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December 31 2022

Well that's that for this year. Carolyn came over around 9am and we finished up the floor by 2pm ish. Looks great! I was surprised we were able to do the closet. We were short only 2 tiles so we used the cut scraps to finish in there. Saved me \$40 to just use the scraps.

What is left is to put on the ¼ rounds on 3 walls and a couple of small baseboard parts around the shower and door. That won't go quick because I have to pre-drill before nailing. After that there will be a round of clear caulk and it will be complete. I would guess I saved somewhere between 5K and 8K by DIY.

We will be asleep early tonight and open 2023 refreshed.

December 30 2022

One day to go this year. First up, we cleaned the up bathroom floor and glued the wood strip along the front of the shower to hide where I had cut away the old floor. Ready for flooring tomorrow.

We went to Acme for pork and kraut for new years. Picked up some yummy cod for dinner and to my surprise picked up some Sahlen's dogs! Best dogs on earth! Can't wait for those.

After lunch I checked on the wood strip and it was holding so Mary helped me put down 8 tiles on the floor. Good thing I was paying attention because I had put 2 down the wrong direction. It was a quick fix to turn them surprisingly. Looking good. There will be many cuts tomorrow. Four are complicated around the door frames and the ones by the toilet will be strange but the other cuts are simple and straight.

December 29 2022

Only a few blog days left and I only have 72 pages compared to 88 last year. I don't think I missed too many so I must not be remembering to put in interesting stuff. Or, maybe as you get older, there is not as much interesting stuff to write. I don't believe there was that much less to talk about this year.

We did the Y again. I did one of the newer ellipticals. OMG I was walking up a trail in the mountains and was on the edge of a cliff. Scared the crap out of me. Or, it would if I was ever on a trail like it. Mary did the treadmill.

I called the barbers. Hartville still closed so I went with Avondale close by. Barber Bill had lots of snow and school stories from his childhood in Mechanicsberg near Carolton. We rested a bit then went to Loby's for pizza. They burnt ours a bit so they sent us home with a small one on the house.

Looks like the bathroom floor will go in Saturday with Carolyn's help.

December 28 2022

We went to the Y this morning. I did 25min on elliptical while Mary did the treadmill. When we got back, we planned out the new floor for the up bathroom. I got the dremmel out and cut under the door frames so I could fit the tile under them. All set and will wait for my ace floor assistant to have time to help.

Barber in Hartville not open and the local guy was off today. Will check again tomorrow.

December 27 2022

Thruway still closed in the morning. Carolyn called and said her pipe burst, We went over and found there was a pipe that went out to the poker room, an add on to the side of

her house. We ripped the drywall away and it goes from her laundry room thru to the outside of her house and along the outside wall into the mower shed where there is a hose connect. No wonder it froze up. I recommend fixing the pipe but leaving it always shut off unless she needs it.

Then we stopped at Wes to pick up his floor cleaner and headed to Kent with Jacob. They had fixed his heat Monday and when they turned it on his heating pipe burst. He called them and went to work. They got back after work and the pipe was fixed but the rug was still very wet. Looks like they cleaned up most of the mess.

We put the cleaner to the rug to suck up the water and showed him how to do it then headed back as Catherine wanted to head home (the thruway had reopened). She packed up and headed out a little after 2pm. About 630 she txt she was home but the road was not plowed and she had to wait. Nothing by 730 so I called Jim to check on her. Will update tomorrow. Hope she doesn't find pipe issues at home as well.

December 26 2022

This was THE BIG DAY cause Wes was working the weekend. It was so nice to see everyone here. Just them being here was worth much more than any of the gifts that were exchanged.

We began at 10am and wrapped up at 1pm. I got some golf balls and a nice Husky tool box which will help me organize and store all of them. That will free up some shelf space. Totally unexpected. Mary got lots of necklaces and we got lots of puzzles for the winter.

My sister Catherine (aka Santa) brought tons of gifts. Pretty much 2 car loads. She is just absurd. Carolyn got a lot of gas cards and Jacob and Jenna got what they asked for. So did Wes and the kids. Z was pumped about the Bills scrapbook I made for him.

December 25 2022

Merry Christmas everyone. It will be a quiet one here. Everyone is coming Monday because Wes was working the weekend. Not sure what we will do. Watch movies I guess.

Holy crap. I called brother Jim on Grand Island near Buffalo. They were getting hammered. Both bridges were closed which has only happened once in history during the blizzard of 78. There is a total driving ban too. Across the area the EMTs can't get to you. So far 2 are dead. He said he went out to pick up son Joe somewhere on the island. He never went more than 20. Saw one in ditch and stopped the car 4 times for whiteouts. I looked at the radar and the band of snow has moved south and is hammering Dunkirk and will for the rest of today. What a disaster there. Later on things settled down. They will recover as usual like they always do.

Well, we got busy. The ladies made earrings, we made cookies, and dinner too. Carolyn brought Jacob over and he ate too. He will stay at Carolyn's and stay warm. They had told him the heat would be fixed by midnight but it was not.

December 24 2022

Sue came in from PA. Poor Ed, having to drive in the snow again. We had a good time, opened gifts, and had the roast beast, rutabaga, potato salad, and her jello dessert. She said she called around. No one had rutabaga. They told her its an old school veggie and no one buys them anymore so they don't carry it. Another relic of the past I guess.

We listened to the Bills game and watched the Browns. Pretty close when we left for church. The Bills won big and the Browns lost another one.

After dinner, we called my brother to get a report from there. Holy crap. They even shut down the bridges and there is a driving ban. Carolyn called. Jacob has been out of heat for two days now. I called and got the answering service. Apparently the boiler was out and won't be fixed till next week. Then we watched Christmas movies.

December 23 2022

Busy day. We cooked the beasts, made rutabaga, made potato salad, Took till 3pm and we ate bon bons the rest of the night,

December 22 2022

Slow day. Mary got her hair done at noon. Santa Catherine rolled in on her Highlander sleigh about 430pm. The sleigh was full and after we brought the gifts in, there was no room to move. Holy crap.

December 21 2022

Forgot to mention I ran out of shampoo. I went with Pert 2 in 1 Ocean Rush cause it deep cleans and refreshes. Quite a pleasant fragrance! Also picked up ACT anti-cavity mouthwash. They had 3 choices, each a 1\$ more. Went with the cheapest. All the bottles had the same active ingredient? I checked there website and there was nothing there to convince me to spend another 1 or 2\$?

Looks like Catherine will travel Thursday to avoid the bomb cyclone descending from Canada.

No hack activity since my marathon password change day. I still have another 40 to review on Firefox as I move them to Safari. I have changed all the important possible risks.

We did a walk before lunch. We bundled up and it was fine. Veggey afternoon. Getting into do nothing mode till after Christmas.

December 20 2022

We went to the Y and did the interval FF class. Not sure about tomorrow? A lot of classes are off till next year. We picked up some rutabaga at meijers. I vowed I would never go in but we were desperate. We drove by the condos they put in. What a cram job. They have them back to back with very little space between buildings. Can't believe anyone would buy there.

Picked up some stuff from DrugMart, split an apple fritter for lunch, and then made the chili. Had to run out and get a green pepper for it. Seems like we always forget something. Getting tired of running to the store this month.

December 19 2022

We went to the Y and did the class. Mary stayed for the next one and with Brenda and she drove her home. Class was fairly easy today. Tomorrow intervals will be tougher. No classes next week at all so we gonna veg next week.

Had a nice nap in the chair watching the stocks this afternoon after we picked up some groceries we had missed the last trip.

December 18 2022

We did church and then Carabba's for lunch/dinner. Awesome salmon for me, chicken for Mary. Enough to take home for tomorrow.

Carolyn came over and borrowed my stud finder to put in some hangers for the critters. Hanging stuff from the ceiling. We watched the Pickers for awhile. The stuff they buy is a hoot. Old rusty junk IMHO.

Sister Sue and Ed headed to Buffalo in the snowstorm. Catherine had a get together for brother Jim, Sue, and Sue's son Mike and family from Rochester. I was invited, but a one day up and back trip is too much for this old guy in the summer. No way in the winter blowing snow.

December 17 2022

After I blogged last night, I looked closer at paypal. I found a payment tab in settings and found about 25 places authorized to charge paypal. Ouch. Poshmark and Wayfair were 2 of them. I went thru and cancelled the auto authorization for all but ipage and hulu (hulu is recurring). Both do not use that old password so I am safe. Seems to have paid off. No new orders or suspicious emails this morning. More websites to check still.

Went and got the sugar cookie dough from Gordon foods. We baked 6 dozen (half the box) and Mary is working on the frosting. Lincoln turned up sick today so no kids were over to help frost them. Took them over to the neighbors and had some for ourselves. We had to toss some. The first batch came out a bit overcooked so we reduced the time and ended up with some not cooked enough. Hard to decide when to take them out.

No luck on the pick 5s I played. Almost the early pick 5. Had 3 in the last race but not the right one.

December 16 2022

Spent all day and most of today dealing with a hacker. I got a ransom note saying they hacked everything but all they had was my email password. Unfortunately I used the same in upwards of 100 places, some which I recorded and some which I did not.

Fixed as many as I could over 2 days. Hacked ordered an item at Wayfair and Poshmark. Poshmark cancelled it when I flagged it and Wayfair figured it out by themselves and cancelled. Tonight someone signed onto Spotify so I reset that password. Want to notify them but I see there is no stored payment info there. Still need to try and contact something other than their BOT.

I am afraid I will be battling this hacker for quite awhile. My credit is frozen, but if they happen upon one of the sites they can use the password they can place an order if I have a card stored or paypal. I used paypal a lot. I am not sure why poshmark or wayfair kept my paypal info. Hmm. If I cancel paypal that might take care of a lot. Have to look at that.

We did get out for 2 hrs and picked up all remaining gifts. Wrapped too. Tomorrow the kids come for cookie baking and decorating.

December 14 2022

Busy day. We got out to pick up groceries at Marcs early. Holy crap, birthday cards are insane. We needed 3 cards for Ginny, Carolyn, and Jim for January. Six bucks each? Wow. Forgot one for the closest bday for Sue. Maybe I will give her a late bday gift and group it into her Xmas pile.

Wes stopped in around 1130 as he was in the area. George and Willa visited as planned. I gave them the tour, we went to Lobys for the burger special, and then had brownies and coffee before they headed home 330 ish.

George is a hoot. He signed up to be a chauffeur for some guy in Cleveland. Clients are well off dudes including the CEO of Lincoln Electric and Geraldo Rivera. He has a black Lincoln in his driveway he shares with another driver. What will he think of next?

December 13 2022

We did the FF intervals at the Y this morning. Quite a workout. Stopped at Walmart to pick up my new glasses. They were good. Picked up more tissues, which we run through very quickly.

After lunch we straightened up for visitors tomorrow and vegged the rest of the day.

December 12 2022

Was thinking today about contacting CheapesTees and see if they would be interested in offering me a yearly endorsement fee for promoting their neon tees in the area. You know, a photo of me wearing one of my tees for the local news click bait. Plus I would

market it to my Friday golf buddies. Deserves consideration, eh?

Today we did the FF Y class. Mondays are easier. Wow. There were 51 women and 2 guys there today. It was nice to have company. After, we went to Lowes to look at flooring. They didn't have the one I was interesting in stock, so I ordered a box and I will have to pay \$7 restocking fee to return it since its special order. Only way I could take a look. Should be here in a couple of days. If we like it, I will order more.

Mary talked to sister Ruth. She is having a hysterectomy Jan 4. Bummer. We tested the new shower last night and tonight. Working like a charm.

December 11 2022

Church today. After church Mary headed to Brenda's and did some crafts and I mostly listened to the Bills game. Bills squeaked by but it wasn't easy.

December 10 2022

Busy day for sure. After breakfast, we took the recyclables to church, stopped at bank, picked up survival food for Wes and family's Covid isolation, dropped it off, and headed to HD.

At HD I picked up two molding pieces for in front of the shower and a new baseboard and ¼ round piece to fix what we took off. Then I cut and stained them. We needed a hinge pin door stop to keep the door from busting the shower doors. I went to Ace and picked that up. Also put the door back up with the shims. It looks better but still below my standards. Too low at the top right and I have no clue how to fix it.

Worn out by 330pm.

December 9 2022

Viking glass came and installed the shower doors. Surprised just 1 guy came. Took him 1 ½ hrs and he did a nice job. Sure glad I had a pro install it. The left wall leaned in. He had 2 custom shims on the lower area. The right wall leaned out quite almost ¼ inch. He had 2 shims on the higher end. Filled the edges in with silicon and it is not noticeable. Needs to dry 24 hrs.

After that we went to Loby's. Mary got the fish fry and I got salmon. Very good. In between we got Mary's tires rotated which is the 25K mile service requirement. No oil change till 30K miles which may happen in SC in Feb.

Dick Lott emailed that he stopped to see Neil. He reported a frail bed ridden Neal with closed eyes. Great golfer, and then biker who went down quickly in something like 5 years. He looked good at lunch 18 months ago. Very sad.

December 8 2022

Mary went out with Brenda and Pat for lunch and shopping. I went to the Y and did the intervals. Quite a workout.

After lunch we picked up groceries at GE and a couple items at Walmart. GE was a disaster. There were 2 cashiers and the lines had 5 carts ahead of us. I went over and complained and the manager called for people in the back to come to the front on the PA system. I saw a couple come up but I was not impressed. Don't plan of making a habit of shopping there much anymore.

December 7 2022

We went to the retiree lunch. Sat with Stoner, Hogan, Lott, Ian, and Messner. We got back and went to the foot dr. to check Mary's bunions.

She said they were inherited and should be left alone unless they bothered her. Gave us

some suggestions as to getting arch inserts and using gel toe separators. Also qualified her for nail trimming which we will do next week. That will be a great help.

Carolyn and Jacob came over to watch Survivor and brought his cat, which did not really want to leave. Jacob has 2 papers and an online exam and he is done till mid January. Set up for another 13 credits in the spring.

December 6 2022

We did the interval class today. Quite aerobic. I was up around 110 for quite awhile. Took it easy as my knee is still an issue. We had lunch and headed down to put tools away. That took about an hour.

Played another PARX pick five today. Same as last night, got the first 4 races and missed the last. Close but no cigar.

Watched a video on fixing door issues. My try was moving the hinges in at the top. Wrong. Supposed to shim out the middle and bottom hinges. They sell hinge shims so I ordered them plus some longer screws.

Going easy on the snacks to try and lose a few pounds. Running hungry on day 2.

December 5 2022

Went to the Y to give it a try. Turned out good, as my knee only objected to one of the exercises. Pretty full class! Don't think you could get another 5 in there. Went over to pick up some salad veggies and saw 2 from the class at Buelers.

Had our lunch and then got to looking at the door issue again. The door sides remeasured ok? Tried to deepen the hinges at the top to pull the top side in. Helped a little but not as much as I was expecting. Also shimmed a little more which also helped.

Really don't get it. Couldn't think of anything new to try so I nailed up the molding and there will remain a slight gap on the top of the door on the doorknob side.

BLTs for dinner were good. Time for bacon!

December 4 2022

Went to church and had lunch. Was going to just move tools down when I remembered I was going to change out the up bathroom door. Since I had some of the door molding off I could shim it if need be.

I took out the down bedroom closet door when we put up the sliding barn door a year ago. It is a solid door whereas the up bathroom had one of the old hollow originals. So it made sense to change it out.

I had to first reverse the hinges to get the directional opening right. Got that done but the door when closed is low at the top on the latch side and high on the hinge side.

Ugh. Measured the door jamb and it was 80.5 on the hinge side and 81 on the latch side. Don't rightly know how that is possible. I was able to push that top up a bit by shimming the lower hinge corner out so the door bottom pushed out moving the top up a little.

I shall have to ponder on the situation but I don't think I can do much better. We shall see.

December 3 2022

Busy day. Painted the second coat in the bathroom after using the Kilz. I should have sprayed more but it looks ok.

We got out and got a ton of gift cards for the problem gift receivers and picked up a

scrapbook so I could make Z a book about going to the game in Detroit. I think he will like it, maybe show his friends.

Then we finished off the Christmas cards.

December 2 2022

Brought up and sorted thru more Xmas stuff and set more up this morning.

Headed to Johnny J for lunch with Tom Babyak and Don Z. Rudy couldn't make it as Rosemary caught the Covid, likely on her last week on the job. We had a good time talking bout the old days. Picked up the KilZ Carolyn got me. Will use it tomorrow.

Mary went out with Brenda for awhile and I played the horses. No luck at the Big A but I put in a last minute \$9 pick 4 at Gulfstream. Had 3 horses in the last race and my long shot came in. Well \$1600 is gonna pay for all my Xmas shopping for the year and then some. Surprising given my no luck at all picks lately.

December 1 2022

Got moving at 9 this morning. Went to Sherwin Williams and picked up their color pack then over to Acme to pick up a few things. We matched the old color and I wrote it on the back of one of the swatches they had given me.

I went back for the paint and it was a comedy of errors. The guy mixed the swatch color which I just caught by checking the label on the can. They then did the right one and I was so glad I did not notice they did not give me the discount. The guy that messed it up then asked the other guy if he rang up the discount so he had to work a refund in.

Put the tape up and then we had lunch. Painted and it looked good with 2 issues. The satin over the semi gloss wouldn't cover, so another coat was going to be needed. The big issue was the paint would not cover the caulking.

Thank God for Youtube. The solution is to seal it with KilZ spray and then the paint stays on. Carolyn got me some and was bring it over, but she forgot. Wow, screw ups all around today!

November 30 2022

Knee was much better today. Not back to pre golf round, but maybe tomorrow.

Took Mary for her eye exam post YAG. They said she is 20/20 and 2.5 readers are a good match, so no prescription lenses. Took 2 hrs again; outrageous.

Around 2pm we went to Loby's for the burger special. A welcome change after 5 days of turkey. Got back at 3 and waited for my 430 appt for my eye exam at Walmart. It took 20 minutes confirming my choice to dump the ortho man and go Walmart. Walmart even had a better machine that cost an extra \$35 to scan your eyes. The guy said both eyes are as healthy as can be and come back in 1.5 years. I got a new pair of bifocal specs just under \$300. More than I would have liked. Perhaps half that online?

We will still be able to go back to ortho man if we have eye issues, but no way for general eye exams.

Carolyn came for 2 Survivor episodes and wants me to repaint. She hates the sky blue we used. More fun I guess.

November 29 2022

Fox Den had no cart restrictions and that was good. My left knee has been bugging me for a couple of weeks now and I never would have made it. We have been off for a couple of weeks so no one played well. We all did show some brief brilliance though. I was at 93, Rudy and Dick 94, and Bill 104. It got ugly.

I limped the back nine and when I got home I could hardly walk. Hot shower and heating

pad and about 7pm I was slowly moving around so that is hopeful. Losing some weight might be helpful.

We each have an eye appt tomorrow, so we will get that out of the way for this year.

November 28 2022

Got to the painting today. Realized that standing on the stepladder to do stuff is like being on Survivor. That is why my legs are weary. You have to stand on a rung and somewhat balance yourself using only the legs. The only thing missing is having Jeff Provost in the room saying: "It's been 30 minutes now. You must be feeling the pain. Those legs must be burning."

I painted half the room, mostly around the shower as it will be easier without the doors. Left the rest till such time I am ready to pull the toilet to do the floor. There is painting to do behind the toilet and it will be easier then. Waiting for a little more drying before getting out the caulk.

November 27 2022

Went to church and then to HD for paint, tape, rollers, batteries, and caulk. Stopped on the way back at Bob Evans for a late breakfast/lunch/dinner.

Came back and watched a miracle; a Browns win. The Buckeye fans needed that after their team let them down yesterday.

I went up and repaired the leak in the up bath faucet. The only parts I used were the washers. If I was close to HH I would have gone there and got two washers for \$1 instead of buying a replacement kit that I didn't really need. And so it goes.

Got a tee time for Fox Den Tuesday but it may be too wet for carts. We shall see. Painting tomorrow.

November 26 2022

Yesterday was hectic so I forgot to post. Sue came from PA and Mary, Catherine, and Sue went out Black Friday shopping. They got back at 3pm so Sue could head back. We spent hours wrapping all the purchases. We have one huge pile of gifts stacked up in the corner for Christmas. Watched Hallmark movies the rest of the night.

Busy day today. Catherine packed up and headed home. I am sure she stopped to shop on the way. After she left, I sanded the few places I re-mudded and it looked good to go. I pulled off the edging strips next to the shower. Had to use soft scrub to remove the goop the duck tape left on the acrylic. That was a chore. I am continually impressed with what soft scrub can do. I am going to try it for everything in the future.

After that I primed the walls and saw only a couple places that could use some mud touch up. They will be so minor I am gonna just leave them. Can't be too much of a perfectionist, eh?

We decided gray wasn't gonna cut it so we went to SW to pick up some blue swatches. Our old go to bathroom color blue! No sale till Thursday so I will just find something close at HD or Lowes. I am tired.

November 24 2022

We had a great Thanksgiving. We were minus Kathy (dining with a friend), Lincoln (ill), and Kaetchen (watching Lincoln). Here was Steve, us, Carolyn, Jacob, Jenna, Wes, Z and K. Somehow we forgot to do the rutabaga? Watched the Bills eek out a win at the last minute and gorged on food and pie. Hope you all had a good day.

November 23 2022

Easy day. We moved stuff around to make room for tomorrow. Then we wrapped

presents we had purchased throughout the year and put them in the corner. Catherine arrived around 4 and the pile of gifts tripled.

We had pizza and watched Survivor and the Amazing Race.

November 22 2022

Another long day today. We got beat up at the Y interval training. Headed out of there and got the car washed. Then it was over to HD to pick up some floor samples. Think I should use a stick on vinyl. They have the plank snap together vinyl but those pieces are huge and would be tough to put in a small bathroom space. Jury is still out on that.

Then over to Walmart for some items and finally home. After lunch we vacuumed and cleaned to get ready. At 7pm we went to an interfaith service at church. It was interesting for sure. Had cookies and sat down with another St Michaels couple about our age.

Small world. Turns out this guy graduated from Niagara in 68 just several miles from UB. He was telling stories of Calvin Murphy playing against Big Bob Lanier and I told my Big Bob high school stories. What a hoot. I was a big fan of Calvin. He held the NBA record for consecutive free throws at one time.

Unlikely I will ever see him again as they go to 830 mass and we go to 11am mass.

November 21 2022

Long day yesterday. I got up at 615am and headed over to pick up Wes and Z and head to Detroit for the Bills game. Drive took 3 ½ hrs with rest stop and all. I drove at maybe 72mph. We found the garage, parked, walked over to American Hot Dogs and had coney's for lunch. Then walked over to Ford Field.

Game was great. We had end zone tickets and you could see all, albeit small players. Bills sucked the first half, lucky to be leading 13-7.

Checking my heart rate, I decided this was the last game I would go too. Can't take the excitement at a nervous 125. I checked it when I got home and it was over 92 from the moment we arrived in Detroit 11am thru to 530pm when we were back in the car.

We enjoyed the game then ate at Lafayette Dogs. Headed home and I was home by 947pm. A long long day! Bills won 31-23.

This morning I sanded all the mud2s and then had to do a mud3 on the 2 sides. The left side needed some fill in the middle and the right side needed more cover for the mesh. We cleaned up for my sisters visit and I will finish next weekend. Might need a mud 4 on those 2 areas. Will see after I get to sand it.

Plan to go to HD and check out flooring and paint for next week. Also ordered a Delta repair kit for the leaky faucet in there. It is one of those with a joystick knob. No cartridge involved.

November 19 2022

Got started on mudding the bathroom project early. Started around 800 and finished mud2 around 930. Vegged and watched my wagers quickly fall by the wayside. Brother and sister on Grand Island missed the snow to the south but got 14 inches overnight. Not sure where the total stopped.

Took Mary to 4pm mass and we picked up Penn Station subs. Love their Italian grilled.

Wes, Z, and I are heading to Detroit to see the Bills play. Going to be a long day. They say its a balmy 72 inside. Hope the roads are OK.

November 18 2022

Got started on mudding the bathroom project early. Started around 830 and finished mud1 just before lunchtime. Now waiting for some drying.

The Spectrum guy found the line cut back near their distribution box and did a patch and was out of here by 10. He checked the signals so I should be OK. The speed test showed 357/10Mbps which is quite impressive. I remember being happy if I got 100.

I used the 20min work type for mud1 and had to hurry to get it up before it was too thick. Thus I will be sanding more than I hoped. Couple times I just had to slap it on. Hope to go back to my standard mud for the next pass after sanding. Not sure I will get another pass in before the end of the day.

Buffalo is getting hammered with snow. Orchard park had 36 inches already. Later tonight it was 54 inches! Bills game was switched to Detroit. Hope to be able to get tickets.

Got 1 of 4 sections done with mud2. Had to wait on the others as they were not dry in the afternoon.

Carolyn and Jacob came over to watch Survivor and brought Jacob's cat. It was well behaved. Good to see Jacob and hear he has a handle on his classes. You wouldn't believe how much that brightens our soul.

November 17 2022

I dashed over to the urgent care to get my stitches removed before the Y. Didn't look like I would get in quick enough so I went up to the desk and said I would come later on. She said I was almost up, so I waited. Two others were called ahead of me and I was just about to give up and head out when they called me in. Finger was infected as I suspected, so he sent a prescription in. He put a needle in to make sure it was infected and it was. Waiting for paperwork, I squeezed a bit of the puss out and it felt better.

Out just in time to do the interval training; heart rate up to 135 a couple of times. Nice. Vegged at home and we went to Loby's for pizza. It was excellent and cheap. 2 NAs, Margarita, and pizza for \$17.

The dumbass Spectrum guys buried neighbor Tom's cable and cut mine. Coming tomorrow to fix their screw up. I tried to set up my phone as a hotspot and damn, it worked. So I dashed off the blog and uploaded it.

November 16 2022

Went to foot Dr this morning. My toes feel free again. He suggested I put Vicks on my nails to soften them up? I shall have to try that.

Took Mary for left eye YAG zapping. They will recheck vision in 2 weeks.

Went to Hartville to watch the kiddos from 530 to 830. It was fun but wore us out. Hope to do Y and mudding tomorrow.

November 15 2022

We went to the Y this morning. The Y is the Jackson one unless otherwise noted from herein. Bye bye Lake Y. Had my heart rate up to 125 a couple of times. Had lunch and vegged till we headed to dermo lady at 230.

I must be getting grouchy in my old age. First I dumped the old dentist, then the Lake y, then the eye Dr, and now I am going to dump the dermo lady.

She did a biopsy on both of us. Mine was on my leg and was a familiar spot. If both biopsy come back negative that will be telling. She sprayed something on the top of my head I have yet to determine. If she sprayed the place where I banged my head I am not going to be happy. Then she said she thought she spotted the basil cell that has disappeared since. I had to ask her look for the biopsy mark, and she said oh yeah, its over here. I was not impressed. She told us to come back in 6mo but I told the scheduler a year. And it may be never if I can switch to someone more local.

November 14 2022

Mary helped me get re-adjust the wallboard patches in the morning and then she went out to the Red hats lunch at 1230. I got the mesh tape out and put the mesh along all the seams. Viking glass guy came and pointed out I was 3/8 wider at the top but they can put in some kind of adjustment so the gap doesn't look bad. He said I was good to go.

He showed up around 3pm and Mary was a little lost driving home so she called me and I helped get her home. Must not have pressed Go on the gps after selecting home. She helped me put a few tacks in to hold the edging and that was that.

Maybe the Y in the morning then dermo lady at 230. Maybe mud Wednesday?

November 13 2022

Sunday was a day of rest. It was 40 outside but the wind had me freezing! Saw flakes last night too. Yuck!

We did church and then watched the Browns get crushed. Headed to Texas RH around halftime since the Bills were up by 14. They blew another one. Allen is back to forcing rookie mistakes, and the injured D can't stop anyone. This one is on both of them.

Carolyn was over for awhile and got us up to date on stuff.

Been thinking of the Condo move last April. It was all brought on by the burdensome yard work and thoughts that Mary would need a simpler life when I was gone a few years down the road. The timing was incredible. Because of the move we were able to house Jacob for a year plus and help with his recovery, put some cash in the bank selling at the peak, and it got me going back to church after all those years. Just a coincidence or some divine guidance?

November 12 2022

OMG. I was up at 5am thinking about doing the bath drywall as it would be easier to do now rather than with the doors on. Got up and watched some videos and made a shopping list and scoped out what HD aisles the stuff was in. We got out before 9 and picked up the stuff. Thankfully they cut the drywall into 2 so I could get it into the car.

Went right to work when we got home. Put the drywall in the basement to cut up. Got it almost up with 1 piece left. The up and down 2 flights of stairs eventually got to me and I had to give up on the last cut. Could not bend down far enough to cut the last piece. Threw in the towel at 145pm and had the chili Mary made when we got home.

Mary carried on with wash but also was toast. Watched the Big A and lost the pick 5 as my horses finished 2nd and 7th. That is the way my "luck" has been lately. I got a bonus day this week. Thought today was Sunday all day.

November 11 2022

We started early on a mission to clean the loft and bed/bath upstairs as we watched the rain all day.

Got the guest bedroom dusted swept and floor steamed, then noticed we needed some bedding. I got on line and ordered some stuff from Kohls. Then we made umteen trips taking tools down to the basement. Ouch. We did a little bit of everything. So the upstairs is ready for Catherine to stay for Thanksgiving.

Took something to the post office but it was closed when I got there at 230? Over to Acme where we picked up some cod for dinner. It was awesome again and so simple to prepare.

Thought it was Saturday all day. Guess that is tomorrow. Will put some tools away.

November 10 2022

We started to put back the closet we emptied to put in an access panel to work on the drain. Mostly done but we need to sort what is left.

We headed to the Y for FF Interval but there was a sub today. She was into dance moves so I learned a lot as well as exercised. At the end, we did the Cuban Shuffle. All I could think of was the Seinfeld episode on the Cubans. It was pretty easy, 4 steps right, 4 right, 4 kicks, then turn 90 degrees left and do it again. I ended up facing the crowd a couple of times by turning the wrong way.

Holy squat. She did about 50 of them. I had to take a break after 8 or so.

Headed to Hartville. Dropped Wes' stuff off, HH extra parts for refunds, and finally got a haircut! Stopped on the way home at the Restore and sent Jacob some pics of end tables for \$15. Finally stopped at DrugMart and got me some paper to print on. Busy day!

November 9 2022

We straightened up the work area. Took Mary for her mammogram at 11 am.

Rudy came over at 2pm. He brought the mount for the shower pole he made up and we installed it while Mary and Rosemary did the house tour. We all went to Loby's for the burger special. I will buy them another dinner for helping out next time we go out with Jane.

November 8 2022

Rudy came over at 9am and left at 3pm. He did the water plumbing for the shower and no leaks. Ran into issues with the sloping sides of the shower stall but he figured it out. I messed up the cut holes but they were not too far off and didn't hurt things. The way the shower head pipe mounts, left us needing a piece to help with the mount for it.

Cut my finger at 245 and wrapped it up to finish the job. Needed 3 stitches and a Tetanus shot at Cleveland Clinic urgent care (old mercy medical) on Whipple and Dressler. Doc said I could play Friday.

November 7 2022

The aches and pains improved a little with sleep. We went to the Y for the FF class without intervals and it was rough given my knee pain. Got thru it but now I have some ankle pain to add to the mix.

Mary went out with Wes for her birthday lunch. I went to Viking glass to check on the shower doors then pick up Jacob at his dental cleaning and take him back to Kent. It was the trip from hell. Immediately there was standstill traffic on 77. We got off at Arlington and it took us another hr to get to Kent. Stopped to pick up pills, stopped at his bank, his apartment, and drop him to class. Headed home into the sun and rush hour traffic.

I was in the car from 1:30 to 4:45, the trip from hell.

November 6 2022

Damn time change. I was up at 6 and found out it was really 5am. Long time to church, so I caught a 45 min nap. Straightened up the work area so one could move around and tossed some trash.

We went to church then finally got to do some grocery shopping. I was still tired but got it done. Then I watched the Jets beat the Bills. They ran all over the Bills injury plagued defense. Josh Allen did not have a good day so he could not counter the Jets ball control.

I passed on golf with all the aches and pains. Also it is depressing to lose to Denny at Fox Den where he got a tee time. Long ride too. He owns Fox Den.

November 5 2022

Oops on yesterday. First thing I picked up some wood to close off some of the floor I removed to look at the drain. Not much after cutting a few pieces. I found I needed some 1 ¼ screws to do this so I put it on hold.

We were off to the dermo surgeon for my Mohs. I first asked where the spot is since it healed up long ago. The doctor looked and found the biopsy site and he could not see what to do either! He said he could cut some and test or we could watch and see if it comes back. I was out of there in a flash!

We went to Loby's for fish and vegged the rest of the night. `t

Started today heading to Loews for the 1 ¼ screws and found some wrenches that opened way up so I could tighten the drain nut on the shower drain. We got going a little after 8am. Got the drain attached to the shower base quickly. We tried dropping it into place but there was always an issue getting it in. After 2 or 3 tries of shaving some of the 2x4's I went large and trimmed 6 back. That got it done but the thing wasn't level due to the subfloor for the vinyl at the front. I had to pull that back an inch so the front was level with the back. That took forever.

With that done, we got it in and set it down but the thing rocked. Lifted it up and the feet were not perfect. We found 2 that were too high. We broke for lunch and I read directions again. Said to use shims when needed. Luckily I could reach 2 of the feet that needed shims from the back and all seemed well. There is one squeaky point on the back corner but I can live with it.

Finally, we glued the pipes around 3pm. They look good but the pipe entering the drain is a little tilted. Got to wait 2 hrs to test then to allow the glue to dry. Gonna be tears or joy in 2 hrs.

Two hours passed and so did the drain testing. Mission accomplished! Next up is test fitting the back wall and side walls. They are too heavy for Mary so I have to wait on some help. Let Rudy know he could come over when he had time and do the pipe fixtures. I am expecting I will need to shave some of the 2x4s and use shims to get all to fit. Moving right ahead, slowly.

November 3 2022

Played in the fog at Arrowhead. I was a late 5th so we went 2 and 3. Played with Ray Stone. Ray Played well and shot 87 with one blowup hole. I had my own and shot 90. Big problem was looking up and I never did make a putt. Those greens are nasty. Driver was golden though.

We played behind a woman the starter says plays every day and has competed in the USGA women's open and senior open. Denise Callahan. Looked her up. She is an amateur athlete. Most impressive is she is 61, plays every day and carries on those Arrowhead hills. Wow.

Kids came over at 5 and we celebrated Mary's and Z's bday! Wes put the base down and we adjusting the drain a little. I think I will beef up the floor cut away under the drain before we seal it in.

November 2 2022

Mary made cupcakes for the party tomorrow while I went to HH to get the drain parts I need. Dang barber was closed again so I stay shaggy.

We had lunch and then I took her to get her secondary cataracts taken care of. 2Hrs for a 5min procedure. I was pretty disgusted with them. She will get the other eye treated later this month and then we will take our business elsewhere.

November 1 2022

Thinking about finally scoring a 79 this fall, I reflected on the year of golf. After a horrible start, I finally got it together in late May but lost it in August. Nice week or two in September and a bumpy fall. Over the last 2-3 years I reduced my backswing, focused on staying over the ball, used a one hand putting stroke with occasional success, and focused on wrist snap using my right wrist to compensate for left wrist pain. Overall I am happy to have made the necessary adjustments to keep my game together. As we all age, we seem to need make adjustments in all sorts of areas, eh?

We went to the Y and did the interval training. Worked up a nasty sweat. We had lunch then went to Cain for a recall software reload. Took 90 minutes. I fell asleep waiting. Then it was off to HH to find out how to do the drain for the new shower. I was lucky enough to talk to Cris (or some guy wearing a shirt that said Cris). I swear I was there for 20-30min as he pulled pieces and said we could do this and that. He was very patient.

Only 2 ¼ inch to work with the existing p-trap, no can do. His best estimate with a handful of parts is that I needed 5". Choices were 1) raise floor or 2) lower the p-trap. I had a photo but it did not show the entire p-trap so we decided I would get a pic of that and take some measurements. When I got home, I took them and it looks like I can pick up almost 7" by dropping the p-trap. What a relief! I will go back in the morning and get the parts. Will have to cut away more of the floor to cut off the p-trap and rework it but at least there is a reasonably simple solution.

October 31 2022

Oops. Missed the blog as I watched the Bills beat up on Green Bay. We went to church and then Mary cooked up a batch of chili. I had some Friday at the golf course and was ready for more. Went to Harbor Freight and bought a new reciprocating saw. Mary helped hold stuff as I sawed up all the tub small enough for the trash bucket. Might take several weeks to get all that out in the trash.

Today Mary went to the Y with Brenda while I played golf. We played Fox Den and amazingly stayed dry. Well, God let me break 80 today, and Denny too. Denny shot what he thinks is his lifetime low of 76. He went 36-40. He rolled in 3 long birdies but took a double on #18 or he would have been lower.

I stayed put over the ball and never hit a bad shot all day. Where was that Friday?? I missed my 2 birdie tries and left 3 just short of the cup. 38-41 for me with my putting dropping off on the back nine. Dick also kept his head over the ball which helped him score 87, and Ken was at 94. Great finish to the Monday season.

October 29 2022

Carolyn woke me up at 8am ringing doorbell. Somehow I slept in till then? It was a restless night. I gave her some prep tasks while I had breakfast and coffee. Wes showed up shortly thereafter. Was not expecting him but he was a welcome addition. Got off the shower door mounts, then the tub fixtures, then cut out the drywall to the right height. Each took a turn with the dremmel. We had it all finished except for the edges when Rudy arrived to cut the tub with his angle grinder.

The smell of the grinder was bad so Mary went for a fan and we put some plastic up and opened windows. Tried the reciprocation saw and got a little done but the blade retention isn't working. Going to have to get a new one.

Rudy finished up by noon and we had lunch. Wes stayed 2 hrs and we finished removing the drywall on the edge. Carolyn went to HH to get us stuff but the drain stuff was wrong. We asked for stuff that was wrong so not her fault.

Took me an hour to figure out what we really need. I will have to go find it as she is off to Florida Monday.

The shower felt good and we vegged the rest of the day.

October 28 2022

Mel picked me up for Wilkshire this morning. We had a 15 min delay for frost but that was not bad. I hit the ball well but did not get up and down but for a couple of times. Went 42-42 for 84.

Birdied #3. That was a hoot. Ripped a tee shot left into the trees on a short hole. Lots of leaves there so we never found anything. Then Mel found it on the other side of the fairway. Must have smacked a tree good and got a long deflection. I was 170ish out and ripped a 4 iron to 6 feet then made the putt. What looked like a bad start turned into a fine birdie.

Made another on #12, toughest hole on the course. Drive, layup, and A wedge to 20 feet. Rudy showed me the way lipping out. My went in.

Mary and I went to Acme for groceries. We were out of coffee so the trip was mandatory. Golf course had yummy chili, so we got stuff for cooking up 2 batches of chili.

October 27 2022

Mary had a hair appt at 11 so I went to the Y alone. The intervals were hard! I had my heart rate up to 135 4 times which is very high for me. I usually ease up at 110. I began checking the clock ½ hr in. Oh my. It was a long long hour.

We went to Loby's at 2pm. The bartender was joking with me about paying the bill. The pizza was good. Pizza, 2-NA's and a margarita for \$17 ain't bad. Vegging was in order after that. Sue sent a txt that she liked Carolyn's golf ball story.

October 26 2022

We went to the Y and once again were disappointed it was line dancing and not Forever Fit. We went over to the main room and did the elliptical and treadmill. We had to wait for Brenda. Mary was going to Yoga with her at 11 and then to her house. Brenda arrived and I left them for home. Mary got back for dinner. I did a little prep for demo.

Carolyn should be over to watch Survivor later.

You know how you save some stuff from the kids when they were young? I found this a while back. Must have been written by Carolyn, who is sneaking up on 50 in a few months. Could not have been Wes cause his handwriting was terrible and he never spelled this good. It was on the wide line paper so must have been done in grade school. Only one word mis spelled, "untill". That leads me to believe I helped her cause I always mis spell that too. Pretty creative. I had to laugh about the closet, as this is where I keep my golf balls; Mollies and all the new ones. Not sure how she would have known about the ball washer, so that is a mystery. Anyway, here it is for your entertainment:

Herman

Can you imagine how it is being a golf ball? All day you get put on a tee and then ("POW") you get hit into the air untill you go into a dark hole. One day I got hit into a sand trap!!! I was trapped for about 2 days I think. Well any way, someone found me. Whoever found me took me home and gave me a bath and than took me back to the place. He put me in this thing and it got stuff all over me and then he dried me off on a dirty old towel. Then he put me on a tee and ("POW"). I flew into a lake and sunk to the bottom where I joined 17 other golf balls just like me for a party. After about 9 days someone got us out. He took us in a warm building. He sold us to some guy where we are in his dark closet right now.

October 25 2022

We were going to do the interval Fit class at the Y. I looked at the calendar before we were leaving and saw we already missed it. I was very disturbed I screwed up the time in my mind. I just wrote them on the calendar last night but not on my computer till this

morning. Guess I remembered the last class on Thursday and it stuck in my head.

Man, I am tired of screwing up times. Must be the fact that there is no rushing in retirement. That's my excuse anyway. So we went anyway and I tagged 10 penalty minutes on the elliptical for that debacle.

Woke up to some loud noise just before 8am. They were out there doing 2 driveways this morning. I thought someone should rent lawn chairs to watch for \$2. Put a sign up saying "watch men who are really working".

Meeting Jane and Rudy at 530 for our bi-monthly dinner shortly so posting early.

October 24 2022

Oops. Forgot Sunday. Sunday was church, Browns losing, and neighborhood walk.

Today we played Brookledge. Not my favorite. Set the tone for the round by 3 jacking #1 for a 7 and 4 jacking #3 for a 6. Did not play to bad but never made one putt. Counted 40 for the round. Thinking about Chippewa, they have 4 bad green. Brookledge has 14 of them.

On the way home I decided I would play Brookledge and Chippewa next year, just not compete. Thus I will pick up once on the greens in 2; 4 at Chippewa and 14 of them at Brookledge. Problem solved.

Mary went to the Y with Brenda and bummed around with her later on. Great day to be outside. Might be the last of them.

October 22 2022

Quiet day. Watched some tub demolition and installs and picked up some good tips and ideas. Careful not to cut any pipes or wires when sawing up the tub. Use a cardboard template to make sure you are drilling the holes in the right place. And put some silicon sealer on the inside just in case. Make sure the sealer works with acrylic. For shower doors you have to add wood where the mounting holes will be.

We cooked up some pork roasts. Set some aside for Jacob. Ate dinner early and got 4 of the pick 5 with a longshot beating out my horse. Arg.

October 21 2022

Got home late last night so did not post. We were busy. The shower walls were delivered. We unboxed them and took them up to the loft with the exception of the back wall which Mary could hardly lift. That sits in the down hall till some muscle comes over. Took us awhile to cut up the box and take it to the recycle.

At 5:30 we left for dinner with the Lockheed guys and wives. Chuck, Sammy, Hogan, Brady, and Otis was there. Good food and company. Not cheap. Have to skimp next week.

Today we all hacked our way around Mayfair. The greens were fast and the pin placements unkind. Lots of 3 putts and some 4 putts. I was patient but kept coming up short and had no chipping game so it was a rough 44-49 = 93. Ugh.

October 19 2022

Up early so Mary could finish up. Got out of the colon guy's place at noon, no worse for the wear. Dropped off some money to cover Friday's bill at Loby's and cooked Mary some eggs and toast. Hope to catch up on some sleep tonight.

October 18 2022

Quiet morning, then drove to Kent to pick up Jacob. Had him help with moving stuff out of the storage space and turn off the water to the upstairs bathroom to prep for demo. Took him to his haircut appt. Carolyn took him back after work. Jenna came along to see

his new cat. Dumb imho to get a cat. I guess he is lonely.

Got Mary cleansing on the colon prep. More at 6am and we leave at 10, likely home at 3?

October 17 2022

Played Sanctuary today. We played the back nine first. Went 46-42 =85. I took 5 on the #16. My GPS said it was 180 over the waste area. I hit 3 balls from the tee and Rudy hit 1. I knew my first 2 were lost but hit the 3d good. We never did find our good hits, which I know cleared. Maybe right of the green up on the hill in the leaves? We never finished the hole and took 8s fooling around. I took 3 off as a 5 would have been the score.*

I know I 3 putted at least 4 times, so it was a good ball striking round. Missed all 3 birdie tries.

October 16 2022

Paid the bills and went to church this morning. Did some cleaning and watched the Browns self destruct. Belichick figured a way to stop the run. He is some strategist.

The watched the Bills eek out a big win over KC. Didn't look good in the 4q but they pulled it off.

Gonna be cold tomorrow for golf. Mid 40s and windy.

October 15 2022

Busy day. We slept in. Setup my new printer. Real easy. Then we started on BBQ hamburgers. Took us at least 4 hrs. Three lbs made 22 patties. We had trouble browning them. Worked up the first 8. The peppers were not chopped fine enough and were causing the patties to fall apart when browning them. We went thru the rest and pulled out all the large pepper chunks. Made the first 8 in one batch to make sure they would be good and they were.

Whipped up the last 14 but had to make more sauce. Of course we made too much but we got it done. Set aside 2 for Carolyn, 4 for us, 6 for Wes and 6 for Jacob. Some of the others were broken in chunks.

Mom's hand written recipe left some items vague. Never said how much bread crumbs to use, nor how fine to chop the peppers. The peppers caused us the most grief. Also baking for ½ hr wasn't enough. They were not 165 after ½ hr so we used 45min.

Wes brought the kids over to pick up his share and they stayed and ate them all up. Z just loved them and we sent Kaetchen the recipe. They were really good!

October 14 2022

Oops. Brain lag missing blog. We went to the Y and did the forever fit interval session. Worked up a good sweat and lots of cardio zone minutes. We walked later and Mary went with Carolyn to pick up a mower part then they watched Survivor a day late. I woke up that night remembering I had put a ball of rolled gum in my hat at the Y earlier and never did take it out. That is brain lag 2.

Today I hit the ball and putted well shooting 40-44. Had 5 straight pars on the front. Three doubles on the back did me in. John T played fantastic, eagle on the first hole and a birdie on the first par 3. Bill played well except for a couple bad holes. Mel was a basket case as was Denny. First time he lost it all year.

We went to Loby's for fish and I won \$50 on a scratch off. Remembering thinking it would cover the meal, I took the ticket up. Erin gave me the 50 and the bill. I left a tip but never did pay the bill. Brain lag 3 popped up around 730pm. I went back but she was gone. Have to catch her Wednesday thru Friday next week and pay up.

Sue sent me a txt that Ed had Covid now as well.

October 12 2022

Got a call from sister Sue in PA. She got Covid now. Covid all around thanks to no mask policy. We keep wearing ours.

Took Mary for eye exam. I was not happy. She had a 930 appt, 90 min after they opened and they were 30 minutes behind? I think not! Girl at desk blamed it on staffing, Doc blamed it on new software (they have had it for 6 weeks and are still struggling or so he said). I kept asking the other patients and they were all ½ hr late; none were thrilled. Mary has to go for YAG zapping for each eye to zap the cloudiness. Took till 12 to get out of there. I think they need an office manager? Seems to me if you were struggling for 6 weeks you would lighten the patient load, eh? I cancelled my appt next month. Not going thru that again.

While I was waiting I walked around and found Micheal Smit, Smitty's kid who is now working there. Have not seen him since he was in grade school. Said hi and wished him and his family well. Mel said he talked to Smitty and he was having back problems. In an earlier surgery he had 2 rods put in and the screws are coming out now. Got to get that taken care of.

We vegged and I kept the lights low the rest of the day. Usually takes me a day to recover from dilation.

Email from Lockheed guys said the season was over unless there is a good day. Next week looks bad they said.

October 11 2022

Played Sunny Hills. The par 34 3d nine was a cake walk but I managed to screw up enough I shot 38 with one double. Back 9 was slow (thats my excuse) so I started with a double on the par 5 (laying 2 100 yds out) then a triple on the par 3, just hitting the top lip of the front bunker, dropping back in and blasting it way over the green, then getting on and 3 putting. Played some good holes but ended up 9 over at 45. A key factor was playing slow greens after the slick ones at Chippewa.

I was striking it true again though. I don't get why I lost the recipe for several rounds and it took me so long to get it back. We might all need one of those mind coaches. On the par 5 16th, I walk up on the tee thinking birdie and so I did. I can do no wrong on that hole. Then I play #18 and walk up mumbling I always screw it up and hit it into the trees on the left. Finished with a double there. Sigh.

Got home and we finished our Rockne's salad, did the neighborhood walk, and went for ice cream. The ice cream, caramel apple crunch was so sugary I had to take half home and stick it in the freezer.

October 10 2022

Played Chippewa against my better judgement. Confirmed it is the same clown course I remember. I hit a nice 6i ron to the green on 14. It went off the back. I chipped up to about 10 feet. My putt went 1 ft past then pin then kept trickling a few feet then picked up speed stopping 60 feet down the hill. Took an 8. Finished at 90 having putting issues plus not staying still over the ball. Tended to move forward as I swung the club. Nothing good happened doing that. Maybe I can redeem myself tomorrow at Sunny Hills.

October 9 2022

Busy busy busy day. We went to church, came home and loaded the car for the trip to Kent, met Jacob and Carolyn for lunch at Rockne's, stopped at the Home store to pick up some prizes Mary needs for next months Red Hats, and picked up some groceries at Acme. Running around for 5 hours today. Above the norm.

The Browns blew another and the Bills crushed the Steelers. Still have not got my big

scratch off win so I can send the boys to the Super Bowl. I will keep trying.

October 8 2022

Slept in a bit. After breakfast we cooked up the london broil. It finished cooking around noon. The pot was full so a bit spilled over. So we had to clean the mess up. We did the Aqua Clean cycle. Sound pretty silly. Pour a couple of cups of water in the bottom and turn the clean cycle on. We did a walk and then had to wipe out the oven. Took us half an hour to clean what was left.

Watched the horses but missed the last race in the pick 4 when my choice was a distant 2nd. Not sure if we are going to take the broil to Kent for Jacob or not. He said he was busy, then changed his mind, so I need to confirm.

October 7 2022

Picked up Mel and got to Sugar Bush a little early. Getting to hate getting all bundled up. Made it official with my ski hat on #10. Played poorly. Seemed like lack of concentration maybe rushing a little. Sure putted poorly. Missed at least 5 short putts on the day. Some were just pitiful as were some of my chips. Took 5hrs for some reason? Bad play?

Denny played well. Bill was basket case on the front but awesome on the back with a 40. Got Mel home and we went to Loby's for fish when I got home.

Oh yeah. Dropped some stuff at Wes' this morning. He came down with Covid. Hope it doesn't rip through the family.

October 6 2022

Headed to RiteAid and got our new Covid booster and flu shot at 10 then picked up my fixed flat tire. Guy said he never saw a flat caused by a piece of wood before. Very odd. A first for him. Must have a dark cloud hanging above me.

Got home and put it on the car and did some car vacuuming while I was at it. Got bored so I investigated the bedroom ceiling fan. I had put 3 LEDs in it last year and it began to blink. Put the old bulbs back in and same? So I put one at a time in and found only 1 that did not blink.

My hypotheses was that although the bulbs were good, the circuits to step the power line down was feeding back into the power lines, so the filter circuits were failing. Got to research that. Picked up more bulbs at Lowes and they worked fine. Quite a pain to lug the big ladder around. Thought I would never have to replace a bulb again. Wrong!

October 5 2022

Before we knew it we had to leave for the retiree lunch. Met Dick Lott and Hetrick there. Most of the usual crew was there. No John R though. After we headed to Walmart to pick up the staples like TP, paper towels, yogurt, and water.

Got back and saw my one tire was flat so I took it off and dropped it to Mr Tire. Later we did the neighborhood walk. The HOA trimmed the shrubs this morning and they look good.

Expecting Carolyn tonight for Survivor. Tomorrow, the flu and new Covid booster.

October 4 2022

I was off to Mayfair to play with the Lockheed guys. Shot 40 on the front with one triple and one birdie. Started out 2 over after 3 on the back, then went 8 4 10 and ended up with 50 on the back. Quite a tanking.

Headed to Hartville for a haircut and decided to cut across Myersville rd. Got stopped for going 40 in a 25 but I got off with a warning. That was a relief. Got my haircut, stopped for ice cream, then to look at my tires. Typical temp change low pressure. Sheets pump

was out so I did both tires when I got home. Weird day.

October 3 2022

We traveled home yesterday and arrived late. Mary and Ruth bummed around and cooked beef on weck. Had a good time showing Brad my blog, editing a picture of Bonnie, making him a jib jab ecard, and checking for tools online.

We watched the Bills game and headed out around 6pm, getting back around 10pm. We seemed in the way, using their grandson Brad 's bed (he had school today) and Dennis was hurting from his hip replacement. Twas much more painful than the last one. Given all that I figured we should get out of Dodge and give them a break.

Almost went to golf but I was still tired from the trip. We put away the travel stuff and took care of some items we had left undone.

October 1 2022

Played Terry Hills with Jim and Jr today from the white tees. I got my token win in shooting 87 to Jr's 90 and Jims 99. One penalty and 4 almost dropped putts kept me up there. Almost overslept.

Went over to Mary's brother Dave. He was doing some cool woodworking stuff with his lathe. Never figured to get into it but this looks like his retirement hobby.

No post for Friday. We drove in and stopped by the Black Rock Historical Society. Black rock had a lot of activity in the war of 1812 and it was cool to talk to those preserving the history. Not many residents know this place exists so I passed the word around the relatives. We had a super fish fry that evening. Too bad I slobbered all over my pants. Luckily I brought an extra pair. Will have to be sure I take extra clothes on future travels.

September 29 2022

Played Arrowhead early with the Lockheed guys. A bit chilly but not bad. It was an up and down round. I hit the ball well, had some lucky breaks and went 44-40. Parred some of the toughest holes there.

Screwed up 8 and 9 going 5 over. I could have been somebody. The greens were very quick. Almost holed another. Missed the pin by an inch or two and the ballmark was 6" behind the pin. Missed the birdie as I could only touch the ball going down hill to the pin. Broke left a couple of inches.

Bagger O came over to see the condo. He is planning on building his own home within an area where an HOA maintains the outside. Somewhere off Boetler Rd in Green.

Thought the kiddos might come over but no luck. Got to pack for Buffalo tonight. Want to stop at the Black Rock Museum for 1812 stuff.

September 28 2022

We were off to the Y for Forever Fit. We find out that the last Wednesday of the month, they do line dancing? Rrr. We skipped that and I did 20min on the elliptical and Mary did the treadmill.

We had lunch then picked up a few items at Marcs in case the kids come over tomorrow. Carolyn came over for Survivor.

Found a nice shower door at Lowes and made an inquiry into installation to see the cost and schedule for that. The guy at Viking glass had told me install was only 250 or so. So we shall see.

September 27 2022

We were off to the Y for Forever Fit interval training. Very good cardio workout. I was pretty sweaty when it was over. We stopped for some lunchmeat on the way home and

had lunch.

Rudy came over to help me figure out the shower work. He thought I had picked out some good stuff and showed me the shower head he has. It is very simple so I ordered it. After he left I put the shower on order at Lowes. Wanted to order from build.com but they needed 16 weeks when Lowes was more like 4 weeks.

Looked thru the list of compatible shower doors but I can't tell the difference between some of them. Planning on calling Sterling for clarification. Cost is going to be somewhere around \$2200. Denny said bath filter quoted him 10K a few years back.

Tomorrow we try Forever Fit with no intervals. I am guessing it will be a bit easier. We did enough weight work today and not as brutal as the strength class at Myers Lake.

September 26 2022

Cool and a bit windy but not bad at Seven Hills today. Mary went to Silver Sneakers with Brenda while I golfed.

I shot 43-42 but was a bit angry at myself on the front. Was moving off the ball and caused me to double #7. right then I decided to focus on staying put and immediately birdied #7 almost reaching in 2 from the up tees. Would have parred 9 if I had not 3 putted.

Chipping woes on the back did me in. Lots of good shots and a couple of lip outs kept me from a super back nine.

Carolyn came over to watch Survivor ending from last week.

September 25 2022

Rainy day. Church this morning, then we packed up some food for Jacob and headed off to Kent. Called Steve and he bought us all a meal at The Wild Goat on Main St.

Lots of unique breakfasts there. Jacob and I had french toast with bananas and cinnamon, Mary had an Omelet, and Steve had aa veggie sandwich.

Kept checking on the Bills. They lost with the same red zone problems plus they gave up the ball on their 6 yd line early. First and 10 at the 6 for the win and they could not do it.

September 24 2022

Busy morning. We straightened up and then started cooking the swiss steak. Cooked up 3 lbs of top round for us, Jacob, and Carolyn. We ate 1/3 of ours for an early dinner. It was very good, but could have used some more tomato. We think too much boiled out while slow cooking. The gas stove on low is still very hot. Maybe we will put some water in it for the next warm up.

Watched the President's Cup golf and finished the puzzle. Around 5 we went for a neighborhood walk. Finalized travel plans for Friday Buffalo trip. Leave Friday and return Monday.

September 23 2022

Played Windmill today. Pretty brutal. Cart path only and the course was wet and soggy. A good drive was 180. Without roll my long irons were pretty useless as they don't carry any further than a 7 iron. Greens were slick if the ball was rolling but with any kind of height they just stuck. I was low at 91. John E had 92 but rushed his short putts and missed a couple. Denny had 95. Mel had 117 after a horrible start with 34 strokes after 4 holes. Yikes.

Rudy did not make it. With one car, his wife did not get home from work soon enough. Dick had furnace issues and had to get the repair man out this morning.

Wes came over after dinner and we put in his LED headlights I got him for his Bday. Mary

bummed around with Brenda all day. 9300 steps on my fitbit with the cart only golf. I was exhausted.

September 22 2022

Played Sable Creek today with the Lockheed guys. Off to a slow start due to all the aches and pains. Played very well and if I had not 3 putted a few times, could have broke 80. Went 42 on the gold (way too high) and 41 on the black (great score). Almost had another Ace on black #5. My ball mark was 1" for the cup. Getting closer!

We ate at Grinders in Hartville meeting Jim Alstadt there. He looked good after all the surgeries he has had. Brought Mary home some food. LEDs in my bedroom fan started flickering? I unscrewed 2 of the 3 that were flickering and the 3d looked ok. Put the old bulbs back in and the one left started flickering. Must be some kind of feedback back into the power line? Will try to get replacements. Will see how that goes.

September 21 2022

OMG I feel like an idiot. We decided to go to the Forever Fit interval class at 10:30 despite being sore from yesterdays debacle. Got there and the classrooms did not look right. No one was leaving and it was 10:25. Duh! It was Wednesday and NOT Thursday.

So we headed to North Canton to pick up my bathroom window with new glass. I had bugged them yesterday and that helped. Too early for ice cream so we went to Subway and had lunch. Just long enough for Ros to open. The hot fudge was good. Got back and installed the window and we walked the hood. Stopped to talk to one neighbor.

Still have sore pecs and shoulders. Carolyn came over to watch Survivor. Hope most of the soreness is gone for golf tomorrow. Talked to bro Jim. His back surgery is now Oct 15. Hope to see him next weekend.

September 20 2022

Today we tried out the strength class at the Myers Lake Y. OMG it was brutal. I was cooked 15 min from the end. Worst I felt in a long while. It was fast paced with no rest. She had us use a bar which we loaded up with 7.5 at each end. After the first few, I unloaded Mary's bar to 2.5 an end and after a couple more minutes took mine down to 5 an end. The I went and got an unloaded bar to ease the shoulder load.

Problem is with a bar, I can't rest my left shoulder. With hand weights I can just use one hand but a bar prevents that. Then with pushups I can't put weight on my right big toe as the nail digs in and is painful. Lots of leg lifts too which I could never do. Did a lot of sitting out toward the end. Not sure we will do that class again. We talked to her later and she said there are people who modify but I did not see any others modify nor did she offer any modification suggestions. Micki was certainly fit. They have active adult sessions at 9am. Might try that or one at the Jackson Y tomorrow.

Got time to go tomorrow but not sure I will have recovered.

September 19 2022

Oops missed yesterday. We did church, watched the Browns give one away, and did a walk.

Today we slept in and made a big breakfast. No golf as I went to the urologist appt. Did not want to cancel cause it is hard to get an appt with that guy. He said no more PSA tests after 75. Besides, my readings are always so low my chances of prostate cancer at this point are almost zip.

We had ice cream for lunch and walked. Watch the Bills game. They are killing Tennessee.

Spent 3 hrs looking at shower stuff. The HD and Lowes sites are so messed up I had to

call Sterling 3 times. The first call I approached it wrong and did not get what I wanted. Got better the 2nd call and finally got it right on the 3d call. They gave me the product number for the complete package instead of the separate items. With the doors the cost will be about 2K. Gonna run it by Rudy when I get him over here and then order. Delivery is 8-12 weeks so it will be a winter project.

September 17 2022

Slept Ok after a tough start and up at 815. We packed up and headed to Kent to see Jacob. Picked up Steve on the way and toured his apartment. The place is in decent shape but has many maintenance issues. He has a broken closet bifold, a piece of the ceiling with some water damage. He loves the balcony where he can sit out and vape and watch the sunset.

We went to the English Pub in Ravenna and sat outside. The food was good and we found out about his classes and work. He looked good.

Got home and finished our fall outdoor cleanup. That took two sessions of and hr each. Quite a difference when it took us 6 to 8 sessions of 3 hrs at the old homestead.

September 16 2022

Woke up around midnight with acid reflux from the salad we had with the neighbors tomatoes. Thought I was going to barf several times and hit the toilet 3 or 4 times with di. Long night with little sleep. Got up at 830 to decide if I could play golf or not and decided I was not up for it. Dang. Back to bed for another hour for more sleep.

Shaky most of the morning but felt better in the afternoon. Had a burger for dinner. Lets see how it goes tonight.

September 15 2022

We decided to try Forever Fit Interval class at Jackson Y. All ladies again but they were friendly and helpful. It was pretty brutal. Lots of dance moves which I was not fond of but it was very cardio for 50 minutes with very little rest. I enjoyed the cardio but not sure if Mary get enough of weight bearing exercise. We will try the Wednesday class which we were told is easier.

After lunch we got out and planted the Easter Tulip bulbs. Also cleaned up some weeds in the back. More to do, perhaps Saturday. Laura gave us some tomatoes as she will be gone this weekend and many are ripe.

September 14 2022

We went to lunch with the HOA but there was only 3 couples this time. Afterwards, we went to Mary's eye appt but they had overbooked and moved the appt to October.

Got the scanner working but not the printer. From what I can tell Dell stopped doing drivers after mac os 10. Great, just great.

September 13 2022

Up early again and less stuffy. Played Chenoweth with the Lockheed guys and had stellar drives. Too bad my putting was dismal. I did make one putt to save a bogey. On 15 I hit 8 iron 1.5 inch short of Ace #7. Ouch! Ended up with 42-41=83. With some putting I could have been under 80. If I had not had some lucky breaks it could have been 87. Skipped 3 off the water into play and had an OB bounce back into play.

September 12 2022

Up early again but not as stuffy. Dropped my window off for new glass. Two years ago this cost \$100, now it is \$175. Holy cow!

Played Sable with Denny. Was slow on the front so I suggested the Gold for the back

nine. Denny said no problem but after he hit 2 in the water on the first hole he was not so happy. I scored 85, Denny 95. Never made a putt.

Jacob was feeling bad with stuffiness but tested neg for COVID.

Mary went to Red Hat lunch with Brenda and had a good time.

September 11 2022

Up early again. My head is so stuffed in the morning I can't get back to sleep. We went to church and the violinist brought tears playing America The Beautiful. We wer going to head up to Kent and take Jacob a care package but they called him into work at noon. Pretty nasty after working to 230 close the night before.

So we watched the Browns pull out a thriller. I spent several hours manually moving all my old emails over on a thumb drive. I had many subfolders but had to combine them all so I could move them easier.

Also solved my Firefox bookmark issue. Only item left is to figure out how to get my calendar over. Don't have a clue. Have found no help yet on the Mozilla site.

Fixed some blog dates. Looks like I missed Friday. Mary tested negative and I shot 40-46 at Mayfair. Screwed up the middle holes on the back 9 but did played decent. The frustrating thing was missing the green from 100 yds three times straight on the front. I also 3 jacked it from 2 feet on a par 3.

September 10 2022

Up early again. Was thinking about Dick moving Sally and his options. Stupid. I emailed him some thoughts and he had it handled. Matt is going to move stuff and can handle it.

Mary and I cleaned up, disinfected, washed all the bedding and the floors, the tabletops and all. Took 4 hrs. After a rest we picked up some groceries at Walmart.

Everything is looking good on the new computer. Even did todays blog and uploaded it. Still trying to customize Firefox and then it's on to Thunderbird for emails. Going to use that again so as to save all the emails and calendar stuff.

September 8 2022

Up early again. Around noon we cooked up the stuffed peppers for Jacob and got them in the oven. Later on we froze them to take over this weekend.

I went over to Drug Mart to get some generic Mucinex so we can clear our lungs. I have been negative since Monday but still have congestion. Read where it could take from 3 mo to a year for them to recover. COVID is nothing to fool with.

MacPro arrived. Awesome machine. The dang thing sucked over all the pics on Mary's ipad without asking. Got to wait to move my files until I get a port adaptor.

Bill is out for tomorrow with back issues so I texted Jeannie to drop one time. Also told her Damn old people, stay away from them.

September 7 2022

Was up early and a bit sleep deprived. Tested Mary when she got up. She had an 89 sleep score which is awesome. She almost passed but there was a faint line similar to what I had the first time. She should be clear tomorrow or most likely Friday.

We swept the floors. Always amazed at how much dust the Shark picks up. I still feel congestion in the lungs as the day goes on. They improve over night and gradually feel congested at the bottom of the rib cage later in the day.

We did take the short neighborhood walk just to get out on such a great day.

September 6 2022

Tried to play golf at Good Park. I was all over the place. Awing was out of control. So much so I had to look up to see where it was going. That did not help. Butchered the par 3s scoring 5 7 and 4. Lipped out 3 putts and 1 chip. Glad that is over.

Marys last night for pills. I will test her tomorrow but it might take a couple more days.

September 5 2022

We both slept good. I tried a covid test and finally on day 9 I am clear. After breakfast, I went to Marcs and loaded up on groceries. The cashier saved me, smelling a rotten potato. Looks like my sense of smell has been impacted.

Put the groceries away, did a load of wash, ran the washer on a clean cycle, and packed away a blanket. Lot more clean up to go, but Mary still has tomorrow to stay in quarantine.

September 4 2022

Oops lost a day. I felt pretty good both days and so did Mary. She has 2 days paxlovid for Monday and Tuesday. She should be good to go Wednesday.

We just sat and watched TV all day when I wasn't harassing Dick with emails or my sister in Oregon, there to help care for a new grand daughter.. I did travel out last afternoon to pick up chicken at Acme. We have a couple days of that left. Not much else in the fridge. Tomorrow will be a food challenge.

With the fitbits we can look at sleep patterns. Last night we both were awake about 30 times. She had 2 amazing sleep sessions going 163 minutes and another a little less. That blows me away. My sleep sessions are 35-45 minutes tops. My record is 50 min without waking up.

September 2 2022

Not much change for me today. Day 5 of paxlovid. Shower totally exhausted me again this morning. Mary was coughing last night so I tested her positive this morning. Bummer. Gave her a dose of my pills for the last day figuring she would get the same. Getting them in early will stop the multiplication of cells so she should be much better than I. I had to go almost 2 days without due to the weekend.

The Walgreens here is pretty lame. The Pharmies take an hr lunch break and close at 6pm Friday and don't reopen till Monday. Got to go down to Tusc on weekends.

So now Mary is the patient and I am the nurse. I am thinking she will be pretty able in a day or 2. Another few days staring at walls. I figure I can play Friday and possibly Tuesday?

Wes brought us some bread cheese and ham so we don't starve.

My laptop was dead as a doorbell this morning. Finally saw the power cord needed to be pushed in more. Since it is fully charge this is puzzling. When I get on my feet I am going to bit the bullet and get a MacPro 14 inch at 2K. Every piece of Apple stuff I have ever bought is still running starting in 1980s.

September 1 2022

Not much change today. Day 4 of paxlovid. Shower totally exhausted me this morning. Better breathing today 2250 on the breathing machine. I felt well enough to take a walk around the short block but was tired when I got back.

Going to test myself and Mary in the morning to make sure she can get meds before the weekend.

Dick had trouble giving Sally the big pills so the doctor gave her the other alternative pill.

I thought he should check her into the hospital so they could do the IV

August 31 2022

Not much change today. Day 3 of paxlovid. Shower totally exhausts me. Everyone says it takes weeks to get your strength back.

Dick's wife picked it up at daycare. He is going to have his hands full.

August 30 2022

The blog is back. Saturday night I had some congestion and a lot of aches and pains? Went to bed and congestion got worse. After some thought during the night I figured I better use that Covid test we got in the mail. First one found was expired but the next I opened was good till 2024. It showed positive.

My advice is to get the new boosters which will be available soon cause Omicron isn't protected well with my 2 boosters. I quickly emailed all I had contact with that week. So far, nobody has got it. All day Sunday I felt worse and worse. Aches, 101 temp, no appetite, and no doctors working.

Called Doc Monday morning. By noon he called in for Paxlovid but Drug Mart doesn't carry it. They passed it to Walgreens, who was minus a pharmacist till 2pm. Just my luck but I did get them for the afternoon. They seemed to level off my symptoms but I had raging diarrhea in the morning. Really! Also my saliva tastes like I just chewed up an aspirin.

Temp is down to normal, eating simple thins, and I am breathing easier, a real worry at this age. Wes suggested I use the breathing machine I got for bypass. I could only muster 1000 yesterday and 1750 today. Nice to know. the Based on CDC guidance I am free to move about the planet on Saturday, 4 days away.

Spending most of my time on TV and napping.

August 27 2022

Yesterday was very busy so no blog. Played Chenoweth. Very slow but we dodged the rain. With a 94, there was nothing else to say about that round. A pitiful display of golf. Got home at 3 pm and Wes was over with the birthday boy Lincoln and Kalix. We started on my brake pads while waiting for Kaetchen to show with Z and Carolyn to show with Jacob and Jenna.

Holy crap. We just could not get the pads to load into the clip. We must have spent 2 hrs messing till we stopped for dinner. Carolyn went to get new clips but that did not help either. Somehow we got one done and then struggled with the other tire.

I said we must be missing something so I just took the pads and clips and looked how the fit. There was plenty of room! Problem was the spring on one side. It was hard to push the pads into the spring. I took pliers and bent the spring outward so the pads would slip into them. Worked like a charm and we did that set inn a couple of minutes. What a terrible design. Some idiot must have designed them. Thanks to their help I saved \$300!

Had to be up early for a golf outing at Ironwood. Only slept 5 hrs so I was not optimistic. Turns out I played well. Hit my drives good but only 1 or 2 were used. Couple of irons were used and several chips. Putting still sucked though. We finished at -6, a tad short of the winners at 16 under. Long day after spending a couple of hours under the car last night.

August 25 2022

Busy day. My squatters were OK today but the triceps were hurting from yesterday. Off

early to get my A1c tested for Dermot Lady. Got to the dentist at 10 for a filling and a filling for my root canal.

Looked into front brakes for Focus. After hearing the number \$350, decided to do my own. Pulled the tires off for a look and they have maybe 1/8 left. Not sue why they are squeaking. Found all my brake stuff and did loosen 1 brake pad bolt. At least 1 is not frozen. One of the kids will help this weekend.

Picked up some pads and wd40 just in case and got Mary to her Prolia shot. Picked up a propane tank for the grill so I can cook out tomorrow. We stopped for an early ½ price pizza at Lobys. Not winning pull tabs though. Bartender remembers us now. Just like Cheers, eh?

August 24 2022

We got moving to the Lake Y at 9am. Did 25min elliptical and then got beat up in class. Lots there said hello and welcome back from out 2 months being away. Going to hurt tomorrow. Those muscles are going to say "Hello".

Got a haircut while Mary picked up a couple items for a Friday get together for Lincoln's Bday. Dinner was Corn on the cob with a BLT. Yum again!

Fasting tonight for blood test tomorrow morning. Can't wait since we have cupcakes just waiting to be Eaten.

Watched two more lectures on early Christianity. Great series.

August 23 2022

I was at Sunny Hills early and saw a chipping green. Went over with the lob wedge and hit about 6 short ones. Surprised to find I needed to carry it to 8 ft where the soft greens stopped it quickly. That served me well as I knocked 5 or 6 dead for the round. Did well on the front shooting 40 and also on the back before my luck ran out on 17 and 18 as I went 3 over there to wrap up the round at 81. Tried for a haircut but they were closed again. Maybe tomorrow?

Looked at simple white shower enclosures. Looks like about \$3k in parts DIY. I suspect Bath Fitter would do it for 6K. I am going to invite Rudy over Friday to get his opinion. He might offer help which would be nice.

Mary whipped up BLTs for dinner. Yum!

August 22 2022

I skipped golf today after playing 2 days in a row. Getting too old to go 3 days. We picked up some items at Walmart, got a bday card for Lincoln, and went to Kohls for Mary's socks she got with Kohls Cash and picked up some shorts for me.

We had leftovers for lunch and then had the cut it with a fork london broil we cooked last week. I went to Fairlawn to see Dermo lady. She prescribed a wash for the shower and wants me to get A1c update to make sure I am not diabetic. My rash has settled down but clothing irritated things the last few days. Another appt in 2 weeks if I need it.

Carolyn stopped over with Jenna. She is doing much better after they updated one of her meds. Same one Jane's son takes for POTS. She looked much better too.

Looking at taking out the tub upstairs and just putting in a shower. The tub has seen better days. The bottom is grainy and has lost its luster. Looks terrible. Shower doors are getting ugly too. Figure they are 25+ yrs old.

August 21 2022

Saturday Jacob worked a long shift. I took him, got Mary off to Brenda's, and headed to golf.

Met Jim, Jr, and George at Windmill. Jr wanted to play the whites at 6100 and I wasn't up to it. Shot 96 with a lot of mishits, look ups, and poor chipping. Normally, I don't let the white tees get to me, but I was pressing yesterday, Many of the whites were back further so it was playing 6300. There was not one hole I could get to except the par 3s. We went for dinner and I got back home at 8:30pm.

Resolved to do better today and did. We played Manakiki and got soaked to the bone. 9 was all we could muster, then dried out during lunch and I was home by 2pm. Shot 44 with 2 doubles and 2 lip outs. Gave Mary the pile of wet clothes to throw in the washer. She had taken Jacob to church. When they got back, Carolyn was there packing his stuff into the car and cleaning up. He was off to Kent before I got home. We will miss him except for driving him around all the time. Saying our prayers that he will learn to survive on his own and stay out of trouble. We have been talking to him about that for the last month or so.

Played Manakiki 30 years ago and never went back. Too many blind holes. No big deal now with carts. 30 years ago we had to walk up and look over the hills before hitting. Also, fairway markers are in the middle of the fairway and we had to walk around looking for them.

August 19 2022

We cooked up the london broil this morning while Jacob did a workout. Around 1 we went to the Texas Roadhouse to dine and used gift cards. Got him to work later and we went to Ros for a wicked hot fudge sundae.

August 18 2022

Mary got her hair done at 11 and was out with Brenda for 2hrs later on. She kept busy.

I was Jacob's ride to workout, the bank, the dispensary, and work. While waiting for him there I say a lot of gray heads going in; not many youngsters.

Put in some new mats in my old car. They fit pretty good. I got to look around for a front brake job. Think one of mine is worn down. Kind of odd that one side would be worn more.

August 17 2022

Got Jacob to work and had lunch. Then took Mary to Colo doc for pre scope review. Nurse practitioner was great and much more informative than the doctors usually are. For some reason colo docs don't seem to have much of a personality.

Picked up some lunch items at Marcs and Mary cooked up some chicken for dinner. Carolyn picked up Jacob from work and they went to a nearby park for a walk and talk.

Dermo powder seems to be helping. They posted the biopsy results and they show the condition but there is no clue as to the cause. Could be allergy, laundry detergent, dial soap? Lets see how the powder goes. Appt on Monday.

August 16 2022

Slept late and woke up and began rushing off to golf. No one was there. I was an hour early. Duh. Hit the ball great with maybe 3 miss hits. Scored 41 on the front. A drive into the trees on the right cost me a triple there otherwise I would have been at 39. Botched 11 and 12 with a 4 putt and a water ball and a 3 putt. Ended up at 45 that should have been a 41. Just lost focus a couple of times and it cost me.

Mary went out with Brenda, so Jacob and I cooked a stir fry which was good. Got to pick him up at 9pm. New prescription from Dermo lady so we will see if that helps.

August 15 2022

Jaw is feeling pretty good. Its been a flurry of OTC pills to avoid opioid pain killers. I kept

track and the total so far is 45 ibuprofen at 200mg and 15 extra strength Tylenol at 500mg. I definitely pushed the recommended daily limits. It's 840am so lets see if it holds or I need more later today.

No pills needed so far at 730pm!

Pretty much vegged today. Had hoped to get a call from the PCP or Dermo Lady as I left them portal messages last night. Nothing today. Tinea returned so I started back on creams last night but had hoped for some meds too. Been a 6 week battle so far and it is getting old.

Left PCP 2 notes for Mary. On the first one, they have ordered the Prolia shot and will schedule when it arrives. On the second one, I figured they would put her on the Colagard but unfortunately no. Another colonoscopy is in her future. July was doc/dentist month but seems like it is gonna stretch to the end of August? Dang this getting old stuff.

August 14 2022

No pain today as I kept to the pill schedule. Had trouble getting to sleep but eventually did and slept OK. Was going to try golf tomorrow but Ellsworth only plays 4. Day off will help rather than hurt. Will be much more rested for weekend rounds with brother Jim if he can play.

We went to the church picnic celebrating 70 years. Lots of old priests there. Big crowd and quite impressive. Got home and loaded my car for Kent. Loaded the stuff from the Restore, the stuff we got at Walmart, winter coats, and some clothes. Carolyn took my car and dropped it back at the end of the day.

August 13 2022

Best sleep in a long time after 1500mg of Tylenol. Did get some pain back last night when I missed a dose of ibuprofen which I quickly rectified. So today I made sure I kept to the 3hr regimen with ibuprofen and I will do the big dose of Tylenol later.

Dropped Jacob for work at noon and will pick him up around 8pm. Took cardboard to recycle and went to Walmart Supercenter. Picked up some items we think Jacob will need at Kent. TP rolls will help keep his butt clean for awhile so he won't have to worry about that.

Paid the bills this morning. Big expense was motel bills on our trip. This month the big number will be for the root canal. I would say last months expenditures were more pleasing.

Mary went shopping with Brenda after lunch. Nice she got to have some fun.

August 12 202

Pretty good sleep but still tired this morning. Glad I skipped golf. Got Mary moving to make the cupcakes for later. I took Jacob to a workout and she went out to lunch with the old neighbors and one up from Florida.

I got the grill ready and the food out and had the cooking almost done when Wes and family showed up. Carolyn arrived a bit later and everyone chowed down. Finally emptied the propane tank and had to finish the burgers on the stove. Mary was late getting back around desert time. Twas Wes' 42 bday this week.

Good day for family. Pretty much pain free as I kept to a 3 hrs schedule for pills. Missed my 3pm ones and took some at 6pm and hope they kick in soon cause the pain has come back. Gonna load up at 9pm for the night.

August 11 2022

Got 5hrs sleep getting up and down for ibuprofen. Finally up at 4am. Tried to sleep a

couple times with no luck.

Took Jacob to the Restore and we bought a small glass table, a night stand and a kitchen chair for \$60. Pretty good deal. Mary took him for a workout and Carolyn and him were out from 3 to work time.

Wes and kiddos coming tomorrow at 3pm for his Bday so we went to Marcs and picked up dogs and cake and ice cream.

Figured I would get poor sleep again so I told Bill and Dick to send me the scores and I will drop out tomorrow.

Missed my 3 ibuprofen pills at 6pm and the pain returned. Tried heat but it turns out it wants ice at the moment. The heat made it worse and it took me another half hr to calm things down with ice. Will be due for pills at 10pm and 1am and 4am. Yikes, the zombieness will continue. The swelling is still an issue so glad I dropped out of golf tomorrow. Feels like someone punched me in the jaw. Being old doesn't help.

August 10 2022

Carolyn picked up Jacob early. They packed up Don's truck to the brim and moved into College Towers. They did a lot of set up and running around and she got him back here for work, Mary will pick him up later.

Mary drove me to Fairlawn to get a root canal. It was going to be 3 weeks here so I called North Coast in Fairlawn around 830. Someone just called and canceled so I snagged a 215 appt. Mary had to drive because I only had 2 hrs sleep. Went back to bed at 7 and got another hour and another one around 10. A throbbing tooth does not make for good sleep.

It was a marathon session of at least 90 minutes for 3 nasty long roots. The Novocaine wore off after we got home and OMG, the whole left side of my face was throbbing now. Ice pack just made me cold, but the hot water bottle did the trick and got the fluids flowing. 8pm now and neck still hurts but the face has recovered. I believe I can sleep tonight and will head there shortly.

Damn insurance companies. I called Aetna and they said root canals were covered. Dental office called and they don't cover molars, only the other teeth. They disgust me. Delta limit was hit so I got a little, but had to cough out a grand. Looks like bread and water the rest of the year.

I was pretty hot that this crown was replaced in January and now it needed a root canal? In all likely hood the dentist screwed up. She is retired now so I can not read her the riot act. But Endo man explained the roots could be OK when it was sealed and then the blood flow got stopped and pooled till infection set in.

August 9 2022

Busy day. Another great round today at Brookledge 40-42=82. Was horrible getting there. I had to get off 77 at Massillon rd and work my way over to 91 and up, barely getting there in time. I called ahead and they waited 15 min for me since it was sprinkling rain. The white tees were back on the front nine so it was very long. My chipping kept pulling me out. Did save 3 pars on the back with chips. Was nasty getting home too.

I called the dentist and they got me in to check out my toothache. Said I need a root canal. Looks like the dentist who retired screwed up. She put a crown on in January and must not have got all the decay. Stopped to get an appt for the root canal and the best they could do it Aug 30. Holy cow. All I can do is hope the penicillin knocks down the infection so it doesn't hurt as much. I tried 2 other places when I got home but they were just as bad. Might try the one in Fairlawn tomorrow. Was not happy with them last time but sooner is better than later.

Stopped at the Drug Mart to pick up the penicillin and gummed down some cut up spaghetti. Damn, if it is not one thing it is the other.

Got to pick up Jacob soon from work. He will be moving some stuff to Kent tomorrow as he finally gets the key at 10am. I believe he will stay here till he finds a job up there and continue on at Grinders till classes start the 25th.

Wes is 42 today. Hope to be around to see him hit 50.

August 8 2022

Played great at my most hated course Chippewa. Scored 39-41 and somehow got by at 1 over on the devil's triangle. Made 2 short par puts on the first and last and lipped out on the middle one. My lob wedge was magic today. What helped was the greens were soft from the rain last night and I was able to dial it in. Birdie on #1 and almost on #10.

Saved pars with great chips on 8,11,14,16,17 and 18. Chips Bill would die for. Wow.

Rudy took what is usually my bad luck. On the last triangle hole, he hit just right of the green pin high with a back pin. It bounced across the path then rolled back on. They have a new cart path made of concrete and it has a curb on the green side to keep carts from getting near the green. That ball rolled all the way down to the end, about 80 yards down the hill. He pushed his shot from there hitting the trees and the ball rolled to the cart path and you guessed it, right back to where he hit it. His next attempt also hit the trees. This time the ball dropped onto the path and bounded down yet further away. Nine, yes 9, even though his 2nd shot was pin high.

After golf I headed to Fairlawn to see Dermo Lady and got home at 5:30. Will pick up Jacob from work later tonight. Long day.

August 7 2022

We went to church early and Jacob was asked to run the projector to put the words on the big screen. He did a good job. One of the communion people stood by him till he took the wafer, lol.

We had BLTs then did the Jackson Y elliptical for 30 min. After we got home Carolyn came over and they worked on the FASFA documents and finished up near dinner time. Another hot one.

August 6 2022

Quiet day. Got Jacob to work at 1130. We had returned her fitbit yesterday and got a new one. Set it up last night and it worked last night to log sleep. Problem with the previous one was it would rarely sync with her phone. Mine did immediately and still does. Hers did for about a week, then it took sometimes over an hour. Now we both have a new toy.

We also got some gifts for L's bday on the 19th so all we need is a card now. Got Jacob's church pic into a frame. Classes start in Kent Aug 25 so he has to get into College Towers soon.

Also ordered a bday gift for Wes. Picked up a few groceries at Acme. I swear the local store is the coldest one on the face of the earth. I told a guy with a jacket on and he said he keeps it in his car for when he comes in here. Some lady overheard and laughed. Bacon and eggs for dinner; BLTs for lunch tomorrow.

August 5 2022

Frustrating round at Sunny Hill. 42-43 =85. Was on the fringe of 8 holes on the back and only made 3 pars. Kept leaving most short and missed 3 short ones. Breaking 80 was certainly possible but not with my putting. Did get some good chips up and down, Only 3 poor shots on the day. I was not the only one putting badly. These greens were slower than normal and we never did adjust.

Bill was shanking them all over the place. Rudy was spraying drives everywhere. We did have fun though! It was H O T.

August 4 2022

Time marches on. Took Jacob to a workout and picked up a couple of items at Walmart.

I watched the horses with dismal luck. Never close. Mary took Jacob for a haircut. Later we took him to work early and got ½ off our dinner. Will pick him up later tonight.

Lot of moisture in the place. Gonna heat it to 78 then cool it to see if that helps.

August 3 2022

Hot one. Carolyn picked up Jacob for a trip to Lake Erie swimming. We vegged till Dr appt at 3:15 and then headed to Uniontown to watch the kiddos while they did Trivia night. They said they won by answering what periodic table elements would spell the country that had Tehran as a capital.

The kids were fun.

August 2 2022

Weird golf today. I was very good, very bad, and mixed in some so so as well. Two birdies, two triples. Two foot short of another ace. Almost chip ins, 2 water balls, 3 long putts made, 3 short ones missed. Lots of pushed irons to score 44-40 =84.

Dinner with Rudy and Jane and wives was great. Jane said Steve has POTS which is what Jenna was diagnosed. Got to compare notes. Maybe have Carolyn call her.

August 1 2022

We took Jacob to Kent to try the gym. Called Steve on the way. He met us there and we all got KSU cards for the rec centers via silver sneakers. Pretty cool! 3 birds with 1 stone. Got cards for Steve and us and Jacob got a workout.

Headed to the flea market where we had a cheeseburger and then went over for a tour of where Carolyn works. She took Jacob home to chainsaw some logs and will bring him back later.

July 31 2022

Went to church and after Mass the congregation took a walk around the neighborhood. It was fun to be part of it all.

We got home and had lunch then took Jacob for a workout. While he was there we had ice cream and picked up a few items in Butlers.

Vegged out the rest of the day. Hit a pick 3 then missed a pick 4 at Saratoga. The one I dropped off the ticket won of course. Dropped the wrong one yet again.

July 30 2022

Busy morning. We cooked the london broil and cut up the water melon then took Jacob in to work at 1130.

We did the neighborhood walk when we got back and had lunch. Watched Saratoga and had no luck with my picks. After a light dinner Carolyn called and was picking up Jacob. We saw some balloons come over 7ish from the Kent Stark Balloon Fest. We headed over there at 830 with Jacob so he could eat something and we could have an elephant ear, catch some music and see the fireworks. They were good but not anything special. Back after my bedtime at 1030.

July 29 2022

Played well at Tannenhau in fabulous weather. 39-41 for an 80. Needed one par on the

last 2 and was in great shape on 18. 100 yds out but I pulled it into the bunker. Got out OK but left the putt too short.

Got back and Mary and I went to Lobys for fish. Someone there asked if I was at Tannenhaus cause he recognized my orange outfit. Won only \$2 on the pull tabs. Odds caught up with us. Got a shower in and will veg till I pick up Jacob from work.

July 28 2022

Finished painting the boards holding up the privacy fence. Maybe a hr to do that. Jacob was up and took him to a workout. We shopped for a roast for the weekend while he was at the gym and then picked him up. We had lunch.

Told Mary I would cook today. She was out to lunch with Larry and the old neighbors Monday and he tested positive for Covid. Thus she will keep to herself for a few days.

That is a wrap.

July 27 2022

Went to the HOA lunch and had a good time. There were 14 there and a couple were pretty funny. Small place on Whipple called Micheal Ds. Food was good but the service was slow.

Back home to take Jacob for a workout and then to work from 4 to 9. Got my teeth cleaned but have to go back in 2 weeks for a cavity.

July 26 2022

Up at 5:15. Yuck. Off to golf early. Thanks to Waze, I avoided 77 which was really getting slow. Waze took me off at Arlington and routed me around the mess. There were 6 Lockheed guys at Good Park. It was in great shape except for some bare spots in the rough. Greens and bunkers were very nice.

I was patient. Irons were a little off and I was chipping ok but left with a bunch of 4 to 10 footers. Three pars on each side with the rest bogies but me at 12 over 83. I was happy. It could have been better but it could easily be worse.

Got home early and took Jacob for a workout. Carolyn picked him up and got him to work and I will get him around 9. Mary went to lunch with the old neighbors Brenda, Pat, and Larry. She got some Mega Million tickets so lets see if we can at least get one number on the 5 tickets, lol.

July 25 2022

Phones went off at 1:30am warning of a tornado. Turned on ch19 and they were on showing the rotation in Green. When it moved to Hartville, it was past us so I went back to bed.

Played crappy at Seven Hills. Started good but the greens were fast and I left everything short. Not trapping my irons well left me short all day with chunks and bladed shots. Had chances to save lots of pars but never did on the front with a 9 over 45. Better on the back but doubles on the par 5s put mt at 44 on the back. Its a fine line between 89 and 79 eh?

Mary took Jacob for a workout before he went to work at 5. Pick him up later. Called College Towers and they still say they are painting.

July 24 2022

Busy day. We went to church, had lunch, and took Jacob for a workout.

Wes called and brought the kids over so he could get some alone time with the wife. We had fun playing later but first it was outside soak fest time.

Two super soakers and 4 squirt guns saw action as well as a sprinkler. Mary was the only one not soaked. The super soakers were nasty. Jacob was just back from the workout so he liked getting soaked.

Wes picked the kids up at dinner time. Carolyn took Jacob for awhile and we picked up a few items at Acme. Long day.

Looking forward to golf this week and see if I can continue to threaten to break 80. I am very optimistic using a couple of British Open observations. 1) putt farther than I think and 2) don't sweat a bad shot or putt.

July 23 2022

Came close to winning the Mega Millions last night. OK, I lied. We got zero of the numbers. Maybe next time.

We got out and walked early. It was warming up so we were glad we went early. Around lunch time we made the stuffed peppers and had an early dinner before 1pm. They were good! Won a pick 4 but then made some bad picks. Veggie day.

Carolyn took Jacob around and about and got him to work. Will pick him up later.

July 22 2022

Wow. I was smoking hot again at Mayfair 38-42 choking mid back nine. We had 6. Mel and John E were home taking care of the wives. Denny 83 and John T 88 played well too. It is so much fun playing well. Don't have to think. Just step up and let the grooved swing go.

Carolyn picked up Jacob for work so we went to Loby's for fish. Scored a good pull tab again hitting for \$200 on 60 tickets. Sweet.

July 21 2022

Wow. I was smoking hot at Mayfair. Nice breeze today. I went 40-39 for 79 but it could have been much lower. Made 2 but missed 4 other make able birdies. But I did make some saving par putts unexpectedly, so I can't complain. Messed up 3 shots and they all cost me one. One OB on 18 and in the edge of the trees on 16 and put one in the bunker at 2 and 3 jacked it after I got out. Guys played fast allowing me to finish, get home, and get Mary to the oral guy to check her out.

New dentist must be early in her career. Oral guy said the dark spots on her Xray are due to lack of bone in some areas due to Osti. No biggie.

Got Jacob to make dinner. Taco's. He did good and it kept him busy with useful activity.

July 20 2022

Slept good but it was short lived with dreams and worries.

Mary went to dentist yesterday and dentist wanted her to go and get some lesions she saw checked out. Googled that and there are some scary possibilities. We called the place referred but they are off this week. Better check and see if I can get her in to see Dr Klein who did my implants.

Then I had a dream about someone called the notorious Mr Z. Don Z was one of my guys at Lockheed. Good guy. See him once in awhile at the lunches with Rudy's buddies. Turns out he went back to his old shoes he was known for which the authorities were looking for. They found him and arrested him immediately based on his shoes. Why he went back is a mystery. His friends were lamenting his arrest. Of course none of this is true; just a dream. Never did find out what he was notorious for.

All that got me up by 5:30am so I just may need to nap some later. My new Fitbit says I was asleep 5hrs and awake 1 hr with a fair sleep score of 71. After 4 nights I have only

one sleep number score in the 80s. In golf I want to below 80, for sleep, above 80.

I had phone fun starting at 8am. I started to call and try and get Mary an appt. Made at least 7 calls. Aetna twice to try to find someone in network. All of the surgeons were hooked up for dental but they all told me it was a soft tissue thing and it would fall under medical. And they did not have Aetna for medical. Turns out no oral surgeon was signed up for it. Tried again but all were booked till mid August. Finally found a tomorrow appt in Akron. Yay!

Then I realized we had Dr appt I had to move. Got it all done and it only took 2 hours!

Mary took Jacob for a workout. I picked him up after and we went to HD to pick up the 2nd privacy panel. We had lunch then put it up. Looks nice. I was a little concerned I had over did it so I took 20 min sitting next to the A/C vent and drinking water before I moved. Took BP and it was low at 93/70 so I rested another hour. Still feel a bit drained but still alive.

We had dinner and got Jacob to work. Have to pick him up 9ish. Lot to say today, eh?

July 19 2022

Quiet day. Took Jacob to workout and a couple other places.

Got Mary to the dentist. She wants to send her to surgeon to check some lesions? I don't see anything?

HOA meeting at 6pm in a few. Expect to hear about road resurface options. Gonna be an assessment if some type and length I would expect. Or, it might get voted down. Don't think it would be good to push it off too long. Should be fun.

July 18 2022

Did not think we would get golf in but somehow the rain moved around us. I birdied the first hole at Wilkshire. I knew I would rue the day. Started birdie par bogie birdie par par bogey and was even after 7. Wow. That was that though. Three putted the two finishing holes to end up 2 over 38! Won't go into details but I had 3 doubles on the back nine to finish at 43 for an 81. There is a fine line between playing well and not. Think I lost my focus at times on the back and those holes ended as doubles.

Messaged doctor last night and got a new script. 10 days into the previous prescribed pill and it was not helping. Hope the new pill works better. Fighting a fungus again and it's getting old.

Got my car back. Thermostat replaced for 168 instead of 400. Sweet. Got Jacob to work and back on a 4 and ½ hr shift.

July 17 2022

We went to church then had lunch. It rained most of the day. Had lunch then took Jacob to the vitamin store and then dropped him at the Jackson Y,

Picked him up later and took him to meeting in Massillon. While we waited we went to HD and stopped for ice cream.

Reading the new book I picked up at For Laurens the other day. Pretty interesting.

July 16 2022

We went to the Jackson Y and did the elliptical. Got a Fitbit on Prime Day at a good price, so I wore that. Said I did 5700 steps and somehow knows I did 27 min on elliptical? Sleep should be interesting. Wonder if I get any?

Jacob went to Carolyn's to help with yard work again and they went out to dinner. We went to Fort Laurens to poke around on their reenactment weekend they do once a year. They announced they now had a grant to build some or all of the Fort in preparation for

the 250th year since 1776 which will occur in 2026. Hope we are still round. Bought a book, magnet, and a map of the Tusc. The Tusc always had my interest as it weaves all over and starts in Lake Township.

July 15 2022

I played great at Fox Den but choked the last 3 holes. On 16 and 17 I 3 putted both 15 foot birdie tries by going to far past the hole. On 18 I never hit a good shot but made the 4 footer for bogey. I did make 3 birdies on impossibly long but straight putts. Scored 40-41 for an 81. JohnE had 84 but he could have been at 78 or 79. JohnT was bad with 96. Denny was OK at 89 but Bill and Mel really sucked.

Got home and we all went to Penn Station. Love the Italian sub.

Did get to talk to Jacob after he spent time helping Carolyn. Gave him some advice about not looking back and just looking ahead to his bright future, but he has to move forward. He scheduled some of his courses but can't schedule another until the change his major to BA business. He has a session Monday to do that. So that is it, a business major.

Called the car repair and guy took a message. I think he will get to it when he wants to get to it. Oh well.

July 14 2022

We puttered around and took a neighborhood walk once again. See a couple of gladiolas are growing flower stems, Can't wait to see them.

Watched The Open and then Saratoga races today. Had one winner but it did not cover my losses. Entered a couple more waymarkings from our trip.

Jacob is back to his normal self. Nothing showed on covid test so he is cleared for work. Went to Carolyns this evening to help with yard work.

July 13 2022

We puttered around and took a neighborhood walk. Met Vicky up on the north corner. She is a divorce with bad leg and talked our ear off. Her daughter is in Florida. Son is somewhere, she didn't say.

Paid bills. After lunch Mary took Jacob to stat care so he could be cleared to go back to work. I went to Hartville to drop my car off for a new thermostat. Got a haircut and dropped the car off. Had Wes pick me up to wait for Carolyn to get off work.

Stat care wanted Jacob to go to hospital for hydration but he is looking good and eating. Wes said he should have gone Monday. Suggested getting B1, Folic Acid and Liquid IV to help hydrate. Carolyn picked them up on our way back. He should hear about his Covid test tomorrow. Looks like this will be a costly lesson for him. Likely no pay for a week plus the stat care cost and \$20 pharmacy stuff.

July 12 2022

We went and got blood tests and they posted them by mid afternoon. Wow. Everything looks pretty good. My glucose was high. Must have had too many twizzlers on the ride home Sunday. A couple of other items were high but I think the med I am on for a fungus is the cause. Dr appt late next week for 6 mo check.

Checked with Jacob at noon. Said he couldn't make it to work for second day. He was down later and feeling much better. Had some toast and soup. Said he would never do that again and was scared. Not believing that one. Hope he is back to normal tomorrow.

Plan to drop my car off and hitch a ride home from work with Carolyn at 230pm. They will work on it Friday and I hope to get it back Friday after golf.

July 11 2022

Busy day following the trip. Unpacked, Mary did wash, reduced 200 or so photos and uploaded them to Shutterfly. Also submitted visits to my waymark account. Over 200 visits as of now.

Couldn't wake Jacob for work. Somehow he got trashed again. Carolyn was minding the store till mid day Sunday. Must have picked up some booze after she left or when his buddy stopped by today noonish. Here we go again, another bump in the road. Hope he returns to normal tomorrow.

Fasting for blood work tomorrow. Did not do so well staying away from sugar while on vacation so I am sure we will hear about it at our appt next week.

July 10 2022

We are back from our history adventure and golf adventure. Hotels were crazy expensive with poor amenities. Not right! Did 2 reviews already and gave them my 2 cents worth.

Wednesday we traveled to Buffalo and visited sister Catherine to see her renovations and chomp down a couple of Teds dogs.

Thursday we went over to Canada and visited 1812 war sites at Butlers Barracks, Fort George, Fort Missassauga, and Laura Secord Homestead. We went down to the Falls, had dinner, lost \$160 at the Casino, and enjoyed the Falls view from our over priced and underwhelming luxury room high up on the Embassy Suites. Quite a full day!

Friday we went to Lundy's Lane, Frenchman's Creek, Battle of Cook's Mill, Battle of Chippawa, and a couple of other markers. Back over the bridge to head to a super good fish fry ant Taylor's restaurant.

Saturday was golf at Ivy Ridge. Nice course. Couldn't get anything going on the front with 47 but played better at 43 on the back. Jr beat me by 2. Sunday was back to Canada to play Whirlpool where I had an awesome front at 42 and a frustrating back at 47. Missed 3 short ones on the back and struggled on all the 400+ holes. 5 up and downs on the front but zip on the back.

Headed home after golf and was back by 7pm.

July 5 2022

Took Jacob to a workout and later to work; will pick him up later. Got the car loaded with golf bag and some extra balls.

Went next door where neighbor has someone house sitting and was having trouble with garage door. I made sure the sensors were aligned but still no luck. Holding inside button down should bypass sensors but that was acting up. I think she needs a new doorbell switch there as this one seems flaky. Also might be the tension adjust. As the door closes it rubs a bit on the top of the wall. Might cause it to pull back so as not to crush anyone. She later came over to ask about the fireplace pilot.

When I was leaving to pick up Jacob from a workout, I saw a blue Pruis in rear view so I waited. Mary saw the lady back into the road sign and snap it off but did not think to get a plate number. Oh well.

BTW, will be gone till late the 10th so Blog posting might suffer a bit. Going over to Canada Thurs/Fri and golfing Sat/Sun.

July 4 2022

Went and picked up some items at Marcs this morning. After lunch we went to the Hartville Flea Market. Mary got 2 bracelets, we got a spinner for outside, a 1775 commemorative plate, and a Noah's Ark xmas item for the Noahs. Left it in the trunk so we don't forget to take it Wednesday. We had some pizza too. A lot of the vendors were packing up at 2pm.

Back home to water and veg out.

July 3 2022

Carolyn went up to Nelson Ledges with Jacob Jenna and her friend early. So we went to 8:30 mass instead of 11. After we tried to go to a local place Jane's but there was a mob there and they did not look like they had a handle on it. We headed to Samantha's where we got right in. Freezing cold in there.

I thought the scrambled eggs were off. Likely the ones from a box and not real. They stuck together like they were glued. You could pick the whole bunch up with a fork. Ate about 1/3 and left the rest. I had diarrhea when I got home. Scratch that off my list. Last time I order eggs scrambled too.

Got our walk in and vegged the rest of the day

July 2 2022

Nice day. We got Jacob to work then picked up some corn watermellon and strawberries for dinner. Got a walk in too.

Won a pick 5 at Belmont and cleared 400 for the day.

Got some wash done and spiffed up the shower. Nice relaxig day.

July 1 2022

A hot one. We had 5 at Tannenhauf today. I did not have my mojo going 43-44 =87. Did not play bad but missed about 3 short ones and lost a couple of strokes with look ups here and there. Driver was erratic and I had to punch my second several times. Chips were long and putts were short.

I hit 5 iron off the tee on #1, then hit a couple of funky 5 irons, not sure what I did wrong. On #2 I tried another 5 iron and the head flew off. Hmm. Cost me at least two strokes before it was unusable.

We went for fish at Loby's. The pull tabs were good to us and we netted \$255. Yesterday we had a \$500 scratch off. Those two will almost pay for the hotels on our trip.

Jenna is 18 today. Happy Birthday Jenna!

June 30 2022

Last day of a hot June. Looking at the weather forecast looks like it will be 85 for the next 3 weeks. We got our walk in early before the temps got up.

Called Wes' car guy and he quoted me \$165 for the thermostat change. Will save a good chunk of cash going there! Thanks Wes. Just have to wait 2 plus weeks. They are booked this week and on vacation next week so I scheduled July 16.

Got my oil change and they wanted me to change out transmission oil every 30K miles. I passed on it so I could check on that. My service manual says 60K miles then 120K then 150K. Since I changed it at 75K the first time, I should be good to 135K miles. At 120K now so I have about a year and a half to go. They want \$165 for the change. Also noticed I had the sway bar links changed at 75K miles, which is what I had done yesterday. Guess the bumpy roads take a toll on them.

June 29 2022

Took the Focus in for diagnostic run at \$134. They said check engine light was on because the thermostat was stuck open. Being buried 2 hr labor was needed so that cost \$400. Also pointed out the a/c compressor was partially rotted but still provides some cooling. That was \$700 to fix. The sway bar links were loose. \$220 for that.

I had them do the sway bar and I will look see if I can find a cheaper shop to replace the

thermostat. A/C is gonna run till it dies off before I repair that. Twelve years and 120K miles with almost no repairs is catching up with us.

Got Jacob to work and back. Talking to a cute girl when I got there to pick him up. He says she likes him but he doesn't think she is all there. I told him no wonder she likes him, lol.

June 28 2022

I was smoking hot at golf again at Sunny Hills today. Too bad God didn't want me to break 80 today. I went 40-41 =81 making 2 putts to save par. Missed 3 birdies again and scrambled well the front nine. Most of the greens are higher in the back and thus most putts are uphill. Seems like ever putt I took ended up 2-3 feet short. Never up never in! Thankfully I made all of them to my surprise.

Got back and watched the Jan 6 hearing. I am sickened what Trump had done and sickened by all those who supported his demented lies and behavior. The man is scum and surrounded himself with scum.

June 27 2022

I was smoking hot at golf again at Sanctuary today. Too bad God didn't want me to break 80 today. I went 40-40 =80 making one long birdie and missing 3 eight foot birdie putts in a row on 14, 15, and 16. Just missed a par putt on 17 and took a par on 18. It sure was fun! Great day in to 70s too.

June 26 2022

We got out and headed to Splash Lagoon in Erie at 9:30. Got there at 12 as planned. I figured Jacob needed a break from work so we were supposed to meet brother Jim's son Joey there. Joey is my nephew and Carolyn's cousin and is 1 year younger than Carolyn's Jacob. Figure that one out.

Once we got there Joey said he wouldn't be there till 2 so Jacob went in and enjoyed it alone. Joe showed up at 2:45 and they were done by 5:15. We headed home and got home at 8pm.

Mary and I tracked down an 1812 site of Fort Presque Isle Blockhouse, then went to the Maritime Museum but it was closed on Sundays. Spent 4 hrs at the Casino. We were up by 60 then had lunch. After lunch we played another hour and lost 73. I say it was a good day to walk out after all that time for \$13. We stopped for ice cream and then picked up Jacob.

June 25 2022

Got Jacob to work and then picked up some stuff at Walmart. Had lunch and then it was off to Spring Hill Historic House and Underground RR.

They were reenacting slaves coming thru Ohio on their way to Canada. It was very well done and the house was loaded with period stuff. We kind of hurried thru the house as it was very warm inside with the temps today. Might go back when it is cooler and listen to the spiel longer.

Owner was a Quaker and settled from the coast here in 1812. Built this house in the 1820s and helped slaves escape before it was called the underground rr. Posted some of the pics on shutter-fly but could not get the videos to the laptop. Will try to go direct from iPad in a bit.

June 24 2022

Rounding into mid season form, I finally broke 80. Staying over the ball well. Add to that a few lucky bounces and a few crazy long putts (3) and hard ground that added yards to every shot. God wanted me to break 80!

Bill had 2 birds, JohnE an 81 and Denny an 85.

Mary took Jacob clothes shopping and got him to work at 5. He has 31 hrs in already and should make a few OT hrs tomorrow. I will pick him up later.

June 23 2022

Nice and cool this morning so we got an early walk in. Had some lunch and got Jacob to work. Dropped him off and went to the Mall. Mary picked up some white pants and a top at Versona and 2 tops at Macys.

Around 3 we went to Lobys for ½ price pizza special. Had 2 NA s, she had a coke, and the pizza was under \$15. Great eating outside and not in a dark dingy bar. Inside needs some windows and better lighting.

Worked on our Canada trip. Getting excited about it. I have about 15 stops for the 2 days. Some are quick stops like plaques and some are time consumers. Will look some more but I think I have things covered.

June 22 2022

Got Jacob to work at 10 for a long shift. Just picked him up at 8pm. He has another long one tomorrow.

We went to the Y and did the elliptical again for 25 min. Good cardio. Tried to get my car looked at but next Tuesday is scheduled. It was hot all day so we vegged inside.

Working on a trip itinerary for the Canada Trip. Going to visit Fort George, Laura Secord house and grave, Lundy Lane, Chippawa Battlefield, and several other minor sites.

Read some of Lossing's Field Book on the Chippawa and Lundy Lane battles.. It's pretty cool. Lossing was a history author and traveled the war sites just like us. He did it just after the war and talked with some of those that were in the war. The book has drawings, accounts of the battles and accounts and stuff that happened on his tour of the sites. What could possibly beat that.

There is some irony in the campaign. US takes Fort Erie, advances to Chippawa, does battle, advances to Lundy's Lane, does battle and wins, withdraws to Chippawa to rest, heads to Ft George on Lake Ontario but can't take it, back to Chippawa and then to Fort Erie where they withstand the siege, then everyone goes back home. Lots of lives lost and neither side wins anything. They all fought a good fight though and some became heroes.

June 21 2022

Mislabeled yesterdays date so fixed that. Hit 93 today. Played Good Park. Weird. We left before Rudy got there to sub for Dick so we had 3. Rudy caught us on 2 so we had 4. Kens wife called so he left at 9 and we had 3 again. Then Rudy had to leave because of slow play so we had 2. I had my own cart till 9, then moved my bag to Rudy's cart, then to Denny's

Played really well on the front except for #2 where I took a double Having to play 4 punch shots. Shot a 5 over 40. Started falling apart on the back with look ups and rim outs but settled down and finished with 4 pars the last 5 holes. Had 2 or 3 birdie tries miss. That with 3 lip outs put me at 83 for the day.

Stuffed peppers were good for an early dinner. Jacob went in at noon so he should be calling soon. Jeopardy almost over.

June 20 2022

Nice day. Not much to report. Sitting around, I remembered we had stuff for stuffed peppers and we better cook them before the stuff goes bad. We did that and put them in the fridge. We finished up all the left overs from fathers day.

Jacob and Mary got several wash loads done.

Thinking about the deck, I was going to buy 2 arborvitaes for the open space and thought; why not put a second panel in that space. The first one looked nice and the second would also block the wind from the SW. Sent the request to the HOA. They have a meeting next week and would likely approve it and take any future risk off the table. I was OK with the first panel since it was a repair and not really a change in appearance.

Dick had Denny push the Monday round to tomorrow when it is supposed to be another smoking hot day. Thanks Dick.

June 19 2022

Another cool day. We went to church to start off. They had a Walsh U priest subbing. All I can say is he set a new mark for a boring homily at Mass displacing the holder of that record, a Nigerian guest last year that kept repeating himself. Oh well.

Carolyn, Jenna, and Wes came over and cooked me some burgers and dogs for Fathers day. Strawberries and chocolate cake for desert. Wes couldn't find an angel cake. Carolyn and Jacob signed the lease for College Towers in Kent. Everyone was gone by 4pm so Jacob got busy with his wash.

Carolyn said when she was making the burgers her hands turned red and itched. Scared the crap out of her. I think it was all in her head. She wouldn't touch them on the grill or after. Us brave souls ate the burgers and they were good. Lots of hot dogs left. Dogs for breakfast lunch and dinner tomorrow!

Great US Open. Watched a lot of it yesterday and today. Came down to the last putt. Nothing planned for tomorrow as it is Juneteenth, a new federal holiday.

June 18 2022

Started off in the high 50s after being 95 yesterday. Got right to the deck at 8am. Stuck it out and finished at 12:30. Once the sun came out the paint on the tray edges started to dry and I would get pieces or chunks being rolled out. I chucked the tray and painted the deck in small increments and rolled it to get the texture. Well I though I did a good job but you can see where the paint is thin and a little of the yellow shows thru.

Later on when all dried, we moved the table and swing back onto the deck and you could see the footprints and also that a second coat is needed. Glad I did not get two gallons cause I had some left from the first coat. After seeing footprints from the shoes, I think coat number two will be darker and hide the dirt a bit better.

So the plan is to find a darker color and paint on cool cloudy day. The Behrs Deck Over is the thickness of pancake batter when it thickens up. Unusual item.

I got Jacob to work at 430 and he will likely be done as early as 730 or as late as 10pm. He said College Towers emailed he could sign the lease now so it may be a done deal.

June 17 2022

Got almost to Fox Den when Bill called and said there was an outing. Called Mel and then turned around to head home. Called them to see what happened. Made the times in April. I guess they booked it over us and tried to call, but they had the old phone number.

It was a chance to scrape the deck so I got to that when I got home. The heat was brutal. I was cooked in half an hr. Had Mary come out and hold the umbrella over me while I finished the other 2/3. Even then I needed a break close to the end. Soaking wet. That was it for the day. Lots of ice water to cool down. Since the weather is going to cool tomorrow, I left the painting till then. Will be glad to get that done and move on to the next project.

We finished our left overs from the Roadhouse the other day and they were good.

June 16 2022

Very veggy day. OMG, my squatters are killing me today after yesterdays Y class. They are out of shape for sure. Hard to even sit down on the commode. TMI?

Mary did some wash. Could not do any deck work with sore squatters Took Jacob to Green to meet up with Carolyn and they went to Kent to see apartments and then drop him at work. She said the Genesis place was a dump. Celeron was OK and real walk friendly but mostly non students there. College tower was super nice with a 1 bedroom split being the only unit available. Not cheap but all inclusive at 740. Jacob will be lucky to pay 400, so mom dad and papa will have to pick up the rest. Told them I was OK with that for 1 year but he had better find a room mate to split the cost after that.

Mary got her hair done and did some wash. Started another puzzle.

June 15 2022

Back to the old grind today. I got up early to put out the garbage I had forgotten to put out last night. Around 9am we headed to the Lake Y. Did 25min elliptical and then the strength class. Jen was subbing for Andrea and she beat us up good. Shoulders were killing me.

Headed from there to see our old next door neighbor Jan to drop off a card for Nick who graduated. It was sad to see the new owners had done nothing with the flower beds we maintained for years. They were all over grown with grass and weeds. It was sad to see. The hood had gone downhill as each home owner left. The odd part is that the value of the property was really enhanced by the bright flowers we had. Now that they are ignored the value will be heading downward.

Seems the priority of the younger set is to have a nice place to live and the heck with the landscaping.

June 14 2022

We reached 53 years anniversary! Wow!

Got Jacob to work at 11 and we headed to Walmart for more food and stuff. Chilled out for awhile then over to Texas Roadhouse for an early dinner. Carolyn got Jacob from work. They are going to check out Celeron efficiency apartment in Kent Thursday.

Sent pics to George's wife Willa on our landscape. She ID'd them as ruby falls red bud, weeping cherry, and surfing hydrangea. Nice to have access to a plant expert.

June 13 2022

I played well at Fox Den today. Pretty hot day. I ripped up the front with a 3 over 38 with 3 nice chips for gimmes, one for a bird. Three putted twice or I could have been lower. The back is quite a bit longer and I slipped to a 44 with another 2 three putts and 1 penalty for pulling one into the pond.

Stuffed peppers were again yummy. Got Jacob to and from work. Seems to be looking good for a Kent apartment in August or earlier.

June 12 2022

Church today. Nigerian missionary visited. Dropped Jacob at the Y after he changed and picked up some sauce for the stuffed peppers. We are getting real good at them. They were yummy! Carolyn brought him back after the Y and haircut. They had lunch out and were already stuffed to their chagrin.

Should have painted the deck but they were calling for 2pm rain that never showed. I will clean and ready the deck Tuesday and perhaps get it painted by the end of the week depending on the best weather days.

June 11 2022

We all went to the Jackson Y at 10am. Jacob did weights, I did elliptical, and Mary the treadmill. Got Jacob to work and then we headed to Jenna's grad party. Lots of neighbors, Tasha, Carolyn's friends, Jenna's friends, Wes, Steve and Kathy. We got Kathy to go in the tree house. The kids went up too. That rope ladder is pretty scary.

Back home to watch the Belmont. I broke even for the day in light wagering. Picked up Jacob after his shift and we stopped for ice cream. Nice day.

June 10 2022

Best round of the year at Sunny Hills. Scored 42-40 =82 and should have been much lower. Missed at least 3 birdies on the front but finally drained a 1 ft putt on #16 par 5. Everyone else tanked on that one with 3 7s and 3 8s. Good drives and sharp irons. Love that pro-V1x I found. Totally rejuvenated my game.

We went to Lobys for fish and it was excellent once again. Picked up Jacob from work at 7 30. He had worked a lot of hrs this week.

Chuck keeps setting up 830 tee times for the Lockheed guys. Too early for me. I have to leave an hr ahead for most places. Opted out for next weeks play with them.

June 9 2022

Mowers woke us up. They fire up them engines at 8am sharp. I cooked eggs and added bagels for breakfast. We chilled till we took Jacob for a workout and we picked up some groceries while he was there.

Home for an early dinner and then took him to work. I got the time wrong so he was half hr late. He must have been dozing. He was looking for Kent apartments. They have some listed but none available and all have big wait lists. Don't believe there will be anything available under \$1000 unless he gets a room mate.

June 8 2022

Good sleep and up in time to watch K and L while Z, Wes, and Kaetchen went to see Top Gun 2. We took a walk around the block, shot squirt guns and then colored and watched PBS Kids.

Took Jacob to work at 11. Had the kids wake him up and give him a hug when leaving. He loved it. The movie goers returned we had lunch and they headed home. Wes said they were all going to watch him race Sunday and then head to the island. He is doing a 2mi run 10mi bike and 2mi run to finish in Twinsburg.

Did our walk later. Carolyn brought Jacob back from work. He might get a workout in tomorrow as he doesn't work till 430.

June 7 2022

Not much sleep and groggy all day. Got Jacob to work at 11am. Eventually dozed off for a little around 2 pm. Around 5pm we went to Palumbo's for dinner with Jane, Rudy, and Rosemary. She showed the photos of their London and Paris trip.

Picked up Jacob on the way home and vegged the rest of the evening.

June 6 2022

Played Chippewa against my promise of never to play again. Confirmed my original stance. It was funny to see Houle watch his ball come back off the green on all 3 of the absurd holes. I went 2 bogies and a double on them and better than most times I played them. Shot 42-46 = 88. Three putted 3 times on the front and had chipping and look up issues on the back. Jacob had worked 10-3 and I had picked him up on the way back from golf.

Got home and found we needed to take Kalix to soccer with Wes having car issues again. We left at 5 and returned a little after 8pm.

Jacob was not around and his phone was here which is unusual. One of Carolyn's neighbors called and told me he had been over there (she is camping in Allegheny with no cell service) , someone had called the sheriff and Jacob had left with 2 others. Wonder whats going on? Looks like its going to be a long night.

Addendum – Jacob was home at 12:09 and fine. Will see what the deal was last night when he guts up tomorrow.

June 5 2022

OK Missed yesterday again. Lets see. What were we up to? Now I remember. We painted the deck posts yesterday. When we put up the privacy panel we needed to paint the 2x2s and those 2 posts, so the other 3 had to be painted the same color. Mary gave me a hand and painted the first couple of feet down low and I did the ladder work for the rest. Looks great. We also picked out a new deck floor and post trim color. It was so nice we also did the neighborhood walk. Watched 2 more lectures of early Christianity. Up to 13 of 24 now. Very interesting but pretty dry stuff.

Today we did church and ate at Scramblers on the front of the mall. Pretty creative breakfast items and not cheap. About \$15 each out the door. Took Jacob as promised to a meeting at 3 and we bummed around Massillon while he was there. That included a Handels ice cream cone.

Not looking forward to playing Chippawa tomorrow. Hate the back nine.

June 3 2022

Played very well at Sanctuary shooting 42-42 with one birdie. No doubles. Every time I hit a bad shot I was able to recover. Made 1 good chip and one putt. With a decent short game I might break 80 this year. Still waiting on that. We had 8 again today. Everyone had fun on a spectacular day.

Mary and I went to Lobys for fish. It is very good there.

June 2 2022

Jacob calmed down last night after meeting with Carolyn so we are back and in tune. Took him for a workout at Kent Stark and we picked up some stuff at HD and Walmart. He will go to a meeting very soon. Got to keep him going on that.

Rain was on and off all day and it looks good for golf tomorrow.

June 1 2022

We were going to bypass the Retiree Lunch so we could take Jacob to work and go to the HOA lunch instead. However, Wes called and asked if we could watch the boys while Kaetchen took Kalix to the doctor for a cast. So I went and Mary stayed and took Jacob to work.

Turns out Kalix fell at a birthday bash last night, they got a wrist wrap and she needed to see a bone guy to take care of a slight fracture. Doctor said no cast is needed and she will heal fast and keep using the wrist wrap. Its like one of those I wear to keep from bending my wrist.

Grabbed a haircut on my way home as it was on the way.

Jacob worked a full shift. Unfortunately he was spiraling down today. Yesterday he did not get to do a workout cause I told him he wasn't getting rides to anywhere but work till he goes to an AA meeting. I had told him last month if he brought booze in he was going to lose privileges. To get them back, he has start attending meetings again.

Looks like that started his feel sorry for himself spiral. He hates were he is in his life and wants it to change. It's always someone else fault don't you know. Heard it all before and told him to be patient and work for that and it will come. I can't back down on the AA meeting. He at least owes us that after his drinking for the last 3 months. Stay tuned.

May 31 2022

It was a hot one! We played Ellsworth and I played well for a change. Sure helped that the senior tees were way up behind the ladies tees. Denny was on fire the front shooting 39. I was at 44 and it could have been better. Denny did a major tank job on the back with a 50. I shot 40 with one in the water. Finished birdie par with a proV1X I fished out of the pond on the front nine. Starting the downswing smooth was the key. That ProV1X was awesome. Felt like a Mollie!

No post yesterday. Jacob got up early and helped me put up the privacy panel on the deck. Mary helped too. We were all soaking wet from sweat when we finished. Once inside, Wes and the kids showed up and we played had hot dogs and partied till 5pm when they went home. We were worn out twice yesterday.

The deck post and deck need painting so that will hopefully happen shortly.

May 29 2022

After a nice church service we went to HD to pick up 3" screws, some primer, and 2x2x8 posts I will use for mounting. Also picked up a paint color chart so we could match the siding.

Got home and primed the posts where the paint was missing from the old privacy fence. Also primed the 2x2 I purchased. We cooked up a delicious london broil which we made quick work of. Normally we buy a larger one but the meat counter only had small ones. Tried 2 pick 3s and lost both in the last leg. No luck today.

Jacob came down for dinner than disappeared again. He should be more social tomorrow.

May 28 2022

Posted at 9am the May 29 9am. Another rough patch. Hardly any sleep Friday night. Was thinking about the fence panel and a message left by the dentist for Mary. She has so little work I bet they will suggest she drop her Delta Dental policy and maybe pick up theirs? Quite absurd reasons to lose sleep. I was groggy all day but had promised to attend the kids soccer games. We were off to soccer from 8 till 1pm. It was interesting.

Z is playing better but stands around too much when there is no action nearby. Needs to get more involved. K is very active but seems to run behind the play and not get out front of it. L looks active with some instincts but at that level its hard to say. All the kids cluster in a small group.

Spent the rest of the day groggy. Carolyn came over to take Jacob to work at 4 but he had went back to bed. Finally up, he said he turned air lower cause it was hot up there. While he was at work I went up to see about the cooling and found a half filled quart of rum. No wonder he was hard to get up. Picked him up and went to bed at 8 to catch up on sleep.

Was waken by voices out back. A buddy had come over. Texted them a couple of times to quiet down so they came in. Turned out it was one of his old schoolmate's church ambassador who came over to sit with him and make sure he was OK. He left at 240am and I got to sleep. Not a peep since. Another Jacob slip and another night of very little sleep for us. Carolyn and I think he needs to get off on his own and find out things the hard way. Life is too easy here.

May 27 2022

Got a round in just after the rain quit. Played like crap again shooting 46-47. Could have been worse but I parred 3 of the last 4. Really struggling with getting the wrist snap timing right. Starting the downswing slowly seemed the thing the last few holes. Easier said than done. Lost confidence in short game. That is a killer. No confidence = no execution.

May 26 2022

We watched the Survivor Finale last night. Carolyn came over and Jacob got out of work early so he watched it. I recall the first season in 2000 cause all my guys at work talked about it in the lunchroom. Jacob was not even around and he turned 21 this year. That show has been around a long time.

Went and got my fence panel and took a good look at it. Looks like mounting will be simple. Big question is what will I use to cut it shorter? Got Jacob to work and then we picked up a few items at Acme. I will pick him up later.

Storm is supposed to pass by 7am. Yet another wet golf round tomorrow. Crap!

May 25 2022

Decent day. Got Jacob to work then we went to the Jackson Y. Mary did a light walk o the treadmill and I did 25min elliptical. We worked this cool wood puzzle. I looked up the maker Unidragon, and they have lots of choices. Not cheap. The one we are working on is \$100 and marked down to \$69 at the moment but they are worth it. Real cool ones for the kiddos. May get one for them for Xmas

Watered some flowers and that is about it for today.

May 24 2022

Chilly day for Raintree. I hit the ball well but the short game was miserable. Sounds familiar. Maybe I will make a putt Friday? I sure hope so. I had a great start bogey par bogey, then the short came undone. It didn't help that they had shaved the greens ultra tight and they were like lightening. On top of that they had the pins in pretty much all the worst places.

Scored 48-50 for the highest score I have had since 2016. Holy Crap! Pretty depressing.

May 23 2022

Chilly day for Chenoweth. I hit the ball well but the short game was miserable. Very confused today and not sure what went wrong. I must have had at least 8 chips right off the green that I used a 4 iron putting stroke on. All of them went by by at least 6 feet, sometimes 10. Total befuddlement. The other options were just as ineffective. Never made a single putt and must have missed 4 short ones. Can't wait for tomorrow so I can correct this nonsense play.

Got Jacob to work and will pick him up later. He seems to be coming around and thinking more about his future now that he feels he has one.

May 22 2022

Oops. Forgot yesterday again. We did not do much yesterday. Got Jacob to work and picked up some yogurt at Walmart. They sell a 12 pack for a reasonable price. Settled in and watched the horses. My picks came close but failed to win. I used Anthony's picks to cash 300 in a pick 3 and that put me ahead for the day.

Watched the news this morning and saw Martha Stewart on. She looked pretty old so I looked her up and she is a ripe 80 now. Saw she had a blog so I checked it out. It is complete with a picture of her 50 years ago and flower pics from her mansion <https://www.themarthablog.com/> I seriously doubt she does them herself as it would take me days to put as much together as she had for yesterday. Maybe she has someone

remind her to post as well?

Up early at 6am for some unknown reason but did catch a short nap before church. Good message at church. After, we had breakfast at a packed full Bob Evans. Bad timing. Then we took Jacob to Famous Footwear so he could get some non slip work shoes.

Back home to watch the golf and horses but we were stuffed for the day.

May 20 2022

Thought the rain would be light and pass so we went out to Brookledge. Wasted gas. It rained a ton and wasn't done yet when we threw in the towel and went home. Took Jacob in to work at 11:30. He has a full shift today and tomorrow. Since he was gone we did a walk then headed to an early dinner. We went to Lobys for fish. No luck on the pull tabs.

Grand daughter Jenna looked real nice when she went to the prom Saturday night. She is paying for it big time as it was a super spreader and she has been in bed for 3 days with Covid. Feeling better today.

May 19 2022

Jacob and I took a bunch of stuff to the Restore this morning. The bi-folds the bathroom lights and a ceiling fan. They would not take any blinds with cords saying they were a choke risk for kids. Very odd. Glad to get rid of it. Ran him around for a couple of errands.

After lunch Mary and I walked the hood. She said her leg did OK.

May 18 2022

Forgot to post last night so did so in the morning. More on today later.

Today was a washout. Rain from 11am and spotty all day. Got Jacob to the gym and back and then to work. Hope tomorrow is better.

May 17 2022

Up early for an 8:30 tee time at Sable Creek. Played with O and Mark. Mark regularly out drives me but he messes up a lot and shot 104. O had 98 and did not putt like his regular self. I started poorly but came on late to go 43-41 =84. Missed too many short ones. Only had 3 pars again but birdied 2 par 5s with long one handed putts. Improved irons by cutting down on the back swing, opening stance, and playing the ball further back so I had to hit down on it. Worked today anyway.

Got back at noon thirty. Tried to get Jacob to the gym but they closed early on him again. Will have to go tomorrow. Got him to work and back later.

May 16 2022

Talked to Carolyn. Jacob was all work yesterday cleaning up her yard. Picking up sawing and splitting. He was a work machine going with how I taught him. She had to tell him to take a break. He has always impressed all his bosses with his work ethic. Bodes well for his future!

Looked at some of the lunar eclipse last night. Pretty cool. Today we played Tannenhauf. The rain that was supposed to stop at 9am kept on till noon. We got wet. The worse is they never cut the rough. It was long Friday and worse today. I think the rough cost me 6 strokes today. I shot an 87 and lost everything \$5.

May 15 2022

No clue why I forgot to post yesterday. I do recall vacuuming and then spraying the baseboards on the main floor. Also straightened up the basement and sprayed down there. Figured it was time since we saw one spider in the kitchen and one in the bathroom. Jacob got called into work early. He did the Y and we stopped into the Dog

Haus for lunch and then to work a little later.

Today we went to church and Carolyn picked him up to help with yard work. Lots of limbs to burn. I helped Mary cook the hamburger pie. It was really good. Time to veg.

May 13 2022

Forgot to mention the passing of Big Bob Lanier yesterday. He destroyed my High School Team at Hutchenson Central Technical Institute in the city playoffs when I was a junior or senior.

[*https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bennett_High_School_\(Buffalo,_New_York\)*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bennett_High_School_(Buffalo,_New_York))

He towered above our biggest player at 6'2 and scored at will. He couldn't make a free throw if his life depended on it nor anything else farther than 5 foot from the basket. Clumsiest player I ever saw.

He went to St. Boneventure and took them to the final 4 eventually. He pretty much learned to play at college. They worked miracles with him. Taught him to free throw the old fashioned way, two hand toss from between his knees. He ended as an NBA All Star in Detroit. RIP Big Bob!

Today we played Tannenhau. I consider it the easiest course we play as the tees are often up. I played well today. Drives were mostly good with 2 or 3 flared a bit right. Did have one monster anger management drive possibly 220. Irons were better but 150 is still a 5 iron. Chipping was better. Was able to salvage a few pars. Seven pars! Best so far this year. No 3 putts either. Year low 84! JohnT was at 87 first time out. Very nice.

Ugly trip home. Had to drop stuff at Wes'. Got behind a school bus on 619 and it stopped 10 times. Took me an extra 30 minutes as opposed to the straight shot home.

May 12 2022

Aarg, missed a day. Yesterday, Z got an award at school from the Academic club for having a 3.75 GPA. Was fun with ice cream after.

Today was busy. Got my Nails trimmed by foot guy, and Mary had her hair done by hair lady. Jacob had a court date and Hallelujahgot off probation and is going to have a clean record! A new start. Now he needs to stay away from drinking or he will get himself back right back where he started. Say some prayers for him everyone.

At 4 we headed to Akron for neighbor Nancy's celebration of Life. Great way to go if you can. Private service for family grieving and a much merrier celebration for all friends. The Sheraton where she worked for 27 years provided the room and discounts on the rest.

May 10 2022

Played Mayfair with the Lockheed guys. I went 46-44 =90. With a better putting round it would have been 85 for sure. Long putts were decent just not close enough. Missed about 5 3-5 footers. Was driving it extremely well, all of 190 yds. Irons came along too with the free movement possible without 4 layers of clothes. Started in the high 50s and finished in the mid 70s.

After dropping Jacob at work, we picked up flowers and Mary potted them. They looked nice. Helped neighbor Laura do her mulch. She is about half done and will need to get some more. Tomorrow will be busy.

May 9 2022

Wow! Nine days into May and I have not missed a post yet. Today I played Sable Creek with the Monday guys. Still disappointed in my iron play and short game. Irons are a club shorter and chips were always short today. Scored 45-44 for an 89. Two doubles and only 2 pars each side but I did roll in a birdie 4 on the par 5 on Maroon. Missed at least 4

short putts or I could have been somebody.

Mary took Jacob for his exam. He is thinking an A in architecture and C in Chem2. Got to finish a paper by Wednesday and then he is done. Going to check with counselor regarding classes to be taken next.

Picked up some groceries at Marcs while Mary rested her leg.

May 8 2022

Happy Mothers Day. We went to church and then got out the grill. Carolyn cooked the steaks and we feasted on them. I told her is she is good, maybe one of her kids will grill steaks for her in another 20 years.

Chilled out and I finally cleaned the cars out from the winter crud.

Later we hit Ros for hot fudge sundaes #5 for the year. Jacob is studying for his chem exam Monday. Hope he does well.

May 7 2022

Took Jacob to the Y before lunch. Mary is moving around better today. Did the vacuuming, towels too.

Watched the Derby. 3 out of 5 on my pick 5 and 3 out of 4 on my pick 6. Could win the Oaks Derby double if 3 12 or 15 come in.

May 6 2022

Took Jacob to the Y before lunch. That was about it. I was nurse Bob today. Mary did well so far.

Watched Churchill and won a measly pick 3 that did not even pay for the ticket. Plan is to get her to shower and into a new bandage by 6pm. Not sure I get it. They say to remove and scab as they want it to heal without a scab? News to me.

May 5 2022

Jacob wanted to go to the Y, so while he did his workout, I did 40min on the elliptical. Never went that long before. Total sweat. Burned 400 cal. We picked up a gift for Jenna then had lunch with Mary. She is doing very well so far. Moment of truth is tomorrow when we take off the bandage and clean the wound and put on a new one.

Cooked dinner at 4 and maybe could have boiled the spaghetti a bit longer. Took Jacob to work then headed to Walmart to pick up stuff. They don't really give you much choice. Stand in a long line or do self checkout with no line.

Everyone was bailing on golf tomorrow since the forecast is rain all day. I canceled it.

May 4 2022

They found nothing on Oak Island Finale last night. Try again next year. Today we went to the retiree lunch and sat with the golfers. JohnT showed up. He will play Friday if the rain holds off. Sat with John, Hogan, O, and Brady. JohnR said hi. Himes wife is in nursing home for rehab. He can hardly get around with his knees and weight.

From there we drove across 76 to Fairlawn. Boy is that a mess. Stopped at Coldstone for ice cream. Real good stuff! Then Mary went to the dermo lady and got chopped. No pain as yet. They jabbed her with 3 big needles and its not worn off as of 5:30 (4hrs). She has her feet up and I be the nurse for the next few days. Chief cook and bottle washer too.

May 3 2022

Surprise! Back to dismal crappy rainy weather all day. The golf courses do not need any more rain.

Took Jacob to his last class and then visited At home store. Wow do they have stuff! All kids of stuff. We got 5 solar lamps for \$3 ea and 3 flower pots for outside for \$6 ea. Saw a lot of things we might use. Good to know what is there.

Picked up Jacob after class and took him to Red Robin to celebrate the end of classes. Was not impressed. Slow service, host didn't know if they could seat a large party and left to find out; delaying everyone. Got a menu that was not wiped down. At least the table was clean. Won't be going back very soon. TV news turned out to be a weather alert for at least an hr and a half so far.

May 2 2022

Decent day in the low 60s. My secret weapon worked today! 2 Aleve at breakfast did the trick. My golf swing was more fluid and true. Went 42-43 for an 85 at Seven Hills. Wow, sticker shock. Price was \$38. Might have been 35 last year. Don't remember. Had many more pars today and could have had more if I had not left so many short. Dick played well also with a 92.

Picked up Jacob from the dentist on the way home. He works at 5, then has one more class tomorrow for the semester.

May 1 2022

Church ran a little long. Got back and had lunch then dropped Jacob at Jackson Y. Mom is picking him up and they will visit dad till later. Stopped and got some sauce for the stuffed peppers and picked up 2 more to fill the pan. Kind of mad at myself for not getting the right ingredients on the grocery trip earlier this week.

Rain overflowed the gutters last night. Sent the HOA manager a note saying whoever fixed this in the last 50 days did a poor job. Also said not to worry cause I got my ladder out and did it myself and to send me a check for my services.

Sad news but not unexpected; old neighbor Nancy Copin bit the dust. She has been in and out of hospital with lots of problems and started hospice early this week. RIP Nancy.

Helped Mary cook the stuffed peppers. Did not do much other than drain the browned beef. That will be dinner later on. Figured I would get to this so I didn't forget later. Will watch the horses run. Account is zero for another couple of days.

April 30 2022

Wow. How many days did I miss this month? I got to start doing these after dinner else I tend to forget. Yesterday was a decent day for golf. Once again I played poorly shooting a 91. Parred the first hole though. That was it for the day. Thinking about it later in the day, I am going to start the next round with a couple of Aleve. Perhaps the aches and pains I have are limiting my swing paths.

Today we went to HD and picked up some mulch and humus to plant the glads around and finish the small section that needed coverage. Jacob did the heavy work and Mary did the planting and watering. We did a short walk cut short by raindrops passing through. I did some leveling of the patio bricks and have a few still to go.

April 28 2022

Got Jacob to school at 11 and picked him up after. Mary finished some wash and we went for a few groceries. Nice scratch off for \$500. About time we did better than get our money back.

We walked the hood for 30min. The air was much warmer than yesterday when we cut the walk by half due to the cold winds. Looking fwd to golf tomorrow. Got my old irons out to see if I can play better with them. The new ones just seem too stiff or they just don't have that snap to them. Maybe it is just me?

JohnT and Mel bailed so we will only have 5. I called the course to let them know'

April 27 2022

Got Jacob to school and we went to Lake Y to do elliptical and class. The class was moved to studio A and it was just like a flashback to 2019 in the old days. Drove by the old hood. Has not changed much. Then picked up Jacob.

We all vegged the rest of the day.

April 26 2022

I headed to bed a little before 7pm last night and was up after 7am so I got caught up on sleep. Got Jacob to class and headed to the Jackson Y for 25min of elliptical. Worked up a good sweat and felt great. Picked up Jacob from class and vegged the rest of the day.

Jacob still had stomach issues. Perhaps from the pizza he finished over night. Did not see him eat anything today. Looks like I could have won 250 if I had punched my pick 4 ticket in correctly. It's easy to do if not careful.

Posting early cause Oak Island is on tonight. Planning on the Y tomorrow.

April 25 2022

Missed yesterday yet another time. We all went to church and then to a pancake breakfast that came with free entry to the Maps museum. Lots of new stuff there. Could easily spend a day there reading all the displays.

After dinner Jacob went out for a short while with a buddy and slipped another time. Got drunk again and kept us up past 4:30am with worry. Skipped 3 classes for the day as well. Have to sit down with him and figure out why this happened. He has been on best behavior since his birthday last month.

Today was a bust as we slept in and really are still sleep deprived. I emailed the Monday guys that I was going to miss golf. Didn't feel up to watching the kiddos for Wes later either. Jacob, of course, seems no worse for the wear this afternoon. Never realized how many people you impact by one's behavior. An real eye opener. I can't cast any stones. Glad I quit drinking in 2004 and never looked back.

April 23 2022

Missed yesterday. I was toast after playing Fox Den and shooting a very poor round of 91. Many irons came up short. Chipped pretty decent but missed many putts by an inch. Two rimmed out as well. I should have been around 88 but then again I could have scored higher. Was good to have 7 and see Rudy and John E for the first time. Denny was the star in the group ahead with an 84.

I did stop in Hartville on the way home but the dang barber took another day off. I headed there in the morning but said to myself this is nuts. Drive 20 miles to Hartville and back with the price of gas? I pulled over and looked for a barber near me and found one right across from church. Did a good job too. From now on if I can't connect with the Hartville barber I will schedule the local place.

April 21 2022

Missed another post yesterday watching Oak Island. It was a very busy day. We got Jacob to school, headed to the Lake Y for elliptical and class, then to a HOA lunch. About 12 at lunch. Only a couple of people we had not met as of yet. Rushed out of there to pick up Jacob and took him to work later.

Today sucked. Jacob took his chem 2 test and did not think it went well. We picked up groceries and then got a call from the dermo group on our biopsy. Mary had one that was OK but the scheduled her to dig out the other atypical cells on her calf. Said recovery would be 6-8 weeks and to use compression socks to keep the blood flowing.

For some reason that area is slow to heal.

My call was worse. Basil cell on my cheek. Seems almost gone after biopsy so I was surprised. Mohs surgery July 22. Damn!

I called eBay and they said to have buyer request refund. I did but that leads to more nonsense. They want me to send her a ship label now. I have to call and insist on help to negate the sale. Using their standard website is a disaster so far. Wish me luck with that!

April 19 2022

A happy belated Easter everyone. We had a busy Easter day. We went to 11am mass and it ran a little long. Catherine and Jacob went with us. We got home and Carolyn had the ham heating and the potatoes ready to cook. It was all ready by 2pm when Steve and Kathy showed up. We had 13 in all. The place was a zoo till the festivities ended around 6pm.

Monday morning on Dingus Day, I got Jacob to class and helped Catherine pack up and head back in the snow. We went to the Y and got beat up. Got back and we started to put things back together from the party weekend. Mary did some wash and we vegged out the rest of the day.

Today, got Jacob to class and back. Had no chess brain today at all. Might be a long week!

April 16 2022

We got ready for our visitors in the morning. Catherine got here at 1230 and Sue with Ed a little after. We had a nice lunch and then around 330 we headed over to Ros for the hot fudge sundae. Sue and Ed headed home.

We vegged out catching up on things and then called brother Jim around 5pm and got an update from him. He had a steroid shot for his back but it only worked for a week. He was off work for a month and been thru 2 13 week PT sessions without much luck. Looking to get approved for another 16 weeks of chiro PT but workmans comp is slow to approve things.

April 15 2022

Getting bad at this. I will have to put a reminder on the computer. Forgot when Swamp People ran past 10:30 last night. I got Jacob to school then to Akron for a test and then to work. Carolyn was over to watch Survivor and then we watched the swampers.

Today I tried to play Brookledge. Wow there was a stiff win that would move the carts if the brake was not on. Was not cold, just real windy. I had 11 – 6s on the card and only 4 of them were bogeys. Real ugly. Could do little right which is odd since I have been playing pretty decent this spring. Rarely took enough club into the wind. Always short. I wish to forget about it. Denny was low with 96, I had 97, Dick 99, Bill 102. and Mel 105. I won 1 dot in wolf. Needless to say everyone got a \$1+ from me. Ugh!

April 13 2022

Busy day. Played Sable Creek with the Lockheed guys and made it around in 87 finishing 3 over the last 2 holes. Rushed home and showered for the church pictures. Bob Mary and Jacob in it. Back home for dinner and then we will head out to drop Jacob at work and head to watch the kiddos tonight. What a day.

April 12 2022

Missed another day? Yesterday was a crappy one. Denny, Houle, and I tried to play Tannenhauf. It was very wet and the rain hit us on 1,7, 8, and 9. Checked the radar and we threw in the towel. I did pretty good at 42, Denny 45, and Houle started with a 10, improved and ended with 54 total.

We went to the lame OBMV nearby and got new plates. Can't keep your old plates for some reason after we bought out the lease. Stripped the screw on one of the 2 so I had to drill it out and try to figure out how to proceed.

Today was fabulous reaching 65+. Lots of people were sitting out along the walk way as we passed by. I picked up a tap and die set at el cheapo Harbor Freight and showed Jacob how to use it to fix the license plate screw hole. Had to use bigger drill to open it up for a 1/4" machine screw as that one was the only one we had a screw for. The trunk shape was an issue but the kit did have a tool that worked. Worked like a charm so I learned him something useful.

We did a nice walk and chatted the neighbors up. Met Gloria who's husband had passed away 5 years ago so she moved here. So far everyone here always has to tell you that. Looks good for golf and church pic tomorrow!

April 10 2022

Finally a decent day! Psalm Sunday church was 30 min longer. I will have to remember to skip that next year. We got home and all the mulch partiers showed up. I cooked, we ate, and then did the mulch. Great teamwork and we were done in a half hour. Still need 2-3 bags!

Then we had my bday cake and ice cream and I opened my gifts. Golf balls coffee and sponge candy, a Texas Roadhouse gift card, an a nice card drawn by Kalix. She sure goes the extra mile. Must have taken her at least an hour.

It was a great day and I am very proud of the family. It is not without problems but whose isn't?

April 9 2022

Another crappy day with snow spritzing this morning. We cleared up some clutter to prepare for the party tomorrow. After lunch we picked up some groceries and some Easter stuff. Mary cooked the eggs for coloring tomorrow as well. Got me a bday cake too. Was gonna get cupcakes but Acme never has what I want as a rule.

Got Jacob to work and we walked for 15 min. It was cold and the sky looked pretty dark so we cut it short. Some exercise is better than nothing.

April 8 2022

Surprised the rain held off. Looked like we could play till 1pm and that was it. Good thing we started early cause it was hail on #18. I had a rough start then settled to go 43-43. Good chipping and putting was not bad. A couple of look ups cost me a couple of triples but other than than I was steady. That plus a couple of missed putts could have got me to low 80s. One birdie from in close.

Bill shot 92 with a good back nine of 43. Denny started hot but had too many snowmen on the card for a 95. Was cold the last 3 holes on the front but not too bad on the back. Wiped me out though. Getting old!

Catherine had some bib overalls sent for my bday. That is what Bruce wears on Swamp People. Got to send those back.

April 7 2022

74 today! How does it feel? Just glad to be around.

Quiet day. Got Jacob to class and we did the 30 min walk but finished in 27 minutes. Surprised I did not gain weight with the cake and ice cream last night. The walk should help. We fired up the vacuum today. I am always amazed how much dust we pick up.

Carolyn stopped over with a card. She will be over for the Sunday celebration. Figured I better do the blog since Swamp People is on till 10:30. Pickle is going to be captain on

Troy's boat. That should be fun.

Hope to play tomorrow but it looks unlikely with the rain forecast.

April 6 2022

Up early and got Jacob to class. Mary slept in and was still a bit shaky from dinner last night. So we skipped the retiree lunch and the Y and just vegged.

Went over to watch the kiddos and Kalix had baked me a cake for my bday. Bad time to be on a diet and eating cake and ice cream. Should have planned better. Was raining pretty good on the way home. Free car wash!

April 5 2022

I slept all the way till 6:30 today. We got our 4th Covid shot at 10am. Got Jacob to school and back and headed to dermo lady. Wow, she must have needed money, she did a biopsy on me, 2 on Mary, and sprayed us both a couple of places. Maybe needs a new car?

Met Jane, Rudy, and Rose Marie at Palumbo's but they were booked. We went to the nearby Mexican place. Mary seemed to have issues with her meal but so far so good for me.

April 4 2022

I got up at 6am again and checked the weather. It was going to rain around 12 so I sent out an email saying I was bailing. Ken bailed as well. My wrist was hurting. Remembering we had bought this cream for arthritis, I gave it a try. I was pleasantly surprised.

We went to the Y and did 25min elliptical and the strength class. Burned some calories for sure. Took care not to tweak my wrist. We picked up a few items at Marcs and had lunch. Got J from school and we had tacos for dinner. Dropped him at work at 5pm and will get him later.

Called about the install of our shade to replace the paint splattered one. Guy is coming Friday morning. No bids on my Frankenstein trash can.

April 3 2022

I got up at 6am figuring I had to get up soon anyway. Thought it was Monday. When I realized it was Sunday it was too late. Sigh. After church we stopped at Gregory's family restaurant to see if breakfast was any good. I was less than impressed.

When you sit down no more than one minute should pass before you get coffee. And the coffee better be good. It took 5 minutes and the coffee was weak. So far we are 0-2. Samantha's was much better but the place needed cleaning and a refresh. The search will go on. They had German fries but they were bland and I had to use some hot sauce to spice them up.

I was cold all day. The weather still sucks and tomorrow looks like another rainy cold no go for golf.

Carolyn took Jacob for a few hours and we vegged all day. No luck at the races. I did hit a pitiful pick 4 with all favorites winning which didn't pay back more than the wager. Those are pathetic.

April 2 2022

We were up at 8, had breakfast, then went for groceries. Stopped at the bank and car wash but too many cars there. Got back and had lunch and worked the puzzles.

Jacob was up a little after that and we went and got 8 bags of mulch for the back of the condo. They will only do fronts now to save a few bucks. Carolyn picked up Jacob for

awhile and dropped him back for work.

Dropped Jacob to work and we did a 30 min walk in the hood. We did the long walk and did the circles at the ends twice. I played Oaklawn Arkansas Derby day and did OK with 2 trifecta boxes. Played 3 pick 4s which were trashed when my singles (in each case the heavy favorite) finished second.

April 1 2022

This weather sucks. No golf this week and next week looks pretty iffy. We went to the Jackson Y class and it was reasonably difficult. Good workout and good stretching.

That about sums it up for the day. Picked up Arby's fish for dinner and Mary got him to work. He still isn't feeling 100%. Not sure what is going on. Played some pick 4s and came close but no wins.

Oh yeah, I put my JC Penny Vintage garbage can on eBay for 7 day auction. Doubt it will sell but worth a try.

March 31 2022

We slept in and did the walk in the hood this morning. We made 1 loop and did the small loop again in 27 min so it can't be that long. The small loop was only 5 min. Got to drive it and get a better idea. Mary headed out to get her hair done, and we had lunch after.

I helped fold some wash and got rid of about 10 items in my closet I never wear. Jacob liked my green hoodie so he took it and wore it to work. He slept most of the day and wasn't feeling very good. Checked his temp but it was normal. He did go to work.

Figured I better post early since Swamp People is on till 10:30.

March 30 2022

We went to the Y and did the workout class and added 15 min elliptical. There was still snow here and there in Lake. We got home and had lunch then I started to demo the deck privacy panel that was well rotted. Could not get the blade into the reciprocal saw? Finally gave up and used manual saw. Had 6 -6 point screws to take out. Lucky I had a bit for that.

Jacob finally got up out of bed and he sawed up the last half of the boards. Did some weed pulling and we moved the patio bricks I don't like. I unloaded 1/3 of the boards cause the dumpster was too heavy. Get rid of them next week. Another warm day tomorrow but supposed to be rain and very windy.

March 29 2022

Was planning on lunch with some Lockheed guys but Wes needed a sitter. Went to foot Dr. He felt my heel was healing well and encouraged me to continue with calf stretching to loosen the stress on the Achilles. A little pain is OK but stop if the pain level goes up.

I picked up some cupcakes and ice cream for the kids as Kalix's bday was last weekend but they were ill. So we will celebrate today when Z gets out of PT nearby. Shortly after I need to get Jacob to the Dr. at 2:30. Nice sunny day to melt off some of that snow for Wednesday (I hope).

Alas I got a call later that it would be walking only tomorrow. Dang! The kids had a ball here and loved the ice cream I found. It was called "everything but the kitchen sink". It was good but had too many nuts in it.

Took Jacob to the doctor then into work. Will pick him up later.

March 28 2022

Just got in from Carolyn's so I thought I better blog before I forget. Jacob is off school this week so we all went to the Lake Y. We did the class and he worked with the weights.

Going most of last week, we were in good shape and handled Andrea's workout well. We are rounding back in shape now.

Took Jacob to Akron for a test then had lunch. Finished up the other 3 stuffed peppers for dinner, dropped Jacob to work and headed over to Carolyn's.

She had purchased a new breaker, so I installed it and she was back in business once again. First switch on did not work so we rigged up a jumper from outlet to outlet to get power on the now working string. All for naught as a couple of switch on and off got the breaker working. Perhaps some oxidation on the contacts? Might have been sitting on the shelf a long time in HH.

March 27 2022

Oh my. Looks like I missed yesterday and Tuesday. Going to hell in a hand basket. Must have went to bed Tuesday after Oak Island and forgot to blog. Had to fix all the entry dates too.

Now I need an excuse for yesterday. It was so nasty out, we went to the mall and walked it twice. On the third round we stopped and got Mary 2 new outfits, then returned home to make the stuffed peppers. The walk sure helped me maintain my weight. Down to a tad under 170 (down 6 lbs over 2 weeks). Been a struggle. The stuffed peppers were huge. Cost of 6 was around \$15 in food or about \$2.50 a meal.

Today, we were getting ready for church and my new 55 inch LG was delivered. Wasn't supposed to come till Tuesday. I was pretty peeved that the 50 inch Samsung died a couple days ago. Bought with my first stimulus check, the dang thing only lasted a year and a half. Never had a TV that died so quick. No more Samsung for us. It is now on the Parker Blacklist.

Jacob had trouble sleeping last night so skipped church but joined us after to go to the Akron Art Museum. It was interesting. I did not care much for the photo exhibits but did like the modern art part of the collection. My favorite was "Man Eating Trees". It was a bit weird. We spent an hr and a half there then chowed down at Bob Evans before returning home to get the new TV setup and running.

Carolyn met us at Bob Evans and picked up Jacob for awhile before returning later on.

March 25 2022

We got out and went to the Y. She used the ball today. I don't think I got anything out of that workout. Carolyn picked up Jacob at 11 and he was gone for the day.

We had an early lunch and then did shopping. Cold out there! When I took him to work I could see prices were going to go up to 419 a gallon. Got 12 gallons between the 2 cars and saved 23 cents a gallon.

Real crappy day.

March 24 2022

Got Jacob to class for his chem2 test then we went to the Jackson Y to do 25min elliptical. Sure helps burn calories. We will go back in the morning for the toning class.

Saw the CT scan results. They questioned that it was mild Achilles tendenosis and thought planter fasciitis. I researched both on YouTube and the place the pain is points to the later. Doc will fill me in next week. In the meantime I need to avoid stretching the back of that heel with toes up like the calve stretch. Anything with my left foot back is also a no no.

Toyota called. We checked the wrong box on the title twice now. Nice that they told us what the issue was this time. The sentence after the box makes it look like this is the actual mileage unless you read the next line which says...even though the odometer is

mechanically damaged. What a terrible place for the sentence to run over to the next line. They said they would email me a copy but I got nothing. I will call if nothing tomorrow.

March 23 2022

Got Jacob to class. We headed to the Y and did 25min on the elliptical, followed up by severe beating in Andrea's class. Picked up Jacob and he was off to study for chem test. We headed to Walmart to return an item and pick up bday gifts for Kalix and some more Easter candy for the baskets.

I had bought a universal charger that fits most laptops. It did not fit mine. So I got that returned.

Took Jacob to work and Wes called to see if he could go to Laser tag. Wes took Z there and stopped over after for around an hr. This was spring break for Z so Wes took him to Columbus . They did some wall climbing and went to COSI and visited with friends.

Carolyn came over to watch Survivor and left about 9pm. Jacob is going to do an all niter for chem test.

March 21 2022

Busy week for Jacob. Chem 2 test Thursday and History paper due Saturday, then spring break the following week.

Dropped him to class and about an hr later, headed to Sunny Hills for golf with Bill. Today was the best day for it so we agreed to play today. Started off good. We were 2 over after 4 and should have been even. We both had a couple of bad holes to finish the front at 44. Not so on the back as we missed many putts by leaving the short. The back was a little thin on grass and we hit some fat shots. My 3 and Bill's 2 penalty shots didn't help either. I finished at 91 and Bill at 95. Great to get out and play, even though we had poor scores.

I made several tee times for the year later on and sent them out to the guys.

March 20 2022

Went to Aultman early for CAT scan on my ankle. Was like a ghost town there. I got there ½ hr early and they were 15 min late, While I sat there, someone went into the rest room and never came out while I was there, approx 30 minutes? Cat scan went quick and I told the guy at the desk about the restroom. He said he will check into it.

Got back and we went to church and vegged the rest of the day. For some reason I was chilled most of the day. It reached 53 but never really felt warm with the wind.

March 19 2022

Missed yesterday. Carolyn was over till late so I headed to bed when she left. We had gone to the Jackson Y for an easy class. Carolyn took Jacob out for a day, then dropped him off and we went to Sippo Lake Stark Park to look at the wildlife center and lake. Did some walking too.

Today I waited for the late rising Jacob and had him do most of the overhead work to remove the old ceiling fan and install the new. Did not like the fan on the low ceiling and was worried someone was going to get whacked with it. Found one completely enclosed. Had 2 choices and went cheap at \$110. Took us quite awhile to remove the old one but the new one was a snap. Will take the old to Habitat Restore.

Good dinner and took Jacob to work to be picked up later.

March 17 2022

Another great day. Bill, Sam, and I played Sanctuary. I got some tee times every 2 months while I was there. I had a good round shooting 86. Missed 4 short putts so I will

go back to 2 handed for awhile till that falters again.

Bill was even par on the par 3s with 2 birdies, 2 pars, and a double. God did not want him to break 90. He had a chance but had issues around the 18th green. We will play Sunny Hill Monday as everyone else is busy again next week. Sam was in the high 90s.

Got home and had dinner then did some grocery shopping. Carolyn came over to watch Survivor

March 16 2022

Nice day. Got Jacob to class and we did the Y. Only time for 15min elliptical. Andrea did lots of reps again. For any left shoulder exercise I only use 3 lbs and even that is too much. 5, 8, and 10lbs for others. Finally got a haircut.

Picked up Jacob and took him to Akron for his test then back home. Dozed off before dinner. Looking fwd to golf tomorrow. Been needing that for quite awhile.

March 15 2022

Nice day. Early on I paid the bills for the month and ordered a new vertical shade to replace the one killed off by what turned out to be a \$500 paint splatter. Painful for sure. Touched up the ceiling where I bumped it with the wall paint and a spot on the wall where I sanded.

Got Jacob to class and back. Mary got some wash done. After dinner I got Jacob to work and we did a brisk walk around the hood. One of these days I need to measure the loop. Somewhere around a mile is my guess. A lot less than the 1.8 we did in the old homestead.

Diet has me down to 172 by keeping it under 1000 cal/day. Rudy was on a 500/day but that seems like torture. I noticed all the days we did class I did well; without activity I did not.

Posted after the news. Many of the missed blogs were Tues or Thurs after watching Oak Island or the Swamp People till 10.

Heck of a time finding 2 more for golf Thursday. Denny and Mel are out, Otis and Chuck are in Florida. Did get Sammy to play. Checking with John E and then Rudy tomorrow.

March 14 2022

Finally a warm up this week. Got Jacob to class and then we headed to the Y. Did 25min elliptical and then were waiting for Adrea's strength class a long time. Then it dawned on me it was 10:30 and not 10. Sat around and had to wait for it.

Got Jacob home and remembered it was Red Hat lunch today. She called someone and found out where it was. I took her and bummed around to kill some time. Lunch at Wendy's followed by a trip to see the construction on the Skyland Pines RIP golf course, then to Ace HW and Drug Mart. Called and found a tee time for Thursday too.

Called Mary to get her out of lunch at 2:30. She was the first to leave. Picked up a couple of small brushes at Harbor Freight. Ace didn't have anything under \$6. All good stuff there. I picked up 4 cheapo brushes for the same amount. For small jobs I like to have the cheap ones around and just toss them when done.

Got Jacob to work and will pick him up later.

March 13 2022

Rough night of sleep, then off to church. Interesting sermon about listening, Vegged the rest of another cold day and stayed inside. I did wrap up the painting stuff and helped Mary with the Golabki and dinner was good. Lost another pound today.

Looks like weather is breaking. Got to find an open riding golf course this week.

March 12 2022

Up early before 7am to see the 5 inches of snow out back. After Mary got up and we had breakfast, we moved the furniture to paint.

With Mary as my able assistant we whizzed right thru it and had the wall painted and put all away before lunch. The bad part of the spill was 4 hrs of cleanup by 4 of us, the ruination of the vertical shade and the paint cost. The good part is the lighter color brightens the room and it looks better.

I still have to sand and paint a small area where I took off a wireless security motion detector and filled the holes. Must have cost a small fortune to install all this stuff. Wonder why people pay for this useless stuff? Still have 3 small boxes on the entry doors. Must also be wireless. I will leave them there. They look important. I pulled 50-60 feet of wiring off in the basement. Don't know what that was all about.

We went out to pick up some food for my diet. Down almost 3lbs by limiting calorie intake, especially the ones from cookies.

I see KSU suspended 3 players for the first half of the championship game. I guess whatever they did was only half bad?

March 11 2022

Early to the Jackson Y this morning. We did the toning class and were home by 9:30. Started taping the baseboards and windows and got that done before lunch.

After lunch I did the edging all but the real high stuff 10 to 15 feet up. I was whipped after doing a small wall and did not think I would be able to finish. Rested now and then but kept going and finished around 3pm. Long day for my back.

Picked up Arby's fish for dinner and I am done for the day. Cooked. Without energy.

Plan to paint with the roller tomorrow but don't plan to do the high up edging. I think my back will need a rest before dragging in the extension ladder and tackling that. Patched some mounting holes for a sensor and near the vertical shades.

March 10 2022

Got Jacob to class and stopped at Sherwin Williams and got 2 gallons of what must be liquid gold based on the price they charged. The bedroom paint was \$50 and I thought that was bad.

Carolyn picked him up after class and spent most of the day with him so that was good. I was to the gas station and the money left on the pumps ranged from \$30 to \$50. It is ugly and will get uglier.

Started a diet today at 176.6 lbs. Gonna watch calories and just see how it goes. Don't believe I will lose quickly like on the low carb diet. Sure would like to get to 170 again. I think I could cut 500 cal/day just by cutting out the cookies and snacks.

March 9 2022

I am getting really bad at posting lately. Tuesday we picked up some groceries at Marcs and also picked up some paint strips at Sherwin Williams to see what paint we need for the mucked up wall.

Today was a bit frustrating as we did the elliptical and got beat up at the Y. I was going to finally get a haircut but for some reason they were closed. They are getting on my nerves. If the wife doesn't go in the guy won't do it alone. It is too much for him to handle. Gets too stressed? My guess is they were helping out one of their kids. Posted the morning of March 10.

March 7 2022

Got Jacob to class and later headed to the Y. We did 25 min on the elliptical and then did the strength class. Andrea beat us up good. 2 sets of 20 reps of everything. Ouch. Saw Rich from Lockheed golf inn the exercise room and talked to him a bit.

Lots of flooded lawns between N Canton and Lake. Places where I have never seen covered with water in the 40+ years we lived there. Talked to Pete. He was surprised. He is heading down to Florida to visit all the snowbirds he knows. Lots of rain all day long.

Got the dentist office to straighten out our billing. The fact we have 2 insurers is causing the office fits. Most self inflicted, lol. They got paid twice for Mary's cleaning and exam. Why they sent to both is beyond me.

March 6 2022

Up early and did not feel worse for wear from yesterday, so I got the ceiling painting finished in time to go to church. Glad I went. It was a great service and music. I want to tell the ensemble and choir leader their music helps make me feel God's presence but not sure I can get the words out.

After church we saw neighbor Laura out trimming her flower bed. Had lunch and an afternoon walk before dinner. Nice warm day.

Finally made sense of my dental bill by looking at the insurance info. They really messed up my bill.

March 5 2022

Not the best of days, perhaps the worst in awhile. Went to Turkeyfoot at 9 but when I got there it was walking only. Decided to pass up a bucket and go home and get the painting done. Big mistake. Got the walls taped up and plastic hung to keep it off walls. Was edging and only had a little more to go.

I always lift the paint bucket off the ladder to move the ladder. Too many close calls in the past. This time I only had to nudge it a couple of inches. Forgot the cable tray was there and off the bucket went. It hit the ladder step on the way down causing it to spin and whip paint all across the near wall, floor, my new vertical shade some 15 foot away, and the recliners and a little on my new couch. There is no way it could have been worse unless it really doused the recliners.

We started to clean up and I shortly knew it was a huge project. I called for reinforcements and Carolyn and Wes came to the rescue. Carolyn helped with the floor and walls and Wes brought over the super carpet cleaner and did all the furniture. The furniture recovered. The floor recovered. I will have to paint that wall now in addition to the ceiling.

The floor came clean except for the little pits in the wood where the paint was impossible to get out of. Carolyn suggested a sharpie. So I channeled my Donald Trump and used the sharpie to color them black. The big loss is I could not clean the shade. That is \$1000 down the tubes for the shade and the install. The whole cleanup took 4 hrs, lots of elbow grease, and every ones fingernails.

On top of all this, Jacob had gotten down on things and has some issues to deal with. What a horrible day. Need to get to church and say some prayers.

March 4 2022

Jacob vegged at his buddies till 5am and took an uber home. Kept me awake for an hr till I figured out what he was doing. Up at 7 and to the Jackson Y for toning. Was well worth it. Cricked my neck a little.

We stopped at Samantha's nearby. Food was good but the place was showing a bit of wear. Fans needed cleaning, wallpaper needed replacing, and some fresh paint would help. I had french toast with fruit and Mary had an omelet.

After a brief rest I started the ceiling painting. Pretty sad. All I could muster was the hallway of around 33 sq feet. It will likely be 1 or 2 more sessions. About the same number of feet to edge then get the roller out for the main area plus a small hallway. After that is done I am going to put in a new fan in the loft and that ceiling needs painted. Just might be the end of my ceiling painting days. I certainly hope so.

March 3 2022

Hey, I remembered for a change. Slept solid. Jacob said the wind was howling last night but I never heard it. Nice. He had a chem2 test and was up most of the night getting ready for it. Said he did good when I picked him up today.

Mary and I went to the Superstore and loaded up on Kleenex, tp, and water. Couple other items too. After dinner got Jacob to his group session. I believe that is being phased out. He is grumbling about hours at work. Small 2 week paycheck. He did take a night off to finish his paper though.

I got some gel pads for my golf shoes. Denny called to touch base. Carol is getting some outpatient surgery this week.

March 2 2022

Looks like I missed another. Got into Oak Island last night and no blog posts as a result. Vegged yesterday.

Today we got Jacob to school and headed to the retiree lunch. Sat with Himes and the lady secretary whose name escapes me. Learned she lives in Doyelstown near Rudy, is a Trumper, and stockpiles food. Also learned Himes can't hear very well at all. Spoke briefly to JohnR and Hogan. Hogan is loving his cataract removal. JohnR had to replace his old caddy with a 2018 big Hyundai SUV. Paid \$35K, Yikes! Car prices are nuts.

I looked at our 2020 Corolla and I bet we could get \$4 to 5K over the residual value if we wanted. Wish I had leased 2!

Heading over to watch the kiddos tonight. Should be worn out later tonight.

February 28 2022

Good riddance to February. Things are looking up. The snow has melted. I saw one course open for walking too. The Covid is waning.

Dropped Jacob to school and headed to Lake Y. Did 20min elliptical and then the new Monday class Andrea has. She worked us pretty good. Had a few sciatica twinges but not too bad. Picked up Jacob and he got his new ID at the BMV showing he is 21 now.

February 27 2022

Realized I missed the blog while getting into bed last night. Sounds like a broken record, eh?

Saturday I repaired the ceiling edge under the loft and where the previous smoke detector had holes. Looks like there was a poorly done repair there before. The metal L wrap for the ceiling corner was not nailed properly and the downward pressure on the mud created a crack in the mud on the edge of the L. Someone had nailed it back up thru the mud. That was dumb.

I pulled the mud off from that channel and nailed it properly where it was cracking. Then I used some quick 20 min dry mix to fill the channels where needed. After that dried, I used regular mud to put texture over the fix and blend it in with the rest of the ceiling texture. It looked great.

Today after church I went and got some ceiling paint and painted the edge. Unfortunately, one can see the newly painted areas so I will have to repaint the rest. Damn it. There is a lot of edges around the ceiling/wall junction which will have to be

hand painted. Going to take quite awhile. Might take 3 sessions with my wrists and sciatica.

Plan on doing the Y tomorrow and get to some painting Tue/Thurs/Fri.

February 25 2022

Realized I missed the blog while getting into bed last night. It was a bus Jacob kind of day. We made 7 trips to get him to school and back, the BMV, a haircut, and a group session. Then we got busy watching Swamp People and forgot the blog.

Today we were up early to hit the Jackson Y for Toning class. I hate the early hour (leave by 8am) but I love all the stretching that she does. Really was great for my shoulders and hips today. Sang happy bday to Jacob at noon. Carolyn was over to spend the day. They might go to Michigan to see an old friend and be back tomorrow or they may change their mind.

Mary had a hair appt at 1pm and we will pick up Arby's fish later on.

February 23 2022

Busy day. Took Jacob to class then headed to the Y for a beat down by Andrea. Several people had missed us and it was good to see them again. One guy in the machine area asked where we moved to. Neither of us knew who he is. Sometimes that happens because they were aware of us thru Wes running or soccer. Should have asked about that.

Picked up some food in Hartville and then Jacob. Got him to work and headed to Wes for kiddo watch. Had a good time there. My goodness, those kids have triple what our kids had which was triple what we had as kids. Can't go much further can it?

No fun with the credit alert. We found Huntington pulled a hard report from Transunion. We did get the loan to buyout the lease but not from there. Loan company said it was not them. Perhaps it was Ganley? Usually they go thru Toyota, as was the case for any new lease we had there. Very odd. This stuff is overly difficult to navigate and there is way too much secrecy.

February 22 2022

Rain all day cleared out most of the snow! Got Jacob to school and then went to HD to pick up some material to work on my ceilings. The ceilings are fine but a couple of the tape joints are cracking. I figure if I don't do them soon, it will be too much for me. My heart really isn't into it but doing it sooner rather than later will be cheaper. Don't look forward to ceiling painting either.

Got a call that the dentist had my crown ready and an open slot this afternoon so I took it. That is out of the way. Looking forward to the wrap up of the Lincoln series tonight.

February 21 2022

Up early to drive the bus to an 8am class. Mary and I went to the Jackson Y to do the elliptical for 25 min. It was busy since the schools are off. Picked up some groceries at nearby Buelers, had lunch and picked up Jacob.

Leftovers from the Roadhouse for dinner were excellent. Very warm today. We get another one tomorrow so we will perhaps get some walking in.

We are watching the Lincoln series on the History channel. It is excellent and continues today and tomorrow.

February 20 2022

Cold this morning but it warmed up for the afternoon. Missing MB and Florida. Watched some webcams and saw Naples was 70 at 10am. Missing that.

We went to church and then to Texas Roadhouse. Birthday meal for Jacob. He turns 21 on Friday. I had something different this time. 5 oz salmon was really good. Jacob and Mary took home more than half but I finished.

Looking forward to the Y this week!

February 19 2022

We watched the kiddos last night for a couple of hrs. Still some slick roads around Wes' house. They went to a bday party with some old HS buddies. One of them, crazy Dave drove back to see us. He was one of Mary's neighborhood kids she was mom to. It was good to see him. May helped Kalix make a huge Reeses cookie from a kit. Yum. We got back at 9 and picked Jacob up at 10. Awesome moon out there last night.

Vegged and did puzzles all day. Jacob has a sore throat but went to work. Not sure what he has.

February 18 2022

Lots of ice and maybe an inch of snow last night. We vegged most of the day and will go out and have a fish Grinder with Jacob before he starts work. Half price discount!

Called Toyota Financial about the buyout. They said I could ask the dealer to facilitate the transfer but I already tried that. So Ganley has landed on my s-list and has lost me as a customer after 40 years. Pretty dumb on their part.

Toyota financial will email me the details in a couple of days and I will go from there. After that, I finalized my loan from Lightstream. They deposit the cash into my account March 10 and take the first auto pay April 20.

Times are a changing (Bob Dylan 1964). I spent 6 hrs exchanging emails with Ganley coaxing them to handle this for me and less than 2 hrs getting an unsecured car loan from Lightstream.

February 17 2022

Rain all day! Put the cars out in the driveway and got 2 free car washes.

We got Jacob to school and back and picked up some groceries in between. Spent several hours emailing Ganley and then loan company about a lease buyout. Since I decided to buy it out, the sooner the better.

Things looked promising at Ganley until they said I wouldn't get a firm deal till the "final loan interview" at their site. I said I wanted a firm deal before I came in, just like for the leases. So off I went and picked one of the best according to nerd wallet. Lightstream. Let's see how that goes.

They did not ask about Vin number so far which is curious. Maybe they like to niggle you along? Nope. They approved an unsecured loan in just a few minutes at 3.19%. Now I got to figure out who to give the money to.

Helped Jacob interpret the drawings for his house model on poster board. Guess he learned zip about reading drawings in HS.

February 16 2022

Wow. Had to fix the dates on the last two. What a basket case. Got Jacob to school and we did another workout. She crossed us up as this one was 45 minutes whereas the first 3 were 30min. Going to feel it tomorrow.

Mary got her Prolia shot this afternoon. Real windy. Stopped for gas and when I opened the door, it got blown out and smacked the post around the pump. Ouch! No damage that I could see but the car is pretty dirty so it would be hard to see.

Finished a hard puzzle. Took us several days.

February 15 2022

Quiet day. Got Jacob to school for his 8am class. Picked him up at noon and took him to pick up a prescription at CVS. Later to work and back. Worked on the puzzle now and then and Mary did a ton of wash.

Sister Duped went to Wilkes-Barre to visit an old friend.

February 14 2022

Looks like I did not upload the Feb 10 file to the blog. Also Missed Friday and Saturday?

Not sure why we missed Friday. We picked up groceries for the Super Bowl Party and then I took Jacob to Akron for a test and then to work and back. He was a bit ticked because he ended up doing others work while they were just dogging it. He wanted to get back and work on writing his History paper which was due Saturday at midnight. He stayed up very late but only had a couple of pages written. Got some sleep and called off work Saturday to get his paper in.

Saturday he was up noonish then got back to his paper. I helped Mary cook the Lasagna and then we got ready to go to the Angelmans Syndrome fundraiser. Got back at 11 and told Jacob to wrap up his paper and get it in. His paper was too short but in it went. We got to the final 5 and took home a split of 1/5 the prize or \$400. Nice.

Sunday we were surprised to see Steve and Kathy at 11 am mass. I had invited them but never figured they would be there. They loved the church and the Mass. Got home and heated up the Lasagna and had a nice dinner around 2. We vegged and then all watched the Super Bowl. I rooted for LA because that is a curse, but it did not work out and they won!

I was not feeling very chipper today and am a bit stuffy. I sure hope the fundraiser was not a super spreader and I was just tired today. We shall see. Jacob has an infection from his ear rings. Carolyn took him to stat care and will bring some meds tomorrow.

February 10 2022

Squatters still in pain today. Got Jacob to his 11am Chem test. He was worried about it and was up late to study. Thinks he did good. Left one blank on half lives. Came across it last night but never did figure it out.

Mary and I went to GE for groceries and I got aggravated about their digital coupons. Seems like instead of just giving everyone with a card a sales price you have to clip their digital coupon. They are making it harder and harder to keep your costs down. I think I am just going to shop at Walmart and just go to GE for a few items I can't get elsewhere.

Making lasagna for Sunday so we got some ricotta cheese. Right there in the cold case next to the Lasagna was the real horse radish that I was looking for for the Xmas dinner. Damned if I would ever in my life look for it next to the ricotta cheese. I expect they will move it before next Xmas just to aggravate me.

Speaking of aggravation. I seem to be getting into a lot of it lately. Recently, I have been aggravated about my old dentist costing me money, the foot doctor wanting to put a boot on me, the foot doctor wanting a blood test prior to CAT scan, Walgreens not shoveling their sidewalks, the delays in getting Mary her Prolia shot, and the touch pad acting up on my computer. Seems like there is a lot of inconvenience that is aggravating me lately. Must be lack of golf. I don't know.

On top of all that I need to submit data for one of the security settlements and you can't do it online. Gonna take 1/2 inch thick of paper and extra mailing cost to submit. What a day,

February 9 2022

Squatters in pain today after yesterdays workout. Got Jacob to his 8am class. Mary picked him up and took him to Akron for his test. It was going to be close for my doctor appt so Mary took him.

I went to foot Dr to look at my left heel. He probed everywhere. There was a spot that made me jump . He said it was on the bone which is odd so he took an xray. Looked OK side on but the back xray showed a well defined circular area of interest. No way to tell so he is setting up a CAT scan. Worried about a possible hollowing of my heel he recommended a boot till the scan. I told him I would take my chances since that has been with me for 6 months or more and I would be careful.

Carolyn stopped over for a bit then I took Jacob to work. He has a chem test tomorrow and is worried so he needs more study.

February 8 2022

Got Jacob to class at 11 and I did the Mrs Muscle workout #2 while Mary rode the bike.

Went for my 4th crown and it was a rough go. Two hrs in the chair. They glued it back on in October and this time had to replace it. Given it had been done in 2019 the insurance wouldn't pay. That was a \$1350 hit to my account. I was a bit ticked at the old dentist. She really cost me over \$2000 with her poor performance the last 18 months.

Thinking back over the last 18 months, I had an unnecessary root canal, 2 extractions, 2 implants, a bridge with 2 crowns, and with the new dentist 4 crowns and 4 fillings. Pretty brutal. On the plus side, that is 11 "teeth" recently upgraded out of the 27.

February 7 2022

Oops. Can't recall why I missed Sunday. Remember we all went to church and then Jacob and Mary cooked the lemon chicken up. Just soup for dinner. I think we got caught up finishing the puzzle late and then I was off to bed before doing the blog.

Today Jacob had his first class online then I took him in and picked him up at 1pm. We met Jane, Rudy, and Rosemary at Palumbo's for dinner and had a good time. She only works 2 nursing shifts a week and can't wait to bail at the end of the year. She watched the 60 minutes episode last night and said it was very accurate. Pretty scary stuff. Makes you wonder if there will be any nurses around when we need them. The medical system is very fragile right now.

February 5 2022

Nice sunny cold 22ish day. Wes got his car fixed so the brought it back and parked it. Had a windshield washer bottle for me to fill the reservoir up. It was empty and Mary's car needed some too.

They stayed around and the kids played till almost 5pm. It was great to see them have fun. Carolyn brought a sleepy Jacob back so he got a nap in for a couple of hours. Carolyn stuck around for an hr or two. Took Jacob to work and we chilled all evening. Kind of a family day.

February 4 2022

More snow. They plowed the drive at 8am. I sure am liking not picking up the snow shovel.

I was up early and decided to do my taxes. Took a couple of hours but got it done. Was surprised my taxes were zero again. Thought with the annuity payments starting I would have more income. I was confused about it then realized the payments are about the same as my RMD so I did not take any from Fidelity. So it was a wash from last year. Still under the standard deduction with income meant zero to the gov.

Ventured to Walmart and got sweat pants and groceries. Jacob visited a friend and

Carolyn took him to Dons for the night. He was getting pretty bored with the snow.

February 3 2022

OK so this really is the 3d of February. Storm o geddon was what the local Fox 8 weather team and morning clowns called today. Everything was shut down today. We mostly got freezing rain but the snow started around 4pm. Already drifted over the driveway. Supposed to continue all night. I expect there will be a lot of closings tomorrow. Carolyn was so worried she stayed at the Hartville hotel with Jenna.

Jacob had a remote Chem class but the campus was closed. He helped and did half the puzzle. Just like the old days when he was a kiddo. We finished in 3 hrs with 3 of us working it. Hope it sticks.

February 2 2022

Got the fan up in 2 hrs last night, Better than the usual time. Half was taking the old down. Needed a real short screwdriver to take the screws out of the box hanger. Had to use the screw bit and hand turn it many times. The new one went smooth except for the fact that the screw caps were a little small for the solid power wires. Took a few tries to get them screwed in solid and reliable.

My hand was wasted though. Hurt the rest of the night and half the day. Must have some arthritis in that hand as well. On top of all that, my squatters were killing me every time I sat down. Guess the workout yesterday and our lack of activity did not mix well.

Got Jacob to class and asked Mary to pick him up to give my squatters a rest. Got to the foot doctor at 3 and filled out their reams of paperwork. Turns out my big toe did not have an ingrown nail. Looks like last time I tried to cut that bugger, some of it did not get fully clipped but got pushed under the nail creating extra pressure there.

He tested my nerves in the area and said I did not have good sensory response at the toes. That qualifies me for nail trimming! I remember sparring with Aetna over that cause they only allow diabetics to get nails clipped. Turns out my issue qualifies as similar to diabetics. So trim them he did and he cleared the debris from my big toe.

OMG do my feet feel good I feel like a new man. Freaking amazing! Never would have guessed.

February 1 2022

Good riddance to the January cold. Took Jacob to school then we did another home exercise routine. I did Mrs Muscle on YouTube and Mary cycled for 25 min. Tomorrow its lesson number 2 in the series if I can find it.

Plan for later is to get Jacob to work and head to Carolyn's to put in a ceiling fan she has had since before Thanksgiving. Wes hopes to drop my car there as his is supposed to be repaired by the end of the work day. We shall see.

January 30 2022

Almost done with this month that started great but turned to crap middle of the month. Took Jacob to school then we did a home exercise routine. Mary did Mrs Muscle on YouTube and I cycled for 25 min. It is about time we get back to it after taking such a long break from it. After that I worked on my Pencil of the week and sent it out instead of saving it and editing it the next couple of days. Oh well.

I am going to be watching the cases cropping up so we can head back to the Y asap after the new cases slow down a bit.

They are talking about a nasty winter storm Wednesday thru Friday. I hope it is not as bad as they say. Did get a foot doctor appt for Wednesday to get my toenail issue righted. That will be nice.

January 29 2022

Thought about the total boredom while sleeping and thought about a beach mural. Googled it and found some options to consider. More thought needed.

Also wondered how we got by last February so I checked last year's blog. Looks like we were kept busy driving around looking at different condo areas, doing YouTube workouts, looking for Vax appointments and packing up the house for a move. Maybe we should pack up for another move? No, don't think so. Maybe the groundhog will save us from a long winter?

Those were early thoughts today. Watched the horses with no luck as usual. I did go to the post office to see what to do about my missing IRS mail. Guy said to wait 5-7 days for it before starting a search. Another wasted day.

January 28 2022

Took Jacob to the req center for a workout. We picked up a few groceries and waited for him for a few minutes, then to home. Great fish dinner. Pretty boring stuff.

Staying in out of the cold and away from people. Going to be a real boring winter.

January 27 2022

Got Jacob to class. The weather was giving all low wind chills so most schools canceled. Wes and Kaetchen brought the kiddos over cause they had Dr appts in Fairlawn. They were here till almost 4pm. Plumb worn out.

January 26 2022

Busy day. Got Jacob to class, then me to the dentist. As I was there, Mary picked up Jacob and they waited for me. Took longer than expected to put the 3 crowns in because the dentist was ½ hr late with last patient. Light lunch before we both headed to our 6mo doctor checkup with Monteith.

We both got a good review. I went over all my aches and pains and was told to do more stretching and to see a foot Dr about my feet issues. He will look into how to get Mary her Prolia shot.

Big bummer at dentist. They found out that although Aetna Dental has a 2000 limit it is only for cleanings and fillings; no crowns. I got gypped big time. I was counting on that 2000. Such is life.

January 25 2022

Slow day. Sun was out and dried up the roads a little. Took Jacob to class. We picked him up after and got our curbside GE pickup. When we arrived they called with the list of what they dd not have. Baked Italian bread and hamburger? With all the shortages it might not be worth using curbside. Then again, it keeps us out of the store, which is good. We can always stop at Marcs for a few items. It is closer with better prices.

January 24 2022

Roads were OK this morning but nasty after another 3 inches of all day snow. They did my drive yesterday and it needs it again. I was groggy all day with not much sleep last night. Piece of pizza kept me up a lot then had to get up at 7am for Jacob.

Got him to school and later to work. Should be done early cause of the snow.

Bills lost in OT. KC won the toss and scored with little trouble. The Bills D could not deal with the speed of KC's receivers. Josh Allen was a beast with 2 late touchdowns in regulation. No way the D should have let KC get the tie FG in the little time they had left. Disgusting.

January 23 2022

Roads were slippery this morning on the way to church. We had around 4 inches maybe more as the day wore on. Watched the Rams win.

Bills tied at halftime. After their first touchdown they kept going to the run and it was expected so they were very lucky it was tied at the half. Last team that has the ball will win, just like the other playoff games. Any turnovers will be huge. Posting at halftime 8pm.

January 22 2022

Hurried up and posted this one on Sunday morning. I was watching the late football playoffs till 11pm and forgot to post. SF beat the Packers thanks to a blocked punt and late FG. They had no business winning with only a run game and a shaky QB.

Not much doing. We went to Walmart early to pick up a few items we needed. Wanted some black construction paper but did not find any. Did find some black card stock but it did not work out. Got a lampshade to replace a damaged one, some water, a wood repair putty stick, and a few pharma items.

Can't wait for the Bills game tonight, Gonna say some prayers in church today.

January 21 2022

Oops. Missed yesterday. All I remember is I drove the bus 5 trips yesterday. Jacob to school 2 trips and to work 2 trips, and picked up Mary 1 trip. We did vacuum the floors.

Today I only drove the bus 4 times. Jacob had a C++ lab and had no luck. He will drop the class. He was kind of down but on the positive side we now know he isn't going to be a programmer. So he will just have 3 classes Chem 2, World History, and Architecture.

They brought our sleeper couch today. It barely fit through the hallway. Looks nice. They put in a memory foam mattress. It had a few missing stitches so Mary fixed them.

Carolyn took Jacob to his dads for the night. Will bring him back tomorrow before work.

January 19 2022

We were up early to get to a blood draw at 8:30 and drop Jacob to school for an 8am class. After the draw we cracked open the goodies box we put aside at Xmas to avoid sugar until tested as we usually are on the edge as far as A1C. They have continually dropped the target levels over the years. Medical scam?

I cleaned up my project space and put all the tools away. Dropped Jacob to work and headed to Wes to watch the kiddos so they could go to trivia. One of his neighborhood buddies growing up was in Summa ICU, UN-vaccinated with Covid. He was on a machine to put O2 in his blood and take out the CO2 as his lungs were not getting it done. What a dumb ass. Hope he pulls through.

The kids were fun but wore us out. Wes drove home with us so he could borrow my car. Kaetchens is in the shop and she has to get the kids to school. We can get by with one car till it is fixed.

January 18 2022

They really cleaned the roads up good. They did a decent job in the development but there are a couple of mailboxes you can't get to (mine included).

I was up early and paid the bills. After breakfast, put a PolyU coat on and the finals one at 1130. When Jacob was up we again had a mighty struggle to get the second door up. Picked up the handles after dinner and put them on. Now I just have to patch the hole. Otherwise it is a done deal.

Dropped Jacob at work and we hit GE for groceries. We had a curbside pickup for yesterday but they couldn't staff it. Today there were a fair number of empty shelves.

January 17 2022

Wow. The entire area was hit with at least 12 inches of snow. Much more in certain areas. Everything was closed and Kent closed for tomorrow as well. Grinders did not open either today.

Woke up at 4 am and heard strange noises. Figured it was Jacob but not his usual feeding frenzy in the middle of the night. When I got up I saw they cleaned the driveway so that must have been what I heard. Someone came later and used the snowblower to my porch and then another guy with a shovel showed up to clean off my porch. Pretty impressive.

I took the first bi fold down and when Jacob got up we installed it with a fair amount of struggling. Looks great and I am very happy with it! Installed the door handle too far toward the edge so I will have to install the fancy one I get (tbd) in the middle of the first panel where it should have gone in the first place. The hole should be easy to cover. Putty or a toothpick I am thinking.

This evening I put 2 polyU coats on the second door. Will finish tomorrow if all goes well.

January 16 2022

The Bills crushed the Pats last night. It was their best effort this year. Wow.

After church we had the swiss steak feast Mary cooked yesterday. Going to put the second and final coat on one of my bi fold doors after I publish this and we should be able to install one tomorrow. Then I will begin the polyU on door number 2.

January 15 2022

Busy last night and today. The internet went out about 6:30 last night. I waited and tried a few resets but it would only stay on for a couple of minutes before going off line. Talked to Spectrum support and they checked it remotely and said it was dead cause the signal was OK. Tried to find the place to exchange it but gave up cause they were closing.

Got out first thing and exchanged it and had it up before lunch. Got back to my last stain and got that done. After dinner, put a polyU coat on one side of door1. Not sure why they recommend 3 coats so I googled it. They want the wood sealed from moisture. That makes sense. Stain sinks in but does not seal the wood. Two coats are good enough and 3-4 help prevent water damage. Looks like I could go with 2 then as I don't plan to hose the door down anytime soon. With 2 hrs drying time and 4 sides to do it is going to take awhile.

Bills are on tonight. Hope they win and survive the cold.

January 14 2022

Time rolls on. I got out early and picked up the stain. Got one side of the first pair done at 11am and waited the 2hrs for the other side. That continues and it is 5 pm and I just got one side of the 2nd door stained. Will get the other side at 7am and then at 9pm I will be finished. Tomorrow I do the polyU cover. Install is Sunday.

I did observe that these bi-folds are Oak whereas the others are a cheaper solid door, perhaps pine? So much for my wood awareness. For some reason the old owner used pine when all the trim and cabinets are oak. Cheap ass.

Mary took Jacob for his booster and \$220 in books for next week. The book on C++ was \$139. I figure him to drop that class and return that one. Who knows?

January 13 2022

Now I remembered 2 days in a row! On a roll. Dentist called before lunch and had an opening for the afternoon we could switch to. So we did. Mine was quick but Mary needed xrays and a look by the new doc. Assistant was much gentler on the teeth than

the old crew.

Jacob got a ride to a workout but had to walk a mile and a half to home cause we were tied up. Took him to group meeting and will pick him up later.

Moved the 2 new folding doors to the basement for staining. Need to pick up some stain tomorrow.

The kiddos were fun last night. Ended up helping Kalix cook giant chocolate chip cookies. She cooked lemon chicken for dinner from the cooking kit we got her for Xmas.

January 12 2022

Wow. Got to the blog and the dates were way off. Looks like I missed Sunday after listening to the Bills and watching the Browns win. So I renumbered and found I missed yesterday. Quickly jotted down what I remembered.

Took Jacob to work and we stopped at HD for stain samples and then GE for groceries. Young lady in line ahead of us had a \$217 checkout. Yikes.

Jacob switched shifts to get a 9 hr shift but then got the call this morning for a test. He started work then paused while I took him to Akron. Got back at 2:30. They wanted him back for the dinner rush.

Will head to Wes at 4:30 to watch the kiddos for Trivia.

January 11 2022

I thought it was cold yesterday. Today it was 14 early feels like 2. Ouch. Bills gonna have 10 degrees for their playoff game Saturday.

Took Jacob for a workout and then we went to the Canton Art Museum. They had some cool modern art and also an exhibit of all the Marvel art by some guy who started when he was 5 yrs old. Amazing.

Got home and found my 2 solid 6 panel closet folding doors arrived. One is slightly damaged but I can get by with it. Maybe call for a discount.

January 10 2022

Dell Support dinged me last week about my CC expiring so I went to Dell.com and updated both my CC and address. Got another notice today so I rechecked it and it was good to go. Sent them an email and they sent me a link to check so I did and got my old address but the cc was correct. Maybe the bad address was messing them up? Tried to use the link and got 2 server errors. They suggested I try with a different browser but the site locked me out for trying to pay my bills too many times. What a marvelous "feature"! So much for Dell competence.

Jacob and I took Mary to Red Hats at Hartville Kitchen. We went thru the Marketplace after we ate cause those lunches take an hr and a half. Got him back in time for work.

Had talked to Mel a few days ago. He said sometimes hamstrings can cause heel pain. Been stretching in the morning and it seems to help.

Dang cold out there. 25 but feels like 8 degrees.

January 8 2022

Jacob stayed with a friend last night after work and did not get back till 1pm. He grabbed a nap before work and was hard to get him up and out the door for work.

Mary and I finished the 6th winter puzzle. Also picked up some glue, storage bins, and a couple of other items at Michaels. Veggy kind of day.

TV commercials with guys kissing guys get on my nerve. Biktarvy ad comes to mind.

Now eharmony. Geeze. Watched Denver blow their game against KC. They were about to go ahead when they fumbled and KC scooped it up and ran 90 yds. Damn it.

January 7 2022

Did some floor cleaning today. Took Jacob to return an Amazon purchase at a drop box then to the Y. They let him in as a guest once I swipe my badge. Had lunch and picked him up after.

Carolyn stopped over for her Bday swiss steak and we had a very small cake and ice cream. We split a piece for 2 into 5 pieces and she blew out one candle. Another slow day as we try to stay Covid safe. Hard to believe she is 49 today.

Carolyn said Construction Mike, who did our bathroom work had Covid since December 18 and was in the hospital for 4 days now. She said one of her classmates OD, funeral tomorrow. He went out in his car, parked with the engine running. I remember him as a real trouble maker back in high school. He was blocking Carolyn's car in one day. I had to drive over and we had a few words.

January 6 2022

Good nights sleep for a change with the septic settled for now. We headed to the Walmart super center on Atlantic blvd to pick up water, tp, tissue, and paper towels. Got a Shark stick vacuum so we did not have to lug the heavy ones up and down the stairs when we need to clean. It work super on the floors and rug and even on the kitchen ceramic tile. Stores in a small footprint in the closet. Good deal!

We had lunch and Mary cooked up a batch of swiss steak for Carolyn's 49th bday. Old neighbor Nancy returned our call. She had been in and out of the hospital and is doing chemo for liver cancer right now. She complained about the neighbors that bought Brenda's place. Said the people that bought our old house for 241K have moved in but had not met them yet.

Got a new puzzle out. Jacob worked out with Brad as his guest at Planet Fitness. The Kent facility will open the 10th. Took him to his group session and will pick him up at 730 ish.

January 5 2022

Decent sleep but had to go out in my PJ s to put the dumpster out before the truck came. Waited till 10 and picked up some groceries at GE and an item at Best Buy which did not open till 11am..

Had lunch and waited for 3pm when Carolyn was to get home. Took an hr to install the fix. They had a ton of electrical tape I had to cut off. Tried to remove the plug but it was rusted shut. Carolyn got to see why I have string on all my tools. Tried one of her screw drivers and it was bye screwdriver.

Cut it off and had to strip the old wire back, That old wire was degraded and brittle. Got the 3 wires separated and stripped but when I tried to twist the first one for the screw cap it just broke off. Had to strip back more and just placed the 2 wires into the cap and twisted the cap on. Should hold for awhile. We taped them all up.

Not the ideal solution. I think in the late spring we have to dig the wire up , perhaps 2 foot down and patch a new wire to the old, then run it over the top and into the ceramic for a more permanent solution.

Hope the fix lasts till then. That gets rid of the extension cord combo laying in the snow all winter. If the fix fails she will have to do the extension cords again.

January 4 2022

Cold and busy. We started at 9am and got all the Christmas stuff put away by 230pm with

a short break for lunch. Jacob helped store the boxes in the basement crawl space.

Finished just in time to get to the dentist. Had a 2pm appt for 3 crown replacements. It was a brutal 2hrs and 45 min with maybe 4 sessions of drilling and 4 for impressions. I was impressed and saw they wanted to get things right. After the impressions they did not like the way one crown was going to sit so they touched it up and redid the impressions. The assistant must have wiped the place down 3 times as we went. Finally got out of there a little before 5pm.

Got ready for tomorrow's septic plug replacement. Put a sharp blade in my knife tool and put string on all the tools I plan to use. Got to pick up Jacob from work and watch Oak Island.

January 3 2022

Cold one today. I prepped the new plug for Carolyn's septic after realizing my plan was bogus. No way I could hold the wires in place while soldering them together 8" down in the hole. I will twist them use a screw cap and tape them up for now. I think eventually will have to dig down outside the ceramic dry well, find the wire and patch a new one in that either goes in under the lid or thru the side.

Gonna snow Thursday so Wednesday is going to be the day. Took Jacob to Akron for a test and then to work.

January 2 2022

Poor night of sleep thinking about upcoming projects again. We went to church, then mostly worked on a Duck Dynasty puzzle. Them guys sure are ugly. Mostly all shades of black so it was hard.

Jacob went to a group meeting and was a big help on the puzzle. Later we picked up a few groceries and a couple of parts at Lowes. Giving up on them for electrical. Half their shelves are empty.

January 1 2022

Happy New Year! I made it till 10:30 last night. Copied that from last year and the year before and didn't have to make any changes for today except for the date. A whole lot of nothing happened today as we worked on the next puzzle.

Jacob spent the night at his dad's but the air mattress deflated. Not much sleep so he went straight to bed before dinner.

From last year: Playing chess better 1270s after watching Queens Gambit. Maybe the embarrassment of playing bad?

Well, I am back to 1150 now after hitting rock bottom a couple of weeks ago around 1030. Hope I can recover this year.