

Neon's Blog_2023

December 31 2023

Happy New Year. Next time you read this it will be 2024.

Jenna was not feeling well, so Carolyn picked up 2 tests we had plus some late Christmas gifts before church. We went to church and then BJs to pick up a few items for us and Jacob. Keeping the masks on for all store visits! Got home in time to listen to the Bills eek out another win. They played terrible but survived.

We started our first puzzle yesterday and finished it today. Started another for tomorrow.

December 30 2023

Oops. Missed yesterday. Yesterday we went to get Mary's bone scan done. Gets it every 2 years and has been improving every time with the exercise routine. Weight bearing exercises are the key we think. We got back and did the walk and I whipped up a sign for the geese. Vicky let us know she now had covid. We opted to stay in for dinner and skip Lobys since the covid is raging right now.

Last night my broken tooth came off again. Bill also had issues with a kidney stone and after visiting the hospital they found an aortic aneurysm. That really sucks.

Today we went to Kohl's to return Jim's gift and we got 3 birthday cards. Ginny, Jim, and Carolyn are all within 4 days of each other. We kept our masks on there and at Marcs on the way home.

Put up the puzzle table and are working on winter puzzle #1.

December 28 2023

Day 4 of Christmas. We slept in and finished some wash before heading to PA to Sue's house to see nephew Michael, wife Amy, and daughter Elizabeth. We only saw them for a few hours but we had a good time. Got home around 7pm. Took the back roads there. It was faster but never doing that again. Narrow roads and curves and hills. I thought I was in West Virginia.

We really got the run around at Discount Drugmart before getting home. Picked up pills and they said I had to cash in my pro points before the 31st. Went over to customer service and they said they will put \$5 on my card and told me I could get 4 AAA batteries with the rest of my points.

Lady at register said it didn't work and go back to service desk. We did that and they sent someone to the front with us, then back to the back, then back to the front where it finally worked. Told Mary I should have been humming their song (they don't give you the run around).

Glad our Christmas is over. Browns should win tonight.

December 27 2023

Day 3 of Christmas. Watched Shells WWG Arnie at 64 vs Jack. Arnie faded the back nine to 38 while Jack shot 32. Arnie was hitting clubs similar to what we hit. They played Pinehurst #2!

I had to hurry up and get ready. Sue and Ed showed up at 9am and there was more gift exchanging. Sue got her Fauchi tree ornament. Ed took me to Lowes where the web said they had 5 of the bifold doors I was looking for. They had nada. Lowes is a farce.

We got back and had lunch. Finished all the roast and all the salads! Sweet! They all took off after lunch and we got out and walked. Dishes and laundry were next up and at

630pm they are still a work in progress.

Plan to sleep longer tonight and recover from Christmas madness that will go into overtime tomorrow.

December 26 2023

Day 2 of Christmas. We were up early, dropped presents at Carolyn's, picked up Jacob in Kent and headed back. Wes and the kids got there by 1030 and the opening of the gifts started. Kaetchen was sick so she wasn't there. Wes forgot a bag of gifts so he had to go back and get them.

OMG, Catherine went nuts this year with her gifts. She usually brings too many but it seemed this year she went crazy. Everyone got a ton of gifts to take home. Jacob was the first to leave then all was quiet when Wes left.

Ten minutes later Steve called and they were on their way here. They ate and liked the pens I had for them. They stayed to 7pm and things quieted down once again.

Dave called and talked to Mary.

December 25 2023

Pretty quiet today. We walked around 930. Saw Vicky at Theresa's. She was taking her to Donna's for breakfast. I helped T from the door down to the car with her walker. T's husband passed away last month after being in poor health for a long time. Before this we would see her walking her dog Copper very often. Maybe she has given up?

Vicky also said Jenny, the 97 yr old went to the hospital yesterday. Saw a Florida car in her drive the other day. Oh my.

We had lunch and rested then went across to the apartment complex to walk. Saw some deer tracks. Maybe one more walk after dinner?

December 24 2023

This Christmas is getting weird. The Plan A was Christmas day, Then we went to Plan B where Wes was coming Tuesday instead. Since Jenna doesn't want to be in the same room with brother Jacob, Carolyn and Jenna would come Christmas day and Jacob would come see the kiddos on Tuesday. Also Sue would come Wednesday and we would go to PA Thursday as nephew Mike would visit.

Well Carolyn called this morning with the flu, so she will try to get better by Wednesday, for Sue and Catherine's last day here. So that is Plan C. On top of that, I thought Catherine was coming yesterday but it is today.

We did go to Mass yesterday but the big Christmas Mass is 4pm later today. We sat a pew away from Sammy (Lockheed golfer) and his wife last night. No 2fers for Mass. You have to go for Sunday and again for Christmas.

At this point there won't be much happening today other than cooking and Mass, Then nothing happening on Christmas day. Tuesday Wednesday and Thursday will be busy.

Posted on the 25th

December 23 2023

Posted on the 24th as I was busy watching the Bills almost give one away last night. Good thing they pulled it out in the last seconds or my pitiful sleep would have been even worse. They were winning at halftime 14-10, having fumbled and being down 0-10.

Told Mary there was no way for the Chargers to beat them; they would have to beat

themselves. Damned if they didn't try with another fumble and interception. It was sad to watch.

Mary got her hair done in the morning. Thought Catherine was coming but it was a mix up. We went to 4pm Mass and got the shrimp salad done after we got back. Then it was football. Fitbit said I slept just 3 hrs but I am pretty sure it missed the first 2 hrs.

December 22 2023

Today I added two links to my web page this morning. I remembered my Story Worth book I did a couple of years back. Not sure why I did not put it on the web. Maybe there was something I did not want people to see? So I decided to add it plus Mary's Memories to the web as well. This is the first version, so I will let you know in the daily blog if I add to it.

We got our walk in around 1pm after the rain threat had ended. We picked Paula's as the winner of the decorating contest for Xmas but she was not at home. Saw the guy with the dog that always barks at everyone and invited him to run for the board. He did not seem interested. Bummer.

We had hot dogs for dinner. That always takes me a lot of time. Since I don't want to bite things with my front tooth, I have to cut it into 1 inch pieces to eat. What a pain.

December 21 2023

We did the Y class. I wore my Merry Christmas hat and played it a couple of times. People seemed to enjoy it. After class we went and picked up some eggs for Jacob.

Got up to Kent and gave him kitty litter, water, TP, eggs, laundry, and some chips. Met Steve and Steve III at the Deli and had lunch with them. Great to see III!

After that we went thru the cool toy store in the Kent Mall and got a few items for the kiddos, dropped Jacob off, and headed home. Got here around 315pm. Veggie time!

December 20 2023

Time is flying by. My fitbit said I only got 2 and a half hrs sleep but I think it was more like 5 ½. Anyway I decided to skip the Y and get in some mini naps today.

We did go out on the walk and list the potholes that need fixing. I composed a letter to the board members. The repair is long overdue, so maybe we can get the property manager to move on them before someone gets hurt.

After that we went to Lobys and had a burger and stopped at Marcs to get a few more items needed for the holiday weekend. Carolyn should be over later to watch Survivor.

Steve's son is visiting from the Baltimore area. We plan on going to lunch with them and Jacob tomorrow after the Y. Will be good to see him.

December 19 2023

We went out in the cold to the Y to do the class. We did some wash, put tools away, and got some items for xmas cooking.

After dark, we did the walk with Ali and took some more pics of the neighborhood decorations, Picked a winner and made up the collage for the email.

December 18 2023

We went out in the cold to the Y to do the class. Mary stayed for the yoga class and Brenda brought her home. I had lunch ready at noon.

We cleaned the bathrooms and did the vacuuming and also unloaded paper and cardboard to the recycle.

Almost dozed off for a bit and it was veggy time for the rest of the day.

December 17 2023

Before church this morning, saw there would be a service and lunch Friday at the church. No call about it as of yet. We did church, then took care of some items to get ready for Christmas.

Jacob txt last night indicated he has been ill but still went to work. He is keenly aware he needs that job and doesn't want to lose it. Feeling better today but not over the hump yet.

The Browns lucked out with a win and the Bills finally crushed the Cowboys to keep their hopes alive. Nice they didn't give me another heart attack moment. If they miss the playoffs they will have a lot of regrets reliving many of the total disasters they had this year. I guess a lot of teams will have similar thoughts.

December 16 2023

We slept in this morning and headed to Carolyn's at 11. She has trouble with 2 breakers; 5 and 6. There were only 3 places #5 went so that was first up. Easy peasy. My meter said #5 had no power through the breaker, so the breaker was bad. We left that till last so \$7.45 later we replaced the breaker and that was solved.

Not so lucky with #6. First off the breaker was OK. The line went to 5 rooms and about 10 places. I turned the breaker off and fed the #8 line into the #6 line and everything on the line now worked. Going back the breaker box, there was no power at the breaker. That meant the line from the breaker to the rest of the string was open.

We opened all 10 and I was looking for a loose connection. Did not see any. I did find a loose wire early so we tightened that and tried the breaker but that was not it. Only thing I could think of was that there had to be a junction box somewhere in the rafters.

We pushed all the wires back into the plugs, switches that were opened and bundled it all back up and headed home. On the way home Carolyn called and said she switched #6 on and everything worked. I suspect the bathroom switch box. We did a lot of moving wires about in that one.

So, even though I didn't sense any loose connects there must have been one that pushing wires in made the connection. Guess we will have to do it all over again when it fails and after opening each box, we have to see if it is fixed. That was we can isolate the place where it is flakey.

We walked when we got home and Miss Vicky invited us in for chili so we did not have to cook tonight!

December 15 2023

Horrible start to my golf round today. Started off with 3 doubles. Putting was the culprit but I screwed up at least once on the way to the green. It slowly got better but not much on my way to a 48 on the back nine which we played first. Much better play on the back shooting 41. Missed 2 birdie tries and really should have shot a 38.

Might be the last of the year, eh? Had to stop and add air to the tires. They were all down at 25-27. Lots of traffic on the way back around 4pm.

Mary kept busy with the wash. We had burgers for dinner. Warmed up a bun for Mary. Must have pushed the buttons wrong. Noticed the microwave was still running. Stopped it to find some real crispy buns in there. Such was my day.

December 14 2023

Lousy slept last night, so skipped the Y this morning. I was very klutzy all day. Worked on an HOA doc all morning and when almost finished I deleted the wrong text. Then

when I went to fix it the MAC locked up. Not sure what happened so I killed it.

It was time to take Mary to the Dentist, so off we went. She got a new temp. I tried to get the real one moved up but they use a lab that takes 24 days. No luck. Jan 2 is when she gets it.

Went to Walmart and picked up our glasses, then to BJ's to pick up a roast for xmas and some other items. Back home for a couple of hrs and then off to Lobys for the early dinner. OMG was the stuffed peppers good. Made my day.

Did a little more work on the HOA document. We watched a Netflix movie. The Secret Dare to Dream. It was a light tear jerker with a bit of humor.

December 12 2023

Oops. Missed yesterday? Oh yeah, I was working on some photo collages for the condo xmas decorating contest. When it got dark, we walked and took pictures of all the decorations. When we got back, I reduced all the sizes and put them into collages till it was late. Earlier we did the Y and hurried back inside with the cold wind really chilling things down.

Today we did the Y class and I went up front with a big weight and a tiny one and picked the tiny one goofing off. Wore a Santa hat too. Wow. Exercising with a warm hat causes mucho sweat.

After we were back a couple of hrs we went to help at the church funeral lunch. About 60 people there. This was our second time. Learned where not to park today. Got stuck in the wrong aisle with lines of cars picking up school kids. Doesn't anyone take the bus anymore?

December 10 2023

Two minutes left in the Bills game. They have a 3 pt lead. I am not optimistic.

We went to church today. Benson put on his mask and did communion for the masked. I went up with arms crossed and got blessed. I needed that. Pretty cold out there. Came back and watched the Browns win. They had a lot of free gifts from the other team but played well too.

Did a few things here and there. Well, KC is marching down the field and scored within 48 seconds but were offside. This loss will be on Josh Allen and Digs who dropped at least 4 balls today. OMG! The defense held. Miracles do happen. Almost wanted to have like them put me out of my misery.

December 9 2023

This morning I got to the car windows. The inside picks up a film that is bad in the sun so I finally got around to cleaning them. We planned to go to lunch with Jacob, so we whipped up a cookie batch and took him a dozen later.

Got up to Kent at 130, we took his laundry and started the washers then headed to Mike's Place. Jacob loved it. We both got some off the wall stuff while Steve and Mary went conventional. Jacob had the Big Friggin Sandwich and I had the Italian Scramble. Mine was awesome and Jacob loved his.

I always avoided the place but it seemed much improved over past visits. With all the stuff on the walls, they all gather dust. Wasn't bad this time. The menu is a hoot. I will have to check out his youtube stuff. Mike Kostensky.

December 8 2023

Played well and shot 83 at Fox Den. Only made 1 putt but never 3 putted. Could have easily broke 80 but no. Dick had a rough day topping the ball, Bill played well but had a bad hole or two. Rudy played well at 89. Every time I was going to win a point in wolf,

someone ran in a putt to tie.

Got Mary out for a walk later and we finished our stuffed peppers from Lobys last night. We wrapped a few gifts and vegged the rest of the night.

December 7 2023

We slept in and did the Y class. Good workout! Sleep is a bummer these days. Last night I was in bed 10hrs and 15 min and registered just 7hrs and 33 min sleep. I always wake an hour after going to bed and can't get back to sleep. Sleeping in is the only way I can get to 7hrs sleep, 2 of it after 630. Very frustrating.

Took ½ hr for breakfast. The grapefruits we got from the school are so small you have to peel them. The normal cutting them in half leaves something you can't even get a spoon in. Who picked this company out should be fired.

Carolyn called. She will need hip surgery to fix a torn something. She has an impingement that has torn something and scraped out some cartilage. Advised her to get it quick before more damage is done.

December 6 2023

We vegged the morning away. Took Mary to the Hope Mission lunch at exclusive Brookside CC. Looks like a great course with some rolling hills and some big houses in the area.

Market was up in the morning but tanked in the afternoon for some reason. Mary called around 2pm. About 7 min from our condo. Picked her up and we headed to Kohl's to spend the Kohl's cash. Bought a gift and there was \$2 left, so I gave it to someone in the line.

Looking good for golf bonus round on Friday. Denny is out so we will have 4.

Carolyn should be over later for Survivor.

December 5 2023

We slept in today, so we skipped the Y. Mary is feeling better after her crown work yesterday. Wes said he would shop nearby today and stopped in. He took Mary to the mall and helped her find a few much needed items for L and Z. Now we only have Wes, Kaetchen, and Carolyn left.

I got a tee time for Friday, paid a bill, and worked on xmas cards. We got our first in the mail yesterday and I was shocked as I had never given them a thought this year. Got busy and did 28 of them. That is a little over half, so I will be busy tomorrow with that too. Scanned the eye doctor and glasses bills and submitted them to Aetna online so we could get a few hundred back.

We wrapped what she brought home. OMG, I use to get down on the floor all the time to do this. Now it is a real struggle with my one hip, my wrists, and my old age.

December 4 2023

We went to the Y for class. Lots of people, lots of squats. We had to kill an hour then we went to Walmart for our eye exams. I really believe that it is so automated we really got a better exam than the old school exams of the past. We both ordered glasses and paid more than we should.

Back home to kill another hour then headed to the dentist for her crown. She now has a temp till Jan 2. Not a pleasant experience but about normal for this. She skipped dinner and is feeling better now. Glad that this is over.

We get a break in the action tomorrow. Need it after about a \$1200 day. Will fill in insurance forms for the visual stuff tomorrow.

December 3 2023

We went to church as usual. Checked the weather and rain wasn't going to go away. Decided to go to the mall and walk and finish some xmas shopping.

We spent a couple hrs in the mall. I noticed there were mostly people much younger there. There were some older women around but older men were nowhere to be seen. With age comes common sense, eh? Picked up stuff for Z and Jacob there.

Then we went to Famous Foot ware, Ulta, and Target. Picked up things for Kalix, Carolyn, and the stockings.

Got back around dark, had chili, and watched the Browns collapse in the second half.

December 2 2023

We slept in and it was a slow starting day...again. We went to pick up some stuff to make chili and noticed how warm it was. When we got back we headed out for a walk with Vicky who was passing by.

I was checking the downspout and saw another like ours. It was indeed done same time as ours. I checked the list and I want to go look at 3 others tomorrow. Also on the walk I saw the dog violator. We sent him a legal letter which seemed to have no effect. I recommended we move ahead and get this over with one way or the other.

We stopped at Vicky's as she wanted me to look at her kitchen sink faucet and furnace. I think she messed up the faucet seals by trying to turn the faucet when I don't think it was designed to move. I showed her the water dripping off the water hoses from the top. Told her a plumber is needed. Working under the sink would do my back and wrists in these days, plus she doesn't have the long extension tool needed.

The furnace makes a horrible noise. Sounds like something is flapping around somewhere in the vents? Told her to call furnace guy.

Rest of the day was quiet. Hit another pick 3 at Turfway but it had a real low payout. Bummer.

December 1 2023

We slept in and it was a slow starting day. After the yellow delivery guy came, we headed to Bjs. Good thing we didn't need much cause it wasn't cheap. Got back and around 230 we headed to Lobys.

Lobys was quiet and slow. The fish was great. Nice big piece and not so much coating today. Stopped at Drugmart to find bandages but struck out again. Now I am 0 for 2. Need a 1" pad. Thought I found one but it turned out the pad was only 1/4" and the tape made it 1".

Played Turfway park and broke even as we watched My Norwegian Holiday. Did pretty good handicapping. Missed the pick 5 by missing the first 2, had the next 4, hitting a pick3, then missed the pick 5, hit the first 2 then missed 2.

November 30 2023

Almost a new month starting. I thought today way Dec 1 but it was not. Now I can have yet another Dec 1 tomorrow! We did the Y and I wore my hat with the hair for yuks. The class liked it. I did the jump rope cardio across the room to the applause of the class. Easy for me. Harder for the ladies due to all the bouncing as you would expect.

We headed up to the Greek church for lunch and met JohnT, Dick, Bill, and Judy. Had a good time there. Judy gave Mary a nice shopping tote. Mary really likes it. Only drawback is that is so big so you can buy a lot of stuff. Drawback for me, not for Mary.

Got home and ran a hose test on the next door gutter. I was surprised to find the

downspout junctions were the cause of all the water escaping into their window well and eventually ending up in the basement. Should be an easy fix.

With the big lunch we just went for ice cream for dinner.

November 29 2023

Cold day; 30s with a wind. Barber was on duty, so we stopped there on the way to Kent. They were yapping away. Didn't think I would ever get out of there.

Got up to Kent and Jacob had to work another hour. We went to Walmart to pick up a couple of things and it took longer than we thought. Met Jacob back at his appt. He showered and we headed downtown to the deli to meet Steve.

Lunch was good. We went to laundromat and got his wash done. Got home by 630. Carolyn should be over soon to watch Survivor.

November 28 2023

Day started OK. We went to the Y class. Got home and called out the Endo bill. They agreed and will change it. Was wanting to get the HH discount letter to Wes but Carolyn pointed out it wasn't till next week.

Started to work the Rite Aid stock litigation. The 2017 and 2018 closed positions were not matching up with the monthly statements. Called Fidelity after much frustration and the guy helped me print the proof I needed without using the bogus monthly statements. Finally got the form done online but when I went to upload the proof documents they were too big. Had to print them all and send them out via snail mail. What a pain. Must have taken me 3 hours all in all.

Tomorrow is the last week of the month, so the Y class is line dancing and so that it OUT. We will meet up with Jacob for laundry, groceries, and a late lunch after he finishes work at 2pm. Thursday is gyros at the Greek church, and Friday will be Lobys. No cooking for awhile.

November 27 2023

Day started OK. We went to the Y class. Got home and decided to patch the drainpipe next door. Got some flex tape and put it over the crack. Very sticky stuff. My razor blade got suck to it and I cut my finger trying to pull it off. No biggie, just a minor aggravation.

I saw I was going to get a bill for Mary's root canal so I looked at delta dental site and found aggravation #2. They had it that Endodontist charged 1200+ but agrees with delta limit of 1000+ but delta caps that procedure at 600 so they pay half or 300. I have had several root canals and this is a low number. My last was capped at 725. So how is it down to 600 now?? I talked with them and the agent explained such and sent me a grievance procedure. Aggravation #3. They sent me a procedure to complain about my provider and not a claim dispute. This is just day 1 of my delta dental harassment.

Aggravation #4 is when I open the bill from the mailbox. They never show the Dr agrees to the 1000+ limit and I owe them another 280. What a scam these guys got going. All of them. They conspire to keep as much of your money as they can get away with.

November 26 2023

We went to church then had pie for lunch. After that, we sorted out the ornaments and put up the good ones. Moved all the so so ornaments into 2 boxes. Took a good 3 hrs to finish up.

Watched the Bills lost to the refs and the Eagles in OT. It was a travesty. They are owed an apology by the league. At least 3 no calls. Horse collar tackle plus 2 pass interference.

Nothing on this weeks schedule. Lots of Y visits I expect.

November 25 2023

Missed yesterday's blog. Mary and Catherine went shopping and met up with Sue and they shopped till 2pm. Stopped here so Sue could head back to PA. They said the lines were long.

I went with Mary and Catherine to Fannie Mae and Dunhams. First time I was there. Kind of a cheap Dicks. Cozied up to the AVX empty boxes and put one in the cart. You have to get the balls at checkout. People must be swapping them into cheaper boxes. I was exhausted.

Today we helped Catherine load up and head home. Mary went shopping with Catherine and left me to do the laundry. Watched OSU lose to Michigan. Was a good game. Lots of Ohio tears shed today. No luck on my wagers today. Basically, today sucked.

November 23 2023

OMG. Forgot to post yesterday with my sister arriving around 4pm. Earlier, we were busy. Mary had a gyno appt, then we went to Hartsville to pick up the turkey dinner. When we got back, we readied the plates, bowls, silverware, cuts, etc.

Must have lost track of time that night plus I went to bed early cause I was a bit sleep deprived from the night before.

Today we finished getting ready and started heating stuff at 1030 for the 1pm feast. Very busy from there till 9pm. We survived yet another Thanksgiving.

We were expecting 13, but Carolyn did not bring Tim, and Z was possibly ill so Kaetchen stayed home with him. So it was dinner for 10. We had plenty and sent as much as we could home with people.

Spent at least an hour with Steve III on Skype. He lives in the DC Baltimore area working for NSA. They mostly talking medical stuff with Wes and Steve asking Wes a lot of questions. Seemed to go on and on for a good while. They even were talking about which fish to eat to avoid lead.

They talked a lot about Steve III 's issues. He gets a IV every month of the number 3 highest cost drug at \$70K a month. Jessica, his sister has a son with the same. They also have 2 other distant family members on Gloria's side of the family with it as well. It was tracked to Steve's wife Gloria's family gene's quite some time ago. Gloria passed away from cancer 30 years ago when the kids were teens.

We have adopted Steve, Steve Iii, and Kathy as family a long time ago. Daughter Jessica is married and lives in Cinci after college graduation. So she has her own life and really is not part of our adopted family.

It was a great day for family and all we can hope is that it continues for a long long time.

November 21 2023

Forgot to mention Miss Vicky told us Teresa's husband passed away last Friday. No services or anything planned. That is the 3d death in the development in the last month and a half. Dropping like flies around here. Wait till they get the fee increase mail.

My HOA email went haywire. I could receive but not send. Spent a hr or two trying stuff. Dick M finally fixed it by going in and looking at my settings on the server. After he saw everything was OK, suddenly it started working again. Gotta love Microsoft, eh?

We got dressed and made up the rutabaga. Wow, is it tasty! Must have put too much butter in it.

Loaned Vicky a couple of blankets for her visitors. Then we brought up chairs and some dishes and straightened up the basement so the kids could play down there on Thanksgiving. Also documented some of the kids Xmas wishes for black Friday

shopping. Getting ready!

Oak Island tonight 9pm History channel.

November 20 2023

Played Fox Den(82) with Denny(83), Bill(87), and Dick(97). Putting went well when I lined the putter up standing tall and then getting down over the ball to stroke it. Had a real good chipping touch as well. Very relaxed swing was the key. We all finished poorly. I am blaming the cold.

It was 41 on my way home. Dick said he doesn't think he will ever get warm. Took a long shower when I got back.

Might be the last round of 2023. Weather guy says the cold is a coming.

We went over to Vicky's to light her fireplace for her. No issues but no fires? Poked around and found it was like we had. Dirty fireplace switch from lack of use. Several toggles brought it back.

November 19 2023

Church this morning. We got back and did some cleaning and after some rest, did the neighborhood walk.

Watched the Browns win and then the Bills. Lackluster games to be sure. The Eagles will likely end the Bills hopes next week.

Thanksgiving week has begun.

November 18 2023

Forgot to post last night so did so early Sunday before church. Wow! Almost slept 9 hrs Friday night. We went to help at a funeral at the church. There were 100 people there. Mary and I did some set up, made the salads and did clean up. Pretty easy as it's all throw away stuff. Just a few dishes at the end like platters and tongs and serving spoons, etc.

We took it easy after before heading to Bjs near dinnertime. Needed 10 boxes of Puffs so we could take care of our noses. We go though those things faster than you can shake a stick.

Vegged later. Watched a few scenes from the Wizard of Oz. That was an incredibly odd story. Totally amazing.

November 17 2023

Got up at 530am but did get back to sleep in the recliner. Was able to total 6hr and 38mins for the night. Spent most of morning on HOA doc reviews and printing old dermo files for us to take in with us to new dermo man Carl Barrick. He is Brenda's nephew and close by, so I thought we would give him a chance. Heading there at 2pm today.

It was raining pretty hard today on occasion. Hope Jacob did not get soaked on his way into work. He is working 10 to 4 and it is his longest shift since starting at Bob Evans last week.

We made chili today. Using a spice packet is much easier than digging out all the individual spices.

New dermo man was fantastic. Good patient dialog answered all questions and agreed to only mess with us if necessary. Answered my question about my disappearing basil cell. Said sometimes the body heals itself after the biopsy trauma. It was a good day.

November 16 2023

Busy day. Took Mary for her mammogram at 11am, then we walked the hood and Vickie's dog Penny around the block.

Mary got her hair done at 2pm. When she returned we headed to Kent to see Jacob and Steve. Jacob did his wash and we ate Chinese again over near the laundromat.

Ran the gauntlet in the dark. Crazy trucks near home. One in the left lane doing 65 and one in the right lane doing 65 half riding on the rumble strips, Had to shoot the gap between them to get away from those idiots.

New dermo man appt tomorrow. Got to get him straightened out.

November 15 2023

Frost delay this morning. We started about 35 minutes late but the pace was good. I started off as usual blowing 2 strokes the first 3 holes. Was 4 over after 3 and with a birdie finished 4 over 39 on the front. Actually made a couple of putts! Bill was on fire shooting 37.

Did well on the back, shooting 39. Bill tanked to a 47 but 84 is a good score. Rudy had 87 and Dick struggled to a 100. Got home and went to Lobys. Worked on HOA minutes while Carolyn and Mary watched Survivor.

November 14 2023

Glad I went to bed. Bills blew the game. Leading by 1, they couldn't stop the other team from getting in FG position. They missed the FG, but the Bills had 12 men on the field. They didn't miss the next try. OMG. I figured someone would get fired and I was right. They fired the offensive coordinator this morning, a move I applaud.

We did the Y class again and this one was also pretty intense. After we got back we went over to the Sketchers outlet. I found some new shoes for class and some for Mary too to get half off on a second pair. Feel like I am floating on memory foam now.

Got some wash done and some dental appointments scheduled for when we get back in March.

The church lady called and we said we would work the funeral lunch. It will be our first time helping out. Mary did that at Little Flower so we finally got around to signing her up.

Noticed the date was wrong so I changed the last one to Nov 13. Looks like I missed Sunday when we watched Yellowstone and the new western one about Lawman Bass. We walked Sunday and watched football. A wasted day I guess.

November 13 2023

We did the Y class and it was pretty intense. I got 47 zone minutes. Mary went to Red Hat lunch and was there for over 2 hrs. Olive Garden must have thrown them out. I had her left overs for dinner.

Did the HOA meeting at 6pm. That was 99 zone minutes. Hmm. Intense exercise 47, intense stress 99?

Watching the Bills game. Bills just lost the ball for the 4th time. Zone minutes so far 44 minutes. Maybe it would be better if I stuck to exercise.

November 11 2023

Went to Kohl's to return to Amazon one of the 1TB USB sticks. It worked for a couple of hours, but then died. The second one worked OK so I kept it. From there we went to Walmart to pick up Yogurt. Also got a soundbar for the TV there. A real cheap one. Hope it helps. Our TV's speaker faces the back wall so you have to turn it up too high.

We did our walk and when we got back and had an early dinner with the left over stuffed peppers from Loby's. Kind of vegged the rest of the day.

Jacob called at 6pm. He was bored so I was glad to hear from him. Told him I read in National Geo that playing Tetris staves off PTSD. Keeps all of your mind busy with the bricks, colors and turning them. He should be busy from here on. Four weeks of classes left!

November 10 2023

We did our walk at 1130 after it warmed up. Stopped at the bank and headed to Kent.

We took a lot of stuff to Jacob. Schwans pizza rolls, water, and Catherine's xmas gift of a vacuum cleaner. We ate Italian over on Fishcreek rd where we had stopped after golf a couple of times. Steve joined us and ate healthy as usual.

He gave us a rundown on the GPtree guys who took out his tree yesterday. It was a struggle. They almost didn't tackle it. Had to take aa small tree down to get back there. Glad no one got hurt.

Jacob is doing good and likes the Bob Evans job. Coworkers are young and there are no weird ones. So far that is.

November 9 2023

My legs felt tight but I thought I could do the Y class. Indeed my leg did OK, but it was a killer workout. Zone minutes were 73 indicating my heart rate was up there. Skipping the last couple of days made it rough.

Got home and spent 2 hrs on HOA issues. I had some questions about the Nationwide policy, so I called the rep. He cleared some items up then confused me on others. I called about my Farmers policy to see what items were covered there. More to come on this when I have more time.

Also there were emails about our full funding reserve waiver letter and what property manager Zach was telling people. He should have told people he did not know instead of making up stuff. What a dunce.

Plan to take Jacob some cash to help get him thru to his next paycheck. He started at Bob Evans yesterday but won't get paid for 2 weeks. He is running on fumes.

November 8 2023

Tweaked my hamstring at golf yesterday so I wanted to skip the Y. We walked later and it did fine. Maybe go tomorrow.

We put away the Halloween stuff and did the vacuuming. After that we went to BJ s for water and lunchmeat and a few other items. Made some eye appointments and asked the doc to write an order for Mary's bone scan.

Carolyn was over for Survivor. She has been suffering from hip pain which led to other pains as she favors one of her hips.

November 7 2023

Played Tannenhauf with Chuck and Bill. Was an up and down round with a 7 and 8 to start each nine.. Made 8 pars but was 14 over on the other 10 holes for an 86. Never made a putt (again) but only one 3 putt. Had at least 4 make able birdie tries but never came close on those. Did almost make some long ones but of course those never go in for me. The issue today was chunks, look ups, and late releases. Bill had 90 and Chuck 105.

Bill picked up my coffee cup I left in the parking lot. I did go back and figured one of them found it after checking in the clubhouse.

We brought in the outdoor stuff for the winter and were hanging around when Jane called. We had missed the dinner with her and Rudy and Rosemary (I was confused

about the invite). All in all, I seemed to have one heck of a brain dead day.

Jane said Silvia Batcher had passed away. Wow. Yet another bad news Tuesday. This makes the 5th obit in 34 days.

November 6 2023

We headed to Buffalo Saturday morning for Robin's Sip and Sea the new baby Elizabeth. We got there a little early so we cruised by Mary's childhood home, her sister Ruth's home, the local bar we hung out at on Friday nights. After we Spent some time at brother Dave's before retiring for the night.

Sunday morning we went to Mass at All Saints, where we were married and Mary went to church and grade school. Rough times. They have 2 priests for 6 North Buffalo churches and don't collect much. All 6 collect maybe 10K a week, where St Michaels collects 32K. The buildings show it. We took some pics of the old homesteads of Greg, Steve, and mine. Spent half a day at sister Ruth's then did swim and hot tub with sister Catherine back at the hotel.

Did the hot tub and pool again this morning, ate at Teds, and headed home. Back around 315pm.

Turned the Bills game off midway through the 4th qtr. They just fumbled and were down 14. I figured they would loose big but they did make it close. The defense never stopped Cinci. They did stop themselves enough to make it close.

November 3 2023

Cold morning but it warmed quickly with the sun out there. I hit the ball well but putting did me in. I shot 89 missing 8 of 10 make able putts. It was very painful. Parred 3 of 4 par 5s but nothing else. Putts an inch left/short/right, you name it.

Got home 3ish and enjoyed Lobys chopped steak. Mary had the fish.

Packing for the trip. No Blog tomorrow.

November 2 2023

Happy Birthday Mary! We went to the Y for the forth time this week and we both got a good workout. Forgot to mention I replaced the LED light assembly in the fridge. Still working good.

We packed up stuff for Jacob and headed to Kent at 115. Took him to Laundromat then met Steve for Mexican, back to the Laundromat and then to apartment.

Felt like I was driving all day. Headed to Get Go and picked up a gas card for Jenna as driving to Kent for classes is expensive. Put a good amount on it, equal to what Jacob's scooter was. He really likes the scooter and it is a sturdy one. So far so good. Anyone wanting xmas gifts for them: gas cards for Jenna, money on Jacob's flash card for the cafeteria are good bets.

Finally, filled up the car at BJ for the trip Saturday.

November 1 2023

Fiddled around with the new website and could not upload any more pics. Messaged Mecca hosting and they said the builder is no longer supported. I will see if I can get my money back and go back and live with the ipage flaws. Oh well.

We headed to the Y. Snow on the ground today. Oh no. It never got above 39 all day and the sun was out?

We went to the church Hope Ministry meeting to volunteer to help with funeral lunches. OMG there were 30 old women there. I stood out as a sore thumb, but I am used to it at the Y. They were all very nice and welcoming. Recognized a couple of them. One sits

right next to us at Mass. There might have been 1 under 70. They all serve for funeral masses and anything else related to them. Mary signed up for the Christmas lunch. With all the volunteers they have, I doubt we will get many calls to help.

Carolyn came over to watch Survivor and we got the information for the party in Buffalo Saturday, When and where. Hmm. Tim might have some nice wood for Dave.

October 30 2023

Had to switch shampoo again. The VO5 clarifying ran out. Now its VO5 Extra Body Volume. Thought you would all like to know.

Golf was rained out. We went to the Y. Mary stayed for yoga and Brenda brought her home. While I was home alone, I checked the obits and saw Linda's. We won't be around Saturday for a memorial service, so I left a note on the memory wall.

We had lunch and went to the election board and voted early. Just voted on the issues. We have no idea who the local people running are. That is done now.

I tried to upload photos for a slideshow. I was able to upload some, but apparently there is no code for a slideshow. What was I thinking?

Kind of vegged the rest of the day. Weather guy is talking 20s tonight and snow Wednesday. What a bunch of crap. Tomorrow looks much like today. Perhaps we get out the puzzles.

October 29 2023

We did church and the kids were over when we got home. Been a long time since we have seen them. They stayed till 2 and then had to head out for trick/treat. Z liked the Kalihari gift card. They should have a good time there when they can fit it in.

Watched some football and the Browns are on now. Not looking good for them in the first half.

Does not look good for golf tomorrow. Rained all day and supposed to the rest of the night. We got a surprise drive by trick or treat. We gave them some candy but I told them this is an old people development and it's not allowed here. They got in the car and headed out. Back to the Y for more winter exercise!

October 28 2023

Figured Wes would bring the kids over today for Zs bday since tomorrow is Halloween. But I was wrong. We cleaned the tub, put tools away, vacuumed and were hanging loose. Found out 2ish it would be tomorrow.

We did the walk and vegged the rest of the day. I did some HOA reserve planning to see where we are. Looks like the roofs and roads are planned out decent now after my pushing. Next is to see what we will really need for the other stuff.

October 27 2023

Over to Fox Den for the Friday finale. It was to be warm but no sun, so I wore long pants. Denny and Bill wore shorts. It was a mediocre round again as I shot 87 with Bill at 88, Dick and Denny at 90. Bill's putter was on fire today but it did cool off late.

Very disappointed at my play this year. Average score is a tad lower but only 2 low scores this year. Lost a lot of distance the last 2 years with my irons but chipping and putting is the culprit.

Got home as a drizzle started coming down, We went to Lobys and I got the ground steak. Wolfed it all down as I was starving. We hit a \$500 pull tab so it was a good day.

OMG, our Sim cards came today. Took 75 minutes to activate with Verizon. The most hated company on earth I suspect.

October 26 2023

Rough night with only 5hrs sleep. Got up early and worked on HOA docs and Wes's ideas for a new TV. Headed to the Y for 1030 class. I got a few laughs jumping to the instructor during one Tabata session. Saw Ali on the way out. She said Linda was moved to hospice. Her heart is leaking blood and the damage is not operable. She said Linda had no clue she has only days left, maybe hours. So sad.

We picked up some items for cupcakes on the way home and were putting them in the oven when Wes called. We met him at BJs. He picked up a 55 inch TV for \$289 and some other stuff.

Skipped Lobys as I was very tired. We ate and I dozed off for an hour.

I had gotten Jenna a Canes egift but she can't get into the email account. I cancelled it and will put it on her flashcard. Penalty for not having an email. She will find she needs one if she does any online accounts.

October 25 2023

OMG, yet another bad news Tuesday. I saw the dog walkers talking down by Ali's last evening but by the time I went out, they had dispersed. I called Ali and asked about Linda. She was on the edge of tears as she told me they had put her into Hospice. After further testing, the doctors had decided there was nothing they could do about the heart attack and brain tumor. Woke up this morning thinking about it at 6am.

After I did the blog early last night, Dick Moecia came over and worked with me on the blog a little. He has Dreamweaver builder and showed me how he uses it. He left and after he did I found Google's free Html editor I can use for the rrrparker1.com text and the best part is that it is free.

Also, emailed and called people letting them know our phones would be down for a couple of days.

Went up and had lunch at Ray's Place in Kent with Jacob and Steve. It was good stuff. We got back and took a look at Tim's stump grinding. Looked very nice. The board meeting was over at 730. Carolyn and Mary watched Survivor. Bill's ordeal on jury duty ended today! He was relieved.

October 24 2023

Big savings AND lots of grief today. On savings, I saved \$450 today. At 9am I started to make sure I got a refund of \$34 on the protection plan for the scooter returned. No luck online so I went to Walmart for some items in search of a phone number to call. I got one!

Tried to call it and no matter what number I dialed I got Walmart Verizon activation. Turns out they just de activated all the family mobile phones and I had to order 2 SD cards. Phones will be down till then. There are 2 PO'd people here and there must be a bunch more out there. I knew they had switched but never gave it a thought.

So, it dawned on me to use the spectrum ip phone we have. Got thru to Walmart and the guy got me the \$34 refund in a few minutes. In the process of looking for one of those verification numbers sent to my Yahoo email account, I found a hundred emails in my spam folder. In there I found my notice ipage would renew in 60 days. I went in and turned off auto pay, so rrrparker.com will go kaput on Dec 7, saving me hundreds. \$485 for ipage and \$59 for Mecca and rrrparker1.com.

I have to say ipage is certainly better given the Weebly site builder, but their inability to do anything about Weebly bugs was very frustrating. So I will trade in my ipage frustrations for Mecca frustrations and save some money in the process.

Tree Link (Tim), Carolyn's friend, was in the hood and completed most of the tree

trimming except for a stump removal he will do tomorrow. He did a nice job. I would have liked more trimming so we don't have to revisit for a couple of years but his trimming is functional and does minimal tree damage. We shall see what kind of feedback we get from the board or the owners.

We did do the Y and did some more siding wash where I missed sections the other day. Looks much better now. Fabulous day!

October 23 2023

Took me 8 holes to find an iron swing. Great drives, lots of chunks, pushes and so on, scoring an 8 on the first hole (again) and 47 on the front. Long birdie putt lipped out on #9.

Had a better swing on the back but made no putts. Was giving myself a chance but could not make them. When I had another long birdie putt lip out on #11 I was ballistic. By the time my birdie putt stopped on the lip on #15, all I could do is cry.

On top of all that, I had lipped out a couple of short ones to boot and it was an ugly 92 in the books for the day.

Worked on the new blog most of the evening. Becoming more familiar with stuff but shocked at how primitive things are.

October 22 2023

Cooked eggs for breakfast. We got 2 doz eggs at Bjs yesterday, so we better work on that. We went to church today. Signed us up to help with funerals. They will send info on the next meeting.

Listened to the Bills game. They were sucking big time and indeed did lose. The defense is missing key guys and there is little hope they can stop anyone. Th Offense is screwed up too. Not sure what is wrong. We did the walk during halftime.

No luck on the new website. I struggled to get a few things on the page, but couldn't put any links for webpages or files. No documents to help. Might be a lost cause.

Might be a frost delay tomorrow. 30s and freeze warning tonight.

October 21 2023

We went to Burlington to find Mary a warm jacket. She has many but they are all thin and not good enough for fall/winter/spring. She has warm long coats but not jackets. They had racks of them there. We looked for a long time but did find a good one.

Then it was off to explore Bjs. That took a long time. Lots of stuff in there. You mostly have to buy at least 2 or more packs of things. We got a lot of stuff and then filled up her car with gas. I figured we saved \$16 out of the \$20 introductory fee. I figure we should save at least \$90/year on gas alone.

Funny HOA email. Dick (HOA secretary) was mad a resident stopped by and complained his neighbor threatened to call police because he was shooting arrows into the dirt. Said it was an old guy that ran and had a construction truck. Figured it was this guy we had talked with who is late 80s. I don't think that guy could even run to the bathroom. I do know who he was talking about and I passed that info on.

I tried to work on my new website rrrparker1.com but couldn't access their site builder. Walmart came thru with a refund on the bogus scooter. I got a \$5 promo code for my review as well. We did the walk all bundled up around 2pm. Watched a funny netflix movie and called it a night.

October 20 2023

Somehow somehow the rain blew through and the wrap around paused long enough for

us to get in 18. I had a horrendous start with an 8 after a good drive. I shanked it right into the trees, shanked it again, punched it short, chipped on and 3 putted. Holy cow. Never done that before. After starting 4 over, I finished at 86.

The wet greens and the sand on them really slowed the putts down. Took a long while to adjust. Rudy missed an eagle putt from 6 foot past the pin on #6. Must have been close to a double eagle as it was right past the hole.

Got some gas on the way home. Mary had been busy with wash all day. I signed up for Bjs so I could get gas there. They had \$20 for year 1, cheaper than Costco. Maybe go look at groceries tomorrow and fill the car for \$2.89/gallon.

October 19 2023

We did the Y class and had a good workout. Grabbed a local haircut. Tried Hartville but Teresa had surgery and they are working from home for awhile.

After that, we washed the lower 5 ft of the siding where we replaced some. There were lots of dirty hands all over that siding. Rather waiting for next year's power wash, we used soap water dawn and a sponge to clean it. Bonus ...we killed of a spider we saw.

Went to Loby's around 230 as usual. Mmmm; stuffed peppers again.

October 18 2023

Busy day. Did sleep well and was up at 730. Headed to Kent at 9am. We put the scooter together and then went to Ravenna. Back to Kent and loaded up the washers, then over for Chinese buffet. Steve came. After lunch we stopped in the antique store. I found a witch for 25 cents.

Dropped Jacob off and rested at home for a couple of hours before heading to Hartville for calling hours. RIP Vince Bailey. Saw some of our long term neighbors and talked with Elaine and her 3 girls. The girls all remembered us and Elaine was glad we came.

She said it was all very sudden. His sugar was up. They did tests and found he had an advanced pancreatic cancer tumor. He was gone in less than a week.

October 17 2023

Did not sleep more than 5 hrs. Hope after 2 bad nights I get a good one tonight. Mary was feeling better today. Swelling was down; just dull headache.

They came and fixed my siding today. All that was needed was more muscle power. Younger guy was pulling down with the tool while another was pushing up. Neither I nor Mary could compare. Maybe we had half power?

The rest of his team got the gas meters painted and they fixed a leaning post I pointed out to them. Basically there is a handyman, his son, and some hired workers for minor repairs.

The Spectrum guys buried the cable. Not sure it is hooked up yet, cause there wasn't any down time.

After dinner, Mary and Ali passed out the gift cards to the 2 winners of the Halloween decorating contest. That was more effort than planned due to Linda's heart attack last week.

Tomorrow we head to Kent once again for laundry, scooter assembly, and Chinese lunch buffet.

October 16 2023

Skipped golf to take Mary for her root canal. \$758 down the tubes. Talked to a guy in the waiting room. He said one of the egg farms in Marion has 3M chickens. That is just crazy. He said they are cleaner than doctors office cause a disease is real painful. Once 20K of

them died. Imagine cleaning them out of there.

Took care of Mary all day. I didn't sleep more than 4 hrs so we both rested most of the day. This was day 2 of Spectrum burying their cable in our back yard. It is the main conduit inside what looks like a 2" corrugated tube.

Laura came over and we tried a test meeting on Teams. It pretty much sucks.

October 15 2023

Church went fine this morning. We stopped for a donut for coffee when we got home.

Made some cookies today. They came out perfect.

Watched the Browns luck out with a win. After dinner, Ali came over and we walked the hood to judge the Halloween contest. Linda is doing better, so Ali is going to have her vote as well. That should help getting her back to normal.

Watching the Bills. They sucked in the first quarter and so far into the second. Let's hope they wake up.

I don't know what is going on with the website. The blog is supposed to be attached to the text. Instead the file name is bing put on the page. Someone must have "improved" the software. I will have to get after them when I have some time.

October 14 2023

We went to calling hours for Tommy this morning. Met most of his family that we had not met while they were next door. Parted with another Mollie today just in case he needed it. Neil got one, and one for Tommy.

Saw a St Michaels choir guy in the other wake at the home. Maybe we will sign up to help at funerals at the church. He said they do need help.

Ali Rufo stopped by after I called her. She agreed to help judge the Halloween decorating contest with Linda before she went into the hospital. Said Linda is doing better now. We pretty much know who she will vote for. The top two in our mind, she says have lights. We never looked at night. Maybe tomorrow we will.

Took a trip to Kent to return the broken scooter to Walmart. That went pretty smooth. Neither of us were hungry so we just did soup for dinner when we got home.

They say bad news come in threes. Tommy, Linda, and now old neighbor Vince Bailey passed away at 82. Calling hrs next Wednesday.

I was thinking about the scooter. In the old days, small vendors had experienced people, perhaps the owner to recommend stuff. They maybe had 2 or 3 choices, none cheap. With e-commerce, there are now tens and tens of choices, but a lot of them are crap. Most of the crap comes from China. They steal a design and cheapen it till it is garbage.

What to do? Products have reviews that sometime have useful info. The stores now have almost no one who knows anything. It's a crapshoot out there. The wild west.

October 13 2023

Played Fox Den. Two threesomes. Everyone played well. I scored 41-43 =84 with six 3 putts. Greens were fast and I never could get them close. Had a couple of birdie chances but missed both.

Scooter for Jacob was delivered and we headed to Kent. Put that together and on the charger, then met Steve and Kathy for Mexican. It was good. Ran a few errands with Jacob and headed home. Lots of students downtown to avoid running over.

Got home and Jacob said the scooter busted when he hit a bump. Must have been a Chinese knockoff design that they cheapened to a point of making it a piece of crap. I

will return to Walmart for a refund. We will have to look around for a better design.

Got to go to Tommy's calling hour tomorrow at 10. Gonna leave him a Mollie in case may need a good ball for that golf course in the sky.

October 12 2023

We did the Y class and got a good workout. Seat and all.

I made a list of the landscaping items I saw no work orders on, so Mary and I walked and looked at what was going on. Of the 20 items, almost half were resolved. The others can wait till next year with a couple of exceptions I sent out to be discussed.

Went to Lobys and was pleased to find stuffed pepper on the menu. It was really good. We ate half and took half home.

Tomorrow is golf and a trip to Jacobs.

October 11 2023

We did the Y class but with another senior moment we missed half the class. When we got back we saw Linda's dog get into a car. I waived the lady down to get an update on Linda. It was not good. She didn't remember the heart attack, was confused, and they found a brain tumor. Holy crap.

Mary went for her hair at 12pm. When she got back we went to photo all the decorations for the contest Sunday. I worked on collages for a couple of hours but still not happy with them. Seems to be difficult to combine too many without leaving the good detail in the collage. Maybe I will cut down the 20 photos to a smaller number?

Worked some more on the spreadsheets and got an email on the tree quotes. They took my recommendations and gave Tim everything but the Cherry tree, which went to M&E Tree. Hope that works out.

Carolyn was over to watch Survivor. Found out she was heading to Florida Sunday and Mexico in February. Quite a surprise.

October 10 2023

We did the Y Tabata class. Got pretty sweaty.

Got home and got a txt from Linda's phone. It was her husband Keith telling me she had a heart attack over the weekend. He was in the car, stopped, did CPR until paramedics took over. She got a stent and is still in hospital with complications.

Holy Crap Tuesday #2. That is two nasty news Tuesdays in a row.

Got some siding from Pat and tried to replace 3 pieces of siding with Mary my loyal assistant. Took off the dryer vent cover we don't use since putting in the new vent. Spent 2 hrs and thought I had it done. Unfortunately I could not re-hook the siding pieces up. I must have nailed them back wrong. As 1) you have to crawl around and lay on rocks to get to the bottom 2) use wrist strength to hook them, and 3) I am too old for this, I decided to have the HOA pay to do it.

With the Y and the work, I had a record zone minutes for today (245). Worked on my HOA landscaping spreadsheet and am slowly completing it.

Jacob called and was a bit down on being broke all the time. Making \$250 with a reduced work schedule is not cutting it when his phone is 100/wk and his meds/vices are \$75/week, leaving \$75/week for food. I told him to make a menu for the week and we would help buy groceries. Also told him to write down all expenditures to see where he can cut back. He sees going back to a fuller work schedule as a possibility.

Told him to accelerate his degree by taking more classes and summer school too. When he started we advised him to go light till he got the hang of it. Now that he is cruising, he

should pick up the pace.

October 9 2023

Played Fox Den. Bundled up against the 50s wind. I had my chances. Putting was much improved even though I only dropped a couple. Missed about 6 putts by inches, shooting 87. Missed 3 easy ones coming in the last 4 holes. Maybe I can break 89 there this month? Houle will love it there. They put in Orange tees at 4000 yds! Red tees are 4900, golds are 5300.

We had a new stir fry when I got home. It was very good. Schwans' sweet and sour chicken.

Worked on some HOA spreadsheets trying to make them more useful docs with status, cost, and completion information.

Early shower to change out of goose contaminated clothes and warm up.

October 8 2023

The Bills were playing in London Sunday at 930 so we were ready for that. The Jags put a whipping on them. Bills defense has lots of injuries. When Milano went out the Bills could not stop them. They did get a couple of lucky turnovers to keep it close but it really wasn't. They will have a tough time of it without Milano.

We did our walk before the game was over and all was lost. Cold out there. I will have to bundle for Fox Den tomorrow.

Watched some horse races. My bad luck continues unabated.

October 7 2023

Busy day. Saw that the Bills were playing in London Sunday at 930 so we planned to do 4pm Mass today.

Got out around 10am to Walmart and picked up a ton of stuff plus water and raman for Jacob plus some baby stuff for church. We had decided to do chili today so we went to Acme and got some ground beef for that. Of course we got in the slowest line.

Made the chili when we got home. Don't think the recipe was the one we usually use but that was the only one we found. Needed more tomato we think.

Saw Sammy at church just 1 row away in the masked section. Joanne was not there. We lit a candle for neighbor Tommy.

October 6 2023

Tommy's daughter txt me early asking about HOA fee and when was it due. I filled her in. Off to Wilkshire this morning. We had 6. Everyone played well except Rudy. I warned everyone that if they did not break 90 they would be duly chastised. Bill just squeezed in at 89.

Got home and snuck in a nap before we went up to Kent to take Jacob to dinner at Bob Evans. Steve bought as it was his turn. Jacob was very relaxed today. He was off on fall break so had been a bit bored this week. School is back on Monday so he will be busy again.

Long ride home after dark. It went well.

October 5 2023

Did not sleep well for an unknown reason. Figured the best I could score was 82 at Sanctuary by parring the easy ones and bogies on the rest. Almost got there but too many short putts missed for an 84. We had 5 so Otis and I played. Did a lot of waiting so we searched the weeds for balls. At the end of the day I had found 8, Otis found 30. What

a hoot.

Got home and we went to Lobys for food. I cut up a burger, Mary hand held hers eating it. Erin was in a rare mood today, or perhaps that is the normal.

Did a few HOA emails after we got back. Also did the neighborhood walk and got caught in a brief rain. Jumped on a porch for 2 minutes while the heavy stuff passed.

Hope to bring Wilkshire down tomorrow . Going to be wet and cool.

October 4 2023

Holy hell of another day. Not really. Just felt like it since I didn't sleep as well. Started out at the retiree lunch. It was a hoot with JohnT and Hogan taking center stage.

Got home and met by the pond with Ken and a Civil Engineering firm's rep to describe the pond erosion issue and what help we need. I am guesstimating 10K to 20K for their help and another 10K to 20K for the actual work.

An interesting aside, Ken told the engineer he thought the homeowner exaggerated when telling us she lost 6 feet of the pond bank behind her unit. If I was telling this I would have said she was full of crap. No wonder my old Cisco boss sent me to a course on being diplomatic.

Then it was off to the feet guy to trim our nails. Ouch!

After that we did our walk and checked the power washing vs what was needed and found 5 places that were missed (HOA faulty list) where I was blaming the power wash company. The guy had called me cause he said he had done everything on his list and asked why I was complaining or what he missed.

Then it was email after HOA email on 1) our dog violator 2) quotes for road repaving and 3) the recycling debacle. OMG.

At least no one died today.

October 3 2023

Holy hell of a day. It had a decent start. I got to the dentist at 8am. She said I would need it pulled but she bonded the piece back on and said it might last for awhile. Hard to say. Got home and we headed to the Y for a rough class.

Tree guy showed up and I learned more than I need to know about trees. Also learned how bad we have been treating them. I sure had the right idea in getting a registered arborist. Guy knew his stuff. Hopefully we can get him involved and make intelligent decisions going forward and not guesses like in the past.

Ken said he got a civil engineer to look at our pond at help with the red tape tomorrow, so I changed our foot Dr appt to later in the day.

Just before dinner we got a knock on the door 4pm ish. There were police and fire out front asking when we saw Tom last. Apparently, Tom, in the other half of the condo, had passed away. His daughter could not contact him and came over and had Scott, who was out across the street, go in and look. He was dead on the floor.

We took them water and chairs and offered the bathroom facilities while they waited for the coroner. They are still waiting at 6pm but should be here soon.

On top of all that, my stocks got hammered. Sofi was destroyed down 7%. Like I said Holy hell!

October 2 2023

We did the Y class. First time I have gone on Monday in a long time. Backing off Monday golf every other week so I can play with the Lockheed group on alternate weeks and not

play 3x a week like I have been. I gave Linda two Acme gift cards for the Halloween and Christmas decorating contests.

Went to the urologist at 330pm. He said I can just get prescriptions from my PCP now and only schedule him if I have issues. That is good. One less Dr appt. Just before I left, part of my front tooth broke off. My temp dentist will see me at 8am tomorrow and let me know what is next. I sure hope they can bond it back and keep it rather than have it yanked.

I don't think God wanted me to live this long or he would have given me better teeth. Perhaps he changed his mind, or the bypass doctors messed up the plan.

After dinner, I walked Carolyn's tree friend through so he could quote the tree trimming. He had some good ideas. Being an old school guy like my daughter, he likes pencil and paper. I might need to scan it in or photograph his quote.

Ken found a civil engineer to come out Wednesday at 1pm and help with the pond. I would guess she will give us a quote for assistance, likely an hourly rate. Should be interesting. Got to change my foot doctor appt.

This might just be a busy month. Since the property manager seems to be dropping the ball, the board is getting busy. I need to walk another tree guy thru tomorrow.

October 1 2023

Church today. They aggravated me today by asking we vote no on the abortion issue. Girl around 12 led the singing. Quite impressive.

We stopped and got Taco stuff at Acme and settled in to listen to the Bills game. The Bills squished the fish in impressive fashion!

Walked the hood around 4pm. Very quiet out there. Watered the plants and the grass when the sun got low. Quiet veggy day.

September 30 2023

End of September. Good riddance. Weather guys are projecting warmer drier winter up here with wet and colder in the south. Bummer.

Not much doing today. We got our Covid shots this afternoon and Mary got her flu shot too. I got my flu shot at the doctors visit Thursday. Arm still is sore.

Worried about the tooth that was extracted. It had settled down but now seems to be swelling. Must be some food stuck down in the hole. Going to have to call someone Monday. It never ends.

September 29 2023

Missed yesterday. We did some stuff around the house and went to the doctor at 130. All the tests were good. I got my flu shot and Mary got her Provia shot. Met the Lockheed guys for dinner at Brix. Food was excellent. They went to Pavs after and the ice cream did not go well with the red pepper soup I had for dinner. Bubbly stomach all night long kept me from a good sleep.

Played Raintree. I was up and down but managed an 88 on this tough course. Only had 3 doubles but not enough up and downs. I 3 jacked 2 par putts where they were very make able.

Went into full veg mode when I got home. Watched some youtube videos after finding a good one for buddy Greg's bday on Monday.

September 27 2023

We went to the Y but it was the last week of the month for line dancing. We went to the machines and did a mile on the elliptical.

We headed up to Kent and had lunch with Jacob and Steve. Jacob is doing good. Steve is heading to MD for a week to go to a conference with Steve III and hang out with him for the week.

Carolyn came over to watch Survivor while I went to an HOA budget meeting. That was painful. Especially the 5 minutes we discussed \$600 in postage. In the end, they agreed to the 50K for road reserves and to get there, we compromised on 11% fee increase, with one camp wanting 12% and the other wanting 10%. Not looking forward to another one of these even though we finished in 2 hrs.

September 26 2023

We did the Y today. I was having fun so I must be back in cardio shape.

Had a couple things listed to do today. First item was to inventory the xmas items we already bought and start the gift list for Christmas. We did that. Sort of remembered getting Wes something but could not find it. Maybe we already gave it to him for a Birthday? Maybe last year?

Second, we needed to clean the down bathroom glass doors. It took a fair amount of time. Cleaned and dried it. Then put rainx shower door on it. That was hard. Applied it and after it dried, we had to use a moist paper towel to get it loosened up, then polished it with a dry towel. What an ordeal. Took about an hour all together.

We had dinner, watered the grass, and went to Ollies to buy some cat toys. Got one for Jacob, one for Jenna, and one for Kathy.

September 25 2023

Wow. God wanted me to break 80 today, at Chippewa! Holy cow. I went 38-40 making several putts, and all but 3 short ones. Hit the rocks once and the ball ended up in front of the green where I saved par. Went par par bogey on the triangle. Unheard of.

With putting, I lined the putter up standing tall, then moved down over the ball and tried to just focus on a smooth stroke. Also helpful was walking the green before chipping and picking a target spot for the chip. Not something I normally do.

Wes stopped over around 330 and stayed for 45 minutes. He is back to work, but has to be careful. Strange and odd stuff happening there with his crew. Some of the staff has had deaths in family, cancers, injuries, etc.

September 24 2023

Got a good sleep all the way to 920am after having a rough go of it till 5am. Got to church. It was long today. Then I listened to the Bills win. Browns did well too.

We did our walk around 3pm and went for ice cream later on. First ice cream since late August. Got the straw watered and then vegged the rest of the day.

Been watering the straw where the grass has been planted after the trees were removed. Looks like I have been the only one doing that. We took out 8 or so trees and no one is watering. All they will have is some bare dirt under the straw. We will have grass. I can see it greening up already. No rain and no watering = dirt. What a waste of grass seed.

September 23 2023

Looks like I missed yesterday again! We played Sunny Hills. I played after very little sleep. I played well but my short game was pitiful. Nevertheless, I did par the last 3 to come in at 89. On the way home I stopped and got some food at the Greek fest. Sure was good. So were the pastries!

Got to bed early and had a good night sleep. We went to Walmart to pick up some food and tried to stop at Ros for hot fudge but they were closed? Before dinner we did the neighborhood walk. Good Columbo episode tonight.

September 21 2023

Looks like I missed yesterday. Yesterday we went to the Y then to Kent to buy Jacob lunch and ole buddy Steve as well. Steve has 1 more free lunch coming as he bought 3 lunches ago.

I got Linda to run the fall contest for the HOA best decorated home. Should be fun. Not sure why I did not post.

Today I played Arrowhead with the Lockheed guys. Shot 87 but I am putting down an 84 in my book. The greens were aerated recently, had sand all over the green and we usually call for 2 putt greens. We flew around the course in 2hrs and something and I was home in a flash.

After a short nap, we went to Loby's for pizza. Erin the bartender was in a rare mood and quite entertaining. Got home and walked the hood, stopping to talk with 3 people along the way. Met Harry Ankrom, another 94 yr old guy. I asked if he had relatives that worked Goodyear. He did not. I knew there was a father and 2 sons that worked there, all good golfers.

Did some edits on the HOA minutes. Realized I have 3 good reasons to live till 2029. Will have 60th wedding anniversary, we will finally finish the road repaving here, and Jacob and Jenna should get degrees well before then. Hope I achieve my goal.

September 19 2023

We did the Tabata class at the Y. Those with stretch bands were brutal.

Lots of vegging today. Did not sleep well pondering HOA board stuff so a nap was in order.

I did a legal seminar with the Condo association lawyer from 7pm to 830pm and noted some questions to ask the President. Seemed like a long day with not much done.

September 18 2023

Played Ellsworth with Dick and Rudy. Very odd round, oddest ever. Very slow play ahead of us and sloth like ladies group behind us. We waited on every shot the first 4 holes. #4 is a par 3. We finished it and the ladies were nowhere to be seen. So we went back and played it a second and third time.

Played the par 5 and caught the group ahead on the next hole, a par 4. We played that one 3 times. The next hole is the par 3 over water. We played that 3 times. Then we played the par 4 along the woods and caught the group ahead on #9.

The back nine went much the same. I lost count but we played an extra 4 on the back nine. Rudy (94) had a birdie on the front. I (85) birdied 17 and 18, both gimmes. Dick (99) birdied 18 as well. The short backswing is getting me back from my slump. I actually made 2 putts in a row today!

Went to the board meeting at 6pm. Went well. Ken proposed a 10% fee increase and sock away 50K for roads next year. I was a bit skeptical but there is a budget meeting next week. After I got home, I checked my plan and I was asking for an 11% increase for the roads. So both of us got there a different way. Ken's 10% minus 3% inflation means to get to my 11%, the other budget items need to be cut 4%. However we get there, at least I got the ball rolling by making a lot of noise along the way.

September 17 2023

Church today. After, we went to Acme to spend \$50 and get \$15 off. Ended up at \$!00 and we stocked some items like butter, coffee, and Genny NA. It was freezing in there. Lots more shoppers than usual. Perhaps they sent those coupons out to many?

Listened to the Bills game. They crushed the Raiders. No turnovers today was the key.

After the game, we go out and walked the hood.

September 16 2023

Watching the news show this morning about what to do in Cleveland, I thought of Yankee Peddler. Checked the computer and found this was it's second weekend out of three. I txt to the kids and Wes was up for it, Carolyn was busy.

I wanted him to txt me when he left but he did not see it until he was there. We headed out and met and his family there. Bought the kids some goodies. They watched some of the shows. I bought a xmas gift for my sister.

It was hot and we wore out quick after 3 hrs walking around. Saw Brenda there. That was a hoot. Headed out at 3pm and stopped at Culvers for dinner. Then home to veg the rest of the evening.

September 15 2023

Played Sugar Bush today. Long ride so I bought some donuts for the boys. Rudy backed out when he was late and Denny stayed home to take care of Carol. Everyone had putting issues. John E handled them best and was low with 87. I was bad, but JohnT was worse. Bill had a great back nine at 42. I shot 90 and was frustrated by poor hits.

On #15, it occurred to me that my backswing was too long. I tightened it up and never hit a bad shot after that. Parred 2 of the last 4 and would have the other two had it not been for 3 putts on those two. Oh my, wonder if that has been the cause of my 12 round slump?

We had eggs, bacon, and toast for dinner. Pretty darn good.

Got the document package for the board meeting Monday. Doesn't look like anything was done on the pond issue. Sent complaints on power washing not being complete, Stumpy cutting the internet and sign power cable, and inaction on the pond.

Read the letter they got on the pond and it clearly offered pre-application consulting, so why haven't we had it?

On another note, the dog violator was caught for a third 4th and fifth time. He is a minor aggravation. Wonder what is next for that situation? #^*&@.

September 14 2023

Played TannenhauF again with the same old same old issues. It was looking good for 11 holes. Five over 41 on the front and started the back with a par birdie, then went 8 over the last 7 holes for an 86. Adding to my other woes was 5 look ups. Seems to be a theme lately.

Got home and we needed some bread for the BLTs so we picked them u at Drugmart. The bread was 3.69 there vs 1.50 at Marcs. Lesson learned.

They ground up the stumps today. Started behind my unit and promptly cut the main internet cable to the whole place. It was back on by the time I got home, but there were a lot of angry residents. We did the walk today as well.

September 13 2023

Cooling off this time of year. I will have to move from summer uniform (shorts and yellow T) to winter uniform (sweat pants and yellow T with yellow sweatshirt).

We did the Y and it was a good class. After class we headed to Carolyns to pick up Jacobs laundry and then to Kent. We went to River Merchant for lunch and sat outside near the river and saw 2 trains pass by. Good to see Steve again. He is worrying about his half tree in the back. I gave him a couple of names to check.

Took Jacob on a couple of errands, dropped him at work, and headed home. Got back

just before 4pm. Long day.

September 12 2023

Bills got squashed last night. They don't match up well with a good pass rush/ good running defense. They miss Singletary who got them tough yards. Cook is quicker but goes down easily. Not a tough guy. With no running game, the pass rush got to Allen too easily. Bills defense was decent, so that is a plus. They will lose more games this year without a running game.

We did the Y. First time for me in 2 weeks. I survived!

Went to Loby's at 230pm and met Rudy and Rosemary. Jane is out after her accident. No telling when she will be able to get back.

September 11 2023

Played poorly at Tannenhaut today. The ground was soft and my 4/5/6/7 all went about the same distance with there being very little roll out. Putting was better on the long ones but still missed too many short ones. I shot 88, Dick 99. Denny was out taking care of Carol, and Rudy had no clubs as his son had taken his car.

Mary went to the Y and cooked up the bacon so we had BLTs again.

Watching the Bills struggle with the Jets. They are up but its going to be close.

September 10 2023

We went to Michaels before church to get a frame. Picked up a couple of fall decorations and some items for the kiddos next time we go over. Then we were off to St Michaels for church. I had some open pews in front of me so I recorded Benson with the kids during the offering. He is truly an inspiration and an exceptional priest.

Picked up Penn Station for lunch. Love their greasy Italian sub. Mary got a ham and Swiss. After that settled, we did our neighborhood walk and watched the Browns win over the Bengals.

That was it. Denny just called. He will miss golf. Carol is still having bowel issues and will get a scan Tuesday. Doesn't want to leave her alone so he may miss golf until she is feeling better.

September 9 2023

Got moving early this Saturday morning. Vicki wanted to ask us about something at 9am so we quickly got dressed. She wanted to complain about a speeder that lives close by. I told her to document it and send to Zach at Karecondo. The board might send him a warning letter.

Then we got going on the fall cleanup. Took 2 hrs to cut down the iris and the 2 prickly bushes. Wore us out but we were done by noon. Carolyn and Tim stopped by around dinner time for another drive by 20 min visit.

Walked over to see who was paving the road across the street. Passed the name on to the other Board members and asked if we should get a quote.

September 8 2023

Played Riverview with Rudy, Bill, and Mel. Everyone played well with Rudy standing out with an 81. with a little luck he could have been under 80. Missed a bunch of birdie tries as did I at 83. Bill played well. Love my new irons. They are solid and have a nice kick. Maybe my slump is over?

Got a haircut in after golf. Cut it a bit short though which is unusual. Stopped at the bank. After dinner, I had no get up and go to walk. Slept poorly and would have dropped out if Mel had not driven there.

Heading to bed at 930 and hope to catch up on some sleep.

September 7 2023

Spent the morning with the vacuum and the floor steamer. Finished that and got out to Walmart for some of their good deals like yogurt, bar soap, and candy.

Headed to Lobys for the pizza special and picked up a new print for the collage. One of the pics I used was out of focus so I rescanned the print this morning and made a better collage. Oops. With the border I added, it didn't fit in 5x7 frame. Will have to get a 4x8 frame to get it in there.

Did our walk and was slowed by Vicki and another resident Suzanne who said the wasps were still there after being sprayed. They sent her a bill which isn't her responsibility but was ticked that it was from Lenny. She doesn't want to have anything to do with him. Maybe the guy thought Lenny hired him?

September 6 2023

We went to the retiree lunch and sat with Hogan, Messner, Hujar, Stoner, and some accounting guy. Bet he has Loral stories to tell. Did not press him as it was his first time there.

Mary got her hair done. When she got back, we went to pick up prescriptions and print a new version of our wedding collage I made. Changed it to 5x7 so I could frame it. The 4x6 I did was too small. We stopped at Lobys for a couple of drinks. No food as we were full from the retiree lunch.

Had an hour of rest before we did the walk in the hood. They took down 2 trees behind us that were a wind danger.

September 5 2023

Wow. Big time golf slump. Last 10 rounds, only one under 86. Today, on the easiest we play, I shot 90 at Wilkshire. The most likely cause was that I birdied the first hole from just off the green. That is a bad omen. The heat played a factor, along with the slow play. One lost ball and a good drive that just came up a foot short of clearing the water did not help. Putting was bad as were my long irons. Just me and Dick today. Rudy has company and Denny's Carol was ill and he had to take her to the doctors.

I did buy some used irons, Never could find a decent price on a good iron set. Best I could do was \$450, so I ordered some old \$170 Nike Slingshots in hopes of resurrecting my 4 irons shots. I did have mine fixed but the shaft must be toast. Of course it could just be my golf swing. Naa.

Brutal heat out there. We went from shade to shade and still wilted. After dinner, I got Mary out to walk and managed to make it around.

September 4 2023

Was going to be a boring day so I checked the movies near me and we went and saw Mission Impossible. Good movie, lots of action and never a dull moment. Got home about 2pm.

Carolyn and Jenna did a drive by. They did stop in for 20 minutes and we got an update on her yard cleanup.

We did BLTs and corn on the cob again. Twas good.

5ish we did our walk and gave the flowers a good drink.

September 3 2023

We bid eggs/bacon/toast for breakfast so we would be ready to take on the kiddos today. Wes cancelled that as Z was down with the flu. I sure appreciate him keeping us away

from stuff like that.

I did a collage of our wedding invite and the 4 of us at the wedding and many years later at Wes' wedding. Steve, Ginny, Mary and I. A blast from the past and it looks good. The later picture has poor focus and I look like Joe Biden.

We did BLTs and corn on the cob. My favorite fall menu.

Played Kentucky Downs. Close but no cigar. Tomorrow promises to be boring. Holidays are when you are retired.

September 2 2023

We went out to Lowes to pick up a couple of LEDs and then to Marcs for some groceries. Picked up stuff for BLTs, one of our favorite meals for tomato season. Mary cooked up the bacon around 2 and we had them early so we would be ready for church.

Went to 4pm mass and walked the hood around 530.

The car was fine today! Battery it was. Pretty crappy that it didn't last even 4 years.

Will be watching the kiddos tomorrow at 1030am. Wes is visiting his buddy for football draft and Kaetchen will take her mom to visit her dad in rehab in Fairlawn.

September 1 2023

Played Good Park today. Not many good shots for me on the front shooting 45. A couple of look ups cost me along with poor putting. Much better on the back with 1 birdie and a 41. We did team bets and bob/bill/rudy/johnE won over denny/mel/dick by an amazing 1 single stroke. Unbelievable.

I was late for golf messing around with the car. Very disappointing the battery is gone after 3 and a half years.

Got home and called Autozone to find a new battery for the Toyota. Had to go to North Canton, so we did that and grabbed dinner at Swensons. We shall see tomorrow morning if the battery was the real issue.

Plan to do the neighborhood walk after the news.

August 31 2023

Played Raintree with Otis and Sammy. Pathetic putting again. I missed 9 make-able putts and made exactly 1. Took an 8 on #18 with some gambling. Got myself 2 water balls. 39 putts for the round. Never did get the speed down.

We went to Lobys for pizza. Saw Pat and Ken there from the HOA board. After dinner we put together another rolling drawer set. That took awhile and then we did the neighborhood walk

Car has me perplexed. It was dead yesterday morning. Geico jumped it and said the battery was good, just needs charged. Turned it off and It would not start. Put it on the charger but no luck. Left the charger on it while I golfed and it started up. So bad battery? Left the charger on and it is always running at 3 amps? Never seems to go lower? So either the battery has a 4ohm resistance to ground or something is stuck on.

Lets see if it starts in the morning. If no, that tells me to go ahead and replace the battery and see if that was it. Otherwise there is another problem and I just bought a new battery for nothing.

August 30 2023

We went to Kent to see Jacob. Took him to the laundry and we loaded up 3 washers and walked over to the Chinese buffet. After lunch, we stuck it all in 2 dryers and went thru an antique shop next door. Steve did not come because he was waiting on Davy Tree to

get the tree leaning off his house since last week.

Picked up the stuff from the dryer and took it to his apt. Helped him fold the stuff and I looked at the one vacuum that wasn't working. Not much suction so we tossed it. The other needed a new bag and we did smell something funny. That one might be toast too.

He wanted dropped off at new GF house in Akron not far off of white pond dr. She has her masters in English and teaches classes at Kent and Akron while working on doctorate. He sure needs a good influence. Hopefully she is it. Met her on a dating ap the old fashioned way?

The saga of the HOA road assessment is waiting on one members approval. Once distributed I expect to hear some very strong opinions.

August 29 2023

Got beat up at the Y. Cristina was on steroids. A ton of weight reps with only 5lb weights had me begging for mercy. The last cardio set was crazy. All of the intervals was full out cardio. She usually eases up on the last set. I backed down to level 1 halfway thru the set.

We had a lot of bedding laundry to do after hosting Jim and Catherine.

The saga of the HOA road assessment continued most of the day. I proposed text, Dick counter proposed and so on. Then Ken weighed in with a ridiculous proposal to hold off and fund them by increasing reserves the next few years. Not sure what he was thinking? He mentioned the HOA should avoid special assessments if at all possible. Too bad he never thought of that during the 9 years on his watch. I countered with my original loan proposal as the lowest cost alternative.

Plan to take Jacob to lunch and to the laundromat in Kent tomorrow.

August 28 2023

Wow. Missed 2 days and no one complained. Saturday we did some shopping and then went to a Queen Tribute concert at the Jackson Amphitheater. Left at 530 but the concert did not start till 730. With the clouds and a low 71 temp with a breeze, we got chilled. Stayed about 30 min past intermission and then we hit the road to warm up.

Sunday met brother Jim and sister Catherine at sister Sue's house in Darlington PA to picnic with her daughter Jill and family in from Portland Oregon. Son Everett was exactly 1 year old today. None of us had ever seen him. Jim had not seen Sue's new place nor mine. Jim and Catherine stayed over my place and we were up late.

This morning we drove up to Mesopotamia OH to see the country store there. Was a slow go behind some trucks carrying county fair rides to somewhere. Was a fun time there. Everyone bought some goodies and we ate the fry pie right on site. Parted ways there and we got home at 3pm.

At 545 the HOA Board took a walk to see the problems one owner was complaining about. Turns out she is her own worst enemy. The plantings she has done have created a jungle. Some growths from the wetland just add more coverage for the mosquito population. She also had pushed way past the 4 foot limits for plantings thus blocking mowers from access.

August 25 2023

Got home way too late to post after the George Clinton Northfield MGM concert. Got in at 115am and no sleep till 3am. Had to dodge branches and debris on the road from the storm that hit about then. News said there was one confirmed tornado so far and a couple of others still to be verified. Feel bad for Dave, Wes friend, he had to be up by 630 for work, Ouch!

Concert was good. Pfunk was on from 10pm to 12am. George sat through most of it but was up and about for the classics like Atomic Dog, Flashlight, We want the Funk, and One Nation under a Groove. The 2 opening acts were annoying. They sucked and their audio sucked. Sounded like just loud noise and never got one word of their songs. Too loud of bass for both of them.

Slow and easy today. Up at 9am and a bit sleepy, so I vegged today. Mary has dentist appt at 3pm. We will get some take out, veg some more, and hit the sack early. Good thing golf was cancelled, I would have never made it.

August 23 2023

Got a few extra hours of sleep this morning but zombie like today. I worked a spreadsheet for a 5 year road assessment and sent it out. Also informed the HOA president that I hope to serve for the 3 years but then I am out. Too much lost sleep and stress is not good for me at my age and condition.

Supposed to be real hot and humid tomorrow, so I cancelled golf with the Lockheed guys. Wouldn't be able to do two days straight in the heat expected. It was brutal Monday as well and it took a lot out of me.

Hope to hang in there till an early bedtime tonight.

August 22 2023

We went to thisY this morning and got beat up with lots of jacks and weight reps. Spent a little time in the yard touching things up.

Did some prep in the afternoon for the HOA board meeting at 6pm. It ran past 8pm with many issues on the table. I lost a lot of sleep pondering the road situation and posted this a day late since I was up at 6am. Fitbit says I got less than 2 hrs sleep, so I likely will need to go back to bed later this morning.

Kaetchen's dad did well in surgery. They had to cut a piece of his skull to get in there. He seems fine, but has trouble with sentences and words right now. The hope is he will improve when the swelling subsides. Not due out of hospital yet, perhaps Wednesday if all goes well.

August 21 2023

Played Good Park. This was the hottest round of the year. No air moving the front nine. Skeeters were out too. Miserable putting on the front and 2 lookups kept me at 45. After a birdie in 14, I parred the next 3 before just missing on 18. Scored an 86 after the terrible start. Denny scored a hole in one on #13 with a 5 iron from 145.

Did a short walk with Mary when I got home. Too hot to do more. Jumped in the shower to cool off and wash off the bug spray.

Kaetchen's dad had brain tumor removed today. Wes said it was going well around 3pm. What an ordeal. Jacob started school today. Hope he hangs in there. Last chance for school.

August 20 2023

Went to the outdoor Mass and picnic. The Bishop did the Mass. Wes brought the kids and they had a good time on the pony, train, face paint, balloon animals, and playground.

We went home to rest for a couple of hours and then went to Wes' for Lincolns party He is 7 today. Got home just before 9pm.

No calls, so no luck with the 50/50 drawing, nor the big raffle. It was a long day.

August 19 2023

Slept in till almost 9am! Headed to Walmart to get groceries. Vegged most of the day but

we got our walk in. Visited with Vicky and walked her dog for her (bad ankle).

Cut some dead flowers outside and watched some horse racing. No luck there. Had some corn on the cob at dinner. Really good stuff.

Looking forward to the church picnic and Lincoln's bday.

August 18 2023

Played Windmill Lakes. Was smacking the driver, hit some good drives. # look ups cost me strokes. For putts under 8 ft, I made 4 and missed 10 of them. Three putted from 3 ft. As I told Bill, his chipping, my putting; no hope. Won a dollar from JohnT and used it to pay our losing team bet.

Mary and I went to the church wine tasting dinner. Met some nice people, ate some good food. Mary enjoyed the wine, I enjoyed the water. Ouch.

Wes tore a calf muscle in 3 places playing basketball. Thinks he might be off work for a month.

August 17 2023

Played Mayfair with the Lockheed guys. Stellar drives and some awesome irons went for naught as I shot 88 in super weather. The course was very wet. The problem was 3 bunkers cost me 3, lookups cost me 2 water balls, putting was dismal once again. Was 0 for 5 on birdie attempts and missed some short ones. Chipping wasn't too bad but rarely close enough to score better.

Mary and I went to Loby's. Grilled chicken salad today. Was good.

6pm was a hearing for a dog leash violator. However, their main interest was in meeting with the board to describe the issues they were having with their next door neighbor. Sounds like the neighbor has a mental issue. They have filed police reports and emailed family members and are beginning to fear a confrontation. We told them the board has no authority in what is a domestic dispute and encouraged continued police reports and letting his family know the issues.

They also noted physical limitations, which is odd considering they just got a second dog. We will wait and see if they file a written disability request.

August 16 2023

Wicked Y class today as well. Lots of weight work with lots of reps. Mary stayed for a class with Brenda and bummed around with her till mid afternoon.

I took my 3 clubs to Foxy to get the head epoxied back, Tried to find new clubs but could not find a used iron set for under \$400. Let's see how those work. Will be nice to have my old 4 iron back.

Spent an hour or 2 getting ready for dog leash hearing tomorrow. Pres said 75% vote is needed to change the Declaration. As far as I see, the Declaration only denotes leashes in the common area. My interpretation is it is a rules and regulation violation which only needs a majority vote. Further, there is disagreement in how a possible change is facilitated. We better sort that out by tomorrow.

August 15 2023

Wicked Y class today. Six sets of 24 jumping jacks in the 45 minutes. Whew.

Errands today. Pick up prescriptions, drop package at post office, get the 30K miles inspection. On the plus side, the dealer did not come up with any bogus repairs. Cain is now North Canton Toyota and I was wary.

August 14 2023

Linda took Mary to the Y while I headed to Rawiga to golf. Denny torqued me on the first hole. I was chipping from 5 ft off the green when Denny shouted we weren't playing the bunkers cause they were not raked. Well, I bladed it over the green and ended with a triple 7 when it should have been 4 or 5. Another double on the next hole and I was 5 over already. Calmed down to a 10 over front 46.

Was pummeling drives today and the viper was red hot when I kept my head down. Scored a 1 over 37 on the back, missing at least 3 short birdies and making at least 3 par saves. Amazingly we finished without getting wet. It did rain most of the rest of the day.

August 13 2023

We went to church and then over to Ace HW to get some potting soil for a plant we were going to start from a cutting. They had a new kid there at the register.

The old guy had to show him where to find the outside stuff on the flyer, and scan it for him. Register came up with 75 cents change from my \$5. He gave me 4 quarters back. OMG they will be going broke. I gave him back a quarter. Not sure what he did with it. The old guy took the bag to my car and said he was a very quiet kid and he was training hime. Good luck with that.

Watched the races and was making bad picks. Headed to Texas Roadhouse and used the last of my gift card. Waitress was terrible. Finally got a drink refill just before we left. Did our walk just before the news. Still pretty warm in the sun.

Forgot to mention Jacob wasn't feeling well Friday and was worse yesterday. Carolyn took him to stat care and he tested positive for Covid. He had 3 Covid shots but nothing recent. Feels better today but still not good. Looked back at my blog and it took me 7 days to feel better last August.

August 12 2023

Website wasn't cooperating last night so I posted yesterday this morning. This morning we hit Ultra for makeup, emptied our recycle box, and picked up a few items at Acme. Couldn't resist the strawberries.

Watched the races and was always missing one of the pick 3s. We did some trimming outdoors but had to run inside when the storms started to hit. The TV was all about weather all afternoon. Couple of good storms and rains. At 530 ish I drove out to check how the water was draining off the roads.

As I drove around, there was a tree down across the road. Called Ken and he was just pulling in, so we tried to pull the branches off the road. We were about to give up till later when Keith came out with a hand saw. So off we went trimming. That was a big mistake but we got away with it. Lots of crashing lightning around. Eventually we got 2/3 the road cleared and put some yellow tape where there was danger. Got pretty well soaked but we did not get smoked by lightning. By far the dumbest thing I have done since retiring.

Got to be especially thankful in church tomorrow.

August 11 2023

Not with it at golf today. Denny chased us back to the white tees, Didn't think about it till we ran up against monster holes on the back nine. Lots of grumbling. Won't do that again. Only made one putt all day. Pathetic display shooting 90.

Mary and I walked around 630. Eyes are closing at 10pm. Yawn.

August 10 2023

Yesterday was busy busy. We went to the Y and then up to Kent to have lunch with Jacob and Steve. Stopped at Target to get some stuff for the kiddos and then to Hartville for Wes 43 bday cake. They took off for trivia and we watched the kiddos till 9pm.

Carolyn stopped in to see the kids with friend 96 yr old Kathryn. Back home by 10pm.

Wow. Seen almost all family in the last week and will see more at Sue's end of the month.

Today I had a bunch of bogeys at Arrowhead with Lockheed group Otis and Chuck. We had perfect timing. There was a slight rain right at the start and everyone was waiting so we jumped in and absolutely flew around the course in 2:30. Finally made a 5 foot putt on #18 to close out with an 86. Lipped 2 out and missed many 3-6 footers. What a pathetic putting performance.

Had pizza at Lobys. Ken the HOA President was there. He had played Sable Creek. Beer drinker for sure. He had 3 while we were there. Mary and I got out for a late walk just before dark.

August 8 2023

Did the Tabata class today. Surprised that I handled it so well after being out for a week or two. We went to Walmart for groceries after.

Spent most of the day reading the pictures I had taken of all the signs this weekend. Also put in some waymarking visits and a new mark for Zebulon Pike's gravesite.

Carolyn stopped over after dinner with her friend Tim and Jenna came also. She got herself a new snake. Wes called and invited us to his party and to watch the kiddos for trivia. Gonna be a long day. The Y, lunch with Jacob, a party, and watching kiddos. Doubt I will be up to posting tomorrow.

August 7 2023

We left Thursday and visited Mary's sister Ruth. She is doing well and still getting chemo maintenance doses on a schedule to the end of the year. Husband Dennis has had his meds stabilized and also is doing well. Took them to dinner before crashing early.

On the way out we stopped at the elections board and voted NO on issue 1. I never liked the fact that there were all these constitutional amendments for stuff like the lottery and gambling and such but if you really think about it, it is a last resort. What happens is these representatives and senators we vote for totally ignore what the people want. The only recourse is these silly amendment issues. Such is the case with abortion rights. The majority want freedom of choice but the representative don't give a damn what we want. I hope issue 1 that is trying to stop it is trounced.

Friday we were off to Sackets Harbor. Stopped at Batavia to see Greg. Known Greg since 7th grade. 1959 perhaps? Long long time. He looked good but unshaven he looked like crap. We had a good lunch and conversation about this and that. We were a hr early so we stopped at the Holland Land Office Museum. They surveyed and sold all the lots in Western NY. Quite a story.

Got to Sackets Harbor Battlefield late so we just looked around a bit then hit the hotel. Saturday we got an early start and found Zebulon Pike's grave. That was a bonus and a highlight for the trip. He was killed at Fort York by the shock wave from the powder explosion as the Brits abandoned the Fort. I learned later that his body was buried near the front of the Barracks then moved to the back, and then to a small Military Cemetery at the edge of town.

We walked the battlefield, took lots of pictures, visited the shops, and dined outdoors. Another highlight was the two representative soldiers there for the day. We must have spent 45 min talking to them. I was curious where the shipyards were and where where the mass graves from the battle. They pointed out where the yard was and told me they never pinpointed the graves. The story is that it was on a local farm near the battlefield but the owner would never disclose where exactly because he did not want the government telling him what he could or could not do with his land.

Not sure I believe that story and am really surprised they were never found. Lossing (1812 Field Book) visited there in 1860 and walked the grounds and visited with General Jacob Brown's widow at his mansion in Brownville but made no mention of the graves. He did mention Pike's grave was in disrepair perhaps in it's second location. He must not have met with any survivors of the battle or he would have located the mass grave.

We did go to Brownville to see the mansion. That was another highlight as he was perhaps the most respected general in the war. Unfortunately it is now serving as a local government office which was closed on the weekend otherwise I would have badgered them for a tour.

It was an honor to be on such sacred grounds on this trip.

Sunday, we returned to Buffalo and I played with Jim on Arrowhead. I shot 90 missing at least 4 gimmes on the back nine. He shot 97 and was in good form. Back surgery was a success and he is back golfing again as he should be. Mary stayed at brother Daves and visited Shirley at the nursing home.

Today we invited Catherine over to the hotel for swim and hot tub before the long ride home. We got back at 2pm and are trying to get back into our routine.

August 2 2023

So much for being on a roll. We watched a movie last night till 10pm, so it was easy to forget. Not sure what my excuse was for Monday. Monday I played well at Chippewa shooting 81 using the modified Chippewa scoring system. For wagering purposes it was an 85. #15 is truly a joke. I was above the hole again. My putt almost stopped 4 foot past the hole, then continued to pick up speed till it reached the bottom of the hill. Not letting it bother me with my new scoring system.

Yesterday we walked and finished installing the new stairs. Went smoothly. I did get a local haircut in as well. Had to before the trip.

Today we went to the retiree lunch. Almost 3 tables this week. Saw Hogan, Messner, Z, and Tom Babyak. Had a good time. They raised prices. A double cheeseburger is \$19. How crazy is that? Packed the car when we got home and suitcases soon. Not sure how many posts I will have the next 5 days. Buffalo tomorrow, 2 nights in Sackets Harbor, then Buffalo, then home Monday.

July 30 2023

On a roll. Remembered to post 4 days in a row now. After church we picked up pills and some half and half. Then it was off to HD to pick up a strip of wood and some screws and bolts for the stair mounting. Turkey dinner at Bob Evans with some strawberry pie. Awesome.

Got home and painted the stair edges and put the wood strip under the edge of the drywall. Will have to wait another day to put the stairs up. Likely Tuesday or Wednesday before we head out on our trip.

Later on, we did the walk. Things were quiet.

July 29 2023

Today is the 29th. Totally confused. Today is Saturday, so I re-dated July 26 and 25 to July 28 and July 27. Then July 24/23 was actually July 25/24 so it looks like I missed Wednesday. We went to visit Jacob Wednesday in Kent and were pretty busy. Also missed last Sunday. Not sure why. What a mess, but I am back on track for today. Wonder how long that will last.

We slept pretty decent and were up at 730. After news and coffee, we finished assembling the steps for the crawl space and painted most of them. Had to remove the drywall where I will attach the new stair assembly to the crawl space cement blocks and

Painted that too. Still have to turn the assembly and paint a bit of the edges that were against the floor when I painted. Also need to buy screws that work with the concrete blocks.

Did our walk and ran into Ken, HOA president. He showed us his yard near the pond and a couple other drainage paths nearby, one of which will need improvement. Also talked about pond issues and the one owner with erosion issues. I suggested we work out future capital reserves and make sure we have everything accounted for. Good progress in getting onboard and looking into making sure the fees are right. More yet to do but I am encouraged. I am bound and determined to make sure the reserves are increased to meet future needs. Funding the near term road repaving with either a loan or assessment is still tbd.

July 28 2023

Played Sanctuary. Everyone played Ok except for the Shankster, but he may have found the problem the last couple holes. I played poorly on the front but finished with 4 straight pars. Putting and chipping was OK but I missed about 5 3-5 footers for the day, keeping me above 80. One of these days.....

Went from the course to Hartville for a haircut but they were closed again. Will have to get one locally soon.

Mary and I went to Lobys for fish. Too much coating today. One never knows how much they use. After dinner, we did the walk. Got to keep Mary moving. The walk was rough after all day in the heat.

July 27 2023

Slept well again but up early. Mary went with Brenda to Hartville to have lunch with Pat and a visiting Sandy Sullivan. I vegged most of the day.

Carolyn came over after dinner and brought her circular saw and cut the 2x6s for the steps up for my stairs to the crawlspace. She helped me screw in 2 steps. Legs were cramping up so I will have to do the other two this weekend.

I had sent out pictures of the houses being built at the defunct Barberton Brookside course to the Pencil of the Week guys. MikeB asked about Neil so I told him about our last visit and how depressing it was to see him like that.

Dick said Sally is being sent back from the hospital and it sounded like he was going to put her into Hospice. Tough times for Dick and family.

July 25 2023

Slept well again. Almost missed golf. Had to get out the house fast.

Played Mayfair. Hit the ball better than I had in weeks. Smoking drives, straight irons. Just about all of my irons came up short. Got lots of chipping practice. Not so good on the front scoring a 43. Missed 3 putts by inches. On the back I got the chips closer and saved par several times scoring a 39 for an 82 total. Weird that I had the same score as yesterday yet hit the ball so much better.

Otis had me over to see his condo. It was very nice. All one floor so it had a huge basement with half of it finished. Got Mary out for a walk before vegging the rest of the day.

July 24 2023

Slept well. Got up from REM and was very groggy till I got some coffee.

Played Sanctuary today. Did not have my A game, but scored well. Made a good % of my short putts but still could have picked up 2 or 3 strokes. Went 42-40 = 82 which is a good score. Not many good shots, but I recovered well. Mary was out with Brenda and we got

home about the same time.

Carolyn was over but forgot to bring me the saw I need.

HOA was quiet today. I was surprised I got no response from my weekend email calling for upping the priority of the drainage and pond problems. They are potentially 5 x worse than the road funding. Should be interesting.

July 22 2023

Finally stayed asleep till 7am. Weird dream about a talking baby. After coffee, we got dressed and did the vacuuming. Always amazed at how much dust is around. We then made cookies and did the neighborhood walk. Cut some flowers that got knocked down in the storm the other day and then had lunch.

Vegged the rest of the day watching the Open and playing chess now and then. Wondering how Dick is doing. Might go for ice cream later.

July 21 2023

Played Zoar today. IT played way too short as all the senior tees were up with the short tees. Perhaps 5200 yds. Lots of drives and wedge holes. Nevertheless, I found a way to screw up. 44-39 = 83. Three 3-putts on the front. On the last par 5 on the front I was 2 ft off the green in 3 and took 4 to get down. I did have 2 birdies on the back with short putts but threw inn a triple thanks to a bunker. JohnT pulled out as did Dick.

Dick said Sally was in hospital with a likely stroke. Later on he said she was mostly unresponsive with mouth open and couldn't swallow and he was looking into Hospice. If that is the case she likely will be gone in less than a week once hydration is stopped.

When I read that I was very sad. Gonna hit Dick hard I would expect. I speculate he expected more time with her in the nursing home. Then a stroke abruptly changes everything.

We had dinner and then I got Mary out for a walk. Ran into Linda and a couple of the dog walker anonymous.

July 20 2023

We did the Y class. Pretty brutal. Went to dental cleaning. Mary asked about a sensitive tooth and they want her to go to a endodontist Not very professional as they used an old Xray? This substitute dentist is the same one that sent her there last time where they said it was bone loss and the dentist must not have ever seen it before. We went to Lobys for pizza and it was oh so good.

Finally got around to reading the clarifying shampoo bottle. Quite impressive! Although it is mostly water, it has 5 oils and 5 vitamins in it.

Vicki had her battery tested at the parts store and they said it was toast. Now that she is taken care of I can rest easy again.

July 19 2023

We did the Y class. There was a sub, so it was pretty easy. We got home and had to run over to Vicki's with the battery charger, then off to the HOA lunch. We knew the people there but it was fun. They are a fun group. Em is a hoot and she was there. Food was slow but it was OK. I got an Italian sub.

Vicki brought the charger back. I put the meter on the battery and it looked like the alternator was running. She was going to head to auto zone to have the battery tested. Other than that, there must be something remaining on and drawing current that should not be when it sits.

July 18 2023

Looks like I missed yesterday and somewhere else before that. Played Brookledge yesterday with an 85. More poor putting and a couple of disaster holes did me in. Today was worse at Good Park. Didn't do much right shooting 47-43 = 90 with lots of missed putts. Took me the whole front nine to learn that I had to hit the chips and putts harder uphill. Duh?

We walked just before dinner. Took Aleve before bed. Two days of golf has aggravated my sciatica.

July 16 2023

Church was good but a little weird. The new priest did the homily on a reading that was very clear. A parable about seeding the soil. Everything he said was almost a repeat of the reading. Almost put me to sleep. Methinks he has a long way to go.

We did the neighborhood walk after lunch.

Watched the horses and the golf for awhile, then binge watched the Diplomat season 1 on Netflix. Definitely R rated. We watched several last night and we finished what was left of all 8 episodes. I think it was 4 hrs worth. Very good if you can tolerate all the swearing. They had a bad habit of turning up the music very high once in awhile. That was more annoying. Keep the remote close for those moments.

July 14 2023

Played Ellsworth. Had a good round at 83. Should have been 6 lower. Course was playing short. Most of the senior tees were way up. Had to re-tee on #2. Drive hit a tree and kicked back into the swamp near the tee. Later on I looked up twice on chips #6. These two cost me 4 strokes. Should have broke 80.

Got home and we went to Loby's for the fish fry. It was better than usual with less breading.

July 13 2023

We did the Tabata class. It was rough one again. Lots of sweating.

Left the Y and drove to Kent to take Jacob to lunch. Had an India buffet. It was interesting. I passed on the goat dish. Then we started his wash at the laundromat. Mary stayed and got it into the dryer while Jacob and I went to Kent One Step to dig into problems with registering for fall. The lady saw 2 issues and believed she could fix 1 in a day or two. The second one might go away after that or Don will need to get with HR and figure out why the tuition is not being waived.

We got back before 4pm and dodged a couple of 77 standstills.

July 12 2023

Neither of us slept well but we did the Tabata class. It was rough. We vegged most of the day after that.

I went to my first board meeting from 6 to 830. All went pretty smooth and I got a couple of items rolling. As for the repaving, the property manager will check with their senior leadership as to the best approach and then we will discuss. Choices are special assessment or capital improvement loan as I suggested. Then we will need an updated quote.

Also suggested they make a checklist for the maintenance and grounds walkthrough. My example of caulking needed went to show them why a checklist would help. I plan to work up an example sometime soon. Something to do on the weekends.

On the way over, Richard told me that the president Ken was pretty dang sharp at his age. After the meeting, I can see why. He has a good memory and knows the rules. I have to assume he spends one heck of a lot of time at it.

July 11 2023

Played Arrowhead with the Lockheed guys. Hit the ball well but short game was pitiful. Ground was so hard I had no idea where to land a chip. I do not recall being so bad at the chipping of the ball forever. Counted length of putts made and was at 72 feet today. Had it not been for draining a 45 footer, I would have been at a pathetic 27 feet. Also made a 7 foot putt early. I would gladly trade the 45 footer for 6 of the short ones I had missed. Nothing was working, not even one handing them.

Went to Rudy's tonight for dinner, Jane too. Beautiful house, pool, deck, and hot tub. Food was good too. Just made it home before dark.

July 10 2023

The Open was so exciting I forgot to post last night even though I had written it up. Two painful observations by the broadcast team. One lady had not missed a putt under 5 feet the entire tourney. A charging Ms Hull had made 150 feet of putts by the 16 hole. Made me feel quite small.

So today I kept track, shooting 84 at Tannenhaus. I made approximately 41 feet of putts for the round, a 2.3 ft average. I did drain a monster 6 ft putt and two, count em, two 3 footers. Misses under 5 feet? Lets just say a bunch. Well, an opening snowman and a bunch of under 5 foot putts kept me from breaking 80. Did par the last 3, missing birdie putts of 4 feet and 12 feet. Playing very well these days but the putting is very sad.

The clarifying shampoo has lemon something which removes the dull residue. Got to take my glasses in to read the very small print but I am sure there is more info of interest on that bottle. Stay tuned.

July 9 2023

Went to church. After a bit we decided to go to the mall food court for a feeding. We got the bourbon chicken at the stir fry. It was good but way too much. One around the mall walk and then we watched the Women's Open.

July 8 2023

Slept in after not getting to sleep till 2ish. Humidity? Tooth? I don't know. Tried to figure out how to cast the laptop to the TV but either needed a \$15 Ap or something I could not find. So we went off on the walk around 10 to get it in before the heat and rain.

Tried to duck tape the swing cover cause its too big. May not work but worth a try. Then caulked around the tub- floor interface. I had pulled off the cruddy old stuff earlier this week. Not as nice as I would like but looks OK.

Picked up some stuff at Acme. Then we made some cookies and a stir fry for dinner.

July 7 2023

Started out good, almost birdied 1 and 2 and had 4 straight pars before my 9 on the water hole missing a short one. Finished with 42. Back nine was pitiful missing another 4 short ones. Finished with 86 for the day. Very disappointing.

We had Loby leftovers and then got a walk in before vegging. Ran out of shampoo the other day. Using clarifying shampoo now.

Looks like my screen cracked when I dropped phone. Bill said it was the protector but I could not even pry up a corner. Not too bad right now. Have to see if it expands.

July 6 2023

Lousy sleep. Got up and took an ibuprofen and did sleep in finally. Did the Tabata at the Y and worked up a good sweat once again.

Around 120 we went to Loby's. Mary had pizza and I had chicken tenders. They were

huge. I cut them small for munching and brought half home as did Mary. More ibuprofen after dinner. Getting old.

Cushion and top covers came for the swing but it is way too big. Have to figure out how to adapt it. My stocks tanked today. Not sure why. There was no news and nothing in the wind.

July 5 2023

We did the Wednesday Y class. Lots of sweat! Had lunch after, then we went over to finish Vicky's garage patch. Sanded and painted. Looks OK. Not perfect but what I would have done if it was mine, so good enough.

Still poor sleep. Had to take a couple of ibuprofens last night and again today. Now that the swelling is down I can see some discoloration on my left chin. Bet that is dried internal blood from the extraction beating I took.

Still on the soft foods. Got to figure what I can eat ahead of each meal so we have it available.

July 4 2023

We got out to do the walk early before 10am. Very unusual for us but I was seeing it get warm later. It was a nice walk.

Another veggie type day. We went to Ros for hot fudge but they were closed. Went down the road to Milk and Honey and they set us up good.

Not much else to report. Likely hit the Y the next 2 days before Friday golf. We will skip the retiree lunch and the long drive tomorrow.

Jaw is still swollen but not too bad. Can't bite on the tooth next door cause that site is going to take awhile to stabilize.

July 3 2023

I was excited to get another chance at golf while I was hot. Played great but God did not want me to break 80 today. Shot 3 over 38 on the front with 1 birdie. On the back, lost a stroke with an OB on #11 and was doing OK till the last 4. I had two birdie tries, 3 putting both on them with lip outs. Saved one par. Doubled the last hole with yet another short lip out. 38-43 for 81.

Dick and I stopped to see Neil. He was just staring into space and said very little. It was so sad to see him in this state. One wonders why God doesn't just take people away when this time comes. I am sure there is a reason.

Mary made spaghetti for me since it is soft. It sure was nice to have something normal again. Very tasty.

July 2 2023

Church was good with a heartfelt homily about difficult decisions in life and where to get help.

Veggy day on a soft diet again. Watched the horses and golf. No luck. Came close on pick4 getting 3 of 4 missing a decent payoff.

Rickie Fowler won the golf so I will wear orange this week. Bid on some irons that end tomorrow. Won't likely win Taylor Made 2021 set with a \$300 limit. Might have to fix my old irons where the head is coming off. The new clubs just don't have the right active shaft.

We got a walk in around 2 when it was safe. Later on we watched 3 lectures on the brain. Up to #20 now.

July 1 2023

Happy Birthday Jenna is 20 today.

Horrible sleep as expected. Slept in the chair an hour and 40min around 2pm and then maybe another hr in bed. Surprisingly awake all day. Bleeding did not stop till 2pm but I had to grab some yogurt at 4am as my stomach was complaining. Still a bit leaky till mid morning when things got better. Got out the ice bag to take the swelling down and used that on and off all day.

Watched the horses but missed one in the pick 5 and already missed the pick 6. Bummer.

Mary took good care of me. Oatmeal for breakfast, yogurt lunch, and scrambled eggs and tea and toast for dinner. Feeling pretty good today and hope to be ready for golf Monday to see if I still have some magic.

June 30 2023

Another month flew by. Finally we got air relief. We went to Walmart to get groceries since I did not feel I would be wanting to go anytime soon after my tooth extraction.

As usual I put the dental wizard to the test. The tooth was wrapped around the jaw and then turned outward. It took him 3 sessions and 3 X rays to get the job done. On the Xray it looked like a handlebar mustache as they turned up. On the last session he got one root out. The other one had to be left in. It was so long it was close to the nerve and would be too dangerous to mess with. Since it had a root canal it should be OK.

Guy was impressive. He had 3 in the chair and multiplexed pretty well. Guy1 after me, left before me. Other guy had to lay around and wait for my ordeal. I was in there a good hour and maybe 15 min.

Mary is taking good care of me. Scrambled egg and tea for dinner. Might lose a pound or 2. Well it is 4 hrs later and I am still seeing red. Hope it settles and I can sleep tonight.

June 29 2023

Another smoke day, so I skipped golf. Did drive to Hartville for a haircut. Needed one pretty bad.

We did some vacuuming and I painted a few spots where I had added mud near the tub that needed repair due to water. Veggie kind of day.

June 28 2023

Wow. After 2 gloomy days, today is unhealthy air day topping out at almost 300. Canadian wildfire smoke thrown down from Canada by a low pressure cell. Very hard for me to breathe out there. Was going to go to Loby's but we stayed in.

We did go out at 2:30 after Viking Glass called and said my window was ready. We picked it up and installed it in the guest bedroom and it looks great. Made another trip to UPS pickup carrying my stool in a box for Colo-guard. Gave them a big sample.

June 27 2023

Tabata at the Y this morning. Quite a workout. After lunch we made some cookies.

Hung out till the foot doctor appointment late afternoon.

June 26 2023

Smoking hot at Chenoweth today. Did the front in 37 only marred by a double on the water hole where it barely went in and I missed a short boggy putt. Started the back with 3 more pars but chipping too short and got 40 on the back taking a double on 18. First chunk of the day trying to carry the water. Oh well, 77 was good. With a little luck it could

have been a 73.

We got lucky with the rain once again letting us be dry. Super good!

Jacob made some headway getting back into Kent. Maybe he will be back in by the end of the week. Navigating the Kent billing is insane.

Mary went to the Y today. We will likely go tomorrow.

June 25 2023

Church today was fine. After church we did the walk in the hood. It was quiet till Jacob and Carolyn stopped over for pulled pork at 4pm.

Vegged the rest of the day.

June 24 2023

Up early unfortunately. Went over to Vick's to finish the drywall patch but with the humidity and the thick mud I had put on it was still not cured. I smoothed it out and put another thin layer. Will have to wait and see.

Picked up some items at Acme, watched some races, and took the walk in the hood. After dinner we went for hot fudge and drove thru the condos just back of our development. They has curbs and the roads had been repaved. Similar but generally higher HOA fees. Also re-read some of the minutes. Looked like they had built up to 235K early on and have been around 135K reserves since 2015. Will read more recent tomorrow.

Watched 3 more lectures in the Phycology series.

June 23 2023

Played Brookledge as the rain threatened all day but we stayed dry like the good old days. I had a great front nine at 41 marred only by missing 2 short ones. On the back I also hit it well but putting and bunkers did me in. Finished with 46.

We had a close match between groups and we tied nets with 68, 70, and 72 nets. Pretty amazing.

Mary whipped up tacos for dinner. We have been eating out so much it was time to cook something.

June 22 2023

Got an appointment to have my tooth cut out for next Friday so I will miss golf then.

We did the Y and Mary got many zone minutes. I did as well but not as many as her. Had lunch when we got home, then went over to Vicki's and mudded where I patched her garage. Got to go back Saturday and smooth it out and re-coat.

After that we watched Belmont racing and I went thru a bunch if meeting minutes. I only found mention of 19 buildings being re-roofed out of 48 but another 4-8 mentioned with no unit numbers. Maybe the board has better info.

June 21 2023

Had our HOA meeting and they needed 2 new board members. Dick M railroaded neighbor Laura to come back for financials and she railroaded me into being VP. I think they want to dump President on me next year. After the meeting, one lady came over to me and said she would be praying for me. What did I get into?

I will be telling them not to expect me to remember anyones name AND that I will cost them money. Needless to say I slept poorly after that development.

I was up at 7 but went back to bed at 730 and slept till 915 so we had to hurry dressing

for the Y class. Was pretty easy though. From there we went to HOA lunch. It was a small crowd. Us 2 and the Richardsons. Food was OK.

Then to the dentist where they said not enough left for the crown they did last January. Looks like the one that retired just wanted to make a few more bucks on me before she bailed. Got to get the surgeon to do it.

Watched a video on Rip Rap, as one owner was complaining about erosion on the retaining pond. Went over and looked at her issues. Looks like there is a need but the urgency is not there. Her point is they need to plan for a fix and not keep kicking it down the road. I agree. The present board seems to like to do that without committing to anything.

All in all, a busy day. Not one of the best days I have ever had.

June 20 2023

Played Mayfair today. The slump is over! I worked on trying to hit good irons on the front and finally clicked on the back. Driving and chipping was excellent and my putting improved. Shot 44-37 finishing with 2 birdies. The front pins really helped, I just tried to bounce it a bit short and it worked like a charm. Had they hid those pins behind a bunker I would have been maybe 4 strokes higher,

Dinner will be soon then we head to HOA meeting. Not expecting much. Hopefully they have priced repaving.

June 19 2023

We did the FF at the Y. Mary stayed with Brenda and I took my window to Viking Glass to get a replacement. Likely get it back mid next week.

About 2pm we went up to Kent to take Jacob to lunch, Steve joined us. Back at 5:30 and Wes stopped over to activate a new phone. Still working on sending texts. Receiving is OK.

Houle is back. He played Ellsworth and scored a 108.

June 18 2023

After church, Carolyn, friend Kathryn, and Jenna and were over for a cookout. Kathryn is 90 ish and talks a blue streak with an incredible memory. Holy cow can she talk. Can't hear worth a damn though, so you have to talk loud too. It was fun.

Took the window with the broken seal out and put up cardboard. Will take it to Viking glass for a replacement glass. Will do the Y tomorrow and skip golf. Then head to Kent to take Jacob out to an early dinner.

June 17 2023

Lousy nights sleep but I did sleep 5 to 8 to get in 6 and a half hrs. Project 1 this weekend was to clean the tub out then remove some failing silicon seal and redo that. Took only a couple of hours so that was good. I sent in a polka request to Matt at WZIP for him and Cathy and our wedding anniversary and he got that in before 10am.

Mary's sister Ruth called just before lunch to report her post chemo cancer scan was clean. Great news indeed!

Carolyn is bring stuff over for a cookout tomorrow, so that is all set up. We went to Marcs for several items, watched some US Open golf, and had leftovers for dinner. Just about to head out for the neighborhood walk.

June 16 2023

Big storm passed last night with tornados and hail but we were OK today. Played Chippewa again. Everyone played decent on the front. I had 42. Then everyone tanked on

the back. I honestly don't remember a worse 9 holes of golf collectively for our group. Mel 61? Denny 57? Twas pitiful. I five putted #10. Don't think I have done that since I have retired 13 years ago. Made one 6 footer but missed a ton on 3 footers. Pitiful 91 for the day. Still poor iron play for yet another week.

We stopped for dinner at Loby's. Mary had the fish fry. I had a few of her fries, but was not hungry after getting a sausage at golf. Wasn't that tasty either. Market was down also. Sofi had been up with two upgrades early in the week, but was downgraded by 2 today and was hammered all the way back down.

To sum up, crappy weather, crappy golf, crappy food, and crappy stock action for me today. Now I have a headache from just thinking about it.

June 15 2023

We did the Tabata class and it was tough. Was still a little sore from the day before. We got home and Mary changed to take Jenna on an early shopping trip for her birthday. She got shoes and shorts and a couple of shirts at American Eagle. Was too many rips in those overpriced shorts.

While they were gone, the garage door people showed up. Could not believe they changed out the door in under 40 minutes. Looks great and is much sturdier than the old one.

Had my leftover salmon and rice from yesterday. First few bites got stuck in the way down and took way too long to go down. Maybe 5 minutes with hiccups. Did not like it one bit. I think the teaspoon of olive oil helped.

Went over to Neighbor Vicki's and screwed a couple of drywall pieces in. Will go back next week to tape and mud. Will need a couple of passes.

June 14 2023

Mary talked to her sister Ruth last night. She is waiting on her cancer rescan after chemo. She has a swollen foot for some reason. Dennis is back in the hospital for low blood pressure again. Thought he was out but now back in.

Today was our 54th Anniversary. Time flies when your having fun. The months fly by these days.

We went to the Y for FF class. Less cardio but more weight reps. I sure was a bit sore later in the afternoon. Mary not so much pain. We thought about taking in a movie but nothing playing seemed very interesting. We gave the bedroom a good cleaning and did some wash. Way too much excitement.

We decided to go somewhere we don't usually go for a change; Outback. The food was good but we had to bring some home. Did leave enough room for Coldstone Creamery after.

June 13 2023

Busy day. We did the Tabata class and it was rough since we have not gone for a couple of weeks now. We did survive and am looking forward to an easier go of it tomorrow.

Above and Beyond Garage Door came at my request so I could order a compatible door. Ours is cracking at the top where the motor pulls and pushes during open and close. That is a lot of flexing after 25 years. The new one will be sturdier. Surprisingly they can do it Thursday. Things must be slow in home building. There goes \$2500.

June 12 2023

Weather man was very wrong today. Was supposed to get up to mid 60s but never did. Not only that, the radar showed the rain was done, but it was misting and drizzling for 16 of the 18 holes. Started with 2 pars and had a good front nine at 5 over 40, but 46 on the

back. Lots of short irons as the wet ground just stuck the balls. Rudy had a good round till the last 3 holes. Lucky I had enough cold weather gear to choose from.

June 11 2023

Church today celebrated a 50 yr anniversary of a retired priest who did the service. He was very good and was in a wheelchair. There were 8 other priests there to celebrate with him. And they passed out the communion. I went up for a blessing with my arms crossed. Don't do that unless it is a priest. Don't feel the lay people passing out the communion are worthy of giving a blessing IMHO. The celebrated priest had nearly a third of the people there from his family. It was quite an impressive service.

We did the walk after church to beat the rain expected at 3pm. Not much rain at all after waiting 21 days. We watched 3 more lectures on Psychology. 9 down, 25 to go.

June 10 2023

Quiet morning. We slept in and went for the neighborhood walk around 11. Hung loose before heading to Kent to pick up Jacob at 5pm. He was working till 3.

Picked him up and took him to Marshalls for some new clothes. He had put on a bit of weight and needed some Large vs Medium. Good prices there so we got quite a few items. Stopped for some ice cream, dropped him off and headed home.

This was my 4th trip thru the central interchange this week. Golf, Retiree lunch, then twice to Kent. Gets old.

June 9 2023

Played Chippewa today. I made up a rule for the ludicrous triangle holes. If you hit the green, add 2 putts and its over. Applies even if you hit and roll off. That protects against the chip ups and roll backs. John E shot 80. He was hitting em straight. I had 85 with 3 penalties but my putting is getting better. Its down to a poor rating as opposed to sickening.

We went to Lobys when I got home. It was later than usual because of the late tee time.

June 8 2023

We went to Kent to visit with Jacob and take him to lunch. Went to a Chinese buffet and it was very good. Had all my favorite chicken dishes. The desert tray was a bit skimpy. Nothing stood out. We got stuffed. This is the 3d day in a row I have run the 77/76 gauntlet to east of Akron (golf at Sunny Hill, Retiree lunch, and Kent).

Later we did the usual walk. I checked the air quality and it was under 100 so we walked. Hope the air isn't bad for golf tomorrow. Mel dropped out.

June 7 2023

Retiree lunch today. Sat with JohnR, Hogan, Hujar, Messner, and Ian. Was fun. Got into politics a bit but it was light fare. Picked up a faucet vacuum repair kit for neighbor Vicki's outdoor hose faucet and fixed that for her. She is in her 80s and lives alone. Once the drywall dries, I can patch it for her.

Later we picked up some essentials at Walmart and did the usual walk.

More big market gains today as my banking stocks are making a comeback that started last week and is continuing. I was down and out after they dropped big time, but are now ahead of the game with them. I worry if another bank has problems they will all tank again. Living on the edge.

June 6 2023

Early start at Sunny Hill. Driver still good. Irons made a slight improvement. Hit my best one flush, landed just in front of the hole then bounced off the back. Chipping is coming

around too. Knocked them a bit closer today and gave myself chances which I could not make. Had a birdie putt of 10 ft on the back and 3 putted. More putting woes.

Home early so helped Mary make cookies. Think we finally got it down. No burnt ones this time. Early stir fry so we will walk around 5 today. Retiree lunch tomorrow.

June 5 2023

Monday group played Good Park. Looks like I am still in a slump. Drives were good. Irons were chunky, chipping and putting sucked giving me a 92 for the day. I never made one putt that was not a gimme. Left at least 4 right in front of the hole. Very frustrating to hit poor iron shots on top of the lousy short game.

Filled both cars today since opec is at it again.

We are watching the lecture series Psychology of Human Behavior. Very dry thru session 6. Explaining the history of thought up to Freud so far. His theories are much discounted these days and are just that since there is no way to scientifically prove them. It was interesting to hear what they were though.

June 4 2023

Good church service today. Picked up some prescriptions and had a sandwich for lunch.

Got to the Palace Theater at 2pm for the kiddos dance recital. Kalix took hip hop dance and they told them boys were free, so Z and L both did hip hop. They all did excellent. The recital was 3 hrs with about 30 routines. Very professional and they have some really good high school dancers. Wow. No one I ever knew was that flexible and talented.

Had a small bite to eat and ice cream, then did get our walk in to keep the exercise going.

June 3 2023

We did some wash and went to pick up a few grocery items. Got back and whipped up some stuffed peppers. We each ate one for an early dinner and packed up the other 2 to take to Jacob at Kent. They were awesome and a nice change.

Walked the hood and watered later on. Pretty hot day. Called Jim but he must have been working today.

Belmont picks were not too bad but no payoffs.

June 2 2023

Played Chenoweth with the boys today. Lack of sleep from late nights with our visitors did me in. I did nothing well getting only 2 pars the whole day. Even 4 putted. Pretty pathetic display. Only Bill and JohnT played well.

Walked the hood when I got home. Mary was stuck inside all day so I had to get her out and about.

Dave and Kim headed back to Buffalo this morning. Took them 3 and a half hours which is pretty darn good.

Carolyn went to Kent the other day to help Jacob find out the damages from dropping the classes. Looks like he owes a bunch unless Don can get it waived for him. Might have to put his education on hold till he gets through his 2 months of probation.

June 1 2023

We went with Dave and Kim to HH and the Marketplace. Dave picked out 3 items for his lathe and Carolyn picked them up with her discount and saved him \$80. Quite a markup on that stuff. Wes came over and visited. After shopping Wes got the kids and we went for an ice cream lunch.

We went to Bob Evans for dinner. Surprised they were not very busy at all. Carolyn brought the parts she picked up for Dave and brought Jenna to visit also.

May 31 2023

Dave and Kim came in on time last night and we showed them the house. First visit for Kim.

Today Dave found this amazing lumber place, Keim, that rivaled HH in Millersberg. So we trekked down there, an hour drive through massive farmlands of Holmes County. The place was in the middle of nowhere. Dave bought a bunch of project wood scraps Kim thought she could use for art projects. I picked up a rubber chicken squeaky toy. We both have different tastes.

Headed back and had the Loby's burger specials, then played Uno later on. Kim is a big Uno and rummy Q fan. Maybe rummy Q is for tomorrow night.

Tomorrow, Dave wants to go to HH.

May 30 2023

Quiet day. We did the walk in the hood and got ready for Mary's brother Dave and Kim's arrival. Thought they would be here in the morning but they called and said it would be 530ish. We made some cookies and they cooked more even this time as we flattened them before baking.

Only a few iris blooms left. They should be done by tomorrow.

May 29 2023

Say what? I missed 2 nights, We were watching a netflix series called Night Something? Watched 2 Saturday, 2 Sunday, and 2 today. Pretty exciting series so I got caught up in it and forgot all about the Blog. Story about the FBI counter intelligence and secret service with a white house rat or something like that.

Today the Kiddos were over from 12 to 4. I picked up Jacob early and he got caught in the big squirt gun war we seem to have in the warm weather. I had to talk them into a walk to the pond so we could dry off and I could catch my breath. My fitbit credited me with 149 minutes in the zone! That is the zone they want you in to give the heart some good exercise. 149 minutes meant I needed 2 Aleve before bedtime.

Thinking back to Saturday, we walked a lot and had dinner at Carabbas. Sunday was church, more walking, and Giant Eagle ribs purchased outside the entrance. Those are always good.

May 26 2023

Lots of ugly golf played today at Sable Creek. I had 88 and John E 87 but everyone else was struggling. My problem was lookups as was Mel's; Bill's was chipping again. Dick/Denny/Mel did not play well. Bill had a great start. He made a long birdie put on the first par 3, then faded badly. Play was slow approaching 5 hrs. That is my excuse and I am sticking to it.

Mary and I went to Carraba's for dinner. Had a gift card but it turned out there was only 41 cents on it. Been in my wallet for years now.

May 25 2023

Lots of senior moments this morning. We got to the Y for Tabata class and we were waiting. Got our weights and stretching. No one else was so that was odd. Everyone was grooving to Tina Turner (RIP) music she had on. Then class started. Instructor Christine started to her back to us and had her hands up and she starts shaking her butt back and forth. What the? All the other ladies in front of us are shaking their butts back and forth too. It was quite interesting but I wasn't going to try to shake mine. No way.

Then it dawns on me. We had come an hour too early and this was a Zumba class. Put the weights away and we got out of there. I don't even know how to shake my butt and that is a good thing, eh?

We could have stayed in the gym doing the treadmills but we would have to kill an hour. Decided against that so we were off to Walmart to pick up snacks and stuff. Too bad I left the list on the table when we left earlier. Remembered most but missed 2 items. Oh well. We got a neighborhood walk when it warmed up at 2pm.

We had corn on the cob for dinner that we bought earlier. It was basically tasteless. Not sure where they got it from but it was a major disappointment.

May 24 2023

We did the FF class at the Y. Mary stayed for a class with Brenda and Brenda dropped her off after class. No bumming around with her today.

We went to Lobys for the burger special. Erin was in a rare mood today. Great weather once again.

May 23 2023

Great weather day. Played Good Park with Hogan Ivan and Ray. Rough day. Hit the ball well but the rough was brutal. No good shots out of that stuff. Everyones short game was miserable. All the greens are sloped and were fast. Everyone was short and when you babied the short ones, they broke more. I wasted a bunch. I was able to go 42-46 and was low. Ray was at 92, Hogan around 98 and Ivan 105 ish.

I got back home by 2 and after a brief rest did the neighborhood walk with Mary.

May 22 2023

Great weather day. Played Sanctuary with Denny and Dick. Not much play there? Played really well with a 42-42 = 84. Killer was 2 penalty strokes from pulled drives. Saved a bogey on one but the other ended up as a double.

I was recording yardages and found 9l 110, 8l 120, 7l 130, 6l 140, Hybrid 165, 4/5/ were about the same, generally lousy but I need them when on the fairway. The hybrid is iffy off the fairway. Putting wasn't too good. Only 1 three putt. Made a 3, 4, 6, and 7 ft putt, but missed 5 others 3 to 4 feet. I could have been someone.

Got home and got a bogus 788 charge on citi card from Walmart. Called Citi immediately and they will take it off. Called Walmart but they could find no such charge and will escalate. Thought I could learn how it was done since I have a computer generated password for the site. I did switch to a one time code instead of a password.

Mary went to the Y with Linda and stayed for Brenda's class then bummed around with her till 430.

May 21 2023

Nice service today with a baptism, first communions, and confirmations. After church we made cookies. Carolyn came over to catch one episode of Survivor. She is still one behind.

Watched most of the PGA championship till it was clinched. Canadian who went to Kent State faded today. Perhaps because he was paired with the main tour jerko. We then did the walk in the hood.

Should be a good day for Sanctuary tomorrow.

May 20 2023

Crappy morning. Did not get warm till 2pm. We did the neighborhood walk to get some exercise.

Watched most of the PGA championship round 3. Canadian who went to Kent State is close to the lead. Math degree. Wonder if Steve had him in class?

May 19 2023

A little chilly in the morning. Played Sable Creek. Birdied 9 with a putt from off the green and birdied out of the bunker holing the blast shot. Haven't made a birdie from being on the green in 8 rounds. Sad putting. Missed a lot of short ones for par but made the bogey saving ones?

Everyone else but Mel had a rough day. Denny had a 10 and there were a lot of 8s on the card.

May 18 2023

Long long day with a very cold 32 degree start. I wore shorts and was frozen for 3 or 4 holes till it warmed a bit. No pars nor putts made on the front for a 10 over 45. Better on the back with a 43 but I did miss several short ones. No putt made all day. Gonna go one handed tomorrow.

Wicked slice with my new driver on #1. Moved the weight forward on the club. Still sliced but not as much. Tried a couple more drives that sliced. Moved the shaft to neutral. Bummed out. Left it in the bag on the back. When I sliced a 4 iron into the pond on 14 I realized it must be my swing. Corrected to an inside out swing. Teed up the new driver on the next hole and made sure to go inside out. Straight and long! Followed up with 3 more crushed ones. The light bulb went on.

Got home and we went to Lobys for pizza. Around 5 we went and picked up Carolyn and drove out to Dicks out in the Ravenna sticks. Carolyn paid him 2500 for his car and made a good deal. It has 187K miles but Dick is known to take good care of his vehicles. Carolyn seems to like it so far.

Got home around 8pm. Long day!

May 17 2023

Cool today with the wind. Needed a sweatshirt for sure. We went to the Y but skipped out half way thru so we could go to the HOA lunch social at 1130. The usual characters were there but we did meet a couple of new people. Mary had the Bravo Lasagna, Wish I did. My rigatoni was pretty boring.

They auctioned a unit at 5:30. I went down to watch as did several of the natives. It went a tad under 140K which is a steal. One neighbor said it needed a lot of work, but I can't imagine putting more than 40K into it and you could flip it with a profit of 40K. If you did some of the work yourself you could up that.

Another neighbor I talked to had the same thoughts. Too bad I claimed being officially old last fall.

May 16 2023

We did the Tabata class at the Y. Wasn't too bad. Mary went to lunch with Wes for a late mother's day celebration. I had some leftover lunch items from yesterday that she brought home.

Puttered around the yard and pulled some weeds. Quite veggy afternoon.

May 15 2023

Mary went to the Y with neighbor Linda and stayed for a later class with Brenda. They bummed around and she got home around 3.

Played Chenoweth. Up and down round 42-45. Missed at least 4 short putts. After the first 2 I went one handed but later on left a couple of them short too. At least they were on line though. New driver went from slight fade to push slice. Don't think I was getting the club head through in time.

Confirmed later it was a regular plus, a bit stiffer than regular. Doesn't bode well. I moved the weights to draw setting and closed the face this evening. Lets see what that does Friday but I am not optimistic.

May 14 2023

Mothers Day!. Carolyn and Wes and family came over after church. I cooked up the burgers and dogs and Mary got a couple of cards.

After eating. Wes and Kaetchen went for sushi, We took the kids to the pond to rescue a frog we found out back. The kids had fun and named it Dave. It jumped right in.

Nice warm day. With family, it was great!

May 13 2023

We picked up flowers for our 3 front planters and some groceries at Marcs this morning. Also got a hanging basket. Mary potted them up when we got back and had lunch.

When the rain stopped we did the neighborhood walk and talked to a couple of the dog walkers. One said her husband is a battlefield buff. I guess I am not the only one around here.

Wes is going to bring the kids over tomorrow. Should be a fun day on a sun day on Sunday.

May 12 2023

Played Sable Creek today with Friday guys. Shot an 84 with only 2 3-putts. Cut the lookups down to 2 and chipped really well to save at least 4 pars. A couple of short misses and a lost ball on 18 did not help. Had a good time with the guys.

Mary was nowhere to be found when I got home. I did find her keys missing but her purse and phone was still here. Called around without luck. She finally showed up and was walking the hood with the dog walkers. My new driver was delivered. Can't wait to try it Monday.

Mary and I had dinner at the local ice cream stand. They have really big sundaes, almost toxic they are so sugary.

May 11 2023

Played Sable Creek today with Lockheed guys. Shot an 89 with 4 3-putts and 3 or 4 lookups. Should have been around 85. I was telling Ray how busy Tannenhaus was. He said last year they had 52,000 rounds played there. Wow!

Mary and I went to Lobys for pizza. Can't beat the price nohow.

May 10 2023

We did the FF class this morning. It was pretty tame. This instructor is adding Tabata but much milder than Tues/Thurs. Mary stayed with Brenda for the chair yoga and spent the day with her returning at 4pm.

Pretty boring day. Just watched the market and played brain dead 3 min chess. It was a highly embarrassing display.

Talked with Jacob. His PTSD is worse lately.

May 9 2023

We did the Tabata class this morning. It was a bit brutal.

We got a new garage door opener yesterday. Neighbor Tom must have come over to talk to the door guy cause he was over there when we left for the Y and was just leaving when we got back. Tom was out so we chatted for quite awhile. His new door can add a camera. He got the advanced version. I set up the outside pin for the opener. That reduces the chance we get locked out of the house so that could be a godsend.

After lunch we did the neighborhood walk and ran into the dog walkers. I had my rubber duck quack noise maker and they were all impressed.

May 8 2023

Played Tannenhaus with Denny. That place was jammed. Starter said they are getting all the Skyland Pines guys and others from Seven Hills. Sciatica bothered me the whole way and kept me from swinging freely. Did not hit it well on the front but managed a bogey 45. Hit it better on the back and managed a 44 for an 89 total.

Was very bummed that my best drives were around 170, so anything over 330 was out of range. Pitiful. Ground was soft so there was no roll to speak of.

Got home and called around to find a Rite Aid for the booster. We went and got RO's hot fudge on the way back.

Another mass shooting in Texas yesterday. Just a matter of time before it hits home around here.

May 7 2023

Good church service. After church we made Mary's hot German potato salad. I had found the long lost recipe in the box where the record albums were stored. It was pretty awesome. We had it with a burger. I looked thru her cook book cause I know there are many handwritten cards in it. Only positive recipe we found for near term was my mom's oatmeal cookie recipe.

Her recipe was abbreviated so we had to figure it out. Only one we missed was 1 tsp van. Later we figured out it was Vanilla. Su was sugar, Sh was shortening, cin was cinnamon, and bp was baking powder. Sister Sue figured out what sh was. What a riot. They turned out good as well!

Neighborhood walk rounded out the day. After my disastrous picks at Churchill all week, I am pretty sure God wants me to stop wagering on the horses. That is going to be painful. Probably a good idea given my bad stock picks and bad horse pics too.

May 6 2023

Picked up groceries at Walmart and did our neighborhood walk.

Around 5 we headed to Akron to meet Wes' family at the Rubber Duck ballpark. Kalix was singing the National Anthem with her schoolmates. Lincoln made a hat out of a popcorn box and wore it all game.

OMG things have changed. Money is no good there. Everything is credit cards. If you only have cash, they have machines you put cash into and you get gift cards that they will take.

It was a horrible game for the home team. They lost 10-7 but never had a hit till the 5th inning. I was looking at the batting stats. Most all the hitters had more walks than hits. The opposing pitcher hit 4 batters in 2 innings. Lots of walks, lots of stolen bases. The fireworks were good and we got back home at 1030pm.

First time I ever used a phone ticket. The game was 3 hrs and 35 minutes even though the pitchers are now on the clock. Almost dozed off a couple of times.

May 5 2023

Played Brookledge today. JohnT was on fire shooting 83. JohnE had a nice back nine. The rest of us not so good. It was cart path only and with my sciatica and all the walking I was toast. Limped in with 3 doubles to shoot 90. A respectable round otherwise.

Mel was using the old schedule and ended up at Tannenhauf. Old people, go figure.

We went to Lobys when I got back. Mary had the fish. I had the smash burger.

New rug came in for living room. Found a good price at Target for a 10 by 12. Looks good.

May 4 2023

Played Arrowhead today. Most of the tees were up so it was pretty short about 5000 yds but it was extremely wet to balance that out. Two pars and a double on the front for an eight over 43. The back is longer but I was able to play a little better scoring an 85.

At least 4 – 3 putts today, but most disappointed in my chipping. I did try hard to focus on the last chip and was able to make a better play. When I take the time to see the shot in my mind I can adjust the swing length properly and get much closer. Got to work that into my routine.

Got home in time for the shower door guy. Turns out the handles on the inside door were poorly designed. It is supposed to be wide enough to catch the other door so they don't slide past each other. It is supposed to catch the edge of the outside door and they then slide together. The handle in question was not wide enough to catch the other door so it slid past and then squeaked every time when it hit the outside door glass. He turned the handle around so the shorter side misses the glass as it slides by. Kind of a hack but it will work.

Then the Habitat guys showed up around 4pm. They took the 2 hollow doors I replaced, the 2 sinks I could not use, and 3 riding toys the kids have outgrown. Got rid of a lot of crap today, eh?

Horrible week in the stock market. The Banking crises was over they said, until it wasn't. Having seen a good chance to profit on the rebound, I picked up PACW which has gone down 2/3 of the value. Shame on me.

May 3 2023

Felt a lot better today. Yet another crappy day with cold and rain. We went to the retiree lunch. Good talking with the old crew. Messner said Darryl Paden passed away from Alzheimers. Doesn't seem like he moved back to Indy too long ago. Three years maybe?

Talked to Jacob tonight. He is doing OK.

May 2 2023

Yikes I had lousy sleep last night. Seemed to have a disagreeable stomach last night. It seemed too full and was gassy. Got up and took some gasX and went to bed. Seemed to help a little but not much help. Took some tums and that did not help. Usually helps but not today. Struggled with that all the way till 10am. Had to skip the Y being tired and all.

Did not feel good till afternoon. Drank lots of water to flush the system. Skipped lunch and had crackers and soup for dinner. Hope tonight and tomorrow are different.

Pretty much a lost day for me.

May 1 2023

Well, no golf as the wind chills were in the 30s today. Rained on and off but not as bad as expected. We went to the Y and did the FF class. The place was jammed? There were 53 in the class today. Brenda is still at home with some knee issues to go with her skin

procedure on her nose. Rough couple of weeks for her.

Had lunch when we got back. Talked to Dick. He is making progress with his move. I moved some stuff to the shelf I put up yesterday and have a little more closet room.

Found a wedding invite for our ceremony. How about that. Thought they were all gone by now.

April 30 2023

I had forgotten to mention a few weeks back when we watched the kiddos, they watched a muppet show. OMG the star was Lena Horne. I looked her up and yes she was indeed dead for a long while. Was born in 1919, same year as mother. Holy crap. It was a shocker to me for some reason.

Church was nice. Some first Communions. So good to see the kids take to it. After church I picked up a storage rack at Harbor Freight and we set it up in the basement. Will use it to offload some closet stuff like golf balls and such.

Went to the Roadhouse for a 245 dinner. Still busy but the lunch crowd was gone. The place is a gold mine. They were lined up outside when we left. Interesting. I saw a guy a few tables away not looking good. They called 911 and it took 9 minutes for the paramedics to get there. They wheeled him out but he looked alive. Now I know the Jackson Township guys are reasonably fast to arrive.

April 29 2023

Another rainy day. We cleaned the floors today. Vacuum and steam mostly, and scrubbed down the bathroom floor and washed the rugs. That was a chore. We finished a puzzle.

No luck with the ponies. The Big A was sloppy and wet. CD opened but the first 2 races were big upsets. Tossed in the towel early.

Came across an Otis Redding vinyl that was selling for \$50. Got to figure out how to sell it. Perhaps Carolyn can sell on Facebook?

Can't wait for May. April has been too rainy and cold.

April 28 2023

Rainout again so I slept in and recovered from last night. Another crappy day. We mostly did puzzles. Went to Acme (A) and picked up some cod for dinner. It was awesome baked and flakey. Usually head to Loby's but not in the mood today.

Not much else happening. Going to be crappy all weekend it looks like. Doing well at the Big A. Hit another pick 4 and am nudging my way back.

April 27 2023

Terribly poor sleep but dragged my zombie self to the Y for Tabata class. Rough go of it today. For some reason she was going at a higher than normal pace.

Had the garage door guy look at the poor performance. He suggests replacing the transmitter board. They will order and replace at about 2x the price I could have got it for.

Looks like rainout tomorrow but it could miss us. We shall see in the morning.

April 26 2023

We went to HD around 10am to pick up 4 more bags of mulch. Brutal lifting and lugging. I ain't what I used to be. It was a struggle. We unloaded them and spread in the back. Also planted some marigold seeds Steve brought over for Easter. We shall see if any grow. My Fitbit said I had 9 zone minutes, Mary had 30 (minutes over a 90 heart rate). Not as good as the Y but better than nothing.

Talked to Jacob. He is doing OK but a bit down lately. Carolyn came over to watch Survivor and helped me move the 2 sinks into the garage so Habitat Restore could pick them up next week.

April 25 2023

Finally a decent day with sunshine. Still cold though. We did the Tabata class at the Y. Rough but doable. After lunch I looked thru more vinyl. OMG I found a classic. Herbie Mann Live at the Village Gate! Coming Home! One of the all time greatest jazz songs. Also has Summertime and It Ain't Necessarily So. They are selling it online for \$40.

Yeah, when I lived at home my first 21 years, I had this big floor radio about 4-5 ft high with a 12 inch woofer. Listened to the Buffalo Black radio station WBLK and grooved to James Brown, Wilson Pickett, The Commodores, Mary Wells, and all the oldies.

Also was into Saturday night jazz on WBEN. Jazz always started out with a melody that ran for a few minutes, then they went improvising like crazy for awhile before returning to the melody to finish. Herbie Mann, Brubeck (Take 5), Herbie Hancock (Watermelon Man). Favorite song was Song for my Father by Horace Silver. I will post that one on my web page.

Guy from Viking glass came to look at why our new shower door is squeaking. He fixed the tracks but it still is noisier than it should be. Have to call them tomorrow.

April 24 2023

Pretty crappy day three in a row now. Against better judgement we played Sanctuary. Their price is up to \$40 but the course is in awesome shape. Shivering thru the first 5 with lots of doubles, I finished par birdie double for a 45. Lots more doubles on the back for an equal score.

It snowed lightly several times and there were ice crystals on the green slowing putts. On top of it all it was cart path only and my fitbit said I had walked 3.45 miles. No wonder my back was getting stiff.

We started another puzzle later since the crappy weather is expected to continue.

April 23 2023

Pretty crappy day two in a row now. Nice service at church, then we hunkered down and finished the puzzle we started yesterday. Hit a nice pick 4 at Aqueduct to get a little back.

Bought a bluetooth record player a couple of weeks back to check out all my old vinyl I had saved. So far, I have a few classics. Played a couple from each and tossed 2 that were trashed. So far my prize possession is Jr Walker and the All Stars Greatest Hits. That thang is from 1969, the year we were married. It has Shotgun, Roadrunner, and other goodies like Pucker up Buttercup.

Found someone had Disco Duck. Pretty cool! Has Silly Love Songs and Kung Fu Fighting! I got Polka Party album and more Rudolf the Red Nose cuts than you can shake a stick at across 4 different albums. Jimmy Durante versions too.

Of special note, I have the Letter People. This one Carolyn knows all the words too as she grew up listening and learning about all the letters. OMG!

April 22 2023

Pretty crappy day. Never got out of the 40s and rained all day. We went to Walmart to pick up some groceries mid morning. After lunch we started a puzzle to pass the time. I played Keenland badly but did win a small pick 4 at Aqueduct. Mary caught up with some wash.

I moved all our February south pics to the cloud. Some good memories going thru some of them.

April 21 2023

Played Tannenhau. Started in a groove with 6 pars in 7 holes finishing the front in 3 over 39. I was mostly hitting the green in regulation so no chipping the front nine. Started missing the greens on the back and was not chipping well so was 6 over after 5 on the back. Finished with a 7 over 43. God has been toying with me with another close to breaking 80 round. Maybe I can keep my focus Monday at Sanctuary.

We went to Loby's for fish and enjoyed the outdoor dining.

April 20 2023

We did Tabata at the Y then hurried off to Akron General for my PVR test. Took less than 30min and all the readings were normal. I spent 5 min on a treadmill but it was very light and my heart rate never got over 82. Pretty useless test. Seeing that the blood flow is normal it must be nerve pressure causing the exercise discomfort in my left ankle. I guess that's a good thing.

Wes said Z and K were ill with stomach issues and a fever today. So far we are OK. Let us hope that continues. Bill's back still is an issue so we will have only 4 tomorrow for golf. Talked to Jacob. He is doing ok.

April 19 2023

We did the FF Wednesday class. The instructor tried Tabata on the group. I was surprised. She was a bit tamer than Christine who does Tues/Thurs Tabata. Mary stayed for the class with Brenda. Wes asked if we could watch the kids for trivia so we planned that. I set up a pickup of the sinks I did not use with Habitat for Humanity for May 4th and filled out my paperwork for my Akron General test tomorrow.

Wes called at 4pm and said Z was puking after school. We went anyway with him staying in his room. They probably should have stayed home because he never did feel better. We got home at 9pm pretty worn for the day.

April 18 2023

I was up too early at 630. We were all up by 800 and had eggs and toast for breakfast. Thanks to Carolyn for bringing over some eggs last night even though she was tired. They headed out at 930 and we set about getting things back to normal. Mowers were busy outside as they finally got to cutting.

Plan is to veg out today, catch up on sleep tonight, and get back to the Y tomorrow. I was glad to see that Dawn thought T-Rump was a fool and a disaster. Quite a surprise as she had been a staunch Republican for years. Guess she isn't so easily duped like some others I know.

April 17 2023

We were all up by 830 and had eggs and toast for breakfast. Dawn showed us lots of pics from her home in NZ and answered questions. Ginny and John were over by 10. Made 3 pots of coffee. Eventually they all headed to the mall to shop the stores there.

They brought me some wings after they ate out. More discussion about NZ and the USA and some TV rounded out the evening.

April 16 2023

Nice morning before the storm came through it was 80, then down to the 50s by bedtime. Wes and the kids were over but our visitors were delayed so they had to leave by 3pm. Kids had fun. We took Casper on another walk. Police car stopped to ask how the invisible cat was doing. Lincoln corrected him and said it was a dog named Casper.

The visitors arrived at 5pm after a long long ride from Chicago. Dawn was presenting at a conference there so got a lot of her trip paid for by the University of Canterbury. She

lives in Chistchurch, NZ and works in the University administration and does some teaching there.

We were up talking till almost 1030pm. Ginny and John are staying at the nearby Holiday Inn while Dawn and Jim are staying here.

April 15 2023

Another great day. Got out all the stuff from the garage to put out after the mulch party was done. Carolyn came over at 3 and did 5 bags. Wes and the kids a little later. Looks like I could use 3 more bags.

The kids did their egg hunt and we had dogs and burgers. The kids found things to do. We walked Casper down the street over the hill and down to the lake and back. Casper is my ghost dog on the end of one of them stiff ropes. He doesn't eat much or make any messes.

We took inventory of what we needed for tomorrows cookout and picked up what we needed at the store. Busy day wore us out.

April 14 2023

What a fantastic day today. Mid 70s and no one ahead of us or pressing us on the golf course. Everyone had a decent round except Rudy. He played well but kept hitting it left. He was in 2 ponds and had 3 Obs for 5 penalty strokes. Mel and JohnT played well their first time out.

Very pleased but surprised by the fast play. Last week when it was cold there was a swarm of golfers there. Not so today.

I had an amazing round hitting everything well and chipping awesome. I had 9 one putts and missed 4 short ones. I could have been someone! Even so, I could have come in at 78 but I hit my drive OB and missed a 2 footer to take a 6 on 18 and settle for 80. Once again God didn't want me breaking 80.

Stopped for a haircut. They were finally open! Best bet is Friday for haircuts they say.

April 13 2023

We did the Y interval training today. Happy to report it was hard but no issues for me. Must have been the humidity I have to be aware of. Stopped at Buehlers but they were out of canned shrimp. Forced us to go to Acme where we found it in the freezer isle. What a pain.

Carolyn stopped over to watch Survivor after dinner.

April 12 2023

We did the Y FF today. It was pretty tame for a change. Mary stayed for Brenda's class and went out to lunch. I hooked up the hose out back. Had to use the stripper tool again to smooth the threads on the outdoor faucet so I could get the hose to screw on. Cleaned off the outdoor table with the hose.

We walked later. My hips were pretty sore but I had no issues with my arms which was good. So maybe I still have a few years left.

Talked to Jacob again. He seemed good. JohnT called to say he would play Friday. It is warm enough for him so I did expect he would play.

April 11 2023

We did the Y intervals today. I am a little worried as my arms are experiencing some numbness with all the swinging around that we do. That is similar to the warning signs I had when walking the hood back in 2015 that I went to get checked out. This, however is a much more rigorous exercise than walking. Have to see if just walking the hood does

similar.

We had lunch and then headed to Lowes to get the Mulch. I dragged 10 bags onto the cart then started to put them in the car and someone offered to help. I took advantage of that and he did about half of them. Moving them from the car to the back was more challenging. Mary helped with 3 of them and I eventually got the other 7 back there. Could have used Jacob for sure.

April 10 2023

We had a good Easter. Church was good. Came back and started the dinner. Wes was working and he kids went to the island so we only had 7 for 10lbs of ham. We sent some home with Steve, Kathy, and Carolyn but there is still 3-4 lbs left. Going to be tough t eat all that so we froze some.

We watched the Masters after dinner. Glad a PGA pro won.

Today Denny and I played Tannenhau. We flew around in less than 3 hrs. Denny had 94 and I had 87. My chipping was very good but I missed too many putts. Irons were decent but my timing was off and they were shorter as a result.

April 8 2023

One year from now there will be a total eclipse of the sun in Cleveland! Hope to be around for that.

We went for lunch items at the grocery store as sister Sue was going to be here to say hi to us and sister Catherine. She stayed till 4pm or so. Catherine brought her usual war chest of candy, coffee, and goodies. We went over all the power outage stories from two weeks ago for entertainment, Gave them a tour of the latest door and paint upgrades here on the Preserve.

We watched the Woodward at the Big A. My choices came in 2nd and 3d by a neck. We will be up early for church and then get the ham in the oven for 2pm dinner.

April 7 2023

Fireplace guy came to service the unit. \$200 for ½ hr work was a ripoff. I wanted it serviced since I know nothing about them but at that cost I had better learn.

Played Mayfair with Dick, Denny, and Rudy. I played well and only had 1 – 3 putt all round. Left at least 4 right by the hole. Keeping the iron tempo is really working well. Everyone played well. We played wolf and I ended up paying everyone on my birthday. Had 2 pars on the front and 5 on the back for an 84. Denny had 89, Rudy 97 and Dick 100. Rudy was smacking his drives long the back nine.

Wes was over when I got home. Play was so slow it took a lot longer today. He took my old plumbing fixtures figuring he might be able to use them.

April 6 2023

We did the interval training this morning. I found it difficult to catch my breath today, Second last set I skipped one interval. The last set I skipped half of them. Talked to instructor after and she said it was likely the humidity in there today. I will have to watch it on humid days and stay inside this summer.

We talked to a couple of ladies that were speaking a foreign language there. They were from Lebanon. One has been here since the 90s, the other more recent. Told them bro-in-law Dennis Noah is from there. They did not think Noah was a Lebanese name but many immigrants were given new names at Ellis Island when they came over. I will have to ask him about that.

We did the baskets today and colored the eggs. Looks like the Kiddos are going to the island today so we wont put the plastic eggs out till next week.

Bill said he was heading to Wilmington and would be out 2 Fridays. Quite risky given his recent afib this week. Along those lines, Houle will be out a couple of Mondays on doctors advice. Has arthritis in his back pretty bad and it needs to rest.

April 5 2023

We went to the retiree lunch and had a good time. Sat with Hogan, JohnT, JohnR, and talked to Babyak and Brady.

We went to Kohls to pick up a belt and I ended up getting a suit jacket and some under shirts. Then we stopped for Coldstone.

Carolyn came over for a call to Jacob and to watch Survivor,

April 4 2023

We did the intervals at the Y this morning. Good workout. Got home just as the crew to remove the tree that was downed last week. They made quick work of it. Aleve helped with my golfing aches and pains. After we got home we did some yard weeding to take out those dreaded white flowering weeds.

Douche bag T-Rump was indited. Thank you NY.

Somehow my apple calendar hooked up with google. Now we get the calendar alerts on our phones. How? Beats me. Also, Soundcloud starts playing in the car. Thought it did not work without wifi? Another odd development I have no clue about.

April 3 2023

Time marches on. Mary went to the Y with Brenda and out to Applebees for lunch. I played an unexpected stellar round at Fox Den. It was warm enough to play in a sweatshirt the front and even that came off on the back nine. 4 pars and a double on each side for 83. I finally made a putt on 16 (2 feet) and then again on 18 (5 feet).

Did good on maintaining a tempo on each shot. Really paid off. Dick played well with 89, Denny had an up and down day but drilled at least 4 putts. Houle will be a problem this year. He fell on the first hole, and was very shaky on 15 before falling again on 17. Denny was riding him right up to his ball even though it was path only. The Monday group has already lost Clyde, Darrell, and Cline to the grim reaper plus King withdrawing with breathing issues. A sad group.

April 2 2023

Long church on Palm Sunday. It is nice that they read all the account of the arrest and crucifixion to the whole church that they may learn or be refreshed with the details.

We picked up some candy for the egg hunt and loaded up 60 eggs. Got some more dogs in case the kiddos came over but they never did. Picked up pirogi for dinner and they were very good.

Tried the pick 6 at Gulfstream but made pitiful choices.

April 1 2023

Nice morning then more storming. Power was off on off and finally settled at 4pm. Getting tired of this crap.

Got a door knob at HD. Put it in in the up bath room because it had a lock. Moved that one to the bedroom. Still nice so we vacuumed the cars, took the new door frame I did not use down to the basement.

Played a Pick 5 and won 150. Nice win for a change. Key was to bet the hot jockeys on good horses. We also finished a tough puzzle. Worst we did so far this winter.

March 31 2023

Good riddance to March. Cold and rainy all month. Humbug.

Up early due to dang dreams. Mary slept in. About 9:30 put the last trim strip on the door installed yesterday. Then we went up and changed the hinges on the door I took off and installed it in the up bedroom. Of course I had to pull the trim off and re shim it but got it done in a little over 90 minutes. Wow, I am getting good at it.

We did some of the puzzle then haded to Little Flower for their fish fry. It was real good and we were filled in spite of setting one piece of fish aside that was under cooked. Since we were full we didn't ask for a new piece. Dessert was awesome cherry cheesecake.

March 30 2023

Tabata intervals Y class was crowded. Real good workout. I was up to 140 a couple of times.

We worked on the puzzle till 230 and headed to Loby's for an early dinner. I had the pizza, Mary had the stuffed peppers. They were huge.

Carolyn came over to watch Survivor so I had her bring up the new door I had stained. Of course it wasn't fitting so I pulled off the trim, knocked out the shims on the frames, found my door screws, and quickly shimmed it to perfection. Put the one trim back on and need 10 minutes tomorrow to get the other side on.

Took less than an hour. My first thought was I am getting quite good at door replacement, if I must say so myself. Then I remembered the devil of the time I had with the up bathroom door I switched from my closet.

Next I am going to move the door I took off upstairs and replace the hollow door to the 2nd bedroom. Not so easy as I have to turn around the hinges on it to fit up there.

March 29 2023

Ugh. Last Wednesday of the month at Y is always line dancing which we always forget. So we did the treadmill. Mary stayed and did a class with Brenda. We had lunch and headed to the foot Dr.

We both got clipped then stopped at Acme for some snacks and other items. Was getting windy and cold. Supposed to be in the 20s in the morning. Enough is enough!

Carolyn was going to come for Survivor tonight but Jenna has car problems. Think we will make cupcakes in case the kiddos come over this weekend.

March 28 2023

We did the Tabata interval class and it was a struggle today. Must have been tired after crawling around on the floor to paint the door yesterday. We headed home, had lunch and put polyU on one side of the new solid oak door. Other side after dinner tonight

Denny called with a couple of Brookledge tee times so I updated the schedule. Was not able to get thru to all. Windmill was closed as was a couple of others.

March 27 2023

We did the FF class and Mary stayed for the next class with Brenda. I headed home, had lunch and stained one side of the new solid oak door they delivered Sunday. Mary had lunch out with Brenda.

After dinner, Mary helped me turn the door over and I stained the other side. Looks great. Tomorrow the polyU goes on.

Just another stinking crappy rainy day. Seems like the whole of March has been that way.

March 26 2023

No post last night as the power went out at 2pm. We were just leaving to watch the kiddos at Wes' house. When we got there Kaetchen showed us the pine in their back yard had come down about 10 min before we got there. It was windy and there was a high wind warning till 6pm.

Got home around 6pm and saw our pine tree down between the houses. Still no power. Just to be safe, we took all the meat in the freezer to Carolyn's house. Eventually we went to bed at 945 ish and awoke to no power. We got dressed and went to breakfast and got home just in time to take in the door I ordered from Lowes. Half hour later we went to church.

Going to church helped. We had power! 22 hrs without power. Good thing we took the meat. The ice cream sandwiches were mushy so we tossed them. The frozen pizza was a bit messed up from sitting on edge but cooked up ok.

We shall see what else survived and what did not as we gull stuff out for a meal next week.

March 24 2023

Puttered around most of the morning then got out a puzzle and worked on it.

Went to Loby's for fish around 2:30 and vegged the rest of the day.

March 23 2023

Wow did we get beat up at Intervals today. I had to hold at one point for a minute as I was light headed. We both had a lot of zone minutes.

After that we headed to the Greek church for Gyros. Met Dick there. John, Dell, and John Jr. Had a good time.

Called Jacob at 7. Video went off after 7 minutes and we finished up on the phone. He seemed good.

March 22 2023

We did FF at the Y. Good workout. Had lunch and headed to doctor appt at 1:45. Doc is going to watch Mary's high TSH. Always been good before but it jumped up this time. I am going to get a PVR test to check blood flow in the legs. Mom had this one. Pretty simple and non invasive.

After that we stopped for Stricklands near the Airdock and went out to Lowes in Brimfield. Looked at the solid doors but they were all pre-hung. No one was working that knew diddly at Lowes so some young kid was trying to help. We left and I ordered it delivered. Pre-hung is one heavy package. I will have to see if it is easier to just put that in or steal the slab and mount in existing frame. Just using the slab is easier to stain.

March 21 2023

Colder than advertised this morning. Got out to Tannenhauf and Bill and I got started. We talked to one of the "kids" age 66 about all the courses closing. He said most of the mom and pop courses get sold when the owners are getting too old to run the place and the kids are not interested. The new generations know how much work it is and want no part of it.

The ground was frozen most of the front nine. Chips kept on running. Ice golf-ish. Much softer on the back. I went 48-43 and made a 45 ft putt on 18 right after I told Bill there was no hope for his chipping and no hope for my putting. Bill went 51-48 with lots of chips. His new driver was working well. I lipped out 3 and ended up with 6 – 3 putts

Called and made a lot of tee times when I got home. Late afternoon is a good time to call

as they are not very busy. Early might be good too. Need 5 more times and I will be set thru October.

March 20 2023

We did the FF at the Y. Mary stayed for a class with Brenda and I headed home. Ran a couple errands on the way home, had lunch, and got going on painting the one wall in the loft. It went well and one coat did the trick. Color was a little lighter than the old so I expected one coat would be enough. Mary got home in time to help me clean up, take the tools down, and move all the stuff back.

Called my brother last night. He had 2 weeks of pain after they ramped up his PT. Dr gave him a steroid pack and it all calmed down. Likely will go back to work next month. He is not optimistic and thinks he will quickly do enough to get pain back. He said he runs a sponge line making sure it has all the raw materials and has to shut the line and fix problems all day long. Happens way to often he says.

Golf tomorrow. May just be the 2 us.

March 19 2023

Went to pick up paint for the ceiling this morning then moved the extension ladder inside so it would warm up. Then it was off to church. Good service. Once again the music brought me moist eyes. The music and the humbling words get to me more often than I care to admit.

Got started on the painting. Had to edge carefully because I did not want to paint the adjoining walls. Wasn't sure the extension ladder would extend far enough but it did. It sat about 2/3 up the stairs to the loft ceiling by the sky light. That was a slow go to paint up in that high corner. As soon as it started to dry, I was cursing the paint companies. Last time I will ever use left over ceiling paint.

I had done the lower ceiling last summer and used a gallon and about 1/5 of the second gallon. So I use up the 4/5 can I had left of Behr 100 and of course they don't sell that any more. I had picked up Valspar ceiling paint and it was looking like there was more gray in it than the Behr. Sure enough, you can see where the new paint is. There are a lot of shadows up there so if anyone asks, they are seeing a shadow, right? Right!

Cleaned up and moved things around so I can get the wall that extends up from the living room. I had only painted that wall up to the living room ceiling and not the part that extended up into the loft. So I will get it this week and be done with painting with the exception of the second bedroom off of the loft.

March 18 2023

Slept good. Another cold day with high wind warnings. I touched up a few screw holes in the loft ceiling then painted the ceiling till the paint ran out. There was almost a full can but it went quick. Mary helped me move stuff around. Pretty much whipped by 2pm when the paint ran out. Going to have the tough part tomorrow. Will need the extension ladder and set it on the stairs to get at the ceiling near the sky light. Ugh.

March 17 2023

Read the paper this morning and saw Raphael Center got a grant to publicize the Mother Angelica Museum. I have been fascinated with her for many years so we went and looked thru their small room and watched the 40 min video. It was quite good and represented her well. Bought a book about her life. I had the same book years back but lent it out and no one will admit having it.

Picked up some groceries and we went to Loby's for fish. It was a zoo. The outside was packed with St Patrick revelers so we ate inside, This is the third Friday inn a row it has rained all day long. Doesn't bode well for Friday golf.

Slow go with this crappy weather. Think I will work on the loft ceiling minor repair and paint.

March 16 2023

Missed yesterday. Slept terrible that night and we had to get up at 640 for an early blood draw. Was a zombie all day yesterday. Carolyn came to watch Survivor and I promptly hit the sack after she left.

I called Fox Den yesterday but they said the snow melt was slow and they were not sure if they would open. I passed word to the crew and decided to go to lunch instead with Babyak and Rudy.

Good sleep last night. Went to lunch and the snow melt was better. I believe Denny and Bill played. Might hear from them in a few hours. Did our walk around 430. It was a bit windy. Bill and Denny did play and were in the 90s. Pretty good with the soft ground.

We did a video call with Jacob. He looked good and seemed fine and in good spirits. Works the kitchen for lunch and dinner and is off at 630pm. Scheduled another call next Thursday.

March 14 2023

We did the FF intervals this morning. Got beat up real good. Talked to a new guy in class. He was recovering from hip replacement and trying to get back in shape.

Crappy snowy day. We read books and did puzzles. Mel stopped by and dropped off a box of candy we won at the Angelmans dinner while we were gone in February.

March 13 2023

This month is flying by. We went to the Y ½ hr early today. I messed up writing it on the calendar. We did some treadmill then did class. Mary stayed to go to a class with Brenda.

I finished the book on Fort Fisher and found a couple of graves to look for in Wilmington next time we head that way. Did not realize what an important battle it was. The confederate general Porter pinned the blame on the reluctance of Gen Bragg (Ft Bragg) to supply troops and counter attack from the rear. They were greatly outnumbered and really did not have much chance. There is an interesting Epilog that follows many of the key players to their death.

The writer must have been a university professor with a raft of grad students. There is a ton of references cited and must have required a lot of digging. Looked for another book that was recommended at the fort but I did not find a reasonably priced one that did not require a ton of information and the opening a new account.

Closing in on that blood draw Wednesday morning. Going to grab a nice sugary donut after.

March 12 2023

Turned the clocks ahead. We went to church as usual.

The grout in the bathroom has been ugly since we moved in. Bought some stuff after watching some videos and tried it out. Cleaner didn't help. Looking closer, the grout is poorly done and sometimes higher than the tiles. I bet someone used ceramic caulk in an effort to cover dirty grout and made a mess of it. Tried sanding and cutting with the oscillating tool and it really wasn't coming out. Maybe a rotary pencil like grinder? Have to research that.

Alternatively thinking of just laying some vinyl wood like floor over it with some underlayment to smooth the floor out. Heck of a lot less work and much easier. Hate to do that without ripping the tub out in favor of a shower.

March 11 2023

Slept in till 8am. Looks like we turn the clock ahead tonight so 1 less hour to sleep. After lunch we went to JoAnns to pick up some bead stuff, then to HD to get some stuff for grout cleaning, then to Drug Mart to pick up milk and pills.

We put the stuff away and worked on bracelets. Made about 6 of them. Plan to give some to Mary's niece Dawn and sister Ginny when they come in April. Dawn has been in New Zealand for years. She is doing the rounds on this trip cause we all might not be around next time. Smart girl.

March 10 2023

Real crappy rainy cold day. Slept in. Mary got her hair done and I went to see Neil in his nursing home in Stow. Sad to see him there but he did look really good. Sandi says he eats real well and is polite to all the nurses and aides. Sandi feeds him as he can not hold his fork. Eyes were closed most of the time but he did say a few sentences once in awhile. Good sentence structure and thought expression each time.

They had hand restraints on his chair as he tries to rip up things Sandi said. She did hold his hands most of the time. He ate up a storm and even tried to pull up his hand restraints to his mouth and eat them too. I would like to visit him when I can, perhaps after golf when passing thru the Stow area to keep the driving down.

I stayed an hour then headed to see Sally about 4 miles to the south. She was sitting at the lunch table with her head down. I said hello and told her who I was. She seemed to acknowledge then dropped her head down. I asked what was for lunch but got no response. Four other ladies there at the same table. One was trying to scoop some table scraps to eat. The other 3 looked wide awake but were staring into space. Quite a picture. I stayed less than 5 minutes since she was not responding and headed home.

We headed to Lobys at 230. Mary had the fish fry; I had the shrimp. Bartender Erin was in a rare mood and was talking and singing up a storm.

March 9 2023

Thought I would give the body rest today so we skipped the Y. Have had some chaffing of inner thighs and they need some healing time or time off from exercise. Nothing till Monday so the extra day should help.

We picked up groceries at Walmart. Planned to make stuffed peppers last week but never got around to it and the beef spoiled. Bought new and we made the batch of 6 when we got home. Estimated the cost at \$4 per meal. Very helpful if your on a fixed income.

Stocks tanked today and my portfolio was down 2% even though a lot is in cash. Terrible day and week so far. Had better reign in food costs, eh? Got to recheck the dog food isle though even that is getting pricey.

Made the invites for Easter dinner. Maybe we should get the decorations out?

March 8 2023

We did the Y FF class that focused on abs. Went OK. Mary stayed with Brenda for chair yoga and lunched at her house. I had some soup for lunch. Continued reading the Fort Fisher book. Pretty interesting. Lots of petty disputes and jockeying for favor by the leaders. About halfway through. They tried a major attack on the fort but the army lead called off the ground attack. US Grant wasn't happy with that commander and benched him picked another leader and they are giving it another go.

Carolyn stopped to watch Survivor. Jacob called, Mary talked to him for a few minutes when Carolyn was done.

Denny called and said he is feeling better. Putting posts in his jaw mid April. If we play,

call him and he will decide if he is up to it.

March 7 2023

Got back to the Y today and got beat up good with interval training. Heart rate hit 140 for a bit. We had a small lunch, then visited the Massillon Art Museum. It's a small place with 6 or 7 exhibit rooms. The most interesting were the ones about Massillon history and the circus. The circus room had a model of the circus to scale. The creator had carved all the figures and it was huge and amazing.

Met Rudy, Rosemary, and Jane at Palumbo's for dinner as we do every two months. Jane is going to Italy for work. Going with Ken Jr. and will be gone 2 weeks. Great day except for the stinking temperature.

March 6 2023

Got over to Fox Den to play. We skipped hole one around some young players and started on #2. Pulled my second left catching the tree and ending up in the pond, Dropped one and bladed an iron right into the pond warning stake which kicked it into the pond. OMG a snowman. Played the rest of the front well and scored a 44. Bill was on fire till #8, He drove it into the edge of the woods, dropped, then proceeded to kick it 8 to 10 yds all the way to the green. Took a 10 and limped in with a 46.

Back nine I was tiring. Still driving it well but my irons were short and putting was dismal for 46. Bill had his usual chipping issues and finished with 50. Was nice to get out. Cooler than predicted but very playable. Gonna be a painful year. Sciatica and irons that don't go very far will be dogging me. Feeling very old.

Mary went to the Y with Brenda and they went out and had lunch at Applebees, then bummed around. Carolyn called and her and Mary went on a bathing suit hunt for Carolyns trip in 2 weeks.

March 5 2023

Woke up with a leg cramp at 4am but went back to sleep. Muscle is still sore. Checked the weather in the morning and called fox den for a bonus round tee time tomorrow. Supposed to be 55-60 in the afternoon. Thought I could get at least 3, but only Bill said yes. Denny is out with tooth extraction, Rudy and Mel were busy, and Dick is about to leave hospital tonight and needs to be with Sally tomorrow. She was diagnosed with Welles Syndrome and was returning to the nursing home tonight.

We went to church and I thought of Jacob as family MIA. Formulated a note and sent it to Carolyn to pass on during a future call. After church, we did our walk and later on went to Bob Evans at 2pm and had western omelets for our main meal today. Damned if I didn't remember to use our gift cards.

March 4 2023

Went to bed early to try to catch up on sleep and I did OK. Power went out at 10:45 a little after Mary went to bed. Came back on 4am ish. There was a nasty storm coming from the south and it rained hard all afternoon and was windy. Wes said they lost power 4pm is with a neighborhood tree coming down.

The internet was also down and was not fixed till 8am. Wes and family stopped in and we gave them the souvenirs we had for them. They stated a couple hours. We had a late lunch/dinner then got a walk in since it was sunny and 50, peak temp for the day.

Got an email from Sandy Adams and plan to visit Neil next Friday.

March 3 2023

Did not sleep much last night and vegged all morning before taking an hour nap around noon. Thought about a haircut in Hartville but too long a drive for a sleepy guy.

We went to Lobys for fish but I had boom boom shrimp on their new Lent menu. Twas yummy. Bartender's boyfriend just sold his 4BR condo and made over 200k. Turned out it was the same building but not the same room.

March 2 2023

We were up by 730 and eventually got out for groceries about 930. Got those away, did some wash, and had lunch.

More computer time getting yahoo email on my phone and still more sharing the photo album with family on both icloud and google. Carolyn came over for Survivor and I put in some Led headlight bulbs for Jenna.

Since I had not heard from Jacob all month she finally told us he has served 30 days of 120 in jail. Still doesn't have his head on right. Drinking did him in. I was not too surprised. Certainly needs a therapist to get to the bottom of his issues. When he drinks he has to verbally harass someone. Turns out she was a gay and the gay judge took that plus a missed court date out on him. He will have to redo this semester and add some summer classes. Needs a therapist and to stop drinking.

March 1 2023

OMG what a day. We put a bunch of stuff away and are almost done except for a few items. Mary did several wash loads. I picked up the mail and fought computer issues most of the day.

First issue was Hulu. I had unplugged the tv and logged in on my computer. It thought I was in Ohio near Wheeling WV. The local stations there really sucked. After trying stuff for an hour or so, I called them and they fixed it for me. She used ipchicken.com to find out where my IP address had me. Learned something new with that one.

Next it was Intego. The VPN widget wasn't showing on my top tray, and worse, the VPN wasn't even on. OMG I wasn't worried using the condo open wifi cause I had VPN. Problem was it was off all the time. Yikes! I found out how to have it connect on start up and then found I had too many items on my top tray so it the VPN widget had no room. It is under the control center in the apple settings. I must have spent 4 hrs getting this right.

Next was Fidelity active trader pro. With all the poking around I did, it stopped working. Have been unable to download an updated version for days. Intego kept it from me citing a trojan in a couple of files. Fidelity said it was an Intego problem and there certainly were no trojans in their download. So I turned virus off and was able to download and install it successfully.

I don't know whats going on with email. Seemed real slow. Tried it with VPN on and off and couldn't really tell.

So now I sit down with the bills and my insurance was due and Mary's delta dental was due. Another round of password and user name issues since I had to change all of them awhile back. Had to call delta to find out why I could not see Mary's account online. Turns out I had lost the user name in all the password changes.

All this settled out by dinner time, but it was a full 8 hour shift messing with this stuff. With all the accounts we have out there, the only saving grace is that I can see emails from old and new account. At this time there are only a couple that have been updated to our new yahoo.com email accounts.

We never did get out to put some food in the house. The cupboards and fridge are empty.

Final thoughts. The shower project aches and pains convinced me my body is old. Today's computer screwups convinced me my mind is old. Mind and body now.

February 28 2023

Up at 6am, we left before 7am and had a long boring trip back at 6pm. We made 2 stops and Mary put in a good 5hrs of driving which really helped.

February 27 2023

Last day. Took us 2 ½ hrs to pack up and pack the trunk. Left are 4 packed bags that need to go in the back seat. Looked into a bill for Mary's eye zapping and paid it. Also spent an hour tracking down a Aetna claim that I had appealed in March. Turns out it still is not settled. That is almost 12 months ago. What the heck?

We did go out to a late lunch/ dinner at Carraba's, stopped to tank up on gas, and celebrate with a hot fudge sundae.

It was a great month. Only regrets are not getting to McCellandville to see the museum there and visit a broken down plantation and not having access to a hot tub for the month. Not doing the hot tub really sucks.

February 26 2023

We went to see the reenactment of the Battle of Moores Creek at the Battlefield north of Wilmington. It's out in the boonies, a hr drive from here. Got there a bit early but saw the pipe and drum program at 12pm and the battle at 1pm. Grabbed a burger from the local VF department. Was going to have a hot dog but they looked real pink and were boiled. Wouldn't touch them with a 10 ft pole.

Stopped for coffee on the way back as I was starting to zone out while driving. Does not bode well for the ride to Ohio Tuesday morning. Not sure what we will do our last day tomorrow, but don't plan on driving very far. Already over 2250 miles so far.

February 25 2023

Headed to Huntington State Park. Darn if the mist didn't keep coming down. We stopped at Hamricks and picked up 5 \$5 bargains, Stopped at Chick -fil-a for lunch and finally decided to go to the park. We did a long beach walk then saw an exit thru the dunes. It went to the camping area, so we walked back through the roads.

It was almost 2pm so we took the Atalaya tour, then did the marsh walk along the access road. Saw 2 gators. First one was a small set of 2 eyes, the second had eyes and snout above the water line. Pretty cool.

February 24 2023

Made a final pass thru the visitor flyers and found an interesting place called Vereen Family Gardens. Real nice marsh boardwalk donated to the county. We walked there around about a mile loop. Saw some fairy gardens people have left and lots of decorated shells hanging from bushes and trees and everything. Pretty cool. We sat down on a swing and sang Dock of the Bay.

Since we were close to Calabash and it is lent, we stopped for fish at Bennets once again. Also stopped at a nice consignment shop and bought some reasonably priced stuff. Back home to hit the pool, walk in the ocean, and sit on the balcony.

It was like mid summer today, 80 degrees. They set temp records for 4 straight days around here. That's what I'm talking about!

February 23 2023

Played Sea Trail just past Calabash in Sunset Beach. Very playable course. There is water but you have to play badly to find it. I had a so so front with 3 pars but took 2 doubles to mess up the 44 total.

Played better on back and birdied 11. three putted 12 for a bogey then reeled off 4

straight pars. Tanked on the last 2 taking 2 doubles to finish the back 5 over. I could have been somebody,

Two of the guys were from New Hampshire, the third from north of Toronto. We saw an Osprey nest and a swimming gator. Another nice mid 70s sunny day!

February 22 2023

We had breakfast in the hotel and waited for Rich and Trish. They got there a little early and we sat and talked for 90 minutes, then headed out to lunch in downtown Columbia at the Blue Marlin. It was great seeing them and the food was great too.

Tracy is a nurse and John has a Doctorate in nuclear something and is working for the University of Rochester. Tracy's son is engaged and he is about Jacob's age. They invited us to stop in on any trips we might make to the south.

Rich retired in 2008 while I did in 2010. He had to give up golf and running years ago with back issues. The ride home was nice in 82 degree sunny weather. Since tomorrow is supposed to be warmer, I scrambled to make a tee time at Sea Trail near Calabash NC.

February 21 2023

Oops. Forgot to blog yesterday. We did a beach walk over at Cherry Grove Pier. On the way back we picked up a few grocery items. Spent some time waymarking. Saw some kids in the ocean. Brrr.

Today we headed to Columbia and visited the State Museum. It is housed in an old textile mill. Was freezing cold inside so I went back out and got my jacket. Display areas were way too dark. The displays were a hodge podge of stuff. Right in the middle of telescope displays was a high school cheerleaders outfit. Say what? Another display of 10 items had some old cars sitting in front of the items noted on the signs. Generally quite disappointing. I liked the displays on textile and on the minerals best.

Right there was also a military museum. The Vietnam war display was very realistic and depressing. What a horrible period it was. They also had a lot on the civil war. Lot of focus on Sherman being the bad guy. I think the whole display needs rethinking. Must have been done by proud southerners.

No luck eating dinner at Piggy Park. Was closed when we stopped at 330 when sign said 5pm. The Embassy pool was way too cold for our liking so we just dangled our legs. No hot tub, sigh.

February 19 2023

Weatherman said it would top out at 60 today. They had predicted warmer when I made the tee time last week. Better to wait a couple days before and see if they change the forecast. Mary and I bundled up. The wind was only 6mph so it wasn't bad at all. No one on the first tee so we were by ourselves. There was a couple ahead of us and no one behind for the entire back nine.

Started out ok and made a long par putt on 2. Then on 3, I had to aim at the tree on the left side and hit 4 iron cause there was a lake tight to the entire fairway on the right. Hit a really nice 4 iron and hit that damn tree square on. Knew it was not going to be my lucky day. The crowned green cost me as well. 300 yd hole with a 7. Yuck.

Even though I took that triple still finished with 45 after 3 jacking on #9. The back was nada par. Had several chances but either a poor chip or a 3 putt got in my way. Played pretty good yet unlucky round with a 94 due to 4 – 3putts and 4 water balls. Should have been an 88. Thinking I will find a different course (a more friendly course) to play next.

February 18 2023

Weatherman said it would top out at 50 today so we stayed in. We brought bracelet

beads for just this occasion so Mary made up 8 bracelets. We still have material for 3 more for the next cold snap. Going to be colder than planned for golf tomorrow. We will have to bundle up.

Went to 6pm mass again. Lots more room at this one. We cut way back on goodies since Dr appt is a month away. Only a half cookie with tea is all for the day. Should help A1C and maybe get back to 175. Guessing I am at 178 at the moment.

February 17 2023

We headed to Conway to do the river walk at 9am. They were predicting rain moving thru at 3pm. We did the walk and then went to the Museum. Lots of exhibit changes there since we had been there in 2018. The gift shop bit the dust during 3 mo Covid closure in 2020 they said. Picked up a Conway tree write up and went and photographed them to put it into Waymarking.

Back to the condo for lunch and then hit the exercise room mid afternoon for 20 min workout.

One of the Preserve neighbors called to check on us since she did not see any activity. Nice to be looked after.

February 16 2023

Super nice day that hit 75. Dropped sister to the AP at 945am and we headed to the pier to look for shells. Pretty disappointed in our finds though. Stopped for groceries and had lunch back at the condo.

Mary did several loads of wash. I did a bunch of waymarking visits and 2 new posts.

The Navy pulled out the TV said. Looks like they found all the spy balloon stuff. We had seen a ship out there since they shot it down. Now it is gone.

February 15 2023

Full day at Brookgreen Gardens. We took the jeep tour that takes you around all 4 plantations they acquired stopping at 3 cemeteries on the way. The gardens and sculpture are simply amazing. Awesome place to visit.

We stopped for dinner at Texas Roadhouse for my sisters last night..

February 14 2023

Got into Oak Island last night so I posted early Feb 15. Played Azalea Sands with a nice guy they paired me with while Mary and sister Catherine hit the Tanger Outlets. The greens were all plugged but I handled them much better than Meadowlands lightning greens. In fact I made 4 putts of note and had a lot of tap ins. Pretty amazing for me. Scored 42-42. Saved from the bunker by a rake. Great round.

February 13 2023

Yesterday was supposed to be rainy and it sure was. We went to the Coastal Mall and I was surprised at the crowds there. Someone there said it was normally slow there but with the rain, it was the place to be. I think I have seen it all now. Inside the mall was Selfie World. You could use their scenes they had set up for selfies for \$15/person for a whole hour. That beats all.

Good Superbowl. We rooted for KC and damned if they didn't win!

Today we headed to MB downtown and walked south to the pier on the boardwalk and walked back on the shore. Saw a lady who must have had 20 shark teeth. We found none. Did find some nice shells and the hull of a horseshoe crab.

Wandered thru the Gay Dolphin and then walked Broadway on the Beach. Not as busy there compared to other years but it was a Monday. We crashed back at the condo by

430pm after leaving 9am ish.

Dining out isn't cheap. About \$11 each for lunch at Jersey Mikes.

February 11 2023

Well, we were due for a crappy day. Today was crappy and tomorrow should be worse. High of 52 and rain all morning and evening. Not good for golf Tuesday. We pretty much vegged all day. Did 20min on the elliptical just before lunch. We found the exercise room this morning. Three others came in after we did.

Headed to church before 6pm. Since 4pm was so packed last week, we figured we would try 6. Less than half full! And a bit shorter. Finalized plans to meet old neighbors in Columbia later this month. Long ride so we will stay overnight there.

February 10 2023

Never been to Fort Fisher or the Aquarium before. With the ferry not running its a long drive up to Wilmington and down the peninsula to them. It was worth the trip. The fort was so so and some of it was washed away with storm surge. The aquarium was super good though. Lots of volunteers explaining things.

The Fort Fisher crew said the ferry was open so for \$7 we took it and saved a lot of driving. We had fun. Chick fil a for dinner on the way home.

February 9 2023

Was going to be a good day so we planned to go to Brookgreen Gardens. When we got there it was still sprinkling rain so we rolled on down to Georgetown. We had to wait 15 min for opening but then took the Rice Museum tour. The guide was very knowledgeable.

Next we went over to the Maritime Museum. MaC was not in the building so he couldn't sign my book. Bummer. They had a new display on slavery. OMG, it said over 300 years, 5.7M slaves were exported out of Africa. The guide at the Rice Museum had said they used slaves to work to process the Indigo. The stuff was so toxic the slaves would die after 7 years tops. Never heard that one. Heard it was a big cash crop but never that the processing was toxic.

We headed back and stopped at Hammock Village since we did not have enough time to do Brookgreen before it closed. We were weary when we returned at 545pm. Yet another day with over 5000 steps on the fitbit. We are on a roll.

February 8 2023

We went to Brunswick Town / Fort Anderson. This is my favorite place having been built in the 1720s burned by the British, and later on a Confederate fort. Then excavated by Archaeologists in the 60s. Real stuff from the 1700s!

We headed to Southport for lunch at Fishy Fishy. Yum. Went to the Christmas store and Museum before they rolled up the streets at 4pm. Got back at 530 and we walked over to Fat Harolds to see what all this shagging was about. We stayed for one drink. OMG I never would have believed there was such a thing as a geezer pick up bar.

We stopped in the office earlier and their excuse for not having the hot tub open was they had no permit for some work they were doing and were ordered to stop work.

February 7 2023

Took 2 Aleve last night before bed and it plus a good night sleep did wonders for my sciatica. Felt much better after being barely able to walk last night.

We headed to Hamricks for the deals and then had lunch at Little Pigs. The BBQ was great! Then we did the 501 Tanger Outlet. We spent a ton and saved more than we spent if you can believe that. I also saved a bunch by setting a 230 departure time.

Got home and hit the pool where we discovered where the heating jets were. Chicken and rice for dinner and we are chilling. Next golf is A week from today at Azalia Sands.

Sister Sue dodged a bullet. The train that caught fire with haz stuff in East Palestine Oh isn't that far away. The previous owners were not so lucky as they moved there to a condo when they sold her the house.

February 6 2023

Missed blog yesterday as we went to Gaelic Storm Irish show at the Carolina 7pm. Show lasted till 9pm and was very good. Apparently these guys have been doing this for 25 years and have a big following. They are good and put on a great show.

Today I played Meadowlands with a couple that played nine and a member who was going to quit but tried to tough out a second nine only to quit with 4 left. He drove the cart the last 4. I went 49-45 by picking up a couple of short ones. Greens were lightning fast and I never got the speed. Think I lipped 3 out and jacked a couple of 10 ft putts 6 feet by. Troubled by lookups on the front, I got that taken care of on the back. We started on the back and turning to the front, it was completely open.

Sciatica was killing me but I struggled through.

February 4 2023

Cold but sunny this am. We bundled up and went to Barefoot on the Beach and shopped till we dropped. Picked up some items for Jacobs Bday, some sweats, a gift for Wes and a bunch of other stuff.

Picked up some turkey and bread for lunch and headed back. Sister saw some people looking up and taking pics. Turned out it was the Chinese balloon shortly before it was shot down. Pretty darn cool. She took 3 pics with her iphone. Mine saw zip up there with it's cheapo camera.

Still have email problems. Found stuff on the web other people had same issue. Something to do with Spectrum's spam filters which their support people are too lame to fix.

February 3 2023

Lots of rain in the morning. Around 10am we headed to Calabash to shop Callahans. We do it every year. I found a bird with a xmas hat and scarf on. Pretty cool. We got a couple of other items and then had lunch across the street at Bennets. Nice shrimp and crab for me, Mary had a fish sandwich, and Catherine chopped beef. Stopped on the way back to check out Rooster store, another souvy shop.

Did a nice beach walk when we got back. It was 52 and sunny, while back home, Canton was at 17 and Buffalo at 9. Sweet!

No luck getting my email to send from either my laptop, the ipad, nor my phone. Tried a chat with Spectrum but got a real idiot who kept saying it wasn't their problem. Made a phone call but 20-40 min wait. Still waiting.

February 2 2023

We slept good. Up at 8am and had breakfast and coffee. Headed to the AP to pick up sister Catherine. We got back about lunchtime and had SW and chips.

She settled in and we decided to try out the pool. To get to the pool you have to go to the garage ground level and hustle across the garage to the south side. Wasn't too bad. Pool area is small but it was warm. We got chilled after maybe ½ hr or 45 min so got out. Brrr. Much worse heading back thru the garage with a wet suit on.

Spent time last night with Spectrum. Only 2 of the 3 TVs were working. Turns out, the owner, perhaps the HOA here, changed the contract and neither of the 2 bedroom TVs

should have been working in the current configuration. I called CondoWorld and they said the HOA should have taken care of this. I suspect they haven't given Spectrum access to the building as of yet. What a mess.

Nothing has changed as of today. I did have to reset the cable box for the main tv. The one working bedroom tv has not been affected?

Well thats it for day 2. We will have to find an indoor activity for tomorrow.

February 1 2023

Hello from North Myrtle Beach. Yesterday we traveled to Apex NC near Raleigh and had dinner with nephew Dave Jr, Rachael, and Hunter, their 4 year old. Great to see them. Last time it was on the way to MB when Hunter was just a tummy lump.

Horrible trip. We were going to leave at 7am but WV had snow and ice. We waited till 830 before leaving as it should have cleared out. Good choice. They had the plows out and you could see where the snow was. Just one little section in WV was a little dicey. NC was warm and near 60 but the fog was horrible and they drive like maniacs there. Was nerve wracking.

They had the Condo ready early so we had breakfast and headed down. Took 3 hrs and we checked in, then spent \$224 at Walmart to stock the place for the month. Nice place. Have not found the pool or exercise room as of yet. Took me an hour to figure out the cable. Gonna be 40s tomorrow.

January 30 2023

Weird day. I did not sleep well after watching KC beat the Bengals. KC s defense was much more aggressive and their offense wasn't that good. I believe the Bills could have beat KC with Mahone limping around. But they never had the chance they way their defense tanked playing the Bengals. I got to let it go.

We started packing early and had most of it done by lunch time. Jacob called and all is well with him in Kent. Carolyn called and planned to drop in after work.

She did and headed home, but turned around as her car was overheating. It did cool down when it was moving. She thinks it might be the water pump. She borrowed my car and left hers in the garage. I went and picked up some coolant but it only took in a little. Need to start engine to suck in more but the key wasn't there. She will have to figure it out sometime this week.

January 29 2023

We went to church and it was Catholic school week. The kids helped out with the service and I was very impressed. Asked Jacob if he had time for lunch today or tomorrow but got no response. Must have been sleeping in is the best case scenario. Who knows.

The playoff game isn't till 3pm so just waiting around watching Office reruns.

The Eagles crushed the 49ers and the Bengals will crush KC very soon. Just hanging around waiting to pack it up tomorrow. Will be happy to get away from the temperature that is supposed to drop tomorrow night.

January 28 2023

Busy morning. Put the clubs in the trunk so that is safe. We cleaned up the bathroom shower and floor and other floors and rugs so we can come home to a clean place in March. Packed up the pills.

Did a lot of wash and watched the horse races. Missed one pick 4 because I ran out oof time and used the pro's losing picks. Sunday should be slow then packing up Monday and loading the car Monday night.

January 27 2023

Went to the post office and stopped the mail, picked up cash at the bank, got a haircut, got the ford car washed. Don't want it sitting in the garage all month with salt on it. Picked up some lunch stuff to get us thru Monday. Also let the neighbors know we would be gone.

Good timing. The second slide out shelf was delivered and I installed it in ½ hr. Now no crawling down to the floor to get stuff out from the lower shelf. Just roll it out. Three days left to do wash and pack up to go.

January 26 2023

We chilled today and worked on puzzle. Mary got her hair done at 11am. Called old barber. He was still out with back issues. Gonna call the local guy tomorrow. Can't wait forever.

Tried Gulfstream pick 6. Got the first 4 right, then the last 2 got 2nd in photos. Oh well. We went over and ate pizza at Lobys around 330. Four more days left for this crappy weather.

January 25 2023

We chilled today. Packed up the kitchen stuff we will be taking. Also worked 1/3 of a new circular whale puzzle.

Headed over to Wes' to watch the kiddos from 530 till 830 while they went to trivia.

January 24 2023

We went to the Y and did the intervals. Good workout. Started clearing out old receipts and junk to get ready for taxes. Shredded a lot of papers.

Also got the suitcases ready and put new bag tags on them. More puzzles of course.

After dinner, Carolyn came to visit for an hour or so. We sent her packing with some stuff. Settling down to watch FBI and Oak Island. Countdown is down to 6 days. Tomorrow we watch the kiddos for trivia as long as the roads are not too bad.

January 23 2023

Lousy night sleep agonizing over the Bills poor play yesterday. Not sure what the coaches were thinking with that game plan.

Went to the Y. Lots of people in class. Even another guy. Must be a newbie. He had no clue about the steps nor the proper way to do the movement to exercise the proper muscles. Not everyone gets the steps right (no one cares) but there is limited benefit to the muscles if you do the exercise wrong.

Sandi Adams called and said Neil had Covid, so my visit is off tomorrow. I told her to let me know when he is cleared and hopefully I can squeeze a visit in before I head south. Major bummer. Guess it's back to the Y in the morning.

Mary and I packed up some bead stuff for the trip. Plan to make some bracelets with the memory wire when the weather is bad in MB. Looks like rain and 45/55 the first week. Ugh.

January 22 2023

We went to church at 11am. Since this past week was the 2nd anniversary of niece Bonnie's passing, we lit a candle for her and Mary's brother Jim as well. Took a deep breath noticing I plan to visit Neil this week.

Just chilled till the disappointing Bills game. Their defense was especially bad. The offense had no game plan for the snow and slippery field. The running backs could not make a cut and the receivers were badgered all day and suffered likewise. No power

running game was a noticeable flaw. The defense tried to play zone and react but the slippery field did them in as well. On the plus side, there was no reason to get my heart rate sky high so the game was relatively stress free.

Time to put the Bills gear away for another year.

January 21 2023

Backtracked and dated the last few days. Think I missed Tuesday but not sure. Another slow morning. I had to make 2 calls to cancel my Shutterfly and Avast subscriptions which had renewed when they should have been dropped. That was a pain. I looked at my credit card charges early since I had yet another scam email yesterday. No scam charges but I saw the two subscription charges. I seem to be getting more than my share since I was hacked.

Forgot to mention I tried to get a haircut Thursday when we were in Hartville. Every time I show up they are closed. When I call, they are open ½ the time. Uncanny. If this continues it won't be long till I go elsewhere. I will stop in next Tuesday after visiting Neil yet one more time. Will be shocked if they are open.

I ordered some items from Walmart and screwed up. It defaulted to store pickup so we had to drive to the Superstore to pick them up. Another pain. Stopped for ice cream. That won't help me lose any weight.

Looks like KC will win and be the next challenge for the Bills or Bengals.

January 20 2023

Another slow morning. Mary did a lot of wash this morning. Picked up some stuff at Marcs as well.

This afternoon we went over and watched Lincoln for a couple of hrs while Kaetchen took Kalix for therapy. She has been diagnosed with Dysgraphia. Apparently there is some kind of therapy for that.

January 19 2023

We skipped the Y and walked the hood today given it would be in the high 50s. Lots of wash to do as well. A real mind numbing day. Worked on a new puzzle too.

I Was amazed when I looked at a 2022 quarter. They did 5 different women on the back side. Pretty crazy stuff I say. Never heard of 4 of the 5.

January 18 2023

We got the Y in this morning. Wasn't too hard. Lots of ab work which I slide by most of the time. Headed to the dentist at 3pm for 6mo check. Holy crap! No cavities!

We got home, had a quick burger and headed over to Wes while they did trivia. Had fun with the kids. Kalix made a dessert which we gave 2 thumbs up to. Got home at 9pm. Took me 45min to get the silly putty off of Mary's fitbit. We need to help out at 2:40 Friday there for an hour or so.

January 16 2023

MLK Day. Made for a big crowd at the Y. There was a sub so it was kind of tame. Mary stayed for another class with Brenda.

I went home and spent a frustrating 3 hrs getting the old garmin to update with new maps. The MacPro doesn't use the garmin protocol so I had to boot up the old windows machine. Since it was last updated in September, it took an hour to update and a long time after to take any commands from me. Eventually worked though.

After that we started another puzzle. Cooked up some chops so they don't sit there all February.

January 15 2023

Got 1 number in the powerball draw. Nothing changes; still in a bad luck streak. We headed to church this morning. Almost lost phone as I left it in the pew. I like to record some music to text to Jacob. Same usher found it. He always cleans up for me. Glasses a couple of times and now my phone.

The Bills were very good, then very bad, and then limped home win a win. They are going to do me in yet. Hope the Ravens beat Cinci later cause I don't think the Bills can.

January 14 2023

Not much doing today. Went over to Ace and picked up the clear caulk I needed. Mary assisted while I caulked the baseboards and door frame in the updated bathroom. That is the last task for that project. Yay!

Dang printer is sleeping again and can't print wirelessly. Since I just initialized it again the other day, I am not happy. Maybe a computer setting?

Mary worked on the advent tree. Getting very close to finishing.

No luck on Mega Millions, nor horses either. Going through an unlucky streak. Can't win at chess either. Lots of dumb moves.

January 13 2023

We lounged around this morning and then headed to Walmart for some groceries. Of course we bought more than we needed. Wes called while we were there and was going to bring the kiddos over. So we grabbed some frozen snacks and headed home.

Put the snacks in the oven when we got home and they rolled in. We had fun till they left at 230. After a brief rest we headed to Tinseltown and saw Man called Otto with Tom Hanks. He was as good as ever. Great movie for old people.

Picked up some fish SW at Arbys and that was that for the day.

January 12 2023

Skipped the Y today to rest the body. Mary went with Brenda to Hartville to run a few errands. They stopped and left off the rug cleaner we had borrowed. I did some chores. Found my packing list for next month but the printer did not want to print wireless. Had to download the wizard again to set it up and finally got it working. What a pain.

Finally went down and took an hour or so rearranging tools and putting my new toolbox to good use. Moved the pictures up a shelf and got the tools mostly lower. For toolbox, the screwdrivers are on top, wrenches in the next level, and the heavy wrenches in the lower level. Have one toolbox unused for now. Good to get that taken care of.

Yesterday I installed a pull out shelf for the bottom cabinet. I bought one to see if it was worthwhile and ordered a second. It was of good quality with nice slider rails and a sturdy tray. I was put off on the price of 90\$ but if you think about it, well worth it. Getting down on hands and knees at our age a couple times a week is no fun. The slide out eliminates that and eases life a bit both now and in the future.

January 11 2023

Another trip to the Y. Pretty brutal FF class. Mary hit 137 pulse and I hit 130. She stayed for chair yoga and I headed home. Spent most of the day figuring out how apple Photo's worked. All 3 of my devices use the same photo library. Delete a photo and its gone everywhere. Take a photo and it goes everywhere to and from the cloud.

Watched a classic Shell World of Golf from Pine Valley Littler and Nelson. Awesome

players on an awesome course. Nelson won with a steady round. Littler tanked on the front but was 1 under on the back. Great to see pros hitting 8 irons from 140.

January 10 2023

Looked back at blogs to see when we went south in Feb so I could locate the pictures we took.

We went in 2011 and 2012 to MB.

Mom was not up to it in 2013 and 2014 and after her passing we skipped 2015 as well.

We went back to MB in 2016, 2017, and 2018. Went to Panama City beach in 2019 and St Augustine in 2020.

No trip in 2021 Covid shutdown. We skipped 2022 as Jacob was staying here that year and it would be too difficult for him to get around if we left. Ready to get back at it this year and looking forward to it.

Mary spent the day wandering around with Brenda. I went to the Y and did the FF intervals. Saw an old Lake Y classmate and told her to say hi to everyone there. Stopped and got gas and a lottery ticket for tonight.

Spent time looking for places to explore in MB and found a few. One has live re-enactments. Those are always good.

Mary called Ruth. She had a rough time with her hysterectomy and went back in for potassium IV. She is feeling better now but has a ton of Dr appointments. Jacob went to the dermo and they really don't know what his issue is. So, the money grubbers took a biopsy. I would wager they won't figure it out. He has been told 3 things now but nothing has really worked.

January 9 2023

Got tied up watching the NCIS 3 hr special so I am catching up the morning of the 10th. We did the Y class at 10. It started a bit late so it wasn't as brutal. Got back at 11 am and I had lunch and Mary got ready for a Red Hat lunch at Walthers. Seems like a favorite for the group as Mary just held hers there a few months back.

My thing was researching places to visit in February. I got into the plantations again. A lot more to do there. Found 2 possibilities. One is pretty creepy off on a lonely road in the middle of nowhere and from photos looks like it is in disrepair, propped up waiting for funding. I just love the Georgetown area. So much history there regarding plantations of slavery.

Later on Mary worked on the advent tree.

January 8 2023

Huh? Morning of Jan 9 and I see the blog is not updated the last 2 days? Not sure what happened. I was sure I updated but obviously not. Aha, I have 2 Jan 6 entry's so I fixed the second to say Jan 7. SO what happened yesterday Jan8?

It was a typical Sunday. We went to church and picked up taco stuff at the store. I listened to an emotional Bills game. Mary cooked the tacos and started to finish the advent tree. She is getting very close.

The Bills won with two amazing kick returns. I don't think they can make it to the big game with all the injuries the defense has. They are not very good. The offense is great but not sure they can overcome the defense shortcomings.

January 7 2023

Mary made cupcakes this morning for Carolyn's 50th and I worked to put all the stuff we moved for Xmas back to their home.

Mary found Jacob's advent tree which we borrowed a year ago so we could make another one. He needed 2 ornaments so Mary made them and packaged them up to give back. Now, Mary has to make an angel and finish the next tree so we can get one done for Lincoln. A little late but they have one for Z and K we think.

About the time she finished it, Carolyn showed up, we sang, she ate her cake and ice cream and she left. I called it a hit and run party.

We had Sahlens dogs for dinner and that was about it for the day.

January 5 2023

Heard the neighbor on his treadmill early. I am tagging him now as Tommy Treadmill. I was thinking they should change the treadmills to those circular cages they have for hamsters. Another idea is to put a generator on them to generate electricity and tie it to the grid. Maybe a tax break for those who buy one?

We started early to take down Christmas stuff. Taking down was the easy part. Hauling the storage bins up and back down and into the loft was the hard part. There are at least 8 bins, maybe more. Done wore us out 4 hrs later. We did pick up a tree bag for \$25 after xmas. That made tree storage much easier this year.

After a quick nap, we headed to Loby's for fish and were home by 330. Still a bunch of stuff to rearrange tomorrow. Already found some stuff we missed. Carolyn's bday, the big 5 0 tomorrow. We will make some cupcakes in the morning.

January 5 2023

We did the FF at the Y. It was tough but not as painful as Tuesdays session. I looked up Tabata and you do 8 rounds of 20 sec all out followed by 10 sec rest. We do 5 sessions and between sessions we use the hand weights. Those all out 20 seconds seem like a very long time. My left leg is toast every jumping session as it is minus a few veins from the bypass surgery.

Picked up some stuff at Marcs and stopped at the bank. Likely take down the decorations tomorrow and hit Loby's for fish.

Called Jim for his 70th Bday. He had his follow up appt with the doctor after his back surgery. Doc said progress is slow and to come back in 8 weeks. He should cut down on walking and add 2.5lbs a week for his lift limit, now at 5lbs.

January 4 2023

Headed to the Retiree lunch at 10am. We were last to get there as usual so John R came over to sit at our table. Caught up on the recent months. He is going low carb to lose weight and is starting to exercise to get upper body strength. Sounds like he has a personal trainer.

Son is divorced 2x and living in Clinton house. Daughter and BF are living with him in PA. She had left for awhile but has returned. Has a grandson who graduated from Uakron.

We worked puzzles when we got home. Put the clubs in the basement after cleaning them. Don't need geese crap in the house.

Mary's sister's operation went well. We heard she is in recovery room this evening.

January 3 2023

Fast forward to today. Can't believe I already missed a day already. Oh yeah, yesterday started well but sucked later on. The weather man was right for a change. The miserable rain stopped just around tee time at Fox Den. We had 4 and Denny was low man to start 2023. He beat me by a stroke on each nine. Rudy played well. Bill had issues but finished

well.

I was just hacking at it, but on the back nine regained my swing. Too bad my putting went sour. Denny finished my comeback by dropping another 30 footer on 17 to save par after I had made mine. I think he made at least 3 long putts today and that was the difference. I made my usual zero. We were both frustrated on #13. He 3 jacked it from 8 feet. My chip almost went in for a birdie, my first putt went over the edge of the hole 2 foot past, and I lipped that one out taking a 6.

Later on at the Bills game Demar Hamlin had to be revived on the field. The suspended the game as there was no way anyone could play not knowing if he was going to live or die. He is still in critical condition but is getting 50% oxygen instead of 100% as of last night.

No wonder I forgot to blog.

Today was busy. We did the FF class. It was tough after missing a week. I was soaked with sweat. At 5:30 we met Jane, son Steve, Rudy and Rosemary for dinner. Was good food and company.

January 1 2023

Happy New Year! I made it till 10:00 last night. Broke my string of 10:30 from several previous years.

Well, was at 1150 with chess last January but now around 1050 extending my slow decline.

We went to church this morning and then finished up putting the ¼ rounds back in the up bathroom. Put silicon sealer in front of the shower to new floor. Need to get some clear caulk for the baseboards but need a trip to the store to get some. Would like to get a rubber mat for the 2 closets around 18" square. Took 5 trips to take all the tools to the basement.

Got a new multi level tool box for xmas. Gonna have to figure out a strategy of where to put what.

Watched the Browns win. Heard OSU missed a FG for the win in the bowl playoffs. Lots of sad OSU alumni around.

Finally, hope to golf tomorrow. Pretty wet though. Fox Den or Wilkshire planned to be open but no way to tell till the morning.