced the two GFI 20a kitchen outlets and also the 4 way switch for the hall/stair light. I was really happy with the GFIs I blundered into. Most 20a require you to wrap the wire around the screw. These had the straight in holes which I had only seen on the 15a outlets. That made it way easier to do.

After lunch we walked the hood, about a 30min walk. Without the exercise, due to my ankle, we are not burning enough calories to have 3 meals a day. We will have to cut back a bit. The fact that we have a fantastic donut shop really close by doesn't help either. Got my sports compression socks. I think they look great.

June 7 2021

Had to get Jacob up this morning in a heavy sleep and got him to work on time. Headed to Fox Den to play for the first time in over a week. Was worried about my ankle so I did not walk very far. Front nine was a pitiful 46 with 5 -3 putts. I must have been lining up to the left every time. On the back I stood up taller to get a better line. That seemed to work as it always does and I had 2 birdies and was 1 over after 7. The rains came cascading down so we took bogies on the last 2 and headed for the cars. It poured.

I thought my ankle was giving out after 13 but I rested it and finished OK. I might just be able to compete this weekend in our Parker golf round 1 and 2.

Picked up Jacob from work. Carolyn stopped over and left after dinner.

Catherine was trying to find out if a John Parker obit in Buffalo was our cousin. She called and was told social services buried the unclaimed body of a white male 75 yrs old. She found a number for a Baron Parker in Georgia but the phone was unanswered. I left a text. Sue looked on Ancestry but found nothing.

June 6 2021

Busy day yesterday so I forgot to post. I picked up Jacob after work and he was napping when Wes, Kalix, and Lincoln came over. Kalix cooked 2 items with Grammy for a picnic. They first did strawberry cupcakes and then baked biscuits for a biscuit sandwich. Kaetchen brought Zander from his soccer game and the kids played and watched PBS Kids while the cooking went on.

We all gathered on the deck for the picnic which ran till 7pm. We were toast by then. The kids had a great time and it was good to catch up with them after a long time. Grammy played with Lincoln and Kalix. Z man was toast from playing 2 soccer games

in the heat.

Today my ankle was better. We did church and sat in the mask area that has social distancing. They have 2 of those sections and 4 free for all sections.

Headed to Walmart to get an ankle brace. Hard to find, but they were in the sports section. The one I had was rubbing on my ankle so I had to take it off yesterday. I got one that had gel pads in it and we did a short neighborhood walk which was OK. I will chance it tomorrow and see how it goes.

Picked up a cool hands free trash can at Walmart for 39. Pretty cool. We ate at Old Carolina BBQ and it hit the spot! Nice change and we were able to order something we could eat in one sitting.

June 4 2021

Took Jacob to work at 7am. Got back to sleep for another ho that is social distance. After that we went to Buelers for groceries. Although I like it, prices are too high. Gonna have to head back to Marcs and GE.

Skipped golf again. Ankle feels better but still looks swollen.

Picked up Jacob and we had fish later. Carolyn picked him up and he will stay there 2 nights. I need to take him home from work tomorrow. Looks like I can sleep in tomorrow!

June 3 2021

Took Jacob to work at 7am. Waited till the bank opened and got a wire transfer appointment at 11am. Paid off the Condo with a big lump sum.

After lunch Mary helped me change out 5 switches and an outlet. Then we de-squaked 3 of the doors that have been getting on my nerves. Also fixed the guest room door. The strike plate was too high for the door closing? Someone must have changed out the door along the way.

Picked up Jacob. Also a new Roku for the other TV. The digital antenna was worthless this far south. Most stations are from the north and east.

We had pizza and I took him to his group session and will pick him up later. My ankle was improved this morning but is weary now. Ordered a pair of spikes for golf. Mine are spike less and I don't want to fall again.

June 2 2021

Took Jacob to work at 7am and crawled back into bed for an hour once again. Headed to the doc for my 10:45 appt. He figures it was a bad sprain and wants it iced and wrapped and rested. I dropped out of Friday golf in hopes that this would do the trick.

We ate lunch and headed to the dentist. They tried on the bridge and it was perfect. They will now put the finish and I will be bridged in 2 weeks.

Carolyn picked up Jacob from work and will bring him back later tonight. We may move the golf outing to Ohio as Jacob is still not settled into Kent.

June 1 2021

Took Jacob to work at 7am and crawled back into bed for an hour. Later on I called the

Texas bank that picked up my loan and asked for a payoff total. They sent a letter for all I need to wire the money to close out the loan and I can do that in a 10 day window.

Foot was feeling good this morning. I moved around a bit more today and by the end of the day it is not so good. I was really optimistic this morning but losing hope I can be ready by Friday golf. Bummer. I did get a dr appt so I can go there in the am and to the dentist at 1pm. Tomorrow is dr day.

I had Jacob help me put in 5 new switches. When I got to the last one I found out it was not a 3 way. Eventually googled 4 way and that is what is needed to switch from 3 places. It sits between two 3 ways. Got to get me one when I get out. To tell the truth, it would take me a long time to figure out how to arrange them to get it to work. I proved out my brain fog by trying to play chess. Did not go so well.

May 31 2021

We went for a cookout at my sister Sue's place in Darlington PA. The food and company were great. Ed's family was there and sister Catherine came from Buffalo and showered us with coffee and other goodies as usual. Jacob went as well. Mary drove and I rested my ankle most of the day.

Ed's grandson Kaleb (a 7th grader) whipped both Jacob and I at chess. In my defense, I found it very difficult to play on a 16" board after so much online chess. Can't see things as good. Kaleb fell behind mid game but recovered and had me all bottled up with a pawn I had ignored too long. He made some darn good moves to finish me off. I was quite impressed.

Left doc a message with an appt request and plan to skip golf today.

May 30 2021

Still cool out there. We did get Jacob to go to church with us. The great Nigerian priest was there and they played the big pipe organ. They prayed for both of us too.

Mary and Jacob went to get some groceries for tacos tonight. We ate good! I spent the day with my leg up and iced. It is feeling better for sure. The prayers and ice helped.

May 29 2021

Cold and cloudy and never over 55. I was up at 6am to take Jacob to work but I did have a rare good sleep. Mary was up so we picked up groceries at Walmart early. Had to go to GE for lunch meat though. It was nasty cold.

We did some more replacing switches and outlets. Got the one with the guide nightlight installed in our bathroom. Trying to do a handful a day. Mary picked up Jacob from work. We were going to have tacos but no cheese or lettuce. We did have some good corn on the cob with burgers.

Carolyn came over and took Jacob to the mall and chatted awhile afterwards. A real mind numbing day!

May 28 2021

Miserable rainy day killed off golf plans. Just as well. Need to rest my ankle. Took Jacob to work at 7 and grabbed another hr sleep when I got back.

Mary helped me install 5 new outlets, all 20a. Those are a bear. Later on I put one of

the guide (night light) outlets in the up bathroom. Also changed out 3 switches in there as well. Those were all 15a and easy replacements.

Picked up Jacob from work. Carolyn took him out for dinner at olive garden and Mary is working on cooking chicken.

Ankle isn't getting any better. May have to see the doc.

May 27 2021

Slept in till 7am ugh! Played Arrowhead with O. Great drives, crisp irons but poor chipping and putting. They have some real nasty greens there. Shot 45-43 but it should have been 42-40. Dang greens in a hilly environment always give me fits.

Mary took Jacob for a haircut and they walked the preserve after that. Had dinner and took him to his group meeting. After that we just had to go for custard at RO.

My ankle is still swollen and I had to limp around the course. Te outside of the shoes rub the ankle so limping eases the rubbing.

Up at 6am again tomorrow and another golf round planned.

May 26 2021

Oops. Missed another day yesterday. We got Jacob settled in. He called Marshals and scheduled work for today. He had missed 2 days in the transition but his boss took him back. This is easier for me as lhop is a long way away compared to Marshals. I took Zander to soccer. Picking him up in Hartville, taking him to Jackson and back took 4 hrs for a 1.5 hr practice. Long day.

Today I was up at 6am and took Jacob to work and Jenna to her school exams. Back to bed for an hr and so. We went to the Y and Andrea took it easy on us. Skipped the elliptical since my ankle is still swollen. Mary's face continues to improve.

Got a haircut after the Y while Mary picked up some groceries. After lunch I picked up Jacob and took him to the dermo man. He had some itchy red spots. They didn't know what it was but ordered some steroid cream for him to use. Another long day. Get to sleep in tomorrow and play golf.

May 24 2021

Mary's face was a little better today but still a bit swollen. NP said looks OK but keep an eye on it. I skipped golf and went along for the ride.

Jacob called for a ride here and a bed. He had been staying in a cheap hotel. Likely stay here till he moves to Kent. He showered, ate, and needed some sleep. Expect to see him later on.

May 23 2021

Mary's face was a little better today but still a bit swollen. I better skip golf and take her to her dr appt tomorrow at 10am. Probably just as well as my ankle is still swollen and sore.

We went to 11 am Mass and dropped off our cardboard. Good service. Wish the grand kids would go. AT lunch we ate at the window but there was no excitement passing by.

We vegged nursing our afflictions all day. Did water some flowers and do some wash.

Watched the horses. My luck there is just as bad as with the lottery tickets. Feel like I am jinxing the poor horses. Singled one favorite that came in 6th. Wow. Scoffed at one 30 to 1 shot. He won. Just that kind of day.

May 22 2021

Mary's face was just a tad more swollen but not bad. Wes took a look and said the same. Thought it might be a bug bite but then she did have a little more on the other side this morning. Very odd. So she chilled today. Did a little laundry but that is all.

I picked up some stuff at Marcs and got her a donut. She helped my make out my list for the new outlets. Ordered all new white and it totaled \$200 with a 15% discount. Instead of a bunch of mismatched outlets switches and covers they will all be white. I turned off the 2 breakers that I found nothing on (#11 and #5). Still see no impact?? Not sure what else to do.

Carolyn stopped to show us Jenna's prom dress. Awesome and she got it for \$20 at the thrift shop! Neighbor Jan called with the latest on the old people that bought our place. Quite a hoot.

First off they had a plumber out to check out that leak. He said she used too much soap in the wash (the drain bubbled up and set off the alarm). Second, they put a for sale sign on the mower and the plumber took it. I am sure it just needed a new belt. So I can cash their check. I called their bluff and it worked out well. They will pay someone \$50 to cut the lawn. Ouch! That is going to be at least \$1500/yr. Wait till they start seeing the weeds in the mulch beds. The lady does love how the yard looks! What she doesn't realize yet is that is too much for 70+ people to keep nice. You can't fix stupid.

Speaking of stupid.....it seemed a little warm so I checked and saw it was 80 and supposed to be cooling? Breaker 11 is the furnace! On a hunch I found breaker 5 was the dish washer. Mystery solved!

May 21 2021

Awesome day in the mid 80s. We played Brookledge and it was in much better shape this time. I shot 42 on the front but 2 were short puts missed. On the back I shot 44 with the same. Two doubles did me in.

Mary woke up with one side of her face swollen. She seemed to notice bumps on that side of her face after dinner yesterday. Nothing odd down in the basement where we worked. She did wear a mask for a long time at Cain's for 90 min when the car was serviced. Nothing changed all day. She has a Monday doctor appt. All I can conjecture is some allergy to the mask. Not sure why it did not go away yet?

May 20 2021

Awesome day in the mid 80s. No lockheed times today? Not sure why. So we got to my basement project of taking out the 2 flourescent lamps and putting in LEDs. The first one went OK and went smooth.

The second was a challenge. For some reason there was an uncovered junction box sitting on top of one of the furnace ducts. I eventually figured out that power came from the breaker and along the wall out to the junction box and then back to the wall to go somewhere else then another line back to the light box and then out of the light

box the other direction where I was going to hang the new light. Pulled all that out and put all the junctions in the existing light box and ran from there to the new light box and out to the other direction. Made for one crowded light box.

Not a fan of those plastic boxes. They don't have cutouts. You push back a spring like plastic and it kind of clamps the wire at the entry but takes up valuable space in the box and makes it difficult to move the wire coming in. With a metal box you can move the wires till you tighten the clamp down and the clamps don't take much space.

The light stuff took 4 hrs. We had lunch, cleaned up the tools and wire cuttings and paid some bills. Took the car in for 10K mile check. That took 90 minutes and we had dinner at Cracker Barrel. The mashed potatoes had a gross black clump in them but the turkey was good. Hope to wake up tomorrow.

May 19 2021

Super good one in mid 80s. We got ready and headed to the Y. Did the elliptical for 25 minutes today. Andrea did a long warm up. I felt I was toast at the end of it but we stuck it out. We were cooked.

We went over and closed the account for the grand kids at Huntington. Was upset at spending all afternoon on the phone with them the other day. They are third rate I say. Went over to Chase to open a savings for the same purpose. That took 2 hrs by the time they talked us into their new credit card. Can't pass up the free \$200 they give you if you use it for \$500 over the first 3 months. 5% cashback on travel if you use their site. I will have to check that out. Plus we each may get it.

While we were there realtor Carol sent me a txt that the new owners don't want the mower cause it doesn't cut. It stopped cutting when he backed it up. The belt was always falling off so I am 90% sure the belt is just off again. These people are in serious trouble if they can't even put the belt back on.

I told Carol to have them pick up their check for the mower (The Realtor office had it) and they can give the mower to our old neighbors Jan and Denny. I am not renting a truck to pick it and take it to the kids to sell. I hope they like forking out 1500 for a new one that the belt stays on. It takes a whole minute or two to loop it over the cylinder.

I am perplexed. We got out because of the yard work and these people are the same age? Maybe they like cutting grass and weeding 10 mulch beds and raking when the grass is thick and picking up leaves in the fall? Takes all kinds I guess.

May 18 2021

Another good one. We got ready and headed to the Y. Did the elliptical for 20 minutes and got my heart rate up to 120 which is about as high as I go with the meds. Been worrying about that. Supposed to get it there at least 3 times a week to maintain the strength and it has been neglected for over a year now although we did some before moving. Bill, you had better get busy!

We got home and had some lunch before heading out to the dentists. A quick stop at the surgeon and he tested the bone then unscrewed the stuff and sent me to the dentist for bridge impressions. She got out her burning probe and Burned away the gum overgrowth that needed to be gone. Gums are very tender there now.

Talked to Denny last night. He said my old septic pump was still running and the

minor leak they had is due to old grouting in the shower. That is a cheap fix. I feel bad but stuff does wear out.

Jacob and his buddy are looking at 3 places Thursday. They likely will need a co-signer. Perhaps his parents and I can split the responsibility? Carolyn can't sign with her refinance on the table. That is being delayed till some judge signs off on it. What a pain.

Radon Test came back at 2.4pCi/L so they suggest you do a 90 day test to get the average. If over 4, something needs done quickly. 2-4 you should do a long term test. They like to see it under 2. I ordered a test on Amazon.

May 17 2021.

Another good one. I felt sorry for Denny and Ken so I broke tradition and played at Chippawa. Dang it, I forgot my hat so I had to buy one there. Had to search thru 50 hats before I found one that did not say Chippawa on it.

Played well the front after a first hole lookup that cost me a double then shot 5 over on the front. Pretty short nine as the sr tees were mostly up. Bad start on the back with a double then settled down. Went 7 4 6 on amen corner with 2 3 putts. 5 over on those 3 aint bad. Scored 45 on the back for an 85 and a net 70. Not even close to Denny's net 63 and Ken's 68.

Got home and put up my flag holder and my 1812 flag. Got a call from realtor Carol. The new owners showered downstairs and the alarm went off. They thought it was a drain problem with the drain leaking into the laundry room. Sounded to me like the lift pump went out on the new owners. Those things only last a couple of years. I had left a paragraph on the sump alarm and what to do but I guess they never read it. I called Jan and had Denny go over to help. Talked to him about how it works and he was going to check the lift pump. No word as of yet.

Grandson Jacob was planing on moving to Kent June 1 but the person that was to sublet to him stayed so that fell through. His buddy is going to share a place with him and they are looking for a place. He might have to move out of his dad's so I said he could stay here 2 weeks if need be. Still waiting to hear on that as well.

May 16 2021

Another good one. We went to Mass at 11am but I was disappointed there was only 1 organ song. Good sermon though.

From there we picked up some boxes and lamp sockets for the basement. I will use those to get rid of the 2 fixtures with Ftubes. Got me a flag hanger for the front porch and the last 4 Leds I needed. They didn't have the hall fixture I wanted so we went over to Lowes. Found two the same and got an 11" for up and a 14" for down halls. They really light up the place! LED lighting is complete! Everything is changed over except the 2 bedroom touch lamps and the kitchen spots.

Hanging them was a pain. The boxes were both at the top of the ceiling drywall and not flush. The down hall had a piece to drop the screws to the ceiling level for the fixture that was there but not use able for the new one. I was able to adjust the lock nut on the mounting lower so more of the mounting cylinder was below ceiling level and that worked.

The up hall new fixture did not have a long enough cylinder to adjust the extension however. The old fixture had the mounting cross bar hanging on long screws. The bar just pushed up when I tried to mount the lamp so I had to put a piece of plastic across the box so that it wouldn't push up into the box. I used an old box cover and broke off a piece of plastic to use. Worked like a charm!

All afternoon to put in 2 fixtures because the boxes were not flush with the ceiling. I guess its par for the course.

May 15 2021

Great day. We had a \$10 welcome gift so we went to Buehlers over by Wales. Fantastic store. Great bakery, Boars Head deli meats, and they put your groceries into your trunk at a pickup station. We planted the mother's day miniature roses out back after that.

I watched the races at Pimlico and broke even on the early races. At 2pm we went and walked the Tam o Shanter Hills front nine. We walked it backwards and that was a workout. A little over a mile for the loop. It was kind of sad. Showed Mary the shelter we hid in during the infamous storm.

Whipped for the day, we got back and had some Sahlens hot dogs with Ted's Hot Sauce. Teds Teds Teds!

May 14 2021

Another nice one. We played Sanctuary and I played great with the exception of my 8 on number 7. The good play got to me as I looked up twice to see how good the shot was going to be, dribbling the first and then the second which jumped into the creek. Posted an 8 and a 5 over 40 on the front. Almost aced # 2 with a gimme putt.

The putts were not going in on the back but I scored a 6 over 42. Drove the par 4 (tees were up to 200 across the waste area) and lipped out my eagle putt. Great day!

Put in some more LED bulbs when I got home. Mary cooked up an outstanding meal of cod, cabbage salad and macaroni salad for dinner. Best meal since we got here.

May 13 2021

Nice day. Started at 35 but they said it would warm and it did. Played in shorts for the first time. I had hoped for a better round but those dang greens at Turkeyfoot suck. You won't catch me scheduling there. I three putted 6 greens and 4 putted one to shoot 89. On the plus side I eagled #4. Quite a surprise. Nice drive followed by a 4 iron running to within 50 yards. Lob wedge ran up and dropped! Tough par 5 too. Good thing it went in or I could have 3 jacked another one.

On one hole there were 3 of us about 6 feet away. I watched the other 2 baby it to the hole to see it keep on a rolling 5 foot past. So I gave mine a light touch too and ended up farther past than them.

Mary tried the new salon and loved it. Her hair looks nice. My LEDs came and I got most of them installed. Need 3 more small bulbs but I will wait till I investigate 2 overheads before making another order so I can get them all done. I was pleasantly surprised that the living room fan is LED.

May 12 2021

Finally a decent but chilly day. We went to the Y at 9am, put our cardboard in recycle, and got beat up by Andrea's 15 minutes of ab work. Did the elliptical as well. The first 5 minutes were tough, then easier. Picked up my car at Wes'. Good timing. I can golf tomorrow and Mary can get her hair done. Meanwhile little boy 2 was carried away in pieces in the dumpster.

Had Mary call Huntington to change address and that was a mistake. She ended up talking to the worst call center ever. They had a 30 min callback delay and hung up on her. She called again and ditto. I was HOT and Mary was totally frustrated. I called and got a 40 min call back. Took all afternoon.

The "customer support" line was a hoot (or hoax). She explained none of them can call out and when the call is interrupted, all the info about the call disappears from their screen and the next call is thrown to them. After much discussion, their security process requires them to txt you a code to verify. Since you can't txt to our house phone and our old number is changed, they can't tell it is really the owner so they can't change anything. All afternoon for that. I said Goodbye Huntington, you are just too much baggage. We will dump them and move the money elsewhere. Rough day.

May 11 2021

We did it. Back to the Y. Jenny was happy to see us back and so were another couple that go to her class. The place was just as full as it ever was so I guess the pandemic is over? She beat us up good. Thanks to all our moving exercise we did pretty good!

Got a lot of other stuff done too. Picked up prescriptions, went to the bank, mailed my radon test in, Mary got a hair appt local, I sent in for homestead exemption, busted up little boy 2 and loaded most of it into the dumpster.

Second quote for the dryer vent was also \$550? Price fixing I say. Going to the Y tomorrow as well. We will go earlier and get some elliptical time in. I was too tired after Jenny's class to jump on one today.

May 10 2021

The stinking rain finally stopped last night and we had a bright sunny but cold day. I installed 2 USB outlets and then we hung more pictures here and there. Mary went to Red hats for the first time in over a year and I continued on.

Hung some in the loft and bathroom. Unpacked my gators and birds and placed them here and there. Each had it's own idea of where it wanted to call home. I pretty much let them choose for themselves.

Looked into the dryer vent. I found a hardware store that carries the stuff. Got to see if Wes will help, then I will buy the parts. Not having any luck getting anyone interested in such a small job. Dryer Vent Wizard guy proposed \$550 but that is just nuts. I figure \$100 in parts. Everyone wants big \$\$\$s to do anything whether it is reasonable or not.

Gathered all my tools and put them away, except for the outlet work planned. More LEDs were shipped and might get here before the weekend. Time to start focusing on golf and exercise and not moving stuff. Oh yeah, got an alert that my wire transfer happened. I own only 1 property as of today.

May 9 2021

Stinking rain and stinking cold all day. I went to church once again and the walls did

not fall. We got wet going in and out. I asked the Permanent Deacon about the organ and if it is ever played. He said yes and talked on and on about it and other things. A real talker. I went over to the pianist and asked her when she would next play it. She said next week at 830 and 11 mass. I am looking forward to it. It is a whole wall of some monster pipes.

We got back and straightened up as Carolyn and Jenna were going to stop by. She helped me with some breaker mapping then had to run off for some reason. The good news is I found all the basement lights are on the same breaker, so it shouldn't be too hard to put them all on the same switch. I was surprised none of the breakers stopped the fireplace. I checked with Mel and he told me a thermocouple provides the power to switch the fireplace on and off.

Some of my LEDs were delivered today (due yesterday), so I installed them. Supposed to golf tomorrow but Sanctuary has to be underwater with all the stinking rain I got.

May 8 2021

More rain this morning. I ran over and put 2 prescriptions in at Drug Mart as it is just around the corner. New hire was clueless what to do with a CVS prescription and a Giant Eagle one. She had to ask the other lady a question about everything. I even had to suggest she take down my address and phone number.

We headed over to sit with Lincoln while the other 2 played soccer. We took L to HH and then to the Market Place for lunch.

He liked the pizza. We played some more and then went to Diamond fields. Wow. Ten Fields, hundreds of kids, and hundreds of cars. We left to beat the rush and more were coming in for more games.

Got home by 6pm after an ice cream dinner.

May 7 2021

Rained all night but cleared at tee time. Mayfair was soaking wet. You had to get it just right off the fairway or it was a chunk or blade. Everyone struggled with that. Best to hit it in the rough where you could get a bit more grass. I did well, but they did have a lot of the tees up.

A bogey free 42 on the front. Almost aced #11. Ended up 12 " away. Had to just miss the pin going by. Doubled the last to shoot 41 on the backside. Missed about 4 make able putts on the back or I could have been somebody. Bill shot 93, Mel 98, and Denny a 101. After the round he went to 7 hills to pick up his wedge from last Friday.

We went to Acme to pick up a few items. The place is a disaster. We waited several minutes at the deli with no one in sight. There were no prices on any of the items either. Hardly anyone else manning the store except at the registers where there were plenty of clerks there. Pizza still 7.29? That is just nuts. Goodbye Acme. Two strikes was enough for me.

May 6 2021

We went and signed all the papers at 9am. Buyers supposed to sign today as well. Closing is going to be Monday or Tuesday when some cash settles on the buyers side except de. In the meantime, I allowed them to use the garage. We stopped and got a donut at the corner on the way home.

Next up was the loft. We unboxed the books and put them on the shelves. I have SC books, founding fathers books, 1812 books, Florida stuff, and Trump books. Then moved the old computer stuff in place. Still need to unleash the gators and shore birds up there.

After that we rearranged the basement. Started by setting up the modem and phone. The coax f/f let me run a longer cable to the middle of the east wall so I could use the plug there for the modem. Piece of cake. Then moved the stuff on the shelves around so I could find stuff. Just about all done down there except for the cleaning stuff. Should finish that over the weekend.

We have been looking for the kitchen set to show up at the door but nothing as of dinnertime.

May 5 2021

Third crappy day in a row! We went to the house to wait for the Habitat guys to pick up the couch. I headed to the barber but they called and said they would be there in 25 minutes, so I left (I was 3d in line) and we packed up everything. They got the couch, Wes got his old posters out from under the stairs and Mary dropped me off for the haircut. Now I was the 5th in line.

We ate at Grinders and came home to start assembling the 6 drawer cabinet on rollers for junk storage. Pencils, pens, flashlights, keys, markers, tape and all that stuff. Took till 4pm to assemble the 6 and housing using 58 screws and 20 nails. Thank God for my battery operated screwdriver! The thing is real wood and looks great. \$91 unit to hold pencils papers and all that crap seems silly but there are limited options in this smaller living space. We have plenty of living space here, but we got too much stuff.

Warning to all: start reducing your stuff before it is too late!

May 4 2021

Rained again today. We started to take out the 2nd toilet when Sue and Ed made it here from PA. Ed helped pull the toilet and take it down to the garage. We saw the shutoff valve was toast so we added it to the shopping list.

The same toilet we bought at HD was \$40 higher today so I looked at Lowes and they had the same Kohler toilet but with a different name for Lowes. That one was on sale so I got it there. Never anyone to talk to there that knows anything, so we ended up with the wrong connect. Ed went back and returned it as I waited for the HVAC guy to check out my dryer vent issue.

We tried twice to get the leak stopped at the shutoff valve, so I said lets go eat, I will buy a shark valve and put it in later. We ate at Bob Evans, now designated as the toilet worker eatery. They stopped at RO s for the hot fudge and raved about it. It is awesome!

We picked up the shark bite shut off and some items for the internet connect in the basement and returned home. Shark bite did the trick and the toilet wrapped up a long day around 4pm.

May 3 2021

Rained out again today. An all day rain and it looks like more to come over the next 2 weeks. Just as well. Got a lot done. First, dropped off HOA fees at the Lawrence office.

Waze could not find it – several addresses in the same building threw it off. Got back and rearranged the garage so the car doors had more room to open. Went through and tabulated what LED were needed to get rid of the incandescent. One popped off before we got to it. Ceiling light way up over the fireplace. Put in a LED and will never have to replace that again!

Amazon brought my shower suction grab bars. One was defective so they just credited the account and did not want the one returned. Guess they did not want to send it back to China.

Called Kimble to stop the trash. They credited it to Wes account since they don't do refunds.

Also called Spectrum and got the phone working. I certainly was not thinking properly with all that is going on (my excuse). I was thinking of trying to use the phone outlets to tap the modem into. Light bulb went off yesterday that all I had to do is plug the base station into the router and that would allow the other 2 phones to be put anywhere, duh. Spectrum had not finished transferring the router to the new account. So they did that and actually let me know what my new phone number is.

Note to self. If calling about the internet on the cell, turn off the wifi cell use. If you allow it to use wifi the call is interrupted when the wifi either turns on or off. That messed me up a couple of times talking to them.

On top of all that I had to mediate disputes between Jacob and Carolyn half the afternoon. One day at a time.

May 2 2021

We decided to just chill today. Mary cooked oatmeal and we vegged till I took her to St Michaels for 11 am mass. It was a very nice church and mass. I figured there were 200 people there. All had masks. Every other row was empty and the other rows were sparse. I figure they could easily fit 2000 in there. The priest was Nigerian. We stopped to say hello and that Mary was new there. I did register her for the parish, set up the monthly donation, and stopped the one at Little Flower.

Wes brought the kids over after church and brought donuts for lunch. We had a good time playing with them. Wes left for an hour to shop. When he got back he helped put up the big mirror over the fireplace. His car was leaking coolant so I lent him mine till it is fixed. Should not be a problem.

When we got back from dropping off my car, we walked the development for the first time. Stopped to talk to an elderly guy with poor hearing with a toilet out front. Told him I broke it up and am getting rid of it in pieces. He never thought of that. My good deed for today.

May 1 2021

Looks like I forgot to post yesterday. Not surprised. Had a sleep;ess night but went to play golf anyway. Had to come back in for my keys. Then a couple blocks away knew I had forgotten my wallet. Then a mile away I had to stop and check to see if I had my clubs in the trunk. I did. We got in 7 before the rain stated. Hustled through the last 2. I think I 3 putted the last 6 holes. No sleep and golf do not go well. Barber was they could easily fit 2000 in there closed again so I headed home for a shower and an hour back in bed. Turned in early as well.

Today was busy. We got to the old house at 9am and I painted the laundry area under the shelves. We then gave all the rugs a vacuuming, all the floors a sweeping, and all the shelves a wipedown. Turned the fridge back on and put the couch base back on in the garage (we had to take it off to get it out the sliders). Mowed as well. Grass was very long. Packed up the car and stopped to pick up Jenna. Her and Jacob were feuding again. My God when will they grow up?

She hung out till her GF picked her up to go shopping. She helped Mary plant some Iris we snagged from the old house. Liked the new place. We watched the Derby and vegged the rest of the day.

April 29 2021

Week 1 wrapped up here. Today I turned down the water heater. The water was smoking hot. It was set to B. I moved it down past A to the arrow where the tank said to start from. We will see how that setting goes.

Shopped online most of the morning. Ordered a small table for the kitchen breakfast nook. Ordered suction grab bars for both showers. Lastly, a rolling drawer unit to hide junk in. The old junk drawers (we had 2) will be expanded.

Mid afternoon we made an excursion to Hartville. Dang barber was closed for an unknown reason. We deposited a check, picked up groceries, had keys made, picked up some wall anchors, dropped some stuff at the house and scurried home. Carolyn stopped in and we loaded her up with our extra sump pump, stuff for Jacob, some curtains, an iron, and some dishes. Passed 4 pillows to our neighbor who works for an agency that sets up apartments for the homeless.

Mucho progress today, golf tomorrow.

April 28 2021

This morning we went through all the boxes in the loft and sorted things out. We made up the bedding in the guest bedroom then hung all the pictures associated with mom and dad. Dad's side had his flag, a few patriotic wall hangings and one hanging of Mary's mom and dad memorial.

Mom's side included 2 of her paintings, a bird hanging and a needlepoint she made. On the third wall we put the painting of mom and dad along with a photo of us 4 kids. The bedspread is one of Mary's sister Ginny's quilt creation. Looks real nice now that everything is in it's place. Brings back lots of memories.

Sorted out some stuff for Jacob, for giveaway, and for the trash. Saved all the computer stuff to do up there for another day. I did get the garage organized so I could park my car in the garage. Unfortunately a lot of the stuff was for the basement, so I had to carry them down. Five trips down and up 12 stairs. Ouch!

By some miracle and fast talking, I convinced Habitat for Humanity to come and pick up my couch next Wednesday. They did not want to come for just one item so I threw in the pillows and 2 lamps. They were also scheduled out 2 weeks so I had to beg. I sent pictures and thank God it was so nice else I would have been out of luck. I had checked the Salvation Army but their online scheduler had it out to May 18! You can't beg an internet link. I was getting desperate but got lucky. Note to self, allow 3 weeks for pickup of donated items.

April 27 2021

We thought about going to the Y but quickly dismissed that with all we have to do. Besides that both my hands are hurting. Hard to even lift the coffee pot.

We finished installing the 5 smoke detectors and put in the 2nd CO detector. Need a third. Carolyn saved me \$50 by using her HH discount so it only cost me \$105. That included 2 hand held shower heads, We out up one and will see if we like it.

Next we rearranged the kitchen cabinets and put a pile of stuff to donate on the floor. It's easier to find stuff now as it mimics the old kitchen set up as much as possible. We headed out to pick up a back up lamp for my car and set of deep metric sockets to get to the nasty 12mm and 10mm bolts. Got that taken care of and fixed my lights.

After dinner, neighbor Laura stopped by and said if we had extra trash we could use her dumpster.

April 26 2021

Played pitiful at Seven Hills today. Started out on fire. After a drive into the trees and a chip out that hit a tree and went backward, I saved bogey with a one putt. Almost birdied the next 2, then things fell apart. One over after 3, I finished the front 13 over at 49 then added a 45 on the back with a little improvement.

Mary took Jacob to a job interview at the strip and he got a stocking job at Marshals. Then he mowed. Picked up a brake light bulb and tried to get it off. Needed deep socket to take off two nuts but both were different sizes. Had to go to Autozone where we found out one was a 12mm and the other a 10mm.

After the guy changed it for me, I was checking it out at home and saw I have 1 backup light out too. Same deal there. Got to look for my metric sockets. Damn! I know I have both sizes but unlikely I have them in a deep socket. Maybe Harbor Freight? Just around the corner.

April 25 2021

Made more progress today. We moved the living room recliners into place and tables with lamps. Proceeded to empty or move out the packed boxes and pictures. Installed one smoke and CO detector in the hallway. Carolyn stopped in for 1/2 hr when she brought me the detectors.

Was going to hang the big mirror but I need some wall anchors. We moved some extra bowls down to storage to free up cabinet space.

Taking a day off for golf tomorrow then back to unpacking the day after.

April 24 2021

Oops. Missed yesterday. It was another long day. I bought breakfast at Bob Evans on Everhard before we headed to HD. Catherine went over to HD and loaded up a new big boy toilet for me and headed back home. Took most of the day to install it. No directions just pictures. I was not observant enough so I used the wrong bolts to try and bolt it to the floor. Messed up one bolt so we had to head to HH and get one. After that miss step it went well. Later on we got the bedroom furniture aligned better.

Today we finished the boxes in the closet and got all the clothes hung. It is calling for at least one large organizer package, perhaps two. I checked all the smoke detectors

and CO detectors and not one worked. Tossed them all. We made another trip to HH to photo the stuff we wanted and sent Carolyn a text to buy them with her discount. Hope she saved us lots of money cause the stuff was priced at \$150.

Old neighbor Jan stopped in and I gave her 20+ boxes. We emptied another 8 from the bedroom closet. After dinner, we figured out the washer and dryer. Both are pretty high end stuff. Kind of weird for the one previous owner to have as both do huge loads. Mary can hardly reach the bottom of the washer.

Its 930pm and I can still see 6 boxes in the living room to go. Suspect there are 15 more in the loft to sort through. Closet space? I have 75 linear inches of the single closet space, Mary has 150.

April 22 2021

Move is over. Exhausted. Thanks to all the family for their help. We are truly blessed. Carolyn, Jacob, Wes, Catherine, Sue, and Ed; Thank You from the bottom of our hearts!

April 21 2021

We were up at 730 and had breakfast. We loaded both cars with dresser drawers and took them all over to the condo. We got a lot of boxes emptied and packed the bathrooms and closets.

The boxes not unpacked were moved to spots that would not interfere with the movers tomorrow. We then measured to 2 bedrooms so I could plan the layout later in the day. We had some meat and cheese sticks for lunch then we headed over to Acme for groceries.

Not sure how much shopping we will do there. The Pizza we get at GE for 5.50 was 7.29 on a sign. Big difference! Their prices need to be scrutinized. Not impressed with their bakery either. Did not see any fresh bread there I would want to buy. Very big store but it looks pricey.

Left for here at 2:30 and continued packing up the kitchen and bathroom stuff. We finished at 7:30. Mary and Catherine went and got some color code post its to sort out where things are going. Yet another long day!

Tonight is the final night we sleep here. Tomorrow is the move Grand Finale.

April 20 2021

Sue Ed and Catherine made it here at 9am. We loaded up Ed's trailer and took over 1 load to Carolyn's. Jenna was happy to see her new bed. I sang happy early Bday (July 1). We took load 2 to Wes' then headed to the condo to meet up with the ladies just around lunch time.

After lunch Ed/ I unpacked all the toys in the basement. We also put the holiday stuff in the crawl space. Also started packing 2 shelving units with kitchen overflow. We put a big dent in the box unpacking activities. We headed back around 3pm. I had a quick sandwich and got ready to take Z to soccer practice. Dang if it wasn't right across from the new Ryan Condos we had looked at.

Got back at 8:30pm. Long day.

April 19 2021

Easy day compared to yesterday but still whipped. We loaded the kitchen into boxes early on. I guessed 10 but it took 14, I started loading the truck while Mary picked up Jacob to help. Garage stuff and kitchen boxes. Finished with his help and we headed to the condo. Emptied it quickly, returned the truck, and got him .back here to mow before it SNOWS Wednesday morning.

More snow? That stinks.

Sue/Ed/Catherine will come tomorrow. Ed is hauling his trailer. We will move stuff to Carolyn's and Wes' then join the ladies at the condo. I hope they can help unpack and get the kitchen up and running. They will take back a desk and anything else I can talk them into. Should be another busy day.

April 18 2021

Whipped. One word describes it. We went to pick up the 10 ft truck at 9am and got back here at 9:30. Great truck. Clean, powerful, and comfortable.

We ended up doing 3 loads. The first was laundry room and kitchen stuff. Load 2 was toys, st was grill, outdoor stuff, ladders, kids riding toys, etc. Zander joined in and enjoyed exploring the house and storage area.

Eight hours of hard labor for Wes, Carolyn, Jacob, Mary, and I. We are so lucky to have them by our side.

April 17 2021

Surprised; at 9:30 the realtor brought us the key. We loaded up our cleaning stuff and went over to clean. The place was in great shape. We wiped down the kitchen and I vacuumed. Got a locksmith to change the locks while we were there.

Mel and Joann came over to see the place. They thought it was a good place and liked the quality stuff there. Joann was all for new furniture. No surprise there. We wrapped up and came home.

Wes brought the kids over to metal detect and play. Zander found 2 of the 9 pennies. He lost interest pretty quick. The kids played awhile, we made pizza, and they headed home around 7:30.

April 16 2021

Was supposed to be clear but there was a fine mist undetected by radar when we teed off at Tannenhauf. A bit later the mist was heavy and unpleasant in 40 degree temps. We were about to quit when it stopped. We pressed on and I scored 42 on the front. Started to falter with 2 doubles on the back but then came back and parred 3 of the last 4. totaling my usual 86. We played in 3 hrs. Denny scored 96 and Bill 105 in one of his shank fest rounds.

Took a shower to warm up. Mary took the kiddos to soccer practice at Lake stadium with Kaetchen as Wes had brake issues.

April 15 2021

Where did the warm weather go? We did the bills for April today. Then packed some of the wall hangings up. We had forgotten about those. Carolyn stopped by at lunchtime. I had the mower battery out so she could take it in and get her discount for new one at HH. The old one was slipping. It would hold a charge but did not seem to have much cranking power anymore. Since the new buyer is going to buy it off me, I didn't want to start him out with a crappy battery.

I sat down and wrote him a maintenance note on all the appliances and what to keep an eye on. I will put it in the book with all the manuals. I suppose he won't see it till he has an issue and takes a look for the manual. The most important notes are about not getting hammered by a lift pump failure. Wish someone had warned me about that.

I really don't know who is buying the place. Since they are buying my mower, I suspect they are new to all the pitfalls of having a septic. Who knows?

Mel bailed on golf. John bailed yesterday. I believe Bill will tough out the cold and Denny is keen to play. We shall see tomorrow.

April 14 2021

Weird night. Woke up climbing every mountain and fording every stream? Why was that lyric bugging me? Figured it was from grade school music. I asked buddy Steve if he remembered who the music teacher was. He immediately said Mrs. Miller our 7th grade home room teacher. Without prompting he asked "Don't you remember she always made us sing climb every mountain." He sure has a good memory. He seems to remember everything from back in the day.

We packed up some more boxes from our bedroom and after lunch I picked up Jacob to mow before the rain tomorrow. Neighbor Pete just got his mower back so Jacob used it. Very nice Club Cadet with zero turnaround. I was whipped for some reason so Mary took him home. She dropped off some e waste in Greentown on the way.

Carolyn stopped over after work. I looked at her loan paperwork and made a couple of suggestions. Her divorce was final on my birthday (what an honor). Now she is cashing out the equity, giving Don his half and getting the loan for the house in her name. She will be on a tight budget for a long time.

April 13 2021

Played with the Lockheed guys at Mayfair today. 4 straight bogies then 4 pars before a bogey at 9 for 40 on the front. Bogey birdie start on the back before a serious fade to score 45 on the back. Hit some nice shots but kind of ran out of gas at the end.

Hustled home and set up the truck for Thursday and got 2 people for 4 hrs. Off to get rid of our hazardous waste and drop a couple items at the Habitat Restore.

We stopped at Rocknes at 3 for dinner and there were only 6 or so tables in use. Last stop was HD to pick up some shelving for the new place.

April 12 2021

Dang! Golf rained out today. Called and set up sewer, water, gas, and electric bills for new place starting 4/17. That took about 1/2 hr. Then on to the internet with Spectrum. That took a full hr. Reserved the small truck for next Sunday and Monday to move boxes. Will likely miss golf all that week.

Tried 2 pick 4s today. On each some long shot won the first race so there wasn't much excitement. Same at Oaklawn the other day. First race lost in a photo, then had the next 4. Close but no cigar.

Hope to play with the Lockheed guys tomorrow.

April 11 2021

Cooked eggs this am. After a couple of coffees, we took apart and packed the up guest room. That took most of the morning.

After lunch we picked up a few groceries to get us thru the next 2 weeks, then watched the golf. Quit watching when it was obvious who was going to win. Ended up only by 1 when it had been 5 when I shut it off.

Around dinner time, I loaded up my car and we took the bed frame, the bedding, and 2 tables over to Carolyn's Looks like my golf tomorrow will be rained out, so that is a bummer. I will have to figure out something useful to do.

April 10 2021

Ugh. Miserable evening last night. We had leftovers from Easter. Mary was OK, but I had major bathroom visitations. Went to bed early and it was a rough night. Got some sleep later so I was OK today.

Got an email from Carol early. The Appraiser asked for dates for the upgrades. I had that out when he was here but he must not have seen it. Amazing all the work done after 2014.

We got the rest of the sewing room packing done and lined up for transport. A small truckload for sure. After that we bundled up the antique bed rails and slats I had stored in the laundry room rafters. Also got down some items for Habitat. They are over by the hazardous waste so we will take them with us Tuesday. I got that stuff out to the garage for next week.

Called Jacob to do our and Pete's lawns before the rain. He mowed for 2+ hours before Carolyn picked him up at 5pm. We played some horseshoes while we waited.

April 9 2021

Title company was here bright and early to have me sign at least 50 times. After that we got the down guest room taken apart, packed, and ready.

After lunch we packed up the kids toys, some jackets, and some bedding. Took some jackets for donations along with some luggage, sleeping bags and such to Hartville. Also some recyclables to the Lake recycle. First time I saw them checking IDs there. Saw one truck leave with his load. Must be from Summitt County?

The other title company did a mini survey of the property. Still looks like 2 loads with the big truck and at least 4 of boxes. Got to wait and see how Jacob is doing before finalizing my plans.

April 8 2021

Have not heard what Jacob's doctor had to say. Carolyn reports he is OK but no details as of yet.

We straightened up for the appraisal then went to our condo walk thru. Went at 2pm to the bank to wire my deposit in for closing tomorrow. Turns out my license expired yesterday so Mary signed. Went home and picked up my passport and headed to the DMV. Those people were hustling!

Dinner was a DQ blizzard and then we needed tea to warm up.

April 7 2021

Oops. Missed yesterday. Yesterday we went to Hartville Kitchen with Mary's sister. They headed back to Buffalo around dinnertime. The kiddo's and Carolyn stopped in to say hello before they left.

Today I took some papers in to the title company for the house sale then picked up Jacob to mow. He has been having pains in his side so I took him into the doctor. The doctor sent him right in for a CT scan so I took him there. The doctor should read it tonight and suggest the next steps for him. Sounded like a gall bladder problem but it was too low. Doctor suspects appendix or pancreas issues.

Tomorrow we do a condo walk through while the new title company does an appraisal. Supposed to wire money as well but no instructions as of yet?

Happy 73d for me today.

April 5 2021

We played Fox Den this morning; Denny, Houle, and I. I had a 6 over front at 41, On the back, I hit the ball much better, but missed 6 make able putts, 3 of them were 2 footers for a 45. Arrg! We played in 3 hrs.

Got home before Mary's Texas sister and husband got here on a one day trip from Buffalo. Cooked some dogs and visited. Carolyn stopped by after work and Kaetchen brought the kids over for 45 minutes. Good times.

April 4 2021

Mary streamed mass at 9am and then we went to Sue's. She had ham and it was very good. We brought some food home. Long day but not much to report.

Catherine sent us home with the usual candy and a basket for the kiddos.

April 3 2021

Carol came over at noon and showed us the 4 offers, all over asking. The best one was \$230K and all inspections waived! It had an escalation clause that wasn't needed but they were prepared to go another \$10K!

Great day, eh?

April 2 2021

We got out of the house by 10:30 today. We went to north on Canton Rd to Wayside to look at couches. Then south to Wagoners to pick up my big bunnies for the grand kids and other goodies, and then north again to Wes to drop them off. We hung there for 2 hrs then off to Carolyn's at 3:30 to bring them dinner and do puzzles.

We got home at 8pm whipped. Carol called and said everyone loved the house but those with young kids needed all 3 bedrooms on the same floor. She sad she expected

3 offers (out of 16) but she hasn't seen one yet. That was a downer. She did text later that the first offer was a good one, significantly over my asking price. I should sleep well tonight. All the hard work may indeed pay off.

April 1 2021

We got out of the house by 8:30 and went to the Frontier for breakfast. Picked up a couple of items at HH and Marcs and then spent till 330 at Wes' playing with the kids. Dang snow covered my pretty mulch.

We went to Northfield and spent 2+ hrs and only lost about \$50. Dang good I say! Us 2 tired people headed home after a long day. Got to get out by 10:30 tomorrow.

Realtor said the first 2 were writing offers, but that was the last I heard. Doesn't sound promising. I think she would have let me know if there was a good one on the table.

March 31 2021

Too pooped. I picked up Jacob at 9:15 to paint the garage stairs and behind the softener. Good thing cause all hell has broken loose. The realtor put us online at 7am this morning. By the end of the day, we had a full schedule of 9 viewings tomorrow and 8 more on Friday. For the next 2 days we will be partially homeless.

I got Jacob home and Kalix came to cook with Mary. She did meatloaf, broccoli soup, and a cake. That took from 3-6 and Wes was here picking her up till 7. Mary spent from 7-9:30 cleaning the kitchen and I finished up downstairs. We are totally whipped. In between the realtor stopped in and brought all this stuff to put on the table.

March 30 2021

Finally a day of rest. Nice day in the 70s as it turns cold again for the rest of the week. We spent a few hours this morning getting ready for listing pictures. Realtor Carol was here at 11 and we signed papers and she took pictures before leaving sometime after 2pm.

When she left, the for sale sign went in out front. Got the photo of the gas company meter repair at the new place, so we are happy campers.

I plan to have Jacob help me with painting tomorrow as Mary spends quality time and cooks with Kalix. Hope to get both coats in and be done with it. My hands sure need the rest. Arthritis is catching up with me.

March 29 2021

Oops. What happened to Sunday? We cleaned all the floors in the house and polished the wood like floors. Then I cleaned and painted half the laundry floor. Two coats.

Today, I cleaned and painted the other half but there is a small corner near the water softener left to do. Wes and the kids came over for a bike ride around the neighborhood. Zander rides real good. Lincoln is using training wheels. Kalix is riding OK but has trouble starting and stopping. They played inside for awhile before leaving at 2pm.

Realtor said the gas company is going to take care of the meter issue at the new house. That is a relief.

March 27 2021

Nice day. A bit on the chilly side but good for mulching. Mary and I started at 8:45 and did the back bed by the septic then the bed to the front south corner . We started dropping mulch into the iris areas to get a little rest in.

Jacob came over around 11 and Wes a little bit later. Those two did the main work and we finished up around 1:30. Jacob finished the mowing and we dropped him off at home and headed for Handels for a hot fudge sundae for dinner.

We were plum worn out. Rested mostly. Mary streamed church and I was planning the move. Spent an hour or so figuring out how to get the green monster couch out. I figure both sliders must come out for safe transit down the deck stairs. That thing is a monster.

Tinkering around with the love seat, I found the whole bottom frame can be unscrewed reducing the height to 30 inches which would fit through a doorway.

March 26 2021

Nasty winds and cool down today. Had to pick up some garbage from the can that was knocked over. Went to HH and picked up some silicon sealer for the kitchen counter to back splash sealing. Took only 10 minutes to do.

The kids came over to fly kites but the winds died down to much. Where is the wind when you need it? They climbed the mulch pile for a half hour then headed home.

We went over to Kalix's 8th bday party. She got some awesome gifts. Ours was a kids cooking club. She will come over Wednesday to do 2 recipes with Mary.

Condo issue still looms. The HOA said the gas company doesn't want someone else messing with their meter. The seller is going to meet with the gas company Monday somewhere between 12 and 4pm. I told Carol to tell the seller to get it fixed or put it back on the market and we will start over.

March 25 2021

Busy busy day. We started at 8am putting the living room back together after the rug cleaning yesterday. We staged it and took photos. Same for the kitchen and both up bedrooms. That took almost to lunch! I was shocked at how long it took.

After lunch we did the same for the downstairs rooms. Then last was the laundry room. We tossed a bunch of stuff and then went to Big Lots for some shelf storage bins and to drop off some items at Gentlebrook. Finished up the laundry room and we were done. Phew! What a day.

Tomorrow the mulch comes for spreading on Saturday. It's Kalix bday too so that should be fun.

March 24 2021

I went to pick up Jacob at 9am to finish painting the garage. He was on a tear! I did some edging and then switched to the door and window trim. Before I knew it we were done painting. Then we put back up the shelves, put all the stuff back into the garage. Carolyn joined us for lunch again.

We loaded up all Wes' stuff into my car and took it over there. Said hi to the kiddos and took Jacob home.

Mary kept an eye on the Stanley Steamer guys. This is the second time we had them over. Not impressed. The stairs did not clean very well. May try Wes' shampoo unit.

March 23 2021

Wasted. Mary and I started clearing the garage for painting at 8am sharp. It all went out back or out front as the first order of business. Then we got the shop vac and brushed all the walls and ledges down to remove web and dirt and mud dust. That took quite awhile. Then we hosed it all out onto the driveway and to the side. That is the planning that kept me awake all night.

Then I started painting with the dark cover primer but you could see 2 coats would be needed anyway. Mary went to pick up Jacob at 11 and he did the roller while I edged. By the time we emptied one gallon we figured we needed a total of 3+ for the 2 coats.

We wrote it all down at lunch after checking they had 3 at the Arlington store. The Dufus that helped her couldn't find it so he mixed gray into their multi purpose primer. I was ticked so she returned them and came back empty handed. I know damn well they are there because I took the two cans from the front of the shelf and the others were set back where you could not see them. Guess he is one not smart enough to believe in their inventory system.

I went and got them at the portage store later. Just as well as I was wasted already. We did finish the first coat and did more edging, so we will finish tomorrow. We will do the door and window trim and paint the door to the laundry room as well tomorrow. After that we will restock the garage and get it ready for viewing. Carpet and stairway is set to be cleaned as well.

BTW, I split the pencil of the week chronicles up into smaller files and 1 through 4 are now posted.

March 22 2021

We sort of played Brookledge today. Played the back nine first. They had done something to the greens and they were nasty fast. Not only that they had the pins in impossible spots. Five foot putts were going 5 to 10 foot by. It was just crazy. Mel putted so bad he was good! I was hitting good shots just off the green and I shot 45. Zero pars on the front.

Greens on the back were fast but more normal. I was tired by then and trying to compensate for my sore wrists from weeding the last 2 days and had nothing left scoring 49 on the back. Thank God for the birdie putt I made!

Bill and I had 94, Denny 95, John 96 and Mel 104.

Jeff finished the garage and Mary wrote him a check. Figuring their hours I ended up paying \$45/hr. He came in at the number we agreed to but they only put in 31 hours and not the 40 he told me. Somewhat irritated but thankful it is done.

March 21 2021

The beat goes on. We got started weeding at 930. I used the shovel to edge all the beds so the rescue crew would know where to weed. We did the bed in the back and the rest around the house by 11. Carolyn and Jacob got over around 1130 so we let them finish the remaining 5 areas. We were finished around 1pm.

Decided to pick up grinders for an early diner around 230pm. Twas good. We vegged the rest of the day . Day off for golf tomorrow!

March 20 2021

Busy day. I cut a small piece of wasted drywall out this morning before Jeff got here. He waited for a little warm up then spent about 4 hrs mudding the seams and screws. He will be back Monday to either put a quick coat of mud on or just do the rough topping. So far so good.

We vacuumed the rugs to get ready for the Steamer guys next week. They will do the living room and staircase. After that we weeded near the mailbox and along the front. Weeded maybe 2hrs and completely whipped. Six more areas to go so we are calling in the reinforcements tomorrow.

Want to mulch and paint the garage as soon as Jeff finishes Monday or Tuesday. We are on a roll!

March 19 2021

Busy day. I slept poorly thinking of the garage and the work ahead. I decided to get up early and make sure how the garage switches work, since I never use them. The garage switches in front and back closest to the interior were 3 way controlling the overhead and spotlights, check. The other front switch I surmised I put in when I added the two outside lamps on either side of the garage to switch them on/off. The back switch closest to the house entry was a 3 way controlling the laundry room lights, the other switch being in the downstairs hallway outside the laundry room, so either entry door to it, check!

I grabbed the electrician when he arrived and asked if I needed to re-route the wire up into the garage rafters rather than run along the inside wall. He said they are really out of harms way and are therefore OK. He said he wouldn't change it.

He then worked on my service box to get rid of the 4 double tapped breakers. He looked at the double tapped neutrals and decided there were not enough screw downs to do them all. He changed a couple but said the others are really grandfathered in with the age of the house. He figured the inspector would complain but all in all its legal.

Jeff arrived around noon and started hanging drywall. Sure glad I got him because the simple job was not simple. The way the roof supports were put in, either a 12 foot or an 8 foot sheet fell an inch short of where the support should be. And if he went the other direction, 3 inches short. So he devised a plan for adding 2x4s in appropriate places and splitting the 12 footers so as not to have the seams in the same place. I would have been totally befuddled on how to do that. I am sure George would have been a big help but he was not on the docket to help. Looks like I dodged a bullet.

There was some weird wiring in there. That I knew. The first owner was a real hack in electrical wiring. When Jeff disconnected the overhead light neither the three way in the laundry nor the 3 way for the overhead worked. That is just so wrong. Only God knows how these are wired.

Jeff finished up around 6pm so him and his son put in a long day. He will be back to mud tomorrow.

March 18 2021

Who said when it rains it pours? I had a video appt with the urologist at 9am. Took all of 5 minutes. Then we headed to Fairlawn to the dermo lady. One of the doctors was behind and there were way too many people in the waiting room. I told her if I had not been vaccinated I would have just gone home. She was not happy either and was going to talk to the floor manager.

We stopped at Pavs for an ice cream lunch.

In the afternoon I took care of a mortgage call, got spectrum to stop blocking emails from my seeking alpha service, heard from Jeff that he would start the garage tomorrow, called him back at told him the electrician would be here and power could be down for a few hours. Phew.

After dinner we packed a few boxes to get stuff out of the electricians way. I told the mortgage people they would be going the way of the dinosaurs with their process and they agreed. After closing my home equity loan which took a week, I had to call the bank get a letter, send it to Fairway, then call their credit company, and tell them I closed it, who called the bank with me on the line so I could OK the bank so they could get the information. What a crock, eh?

Tomorrow should be fun.

March 17 2021

Super day! Poor sleep but I dragged myself out for golf. Played well for 8 holes before tailing off. Shot 42-44 for 86.

Bill was awesome on the back with 3 birdies and 1 over at 37 for an 89 on the day. He birdied 15, his eagle chip hit the pin on 16, he made a long putt for par on 17 and his birdie putt on 18 lipped out. Wow!

That was it for the day. Golf does wear one out at this age. I can attest to that.

March 16 2021

Decent day. Weatherman said no rain tomorrow till late so I got us a tee time. I had to go get a psa test for my appointment Thursday so I stopped and got a haircut.

Almost went to the Y for the first time but not motivated. We did do a workout and my knees hurt now.

Electrician is coming Friday morning, so things are slow around here.

March 15 2021

Chilly day. Neither of us slept well so it was a zombie like day. We did a little packing in the bathroom and closet (2 boxes) so uncluttering is almost done. How many boxes is an unclutter you ask? Would you believe 40 boxes?

I think I had about an hr nap before dinner. Mary tried but she said she did not sleep. Might be an early night.

Electrician did not call. Maybe tomorrow.

March 14 2021

Decent day but windy again. Surprise in the morning it was so late with the clocks turned ahead. We got right to finishing my garage task. After being rested it went quick.

We cleaned up and put some items outside and loaded others on the shelving at the sides and covered with plastic. I called Jeff last night and he was high but talked me through it Materials 400, a few hrs to get materials, day to hang, day to mud, 1/2 day to rough mud total 40 hrs labor x 2 x \$35/hr. I will be checking that. He said maybe late this week but I think it will be later. Need it done before April 1 which is my planned list date.

Mary did curbside pickup around lunch and I picked up gray primer and an electrical box at HD. Electrician is supposed to call and set up a work appt with me tomorrow.

Talked to Carolyn. They are all doing OK and are under quarantine till Friday.

March 13 2021

Back in the 40s but the sun is warm. Last night's keep me wake item was the garage edges where the ceiling drywall will slide in on top of the walls. Figured I better go out and make sure they are good to go. They were not. Sent Mary to Carolyn's to pick up my Dremel. I used it to cut away at the walls so the ceiling panel would slide in.

While I was out there Jeff showed up and sounds like he can do it. He will stop by later and give me a price. I may have to hug him. I continued on and had to quit just after noon. I was exhausted and dirty. Figured if I went any further I might hurt myself. Didn't want a missing finger so I stopped. Tomorrow is another day. Almost finished 3 of the walls.

Also been thinking about the move. After a sleepless night earlier this week, I realized my plan for using a pod was bothering me. After I had got up I measured everything and decided packing a pod would be tough. Truck might be tough too given the tiny roads at the new place. A big truck would block the road, The new plan is to move boxes with a days rental of the HD van with Jacob and make 2 trips with a smaller truck.

Kaetchen stopped by with the kids with a cupcake for each of us. I got them to take a kids bike home too. Carolyn Jacob and Jenna are still OK and battling the Covid. Day 3 for them.

No word from Jeff quite yet. I may call him later so I can sleep better tonight.

March 12 2021

Another warm one. We continued to unclutter pack and only have a few places left to do. The seller agreed to contribute 700 to closing costs in lieu of fixing some plumbing and electrical issues. I think I am ahead on that. I got a quote to clean up the double taps in my electric box for \$145 and I was figuring \$250 for work at the condo. Now he has to get the HOA to commit to fixing the outdoor issues.

Carolyn was feeling better. Jacob is OK but now Jenna has caught it. 10 days for the lot of them. I did take her over some Tylenol and 2 frozen pizza when I picked up my Arby's fish sandwich.

Chase wanted to charge me 50 for the last 2 years HELOC but I talked them down to just 1 year. After this is over, I am going to change to a Fidelity Cash Management

account and be done with them.

Ordered the big 4 lb bunnies for Easter for the grand kids.

March 11 2021

Another warm but rainy day. We found a Target card while packing yesterday. I was impressed that the back of the card says it never expires! So I called with the numbers and found out it was worth \$4.80. You could check the last transaction so I did. It said we purchased it in 2009 for \$20. Wow! It never did expire but it is pretty worthless now.

We packed up glass bowls stored in the kitchen. OMG do we have glass bowls and candy dishes. A plethora of glass accumulated over 50+ years. Three boxes of them.

Carolyn called. She went to get a quick covid test and she has it. Jacob too. So she has 10 days to quarantine. Just slight temps so far.

We went out and picked up some metal tape, an outlet tester, and some bubble wrap. Also some plastic jewelry boxed to store necklaces and earrings.

March 10 2021

Super day, a bit windy and it hit 70. Two more decent days before it cools back down. I had a horrible night sleep. I knew we were going to need to downsize but it hit me in the middle of the night. I started thinking about it and couldn't shake it off. Not that I am worried about it but I realize I have no plan and that doesn't sit well with me.

All the rooms will be smaller and the loft (closer to 1/2 a room) is left to house 3 rooms of stuff. OMG. A lot of stuff will have to be stored in the basement. Maybe I can squeeze another 1/2 room down there. Going to be a mess till I figure it out. Never did any more thinking the rest of the day as I was in zombie land.

The inspector put the pages together for me so I could ask for certain fixes before close. I figure its around \$700 worth of work and material, so he could opt for that.

We packed up maybe 10 more boxes and are quite a ways into operation unclutter. We should be done next week perhaps 3 weeks from closing. Would like the garage done before showing.

I called neighbor Jeff for a quote but he hasn't come back with one yet.

March 9 2021

R&R today, at least for a few hours. Bill, Denny and I played Wilkshire in very pleasant temps. I looked up on my first 2 shots but the tees were up and I salvaged a bogey. Two birdies and one more bogey put me at even on the front at 26. Three over thanks to one more birdie on the back put me at 75. Great start to 2021 and my wrist never hurt once! Bill was steady at 86 and Denny played well but a 9 on a par 5 put him at 90.

I got home in time to spar with Chase about closing my home equity account so I could get the new loan from Fairway. They wanted \$38 to file with the county and pull the lien and another \$100 in annual fees. I told them to waive it or lose a customer very soon. The local guy will try to get approval from someone with more power than he.

This home buying stuff is loads of fun.

March 8 2021

Called when they opened to get dumpster taken. Guy was here and gone by 9am. Also called to get garage springs replaced. That guy was late at 2:45pm but gone in 30 minutes or so for \$245.

In between we went to see the new home inspection. Gawd it took 3 hrs! That guy checked everything. Opened every window and door, checked every switch outlet, every knob, looked in the electrical box, turned on every appliance. If he missed anything I would be shocked. Learned a lot.

I have to remove any duct tape on the ducts at home and use metal duct tape. Also learned that the electrical tie downs for the copper wire can go 2 under a screw but the whites go one per screw. I am sure my box violates that one.

He did find what I think is about \$600 of corrective work which the owner might have done rather than paying me (I would DIY). The outdoor issue would have to be done by the HOA. That one was dumb. They put in a french drain and covered the bottom part of the gas meter in July 2020. That is a no no. Surprised the gas company did not scream?

Golf tomorrow!

March 7 2021

We got out and pulled down the old insulation. The pitchfork was a great tool! I used the outside poker to run down the 2x4 and cut the paper on both sides and then grab the sheet and pull it out. It was up to 2 feet under the top and maybe a foot below the bottom.

Cut the new and pushed it up in there with the pitchfork and pushed the bottom edge in with my hands. I thought I would run short but just squeaked by. I planned to have Wes help but it went so well I finished it around 1pm. We forgot to pick up the curbside at 12 so after showers, Mary went to get them. I am whipped.

Another busy day tomorrow watching the home inspection. Got to be there by 9:30am.

March 6 2021

Looks like all the days will be busy for awhile. Today Wes and Carolyn's family came over for garage demo. We crushed it. Took till about 1pm from 9:30. Dumpster is only about half full so the neighbor will toss some stuff in tomorrow.

The insulation against the house wall needs replaced so I picked up 2 rolls at Loews. I will pull the old dusty stuff out in the morning and sometime Wes will come over to help install. Might as well get rid of it in the dumpster while it is here.

Right now I think we will have to drywall the ceiling because no one is calling back. Job must be too small to generate any interest. Wes will be off in 2 week so I need to get the materials before then. HD has a mechanical crank lift for the panels. We can rent that for a day for \$79.

Surprised to find the garage springs need replaced. One is broke and we have just been lucky it still opens with one. Will have to call Monday.

March 5 2021

Another busy day. Good thing too as I did not have time to watch my stocks tank down 6% before recovering to even in the afternoon.

We got our 20min workout in with a good sweat. Then we moved garage items around to prep for ceiling demo tomorrow. Mary got her hair done at 1pm and was gone when the dumpster arrived.

I went to drop papers at the loan office and could have signed papers but their computers were acting up. I was surprised with the 2% closing costs. Turns out it is typical but I never thought it would be that high. Realtor didn't point that out to me either when we were making the order. That is on her.

Got home and had to spend another hour e-signing the papers. Then I had to sign for the appraisal, but that comes off the closing costs. All this stuff is a pain!

One interesting side benefit. The act of having to think about all this has awoken my brain. Chess rating has steadily risen to 1350 from the depths of my brain dead February.

March 4 2021

Busy day. Good thing too as I did not have time to watch my stocks tank a second day in a row. Ouch! Down 6% in 2 days. Wild ride em cowboy days.

Had to take Jacob somewhere. Had to send paperwork to the loan people and see them tomorrow. Had to pick and schedule a home inspection for Monday. Lots of activity with buying and likely the same with selling. Ugh!

In the meantime, we boxed up 4 of kitchen stuff.

March 3 2021

I had to get up and give Jacob a ride so I was on the road at 7:15am. Been a long time! I felt young again being out there with the working folks. Got the pencil of the week email out and then we did a 16min leg and booty workout. It was draining. Watched my 401k tank all day. May have to bail on the tech stocks to conserve cash. Panic button may be poked this week. Hope not.

We did our walk before dinner. Realtor said the buyer would see the offers tonight. Cautiously optimistic at dinner time. She called and said he took offer and wanted 10 days after close to move.

Will have 30 + days to pack. Plenty of time to pack.

March 2 2021

After mulling over the garage repair, I decided to do it right. We will have a family demo party Friday. Then I am expecting hiring to have new put up and taped with no finish.

Saw interesting condo near the old Tam-O Chanter course so we got the realtor to take us in. We both liked it. Very well maintained and other than changing the color on a couple of walls the only replacement need is the guest tub which is a little stained. I need to take pots and pans hangers down in the kitchen and fix the wall. New window coverings for sure. It is a little smaller than I would like and 25 min to the kiddos and golf courses. We made an offer above the asking to maximize our chances.

The realtor has prepped her house for moving and was exhausted. She latched onto our idea big time.

Going to be real busy around here if the offer is accepted.

March 1 2021

And I thought February was bad. We got in a 20 min workout early. The sump alarm went off at 10:20am. Good grief, thought I didn't tighten the clamps enough. Turned out I did tighten them plenty but moving stuff around the pump float got caught up near the pump. I rearranged stuff and it was good to go.

We packed 4 more moving boxes and then had lunch. Picked up prescriptions at GE and stopped at the bank. Had some garage ceiling on the back of the car so a quick look was disappointing. Looks like one ceiling panel was falling down. Closer exam showed it pulled through the screws and so did the next panel over. I highly suspect most of the ceiling is the same.

If that is the case, it all has to come down and I am likely looking at a 1500 repair job. I guess I am OK with that. I don't want to sell the house and have the garage ceiling come down on some poor schmuck the first day he moves in.

I remember when I had fits fixing it several years back, Dennis told me I should redo it but I didn't listen. I guess I will have help pulling it down but its too heavy for me to redo without hurting myself. Yes, I know I could do it, but it is not worth the risk.

On the plus side, one of my Luke Easter baseball cards came in the mail. Another plus is I scheduled a tee time for March 9.

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All was well till 5:30 when Mary flushed and the sump alarm went off. To my relief it was just that the clamp to the leach bed gave way. I put a new clamp on and we tried it. One of the other clamps gave way. It was rusted away so I had to pull that coupler off and get the rusted one off, then replace it and reinstall. Just got it done before dark. Glad Mary did not wait to go later otherwise it would have been dark.

That sump alarm is worth its weight in gold. I am also glad that I was smart enough to buy a bag of 10 clamps sometime in the past. I am sure I would have since I always seem to have troubles with them. Especially when I am prone to drop them into the sump pit, lol. Who said you can't teach an old dog new tricks?

February 27 2021

Oops. Didn't post till the morning. Got busy watching Fatima movie on Netflix. Was inspiring and coaxed out tears of joy.

Not much going on. Mary was under the weather first day after he 2nd Covid shot. She said she was OK but I could tell she was sluggish all day. She streamed church at 4 and I cooked pasta. After dinner we picked up curbside at GE.

Called my brother Jim. He was on his way home from Syracuse where he got his first Covid shot. Cris' sister had gotten 5 slots for the group. Only Jim was eligible on age, the others on complicating conditions. Later on I heard from George who had just finished his 2nd. Sweet! All my golfers now are safe with the exception of Jim Jr.

February 26 2021

I had some extra time on my hands like always, so I compounded all the Pencil of the Week emails into a document for easy storage and perhaps they will live on longer in PDF form. Also, I can pass them to some others whom I don't regularly include on the email.

Unfortunately, uploads terminate in 60 seconds and upload sizes are limited to 20MB with the basic service I pay for. They have scripts to change that but not at my level. I may try 1 document per month and that should work. The picture files add up. Stay tuned.

We did a 16 min ab workout this morning. It is a good one if you are tired and is all done standing up, so it is easy on the knees. We will use that one again for sure.

Finally, Mary got her second shot in Youngstown today. Arby's has 2 fish for \$6 and they are big and tasty!

February 25 2021

Nice day but a bit colder today. Guess I will have to keep the low carb diet short. Hit the point of diminishing returns 3 days ago and it backed me up. Pulled 3 items out of the cabinet to assist. Expiration dates were 2010, 2015, and 2016. Time flies when your having fun.

Mary took Jacob and Jenna for ice cream around lunchtime for his birthday. We kind of celebrated Sunday but its nice to have something on the real day. I stayed home to hang around the commode.

We started another puzzle as I watched my stocks tank 6%. Another day like that and I will have to go to cash on all but a few. Brain dead lately; lots of chess losses.

February 24 2021

Sunshine and 49 today and the cool down started at 1pm. We did 20 min ab and booty workout this morning. It was pretty intense. Mary finished the puzzle and we will start another later on.

Since it was nice out we did our neighborhood walk of 1.8 miles. After that we were finished for the day. Did some stock trades to lock in gains. Stocks are on a roller coaster so I am now loaded with cash to grab those stocks on the next down slide. Things are getting tricky.

February 23 2021

Wow! Sunshine and 45 today. What a change.

Slept in. Did some puzzles and then headed to Fairlawn around lunch time. Mary got her Prolia shot. Went very quick so I stopped and got her a hot fudge sundae. Then over to the dentist. Half hour early so we waited. That went quick, Just fixing a chip so no numbing needed. That went quick as well.

Back to the puzzle and then Oak Island later.

February 22 2021

Slept in till 8:30 and that made it a slow start. We did a 20min workout of standing ab work. That was great since my knees and hips are still recovering from Fridays workout. Diet setback this morning. Not sure why. Day 10 and I slipped up to 172.4 same as day 8.

Mail brought a memory card from niece Bonny RIP. It was very nice.

We did puzzles and I watched my stocks tank today. Need a good recovery tomorrow. It is warming a little and we should see 40 sometime this week. What a relief!

February 21 2021

After breakfast, Mary whipped some cupcakes for Jacob's birthday. I put the sprinkles on. We went for curbside pickup at GE and picked up a bday card.

At 2pm we picked up a Mexican order for his birthday dinner, dropped it off and went on to pick up salads for us at Outback. Later on we face-timed to sing Happy Birthday.

February 20 2021

Cooked omelets for breakfast and we listened to polkas on 88.1 then got yesterday's blog published. We did a 16 min of 4 sets of glute and booty workout. Worked up a sweat. It was tough on the knees.

Facetimed the kiddos. They were dancing to some Nintendo dance game. Good to see them as we had not seen them in a long time. Kaetchens parents will head south a week after their 2nd vaccine shot. Wish I could too but we need to stick around and watch for condos.

Speaking of that, I started to look into preapproval online. It is kind of a joke. There is no information whatsoever about their loan terms and conditions, so it's trust us. That isn't going to happen. I had thought that would be easier than dealing with a bank or S&L. I told the rocket mortgage guy if he had nothing to send me I would find another lender. Had no effect. What a way to do business.

I saw on the news that baseball was going to add Negro League stats. I immediately googled Luke Easter stats and came upon a wonderful article on him. I have talked about him before. Truth is he was the closest to my hero growing up. I was always a Bison fan and Luke was past his prime but still playing in the minors. My Uncle took me to see him a couple of times. I was around 8 I guess. I posted the article down just ahead of Miss Monique if you want to be inspired.

Also posted yesterday, which I missed.

February 19 2021

Oops, got into TV last night so here is what I recall from the 19th. We packed 2 more boxes of albums and misc bedding. Had to spit the albums up as the box got too heavy. We had to go to Big Lots to pick up some more box tape and stopped at the bank for a deposit. Then taped up the 2 boxes.

After that we vegged the rest of the day. Mary cooked the cod for dinner and it was excellent. We used Betty Crocker recipe. I am sure she is dead now, but lives on in the www.

February 18 2021

Frustrating! Sitting there at 9am I get a text from the realtor Carol saying our Friday condo viewing was off. It Sold. I saw it when it was first put on the site 2/16 and told her I was busy Wednesday but we could go anytime after that. We did a drive by yesterday as well. She got us a Friday viewing yesterday and they must have taken an offer last night. Boy I was ticked. I emailed Dehoff and told them my displeasure and don't bother requesting a viewing when mine goes up for sale.

We did another 20min ab workout today, the same one we did Monday. After lunch we went downstairs and packed up her beads and sewing stuff. Took 3 hrs to pack 3 boxes. Started one for her knitting as well.

Hammered in the market today. Might be a correction underway and it might be costly. Still have good gains so far this year but they are dwindling fast. Watched the rover land on Mars. Quite impressive. First photos: it looks like a bald head. They plan to fly a drone there. That should be interesting.

February 17 2021

When I turned on the news it was 4 degrees this morning. No wind though. We took Jacob around today and drove by 2 condo developments. Stopped and had lunch at Swensons and picked up some for Jenna too. She asked for a coffee milkshake which surprised us all. After dropping him to his doctor appt our day was done. Carolyn was to pick him up.

The one condo seemed small from the outside but the Realtor said it was 1400sqft which is plenty for us. We will see it Friday. It is pretty close to the Strip and my favorite HD.

February 16 2021

Another oops! Looks like I got too involved watching the Pickers last night to blog. Staying at home during this miserable winter is starting to get to me. Last night I woke up thinking I had to kill and clean chickens to survive. Then mulling over how horrible the pioneers had it killing cleaning and preparing their meals. It was a long and unpleasant night.

Today we hunkered down. Nick from next door came over around 1pm to shovel. I helped and did 1/4 of the drive. Not supposed to shovel but it wasn't terribly cold and I took it easy. Snow had an ice cap on it which made it heavy.

This was day 4 of my diet and day 4 of eating roast beef. Have enough left for day 5 and then I can try something different. Down 2.2 lbs this morning. Still 4+ lbs to go.

February 14 2021

Not much weight shed yesterday. Usually the first day is good, so I am confused. We went and picked up curbside then dropped off newspapers at the church. Checked out a couple of developments on the way back. The one off of Diamond had 3 basic houses. You really better know your house or you could really be lost in there.

No luck at the races for the last week. Got a few left for the month. Maybe I can stretch it.

February 13 2021

Weighed in at 176 for day 1 of low carb diet. Got some extra pounds indeed. I cooked me up 2 eggs for breakfast. Mary cooked up a great roast so I skipped lunch. Pretty good day 1.

Mary did the streaming church at 4pm. Looks like they fixed it for this week.

Impeachment got 7 Republican votes. The others were too afraid. No worries, criminal trials will be next for the Rumpster.

February 12 2021

OK, so we viewed a condo over by Mel's and he came over and helped out. He was very helpful in looking at the place and conveying the HOA responsibilities. I was surprised there was more green space than I had thought. That was good. Lots of rug to replace but that is easy. The place had an over sized jet tub in the bathroom that was a deal breaker. I can't see having a useless item to walk around every day. No easy way to get rid of it either.

Realtor Carol alerted us to one coming in 2 weeks in Mogadore. We drove out and looked. Looked good so we will have to see that one. Not high on Mogadore but am OK with it. It's only 9 min to Wes' place and a little longer to Carolyn's.

I put some thoughts together on the Impeachment and added them below.

February 12 2021 Impeachment Special

While the Impeachment trial is underway, I want to put down my 2 cents on what has transpired. I truly believe Trump tried a Putin move to steal the election. To do so he had to rile up his deplorables to a point that they would intimidate for him. Just like he had his fixers like Cohen and Stone out doing illegal stuff for him, he thought he could get away with anything, just like Putin.

So if things were looking bad, his troops could intimidate the various election officials in any of the States he needed to do his bidding and put the vote in his favor. As President he did what he wanted and if you were a government employee in his way, he would have you removed and put his own Yes men in place. Didn't matter if it was legal or not, he just did it.

Imagine his disappointment when he found out he had no control of those in the States to do his bidding! There are so many involved with elections, it would be difficult for anyone to pull off his crap without getting caught. Intimidation or not.

Fast forward to the trial. With his well groomed deplorable goons, any Republican Senator voting against him would be subject to their death threats and wrath. There just ain't many brave Senators out there. And some of them are just brain dead and blind to the big hurt he has put on democracy. If you ask me, Trump is the leader of as

many domestic terrorists he could muster.

February 11 2021

Missed a day? Not sure what happened. I think I was watching some of the impeachment and got highly agitated and off my game. The Republican Senators won't vote to convict. I am sure they are afraid for their lives should they do so. Jury intimidation.

We did our 20min workout today and on Tuesday. I rode the bike for 20 while Mary did weights, then we switched so it is 40min all together. I had a rough time with 3 sets of the weights and skipped the last one. The weights were not an issue. Putting full weight on each tired leg was.

We went to GE to get a roast. Not something I wanted to have a shopper pick out for me. Vegged after that. Likely start a low carb diet again Saturday. All the sitting around has put on the pounds. I would like to lose it before we go back to the Y in mid March. We should have shot #2 in us for 2 weeks and be darn safe by then.

Looks like a condo where Mel lives came on the market today. Listed at 245 which seems low. Must have some issues. We will look tomorrow.

Bro in law Dennis called. I had called him the week after his daughter passed away and he just called me back. Basically he was not ready to talk at the time. Took him 2 weeks to call back. He is still losing blood through the intestines for the past several years.

February 9 2021

The beat goes on. More cold and a light snow most of the day. This is a cold snap that won't quit.

Cleaned out the bathroom drain trap. We had been very careful to keep hair out of there but it had slowed down lately. Pulled it apart and was amazed by the crude that had accumulated. Just builds up on the inside of the pipe? I will have to research that.

February 8 2021

Tampa crushed KC in the Super Bowl last night. The refs called KC for holding and for interference today, unlike when they played the Bills. Makes you wonder.

Worked the puzzle and traded stocks again. Racking up impressive gains to start this week.

Forgot to mention that last week Friday when we got back from Mary's Covid shot, it was 6:36pm. That is a new record for 2021. Likely the latest we have been out of the house for several months. Really can't recall the last time we were out past darkness.

Mary made some cinnamon apples with some that had been around here since xmas. Twas yummy.

February 7 2021

Mary tried to stream church again. Was choppy yesterday and today as well. I sent them an email on it. I even tried what they posted from yesterday and it was choppy too. We headed back to Youngstown to get my shot. CVS was packed to a level that was a bit uncomfortable as they were 1/2 hr behind. Much different than when Mary

went.

Got home and then went and picked up curbside groceries. Mary cooked fish and now we are back to the puzzle and vegging.

February 6 2021

No ill effects from the virus shot say Mary. We just vegged all day today. Vacuumed, did puzzles and that is about it. No luck at Tampa bay either.

Back to Youngstown for my shot tomorrow at 12:30.

February 5 2021

Traded my amazing stocks today till I ran out of settled cash and bumped up my daily profits. Best week ever. Up 11.3% for the week is unheard of. Beth Kindig rules. Played some races at Tampa and Gulfstream and came out \$2 behind.

Finally it was time for our trip to Boardman to get Mary's shot. Surprised it was a Pfizer I go Sunday. Dang cold out there.

February 4 2021

Went and got a haircut this morning and got my Superbowl squares. Not so good numbers. Got KC 2 Tampa 4, kc 1 Tampa 8, and kc 6 Tampa 6. A 6-6 tie is possible but unlikely as is 21 to 28. 42 to 24 might happen though.

Stocks were good today but one tanked after hours when the qtr report 2 wasn't a blowout. Tomorrow afternoon we trek to Boardman for Mary's vaccine.

February 3 2021

With my stock wins looking good, I donated \$100 to the Stark food bank yesterday. The payback was quick as I cleared \$800 on the late pick 4 at Tampa Bay today. What a fine week.

Other than that, we worked a Miss Piggy and Kermit the Frog puzzle. It was a fun puzzle we should finish tomorrow. Also cleaned out and organized a cabinet in the linen closet. We had way too much hand/body lotion. Some was tossed, some saved for Carolyn.

February 2 2021

The stinking PA rodent says 6 more weeks of winter today on groundhog day. Stinking rodent. We did our 20 minute workout today with weights. Getting a bit easier now since we have been back at it.

Headed to Walmart at 11am. Picked up a prescription and some cleaning items there. Got some of their cheap soft sugar cookies too. Watched the market when I got home. My 2 high fliers came down but my other stocks picked up most of the slack.

February 1 2021

So most of the snow came last night! Dang weatherman. I moved the grocery pickup to today because the snow was supposed to be here yesterday. Good thing I picked 12:30 for pickup as they had cleared the roads by then.

I checked GE for vaccines at 7am 8am 9am and 10am. Nothing. My stocks were

shooting up so I emailed stock buddies Dick and Bill. Dick sent back that CVS in Boardman had appointments so I quickly logged in and snagged us some appointments this weekend and 3 weeks later for the 2nd shot. Sweet! Dick has them there as well.

We backed out thru 6 inches of snow for grocery pickup after lunch. Neighbor kid Nick shoveled. Went out and did a little. He said Tasha is graduating this year and he the next. To my amazement, my stocks stayed up all day long. Wonder what tomorrow will bring? This is by far the most successful day I had in the market that I can remember. Carolyn said when you help someone out with money it comes back around. I do believe that has been the norm.

Quite a day. Wonder what tomorrow will bring.

January 31 2021

Not as much snow as expected today. We were hunkered down and watched TV and did a puzzle. Major pitiful vegging.

Later in the evening Miss Monique picked up my spirits as I listened to one of her podcasts. That sure helped.

January 30 2021

Well yesterday I thought it was Saturday and today was Sunday. So confused. Slept in till after 8:30 so that was good. Mary made oatmeal for breakfast. Good stuff for the winter. Talking 7 inches overnight. I guess that is our not going away this year present.

We decided to push grocery pickup to Monday to avoid the snow. And today we would order from Texas Roadhouse. Mary got the kabob and I got the pulled pork. Super good and leftovers for tomorrow!

January 29 2021

Went out to pick up my dryer part and had to stop for gas. Bad day for that at 25F. With wind. We watched the market go down, did some puzzles, and Mary went to a hair appointment.

She made shepherds pie which was very good and a nice change from the usual stuff. Checked the scale this morning and the number coming up did not look good. 175 is at least 5 too many. Yikes. Saw a condo come up for sale near Jane. Looked very nice but close to the main road with a creek and pond in the back that looked troublesome. Jane said it was in a flood plane so that one is out.

January 28 2021

We did our 20 min workout and it was much easier than Tuesday this morning. Watched the snow all day. Neighbor kid came over and shoveled and made some money. Finished another puzzle. My hot stocks went down but I am still way ahead. We shall see tomorrow.

At 7pm I watched a zoom presentation by the author of a new book on the NY State involvement in the War of 1812. It took an hour and just was a broad brush. Will have to order the book for February reading material.

January 27 2021

Wow the stock market was crazy today. Early on I was down 1%, then up 2% , then even, then back up 2.5%, and finished down 2.2%. Made my head spin.

Finished the clear caulk downstairs and put away the tools. We did puzzles. Got my replacement Walmart order. I now have 44 rolls of TP and 12 boxes of tissues. Mail came and I got the SS tax info. Did my taxes online but missing state forms are holding up submissions.

Now that January is almost over I took stock of all the months excitement. Prepare to be awed. Mary had 2 Dr, appts, I had 3 dentist appts, we did 4 curbside pickups, we had lunch in our car twice in Salem talking to Sue in the other car on the car phone speakers, and finally we almost took a trip to Buffalo after Mary's niece passed away. Breathtaking, eh?

January 26 2021

It was nice to sleep in this morning. We got back to 20 minute workouts since my jaw is mostly back to normal. Wow it was tough. Two weeks without much activity left us pretty much out of shape and made things difficult. After lunch we went to pick up a prescription and a few items.

I tried GE pharma site last night and this morning. By the time I got on there was only 1 appt left but it was before I was eligible. It was gone before I left the site. The pharmacy said they open the schedule when they get more doses. Usually Mon/Tues but it would be best to check every day. I plan to check both before bed and first thing in the morning.

We are also registered on the county website but they said I would get a call should it be my turn. I talked to Mel yesterday. He had gotten his first shot and Joanne should today.

January 25 2021

Well the Bills lost to the Chiefs last night. They got crushed. Out coached and out played. Josh Allen looked like a deer in the headlights just like last years playoff loss. The Chiefs confused him with lots of defensive movement and the refs loose calls did not help. The Bills receivers were held and interfered with all game with few of them called. Might have made the game closer but the Bills hardly ever stopped the Chiefs and they would have won anyway. Might have been a good thing it wasn't close. I didn't get all hyper.

Steve was messaging during the game and had just sent me a don't worry when the Chiefs intercepted a pass no more than 15 seconds later. I always thought I was the jinx and now I know it was always Steve all of these years. I will tell him not to watch next year.

Got the baseboards painted this morning. My legs and squatters are really sore from crawling around on the floor the last 3 days.

We started another puzzle for the afternoon. Stocks were crazy. I was up 2% and 30 min later down 1%, finishing up 0.5%. What a wild ride. Other thing I did was to chat with Walmart on my lost TP and tissue order. They reordered and said if it does eventually show up I can keep it. Sweet!

January 24 2021

Stinking cold 15 when I got up. Caulked the stuff I was working on. Will paint tomorrow. Dropped off a return at FedEx and picked up the groceries. They forgot to charge me for the NA beer. I called and they said their error so not to worry. Carolyn stopped on her way to grocery shopping.

Going to veg the rest of today and watch the football.

January 23 2021

Another yikes cold day in the 20s. We started early and cut all the inside corner pieces for the down hall and bathroom floors. I pulled up some of the old caulk at the bottom of the baseboards so they sit flat. Hammered them in and will caulk the white tomorrow then give it a day and repaint them.

After lunch we worked a puzzle and watched the 1962 epic Sodom and Gomorrah. Wow they had a cast of thousands in the attack scenes and locked up slaves. Lots wife did not believe and looked back. Spoiler alert.....she turned to a pillar of salt.

Mary streamed church and I cooked the pasta. And that was that for today.

January 22 2021

Cold into the 20s today. Mary talked to her brother and he suggested we donate money to help Bonnie's family handle expenses for her death. We worked puzzles and I day traded a bit and made good money at it. The paid subscription service I signed up for is paying off big time. I signed up for 1 month but I will let it auto renew for sure.

Carolyn called to report a house in a private community for sale. It was very nice but at 279K too far over budget.

January 21 2021

The appointments for the vaccine were gone first thing. I will have to get up at midnight on Jan 24 and Jan 29 to see if they have any to start those weeks.

We went to two banks and GE to pick up some no salt added turkey. They don't have it where we do curbside pickup. We got back and worked the puzzle. Its a hard one.

Barely holding onto my 1300 rating at chess.

January 20 2021

Got a pretty good sleep but woke up thinking about the Giant Eagle website that was supposed to go live for vaccination appointments. Dragged myself out to check it at 5am and found they only had 3-5 days in January opened. Thinking Mel could get in, I called him at 6am. Turns out he already got one by checking around 9pm last night. I was surprised since it was only supposed to be up on Wednesday. So it was an early morning.

That is about it. We worked on the new puzzle, I got a quick nap in, and vegged all day. That is the plan for the rest of the month.

January 19 2021

After a sleepless night for us both, quite a day. We were at the Covid Test site at 8:30 and were first in line. They opened at 9am and it took to 10 to finish up. We got home and finished packing and packed the car up.

Headed to Mary's 1:30 appt at Crystal Clinic. Her sister called and said only 10 people were allowed at a private service and they already filled that. While Mary was in the building, I talked the Hilton People into canceling my reservation without charge. It would have been hard to charge me after my sad story about the NY rules.

Went to my oral surgeon appt. In 4 months, he will uncover the implants and I go directly to the dentist for impressions for the bridge.

We got home and unpacked what was a weeks worth of stuff for the trip. I call it the trip that wasn't. We are both very tired.

January 18 2021

Jesus! Mary got a call around 1pm from her sobbing sister Ruth. Daughter Bonnie had passed away. She was 50ish and had her heart valve repaired 2 or 3 years ago at the Cleveland Clinic. Apparently it did not hold up. It is 6:30pm now and it seems like the call was an hour ago.

After reading the NY visitor requirements, I believe we can get a Covid test tomorrow, do our Dr appointments, and get to NY late, count that day and 2 more as quarantine, get another test Friday and be free to wander around NY for the grim remainder of our visit.

Brother Dave is visiting the family tonight and will give us an update on any plans they might have. I don't expect they will know so soon. NY has funeral rules as well to complicate things. Expect many tears to be shed between now and when we return. I may or may not blog. Will have a lot of time on my hands Wednesday and Thursday.

January 17 2021

Mary whipped up some good french toast for breakfast. We worked on the puzzle on and off and spent time reading and watching Gulfstream. Slow day indeed.

Watched the Browns play a good game, but KC played better. With a few breaks they could have won it. Defense was the issue until Mahomes went out with a concussion. They got back close but did lose. Buffalo goes to KC for a chance to get back to the Super Bowl. I looked at tickets, but the nosebleed seats were 5K+. Down on the first level it was 16K. Guess I will have to pass.

January 16 2021

Slept pretty good. Not so much blood draining from sinus today. It is about time it stops. Going on 9 days today.

We worked the puzzle. I picked up GE groceries at curbside. Mary is streaming church and I am getting dinner ready. Bills play the Ravens at 8:30 so my heart will be pounding. I just may be getting too old for all this stress.

January 15 2021

Time marches on. We went to Salem at noon and picked up some things from Sue. We ate in Arby's lot and talked on the phone for awhile. Started snowing on the way back and all afternoon. Worked on a puzzle till dinner. Such is life.

January 14 2021

Nice day in the 40s. I added the Bills Shout song to the web page and ended up

looking at the history of the Bills on Youtube. It was a real tear jerk-er. Spent some time looking at the old stadiums they had. Offerman Stadium for baseball and War Memorial for football and later baseball. Brought back old memories.

Somehow looked for Riverside HS in the hood where my sisters went. Looks like they shut it down in 2019. Then checked out my old haunts at Hutchinson Central Technical High School. That is one long name. Not as long as State University of New York at Buffalo where I went to college. The old fellow is still around:

<https://www.buffaloschools.org/Page/74037>

and here is our Alma Mater:

*Come all ye loyal friends of Tech,
and swell our joyous song.
Come singing Technics' glorious praise
with voices brave and strong.
To Tech, our school in memory dear,
to Tech our song we raise.
To Tech, our hearts are ever near.
Our lives shall be her praise.*

Got a haircut in the morning and later we dropped off the lagging gifts to the kiddos.

January 13 2021

Ugh. Still draining sinus blood again today. Been 6 days since the procedure. This guy may be very good but he doesn't send you home with any information or written recovery guidance. Just some verbal instructions and we all know you could forget something. I will mention it to him if I remember.

We mostly worked on a puzzle today. Got our stimulus check, so Mary went to the bank and stopped to get a gift for Lincoln. While she was gone, I put away the Xmas stuff. We were waiting for the water/septic inspection so we could put back the items and not have to remove them again. Had $\frac{3}{4}$ on the Parx pick 4. Three in the last race never contended. That was disappointing.

Would have liked to play golf today. It was warm enough but I am supposed to heal before doing anything strenuous.

Was a glorious day as T-Rump was impeached a second time, ensuring his place in history as the worst President ever.

January 12 2021

Got at least 7 hrs last night and feel much better. Eating OK as well. We got up by 7:30 and got ready for Buckeye Plumbing guy. He did the well and septic inspection. Good work if you can get it! \$400 for an hour and a half work. He does have to submit and test the water but that is still a bit steep. Sounded like we did OK. He showed me that the distribution box had 2 leach lines that were never used. I should switch the elbow every year or so to use those and rest the other 2. Suggested I put a cup of rid out into

the box.

Worked on puzzles every now and then and watched CNN to get the skinny on the happenings. Doesn't look good. Chumps deplorable s are going to march on the Capital and all 50 Statehouses. What a bunch of disgusting thugs.

January 11 2021

Still not getting enough sleep. Each day seems better though, but it is a slow go. We broke out the puzzles we got from Santa and finished the first one. We finally got the Lego gift we ordered for Z man, USPS took from Dec 7 till now to get it to us.

January 10 2021

Decent sleep and feeling better today. Swelling is down just a tad though. Not much drainage so that is a big plus. I may make it yet.

Slow day. Watched the Ravens win then we picked up groceries. Not sure I can stay awake for the Browns game. Still a bit tired.

January 9 2021

Rough night again. Likely got 4½ hrs sleep. We moved all the furniture back. Had to set up all the birds and gators. Still clearing sinus blood. Not sure what is going on.

Ate much better today as my mouth is tolerable. Eggo s, soup, and a chopped up burger and steak frys.

Bills won a nail biter. Browns tomorrow night. On the good news, Wes got his vaccine yesterday!

January 8 2021

Rough night. I tried to sleep on the recliner but sleep was light. I climbed into bed at 2:30 and slept well to 4:30 but my nose was bloody. Not sure what happened. Either it got there though my throat or there was bleeding direct into the cavity where the work was done. I called in and they said it was normal. It was good most of the day but gave me trouble later. Inside where the implants are has stopped but some of the sinus blood drains into the back of the throat.

So I think I can eat better tomorrow as long as I stay away from that area. Today was applesauce, soup, and rice. Around 11 we were able to box up the xmas stuff. Tomorrow we need to put the furniture back. Sure would like more than 3-4 hrs sleep but I don't want to lay down again.

Forgot to mention I got a written note from Sandi Adams. She got our card and she wanted to tell me Neil has been diagnosed with early stage dementia. Long term memory is good but not short term memory. He has visual trouble processing what he sees. I sent an email to those that we have played golf with and there was sadness and memories passed around. I did get him to join the Edgewood league where he played several years before moving to Seven Hills. He went on many of the Pinehurst trips with us and played Fridays with us for many years. All we can hope is that it goes slowly and lets him enjoy many more days.

After it is safe, Sandi promised we could meet for lunch somewhere. She hasn't told Neil she sent me a note. Perhaps he wants it hidden for now.

January 7 2021

Happy Birthday #48 for Carolyn. She was happy cause she thought that last year, so she hasn't aged for a year.

Finished a bead of clear caulk along the bottom of the inside corner rounds and put the tools away for now. Want to do 2 rooms and the hall downstairs when I feel up to it. Will take about the same amount of time, maybe more with moving stuff around.

Went to the oral surgeon at 3pm. Took 15 minutes for numbing (4 shots). Then 45 min to open and lift the sinus cavity, pack in some bone (that was the worst) drill 2 holes and screw in the 2 implants. Very cool but expensive. Put me on an antibiotic to hold off any sinus infection and told me not to blow nose hard.

January 6 2021

Restless sleep again. Got right to painting the baseboards and finally wrapped that up by 10:30. Finally got my dryer part. It was sent USPS and a Fed-Ex truck delivered it? Hmm? Maybe they needed help? Yes for sure.

Installed the dryer part, got our quick lunch in and we headed to Fairlawn for teeth cleaning and exam. After dinner, finished up the Pencil of the Week email. Finally got to my blog after watching Trumps thugs disgrace our country in DC. Lucky to get the blog in after that.

January 5 2021

Not much sleep. Not sure why as my brain wasn't doing anything. Got started right into cutting the inside corners for the entrance way. That done, I tacked them all down and put a bead of white caulk onto them. Took till lunch. Plan is to put new paint on the baseboards tomorrow morning before the dentist, then do the floor clear bead at the bottom. No bugs gonna be hiding under them puppies. Then we can put things back before my Thursday ordeal at the oral surgeon. Mary was an excellent helper.

No workout today but crawling around on the floor and getting up and down did the same.

Nothing delivered again by the post office. I did get a card from NJ that took 18 days. I am getting real hot about that. Mary did a couple of wash loads and we hooked up the dryer again. Watched it closely as there is no thermal fuse in the mail again. Rrr I say!

January 4 2021

Good sleep. Bills and Browns won and made the playoffs. Browns have the tougher first game.

After breakfast and coffee, Mary helped me work on putting down the corner rounds on the baseboards in the up bathroom and hallway. We got them cut and removed old caulk so they sat well. Will do the same tomorrow in the entryway and then out on a round of new caulk. They do improve the look.

Mary went to the doc and he liked what he saw, so she is good to go. Read another 1812 book Catherine got me for Xmas. Focus was on the Great Lakes waterways and battles.

Nothing from the post office. Waiting on 4 items long overdue. Damn Trump and his incompetents.

January 3 2021

Up earlier than needed for yet another boring day. We picked up groceries at GE about 1pm and watched some football. Then I remembered we had 2 gifts for Steve, so we jumped in the car and took a drive up there to drop them off.

Picked up Wendy's chili and baked potatoes for dinner. The potatoes were all soggy and barely edible. Won't buy that again. The chili was good though. It was nice to get out even if just for a ride.

January 2 2021

Forgot to mention we did a 20min workout yesterday. Worked up a real sweat. Don't know how I overlooked that.

More good chess after publishing last night! Moved it to 1300, but not expecting to stay there long. Also watched 2 more lectures on the Federalist Papers. Five more to go.

HD notified me that my order was in. Bought 11 inside corners 8 footers for the floor. I use them instead of 1/4 rounds against the baseboards. The caulking I put there gets dirty and detracts from the flooring look. Not sure where I will install them. Up bathroom and hall for sure. Picked them up and some detergent at Walmart. In and out of Walmart quick with only 2 items. Picked up some salt mix for the ice. I am sure we will need some more this year.

I cooked burgers and steak fries while Mary watched streaming mass. Cool stuff on Smithsonian channel. Yesterday we watched super trains, today sea disasters.

Actually got package from Buffalo in 4 days! Wow.

January 1 2021

Happy New Year! I made it till 10:30 last night. Copied that from last year and didn't have to make any changes for today except for the date. A whole lot of nothing happened today. The highlight was watching the Train show on the Smithsonian channel. More ahead for tomorrow.

Playing chess better 1270s after watching Queens Gambit. Maybe the embarrassment of playing bad?