

Neon's Blog_2024

December 31 2024

Last day this year wasn't a great one. Talked to my brother last night. He says he has just caught a miserable cold. I am still coughing after 2 weeks. Mary seems much better.

Lots of aches and pains. Not sure if it is a reaction to my Plevnar 20 shot or from all the squats we did at the Y Monday. Felt pretty good when I got up but it went downhill from there. Likely will hit the bed early again tonight. Took a couple of Advil. Hope that helps.

Well! That's it for another year. Will start the 2025 Blog tomorrow.

December 30 2024

Oops. Forgot to post after watching so much football yesterday. Guess I was braindead after all that. We went to church in the morning and got in another neighborhood walk. Other than that, not much happened.

Last night I called Denny to cancel golf for today. It was supposed to be warmer but it did not work out. It was nicer at 1pm but nasty at 10am. So we went to the Y to do a class. It was hard after being out for 2 weeks with the colds we had. Lots of aches and pains from the workout.

Unfortunately later in the day, Mary showed me yet another blister between the next 2 toes! What the heck is going on. She has exercised for years without issues, but not any more. Either one of her meds is thinning the skin or the ticking away of years is bringing thinner skin. I think we will need to head to the foot doctor tomorrow or right after New Year Day. Mary did some wash throughout the day.

I decided to write up a year end HOA report. The purpose was to document what we did this year, and tell the board members where to look for documents in the Dropbox I created to share documents. I am not sure what will be done with it after my term is over, nor how to transfer it somewhere else without just putting it on a memory stick. Took me most of the day from 1pm to about 7pm. My goal is to finish this before the next board meeting.

December 28 2024

Quiet day. We put away most of the gifts we got. Straightened things out and washed some of the new stuff.

Got a neighborhood walk in. It was beautiful out. Carolyn stopped in for lunch and we put a small dent into the left over potato salad and roast. Then it was football. First game was a bust. Second was a close one.

Put my clubs in the trunk to be safe but the weather said it was gonna be cold.

December 27 2024

Santa Catherine was all packed when I got up. After coffee, she headed the sleigh north to Buffalo.

We did a little clean up before heading to Mary's doctor appt at 1. Nothing new. Mary got the new pneumonia shot, her third one so far.

From there we were off to Lobys for fish. Erin gave us a \$60 gift card. Her mom was there so she introduced us. Erin is now extended family.

Denny called. He got us a 10am tee time at Fox Den. Lets hope the weather doesn't go downhill.

December 26 2024

Merry Christmas #2. The birthday of Jesus was yesterday.

Wes and the kids got here at 2pm. We had the roast beast. Carolyn got here with Jacob around 3pm. After everyone had eaten, it was bedlam for an hour as the big pile of gifts were opened.

It was a great family time. Here today was Carolyn, Tim, Jacob. Also Wes, Kaetchen, Kalix, Zander, Lincoln. Also Catherine, and us. Sue and Ed did not come, as she was feeling the need to stay close to a toilet with stomach issues.

Everyone was gone by 7pm. Jacob says he starts training at Chipotle tomorrow. That will help with food and spending money.

December 25 2024

Merry Christmas #1. The birthday of Jesus.

Mary is in great shape and at 90%. Up at 8-9 we got things ready. Catherine got here at 11am and Carolyn a little after 12 with Tim and Jenna.

We dug into the roast beast and Carolyn's potato salad. She did a nice job on it and made 10lbs of salad. Opened Jenna's gifts and she liked them all. Mary got a religious picture and I got slippers. Gave Carolyn her check for her and the kids. They left at 2pm.

Tomorrow will be Christmas number 2. Sue and ED will be here 11ish. Wes and the kids should be here at 2pm Carolyn will be back tomorrow after work with Tim and Jacob. and mayhem will break out when Carolyn gets here.

December 24 2024

Mary is much improved again today. Did not need a nap and got dressed in something other than her PJs. Hardly any hacking now, although she did have a session last night. We are taking a 12hr pill to thin mucus and that is helping.

We got right to cooking the roasts this morning. Six pounds of it! Had it all done and cut up by noon. We had it for dinner late afternoon. Very good. I had to head out and get some cool whip for the pie this afternoon. That was a pain.

At 4pm we watched the 4pm mass. Kept our germs to ourselves away from the crowd. Sue and Catherine watched too. Catherine made a trip to Sue's today and will have a short drive here in the morning. That gave Mary another day to get some strength back and one day less for Catherine to dodge germs. About $\frac{3}{4}$ the way thru they said they couldn't see us in the video, LOL. I wonder why?

December 23 2024

Mary is much improved today. Got a better sleep and isn't hacking so much. She is about 70% so I asked Catherine to hold off coming till Wednesday. That would give Mary another day to recover. Late morning I got out and picked up a bunch of stuff at BJs. Stuff for xmas food, stuff for us, and some for Jacob.

Went over to the church to help with the lunch. That went well, but they ordered 3x the food they needed. Took the extra to Refuge of Hope for them. The Ladies all hoped Mary got better in time for Christmas. Of course I forgot to pick up a prescription and had to go out and get it later. Did remember to take some food home for Mary.

Mary got a nap in. Carolyn came over and picked up the stuff for the potato salad. This cold is a getting old.

December 22 2024

Another veggie day. I was worried last night we might have to go to urgent care today, but after a horrible night till 1pm, Mary finally got to a good sleep. She got 8 hrs and I got 6 and she was doing better this morning.

After a good breakfast and taking it easy, she took a 3 hr nap around 11am. Vegged all

day and did some wash. Went to Acme for a couple of chicken breasts for dinner.

Listened to The Bills stink it up again and barely squeak by one of the worst teams in the league. Pretty sad stuff.

If Mary is not much improved tomorrow we will have to work something else out (plan B) for Christmas. I think Xmas eve Mass is going to be out and not sure about xmas day either. Hope she will be healthy for the day after. I don't think any of our guests want to catch this nasty stuff.

I promised to help with a funeral lunch tomorrow and will have to pick up the slack for Mary not being there.

December 21 2024

Another veggie day. I was doing OK. Mary seemed OK but coughed a zillion times. Seemed like 2 or 3 every minute. Rough day and the coughing made her throat very sore.

Gave her soup for lunch and we had left overs for dinner.

Watched KC win again (bummer). They will have top seed at year end. Got our new LED bathroom lights. I had looked at them the other day. Ordered them from HD and they got here later in the day.

December 20 2024

Talked to Ruth last night. She was doing good but a bit under the weather since she had a chemo treatment this week. She has one more left before they relook and see how it is going.

We had to come out of hibernation today. Mary had a hair appointment at 1pm. I dropped her off, dropped a package at the post office, and picked up a couple of items at HD. Then I had to shop Marcs on my own (ugh) before heading back to pick her up. Had to wait about 10 minutes for her. Unfortunately, she has the cold now and I am back at 85%.

Put 2 knobs on my bi-folds later this evening that I picked up at HD. Got a call for help at a funeral lunch on Monday afternoon.

Coined a new term to be used the next 4 years. TTW is now my abbreviation for the Trump Train Wreck that we will surely see for the next 4 years. Not even elected yet they are toying with a govt shutdown. OMG!

December 19 2024

Our hibernation continued today. I am much better today but since nothing was pressing, we stayed in once again. Mary seems Ok but a bit congested as well. Another totally wasted day.

We will check in on sister Ruth shortly but that is it for today.

December 18 2024

We both hit the sack early to shake off any cold germs. Mary seemed to do well and still seems healthy. I seem to have picked up more mucus. Did not want to go out and buy some mucinex. I ordered delivery from Walmart. They were offering one free express delivery so I took it.

Pretty much vegged all day in trying to shake this cold. Another totally wasted day.

We called Joann to check on Mel and he surprised us by answering the phone. He is doing well and is pain free at the moment. He did have some face pain when brushing teeth the other day but it settled down. He is cautiously optimistic for now.

He said he was in hospital/rehab for 4 weeks. He was really concerned about recovery for all but the last 5 days. Pretty scary stuff.

Carolyn should be over later for Survivor finale.

December 17 2024

Slept so so last night. Not as congested so that was good. Quite a bit of improvement overnight. Still, don't feel like myself with a bit of brain fog. Mary slept in till about 9am so we had to hurry and get ready to head to Kent.

Got there at 1030 and picked up Jacob for our Cleveland trip to the Natural History Museum. If you are thinking of going, don't. The new stuff is beautiful but basically you see rocks, animals, dinosaurs, and some nice displays. Steep price at \$28 and that doesn't get you to the star show or the two 3D movies. We spent 2 hrs there and paid \$12 additional for parking. Good grief.

Jacob picked Sonic for eats. It was good but you have to eat in the car. Dropped Jacob off and headed home to veg. Mary seemed congested so she may have my cold now.

December 16 2024

Forgot to post yesterday after watching the Browns lose and Bills squeak by the Lions. The Bills defense was terrible in the second half almost blowing a 21 point lead. Bills play call was bad late. They tried to run time off the clock with runs without much luck when the Lions has 2 cornerbacks out and were an easy mark for the pass?

Was feeling like a cold was coming on, so I went to bed at 930. Lots of kleenex last night. Sinus draining or cold mucus? Been a long time since I had a cold. Lots of saliva too. I hope the time resting gets applied to fighting the virus. I hope to be in decent shape to head to Cleveland to see the Natural History Museum with Mary and Jacob tomorrow.

Got Mary to the foot doctor. Her foot is looking good. Trimmed some dead skin off so the other meds get to where they need to be. After that it was veggy time for the rest of the day. Plan to retire early again tonight.

December 14 2024

Slept in but got going right away once again. We got right back to the bi-folds. After working with the first door a bit I saw where it had to go. The doors bowed out a bit in the middle which hit the door frame, so I had to set it a bit out farther than I wanted.

Worked on adjusting the second one. I could not swing that one as far to the side as I wanted either. Also for the same reason. Very disappointing that these doors were bowed causing issues. Fortunately, they barely fit to close properly. If you look close you can see both doors are tilted to the right. In the center top, the right door is higher and at the center bottom the same.

We packed up the old doors and the 2 lamps we replaced and took them to the Restore. Got that done by 230pm. Wow. I had hoped to get that all done yesterday. Looks like at this age things take a lot longer than the did back in the day.

Finally got the tools and stain put a way and the basement straightened back up. Busy day!

December 13 2024

Slept in but got going right away. We had a bunch of gift wrapping so we got that done.

Next up was putting up my new closet bi-folds. We worked on that from 10am till 2pm or thereabouts with no luck. Tried to raise the bottom corner pins to give a better range of adjustment. That took quite awhile but still no luck. Took a break and had a fish fry at Lobys. It was good.

Got back and tried again. Got them closer to closing. Quit for the day. Sat down and drew a sketch of the problem. Looking at it it seems obvious how to fix it tomorrow.

December 12 2024

We got a late start to the Y and came in about 5 min late. Timing was good though. Mary wore the reindeer ears and I wore the santa hat. We both had red tops. I then put on the

funny glasses I got at Michaels the other day. It was a big hit. After class, I lent them to Christine for her other classes.

After we changed at home. We headed to BJ's. Saved 65 cents a gallon on 9 gallons. Bought some stuff for Jacob and headed to Kent. He had 3 washers worth and 5 dryers worth. We ate at Canes and took him for a haircut. Reminded him to try to see an advisor to get his schedule reviewed.

Looked back over the last few entries. Had one out of order and the one at the top was a repeat. What a mess. Hope I fixed it.

December 11 2024

We did the Y today and then over to Aldi for Xmas dinner stuff. We picked up around 6 lbs of roast, potatoes, beef broth, onion, celery. Holy crap, we found a box of pumpkin snickerdoodle cookies for 39 cents?

Took Mary for gyno guy. Last time for him. He told her to come back in 2 years and he would be retired by then. She has been going to him for at least 44 years, maybe more. Wow.

From there I went to Hartville to get a haircut. We went to HH to kill some time, then met Carolyn at Grinders for dinner. Been awhile since we were there. Got to Wes' place at 530 and took the K and L to dance class while they went to trivia.

Got back home at 9pm so I had to hurry up and post before bedtime. Tomorrow will also be a busy day.

December 10 2024

Slept in and then hurried up to the Y. Mary took it easy on her foot and did OK.

After a bit, I got to work with the polyurethane on the first Bifold. Eventually finished it and will do the other tomorrow. Took the papers to recycle and finished up a bit of yard work since the temp was up today. One more warm day then it gets cold again. Too bad it rained all day. Would have been good for golf.

We took our walk at dusk to take some xmas light pics. Unfortunately not many were on tonight.

December 9 2024

Decided to skip the Y this morning and give Mary's foot a rest. We will go tomorrow and likely Thursday.

After a bit, I got to work with the polyurethane on the second Bifold. This one went better than the last as I learned a bit doing the first.

Mary's 8W shoes arrived but were a bit too loose. Took them back to Kohls and will order 7.5W. On the way home we stopped at TJ Maxx and picked up a gift card for Cris. Next it was Michaels for some Kalix stuff and now we are DONE. We done did it.

Talked to Jacob around noon and got him to settle down. He was down on his chances on today's exam. Must really have no clue. He had talked to his instructor last week and she said he would be fine given his good attendance scores. Said he was studying on Chapter 1 at noon with 3 more to go.

I remember talking to Steve about grades earlier this year. He almost never gives anyone an F. Too much hassle from the student who asks for a review of the grade. I would think the fact that he showed interest and was at class all the time would help as well. We shall see.

Got to remember to get some roast beef for Christmas day sandwiches. Will need potatoes and shrimp for salad too.

December 8 2024

Mary's foot looked good this morning. We went to church. They have 17 new members going through the steps to join the church. Quite impressive.

From church, we went to Massillon to spend an hour in Target until the dress shop opened. Picked up some candy and gift cards we had planned.

Mary got 3 holiday tops and 1 dress, all at reasonable prices. I looked for nearby restaurants and we chose Rocknes. Food was very good. I had the salmon and Mary the Rocknes chicken salad; our old standby.

Did some wagering and broke even with a modest pick 4 at Gulfstream.

Texting with Jacob. He is straightening out, so your prayers are working. He is grateful for our support and getting ready for exams. He said they were Tue/Wed/Thurs/ Fri. I guess I misunderstood last week.

Bills are down 10 at the half and not looking good. Run defense is pitiful. Let's hope they adjust.

December 7 2024

Mary's foot looked a lot better this morning. Might be good to go in another day or two.

After breakfast and filling next weeks pills, I went and got a prescription for her antibiotic and some donuts too. Then I went down and started the stain on the 2nd bifold. Got the other side done around 1pm. Later tomorrow I can start the polyurethane. Moving right along!

Did some wagering without much luck and got out the CD player for the Christmas music. I get that out once a year. Good to hear some of the old Christmas classics.

Joann called and must have spent 45 minutes telling us about Mel's 3 falls. What is worse is that his face nerve problem gave him so much pain they had to use morphine. They did the surgery 3 days ago and he is at rehab at Summa City. Boy she can talk.

On another sad note, my card to Barbara Faiss came back as RTS Deceased. Been a few years since we had seen her. We would always have a holiday dinner with the Batchers, the Faiss, and the Smiths back in the day. Now 2 of the couples are gone and Jane split from Doug years ago.

December 6 2024

Mary's foot did not look much improved yet again. We had to wait till her appt at 250pm. Dr quickly removed the blistered skin to allow the topical meds to get at it. That should be helpful.

We stopped at Ollies where they were supposed to have puzzles for 4.99. Big let down. They were all the same and they were 1000pc. The ad showed other choices but there were not.

Earlier, I stained one of the closet bifold doors. Drying is taking longer than the 4 hrs indicated on the label.

Did some trading and watched the horses. Came close on a pick 3 but my single in the last race finished second.

Pretty much a lost week.

December 5 2024

Mary's foot did not look much improved. I got her an appointment tomorrow at 250pm tomorrow at the foot doctor. No sense fooling around with it. Tried for today but they were off a half a day and booked up this afternoon.

We unboxed the first closet bifold and got it ready to stain. Was low on both stain and polyurethane so went to ACE to pick up both. Also stopped at Harbor Freight to pick up some cheap binoculars. Got one for Brad for Xmas and one for myself.

For the first time ever my stocks have greatly exceeded expectations. Trying to draw down my 401K but the dang thing keeps growing. Took out a small chunk for the kids and grandkids for Xmas. Going to have to pay taxes for the first time in a few years.

Loby's pizza was good and the place was pretty warm. Vegged out after that. Carolyn called after the news and said she stopped to see Jacob and cook some burgers and all was well there.

December 4 2024

Did not sleep well. Mary's foot I did not look much improved. If it's not again tomorrow, I will see about getting in to the foot doctor again.

We went to the Hope Mission December luncheon at Brookside CC nearby. Awesome place for the well to do. Very fancy food served and it was great. Talked to many including 6 at our table and caught Father Bob on the way out. Still nasty cold out there as it has been for several days already.

Glad to get back home. Wind chills are down around 15 degrees lately.

December 3 2024

Did not sleep well. Mary's foot looked like it was healing ok in the morning.

We had our dental cleanings at 11. Brrr out there. Had to go to the other office a couple blocks away to straighten out my billing. I overpaid yesterday. Thought it was high but paid it anyway. Checked the insurance sites and they missed my Delta Dental discount and their payment. I have coverage through Aetna Advantage plan and Delta Dental. That always confuses them.

Got home and, after some hot tea to thaw out, we finished up the Xmas decorations. All set for now. After finally getting that off the to do list I can get to staining the closet doors I got a week or so back.

December 2 2024

Last night Mary showed me she had gotten another blister between the same 2 toes again. When the last one healed we she took it easy at the Y and was still OK. She wore some dress flats to church and up to Kent to see Jacob. We had thought those shoes were OK but apparently not. Thats it for those shoes! I slit the blister and it looked good this morning.

We slept in. I didn't sleep well but Mary did as usual. We had to skip the Y so we started and wrapped the Xmas gifts we had. That took a while. After that I brought up the last 4 Xmas storage boxes and we decided what to use and what to pack back up.

Finally Mary put out her Nativity set. There are a lot of ceramic pieces she had made back in the day. Pretty impressive stuff and lots of work. We took about ½ hr getting them all in a picture. Sent that out to friends and family. I should get one of her Ceramic Xmas tree as well while it is out.

Went to the dentist and he got my impressions and drilled a bit to have places for the partial to slide into. Impressive new tool they have now; an Intra oral Scanner. Makes a 3D picture of your teeth. The top teeth scanned in good. Bottom was scanned but I think he forgot to save it. Then the drill would not work. Tried to change power sockets but that did not work. Must be a bad power cord. I was moved to another room where he finished the drilling but couldn't get his scanner to work to update the lower jaw. They took an old school impression and were done with it.

My next appointment is Dec 17. Maybe I will get my 2 front teeth for Christmas?

December 1 2024

We were up at 730 which is right on target. Starting the last month of the year. We had breakfast and got ready for church. There was a baptism today so the sermon was short.

Stinking cold out there. Mid 20s but with the wind it felt like 15. Brrr.

After church we packed up and headed to Kent to take Jacob for laundry and lunch. He seemed tired and a bit off. Told him to focus on his last week of classes and 4 exams the week after.

His job situation is up in the air right now. Told him to focus on school and worry about that in two weeks. Not sure he can do that so its gonna be a rough couple of weeks till he finds a new job.

We stopped at Walmart on the way back. Needed yogurt, half and half, and cookies. Picked up a cheap sheet set for Jacob. We took him 2 old sets we had but they might not last too long.

Bills game late. Not sure I will stay up for it all. Hope they get ahead early.

November 30 2024

We were up early and got breakfast, filled the pills for the week, and started on the Xmas tree. Took till around noon to put it up. We then got the Xmas kitchen stuff in place.

After a brief rest we got out to Marcs to get some wrapping paper and some groceries for dinner. We had to get some turkey to replace what we dropped on the floor last night.

One more turkey dinner today and all the rest went into the trash. All in all we ended up with about 18 meals for the \$200, a little over \$11 a plate.

Next we got out the table stuff. Wore us out and we have 3 storage bins to look through tomorrow and about 10 gifts to wrap. Gonna be busy again tomorrow with church, visiting Jacob, and finishing up Xmas decorating.

November 29 2024

We slept in till 830. It was great since I needed a bit to catch up. I was up early but kept rolling over and caught some more.

Since Catherine went home, Sue didn't come from PA to shop. I took Mary to Kohl's to get the 2 gifts for the church tree. We got PJs for a 30ish female (had to be elastic waist) and added on some warm socks. Also a Spiderman Throw for an 8 yr old boy and a toy car. The line wrapped all the way from the register to the side of the store, then to the back, and then across the entire back of the store. Worst line I ever saw. But it did move quick and we were only in the store an hour.

From there we went to Dunhams Sports in Massillon. Got a good deal on some sweat pants for myself and Mary. Golf Balls for Jr, a jacket for Jenna, and a good deal on a new golf bag.

We cooked up another turkey dinner and we still had 3 plates worth of leftovers! Unfortunately or fortunately, Mary dropped the plate with the remaining turkey on the floor so that takes care of that. Have to figure out what to do with the other parts of the leftovers.

The weather sucks. Heard from Jacob finally. Told him he can't go silent on us, it scares the crap out of us. Likely go see him this weekend. Carolyn went to see him after work so I should hear about that later on.

November 28 2024

We were up early. Got stuff ready for the feast. Started heating stuff at 11 and feasted at 1pm. Steve, Catherine, Wes' family, Carolyn, Tim, Jenna, and Trent made 13.

Carolyn, Tim, Jenna, and Trent left around 330, Catherine around the same time, Kaetchen and the kids, around 5pm. Wes and Steve and us, Skype with Steve III in Baltimore till around 730 and then they left. It was a good day.

The weather report sent Catherine home 2 days early. There was supposed to be 1-2 feet

of snow along the lake tomorrow and the next day. Not sure if we will be out shopping by ourselves tomorrow but you never know.

November 27 2024

We got moving early yet again. We went to Hartville to get the turkey dinners. Got there by 930 and were out of there in a half hr. Stopped for a paper and to pick up prescriptions for Mary. Wow, the paper has changed. Maybe 4 ad fliers where there used to be 15. Times have changed.

Catherine got here around 2:30 and brought a ton of stuff. We had a chicken salad for dinner. Dinner tomorrow is at 1pm. Not going to get on a scale for a full week after tomorrow.

November 26 2024

We got moving early. I cleaned out the garage as Wes was bringing my car back. We put the cover on the A/C too.

Kalix was dropped off at 10 and Wes and Kaetchen went xmas shopping. Kalix made chocolate chip cookies and a bracelet for the day. Wes picked her up around 3pm. He helped me bring in the new solid bifold door I bought for the loft. That's the last crappy hollow closet door. I was waiting on Oak but no one is making them.

Got pine doors from Wayfair. They had them \$40 cheaper than Lowes or HD. A pair was \$250. That should wrap up all the projects here unless we have the rugs redone. I will stain them next week and get them up before Christmas.

Jacob txt exchanges this morning. He is on suspension for missing Monday and expects to be fired Friday. I got him to start looking. It is just as well. Conditions there with his boss are terrible. She yells at everyone and a lot have quit. It is really hard to work for a hateful boss, so a new job would be a blessing. The problem is the limited places to work in Kent and getting some schedule flexibility for school.

November 25 2024

Today could have went better.

We went to they Y. For some reason there were too many squats and too many weight reps or I was just out of shape. Mary stayed for the next class with Brenda and they went to Applebees for lunch. I ended up with soup tonight.

Went up to see Neil. Unfortunately they had already fed him by 1230 and he was asleep. I poked him several times. He opened his eyes once and closed them again. Don't think he recognized me and closed his eyes and ignored a couple of more pokes.

Jacob called me sounding very tired. He was doing door dash with a friend and they got a flat tire. I told him to take it somewhere cause tires are too hard to fix yourself. He missed work again cause he didn't think he was scheduled. I told him to call his boss and get back to real work. Sent Carolyn a text to go up and get him back on track.

I had to get back, pick up some gas and stamps, and get ready for the HOA Board Meeting. Laura came through with an early budget draft. I spent a good deal of time checking that she had the reserve expenses right. But her year end reserves looked too low. Turned out to be a good catch. It would have looked bad going out to everyone with reserves 55K lower than they should have been.

The HOA Board meeting went well and we should be able to distribute the budget next week.

Carolyn went to see Jacob. He is enamored with Door Dash but it is a dead end. After expenses you are lucky to make a few bucks, certainly not enough to get by. Some work is going to be needed to get him back on track. He is a work in process. I am sure I am going to lose sleep before this is over.

November 24 2024

Nice church service with lots of kids and Father Benson's birthday. We stopped at Acme for a few items. No milk necessitated the stop. Watched some football.

Carolyn stopped over later for an hour or so. We were working on getting the xmas cards out. Sent out 10 cause that was all the stamps we had. Should be able to get the rest out before Thanksgiving.

I plan on visiting Neil tomorrow. Sandi is out of town for this week. Thought I would stop in and give him Dad's painting of St Andrews. He may recognize it from the past. Might never know.

November 23 2024

Got the pills filled up for next week, then we made and froze some burgers. Also got out the platters we need for Thanksgiving. Next up was vacuuming the place up and down.

We had burgers mid afternoon so we could go for dinner at the ice cream stand. Not much on but college football, so we watched Netflix series for awhile. Got thru 6 of the 8 episodes.

After that it was Antique Roadshow. Busy morning, slow afternoon.

November 22 2024

Quiet morning. We loaded up the bead desk with all the beads we had stored away.

We headed up to Kent at 1pm. Picked up Jacob and got his laundry done while we ate at the Chinese buffet. Steve met us over there after his class. He complained I called during class but it was 2:01. Not by his watch though.

Crappy cold rainy day. Luckily Jacob is getting a ride to work. He will take his scooter but may indeed get a ride back.

Watched the Browns game last night. Most fun I had in a long time. They were playing in a snow globe. Old time football! They lost the lead late in the game so I turned it off with 4 min left. Danged if they didn't come back and win while I was asleep. Some of the players never had ever played in the snow. Pretty cool.

November 21 2024

All last night I was thinking about t-Rump talking to Melania.

"Hey Mel, what the heck is wrong with Gaetz. Sure he is a rapist like me, but I told him to pay off his victims and keep saying he never did anything wrong and that it's another witch hunt. Always worked for me. I have duped over half the voters with those kind of lies! Nobody is better at duping voters than me! He would have been my perfect bootlicker yes man. He always has done anything I told him to do."

Melania then says "You must have sadly mistaken me for someone who gives a shit. Don't be bothering me with your insane problems." "By the way Donald, you should poof up your hair a bit. Your horns are beginning to show through."

Notes from the Lincoln Project today:

The two Fox hosts, the pedophile (well, until a couple hours ago), Vince McMahon's wife, and now a TV doctor. No, these aren't the people holding a telethon for some bizarre cause, these are the people slated to be heading up the country for the next four years.

OMG, please help us.

My Grandmother Parker lived to almost 100. A staunchly religious woman, she would be likely turning over in her grave if she knew two of her grand daughters (my sisters) sadly have been hopelessly duped by this grifter.

We went to the Y today and I messed around at the head of the class again. Mary was

careful to go easy on her feet. When we got back, we packed up 20 puzzles and took them to the library. They said they would take 20. Twenty more still to get rid of.

Dropped Mary off for her hair and went over to BJs to pick up water and cat litter for Jacob. Picked her up and we went to Loby's. Mary had a meatball sub while I had salmon salad. Twas yummy.

Called it a day and got back to a warm house.

The stock market has been insane lately. For the first time ever, my stock picks are surging. It's going to be a very Merry Christmas this year.

November 20 2024

Mary let me know her toe was bothering her overnight. I took a look in the morning and there may be another small blister by the little toe that we thought was all healed? She did the Y class yesterday, so she must not be class ready yet. The toe over (most recent blister) looked to be OK. Being not sure of just what to do at this point, we skipped the Y today. Have to re-evaluate again tomorrow morning. Geeze.

At the shoreline they kept working. It was pouring rain when I was ready to look so I called Keith instead of walking over there. He said they are moving right along and have built a pier to get across the back of the unit with their big diggers. I asked sam to get Hammond Engineering out there Friday to weigh in on their work.

Jacob worked early and then had classes. He has a full schedule starting Friday. I believe since he cut his hours the last 2 weeks, they are feeling how much they miss him. Good vibes on that development.

Mary and I put together this dresser we ordered. Holy cow. There were 250 screws to put in. Assembly took 2 and a half hours. We will put the beads in it so they are more handily accessed when doing jewelry.

November 19 2024

We went to the Y today. Mary's blister was mostly healed so we gave it a try. I was messing around again and got my usual applause. We stopped at Buelers and they did have the rutabaga. Grabbed 5 lbs of it. Hope everyone is hungry. Mary remembered the cool whip for the pies.

Went over to photo the shoreline work. Today, they built the road for the trucks and equipment and scraped out what they could reach of the vegetation. Cleaned it up nice before they quit for the day. They also started pumping down the pond. They claimed they would be done in 5-7 days and they got a lot done today.

Starting to prep for next week's HOA Board meeting. Worked on the fee increase letter today and reminded Laura to submit her info on the CTA Kaman legal site. Need to work on the agenda next. Suggested to Laura we get together prior to the meeting on the budget but have not got a response as of yet.

November 18 2024

Played golf today at Fox Den. Took me most of the round to get rolling. 44 on the front and 43 on the back. Started the back poorly then lipped out 2 possible pars in a row before finally making a putt for a birdie on #14. Then lipped another possible par out before finishing with 3 bogies. It was pretty disappointing but I was close to a good round.

Got home early and went for a quick walk with Mary before tossing my clothes in the wash. We had pork chops for a nice change.

Had to mute the first 10 minutes of the news regarding T-Rumps absurd cabinet nominations. The man is a scum bag. Just hope I make it long enough to spit on his grave.

November 17 2024

Did not sleep very well but stayed in bed long enough to get time in. Almost no REM or deep sleep logged. Decent temp today as we went to church. Got back and watched the Browns struggle then headed to Bob Evans for their turkey dinner. Turkey was excellent but the stuffing was almost mush. Neither of us ate much of it.

No luck at the races today. The Bills had a good game against the Chiefs. That was good to see on TV for a change.

Did not watch any news today. This head in the sand technique agrees with me. I had to mute 60 minutes as they were talking about T-Rumps yes men he has nominated for important posts even though they have no experience whatsoever. They do have a lot in common though, and are very accomplished at saying yes sir, yes sir, anything else sir?

Looking forward to golf tomorrow. I hope to stay over the ball and make some good swings instead of moving off the ball and hacking at it.

November 16 2024

We put up the Bills flag on the loft this morning. Vicky and Penny stopped in around 12:30 and Mary did a short walk with them.

I just watched the races. Came up empty till I won \$260 on a long shot.

In the evening we watched the Diplomat on Netflix. We had watched Season 1 a while ago. Working on Season 2 now. Did a little on the puzzle too.

Skipped all the news today. I suppose I can find out what the lunatic President- Elect has done tomorrow.

November 15 2024

I re-adjusted my stocks this morning. I see a recession coming once Musk and T-Rump's other jackasses gut the government offices. None of it is going to help the worker class. Just going to hammer the middle class government employees. Kept my AI stocks that are hot, kept cloud stocks, internet protection stocks and of course Sofi. Forget about any drug companies offering vaccines.

We went to see Jacob and Steve at 2pm. Jacob says his freezer is full so easy on frozen stuff. Got his laundry done. Mary saved the day. She had me check to see if Jacob took all the stuff we brought and the new lock was in the cooler. He needs that to lock the scooter.

We got home by 5pm and vegged the rest of the day.

November 14 2024

T-Rump is on his pathetic roll. Matt Gaetz for Attorney General? A conspiracy theorist and national renowned jackass? Many of his others are absurd as well, but we all knew he was going to appoint nothing but Yes Men. God help us all.

Dave called and reported that sister Ruth did well with ablation surgery. Her heart rate is back to normal. She also had some kind of trap put in to catch and blood clots. She called it a Watchman. Now she can get back to her chemo. She has had a rough couple of years!

We picked up some items at BJs for Jacob and us this morning, then hunkered down for awhile. Got pizza at Lobys around 2pm and home for Survivor before 4pm. Carolyn should be over shortly.

November 13 2024

Played poorly at Sable creek. 46-46 and one was on the Gold nine. You should never be much over 40 on that nine. Two in the water didn't help. I made 3 putts under 6 ft and thats it. Pretty dismal. Bill played the gold in 40; what you should do. We played in 3 hrs. That was a treat.

We drove 2 cars to Wes'; he needed to borrow mine again cause his had brake issues. Took the kids to dance class and stopped for ice cream after. It was interesting to see

them with their friends. Couple of the girls had their eye on the Z-Man.

Glad we don't have to do that often. They place was small and there were 30 kids there passing around germs. Gave me the creeps.

Back home at 9pm. Long day.

November 12 2024

Had to renumber the last couple of posts. Looks like I missed last Sunday. Not sure just how that happened because I remember writing that the Bills sucked on Sunday?

Today was a slow one. Not much going on till Red Hats at 1pm. I dropped her off and picked her up when she called. She somehow finished her dinner so there were no leftovers for me. I had a bagel or dinner.

We did start another puzzle today. Wes called with brake trouble. Have to lend him my car again tomorrow after golf.

November 11 2024

Up at 730 and checked Mary's toe. It did good overnight. Last night she did have a small blister above the previous one. Either she spent too much time on her feet or I had the bandage too tight and it rubbed when she was walking. Been looking good all day so far and I am keeping her off her feet.

She will be walking later as we need to go to the 7pm Mass tonight in support of a Memorial Mass for those lost this year.

Not much going on today. Vicky and Penny stopped by. I looked into an owner request to put a light up on the side of the unit for safety. I am inclined to approve it but not the monster light she proposed. Will have to gather others input.

We went to the Memorial service. I have to say, it was the most beautiful and inspiring services I have ever gone to. Each family was called to light a candle. To add to that, Father Benson's homily was excellent. He reminded all not to get caught up in the insignificant. Life is too short. There were 10 from the choir and band there, 20 or so Hope Mission people, some church staff, and 25 families who lost loved ones. It was widely supported by the church community. Very impressive indeed.

I checked Mary's toe when we got back. It was a little irritated from going to the service. Hope the setback is minimal. Looks like I got to keep her off her feet to let it heal.

November 9 2024

Kept busy today with this and that, so did not watch any news till the evening. Watching the news with my finger on the mute button is working out great. If I see his ugly rapist mug on the screen, I hit the mute and look away, glancing back now and then to see if it is safe to unmute. I do miss MSNBC ragging on the fool but now I can't stomach anything that involves that maggot.

Mary had another sore toe this morning. We have no idea how that happened. This time it was a blister between the next toe over? I sliced it, drained it and bandaged it. If it isn't healing we will try the foot doctor again.

Next up was putting the Halloween stuff away. After that, we moved the furniture around in the loft so I can get a storage unit for the beads. We plan to do more beading, so a more convenient storage unit would be helpful. Got room for one now, so I got to find the right sized one somewhere online.

We took the recycle papers to the church, then took the 2 scooters down to the basement. They won't be used much during the winter. Mary helped me put the fender back on the scooter. That took awhile. Finally, we hung Neil's art on the TV wall. That is a place I will see it while relaxing in my chair.

New super duper scooter lock came. Have to give it to Jacob when we see him next week.

I was really worried about him last night because he was so sleep deprived when we saw him, but this morning he said he got an 80% on his test. Don't know how the hell he can think straight as tired as he was.

He worked 5 hrs on his reduced schedule. He is down to 10 hrs a week and only goes in 2 days a week. That surely will help him deal with the course (Business Analytics) he is struggling with. His 80% is a good sign he is getting after it. He will need some minimal financial support for bills and some food. Carolyn, Don, and I can help in that respect. Maybe get to a food bank when they are open.

November 8 2024

Woke up and watched the local news. Looks like it's going to be an exciting 4 years for the MAGAts (maggots). I would guess that all the racists voted MAGAt.

They started off by sending black kids messages that they were selected to pick cotton on a plantation (in 12 States so far). I am guessing it was sent by some stupid group of kids brought up in a racist family. That's just for starters. Also along that line, I heard on the he stock channel that private prison stocks were soaring anticipating T-Rumps expected insane mass immigrant deportation. More insanity to come!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=27aYACpwylA>

Took Mary for her blood draw to check some items before the shot. They decided her latest labs were close enough and gave her the shot instead. Whoever is the office manager there now is missing a few marbles. First, they never answered the shot supplier and at her first appt we went home empty handed. Second, they wanted a blood test and changed their mind without an explanation till I pressed them with "What is going on here" question.

We went up to see Jacob at 3pm. He was half asleep and still had one assignment to turn in. I told him to get it done, set his alarm, and get to sleep. We got home about 6pm and I was exhausted from rush hour driving through the construction zone between here and thar.

I now have to watch the news with my thumb on the mute button. Doing pretty well in that regard so far, although some maggot news slips by when I am not expecting it.

November 7 2024

We went to the Y and I messed around a bit. My sciatica wasn't an issue today so that was good.

After that we were very busy. From the Y we went and got gas at BJ's, picked up groceries there. Then to Walmart to get bandages for my golf wound. Next was the bank. We were running late so we skipped the Acme stop and will need to do that tomorrow. We quickly put away the groceries. Next was Lobys. I had the stuffed peppers and Mary had the ravioli. Then I headed over to get my haircut nearby. We left for the Y at 10 and I was back home at 3:30 pm. Long day.

Mary 's Prolia shot is now re-scheduled for Monday but she needs a blood test tomorrow to check something or other. Maybe vitamin B?

Finally, Jacob was getting a locksmith to open his scooter lock which wasn't opening with the key. The scooter sat out all night locked up. Hope they get it unlocked soon.

Lastly I avoided the news again all day. Did turn it on but muted it for every election story that came on.

November 6 2024

We were going to go to the retiree lunch but I was too depressed after hearing T-Rump won the election. Went to the Y instead. Got the mats out of the trunk but there was some laundry detergent on one of them and on the trunk mat. After the Y, I pulled both out and washed them down.

At 1pm we went to the Hope Mission meeting at church. Signed up for the xmas party. Also we need to bring 2 doz cookies to the church Monday night for the Memorial Mass for all those who lost family last year.

I Never could turn on any of the news programs today. To depressed and didn't want to hear anything about the election. My opinion is that the constant "Too liberal for me" adds got all the rural people to come out. That rings a bell for those conservative people. They also blew all their dog whistles over and over to bring out the racists and nutty Christian Nationals. Finally they suckered a lot of working people in believing they are looking out for them. Suckers.

I feel sorry for all our international allies who will have the rug pulled out from under them. I also feel sorry for the immigrants, the lower and middle class. They will all be screwed over royally while the rich get richer. Ditto for all the never Trumpers who will be persecuted. Pity the Ukrainians who will lose a good part of their country as Trump rolls out the welcome mat for Putin.

Well, we have to survive 4 years of the devil himself leading our country, appointing his ridiculous yes man minions. He is one disgusting human being, a felon and rapist, who without a doubt, will surely rot in Hell. May God forgive all who voted for him.

November 5 2024

I sort of played at Sable Creek today. Rudy 90 and Denny 92 edged me out at 93. I made only 1 putt and missed at least 3 short ones. One stinking par. A few lookups hurt too. Everyone was hitting some horrible shots. Lots of dubs, slices, look ups and shanks. Oh my. My sciatica did not help one bit.

We had dinner with Rudy Rosemary and Jane at Palumbo's. Food was awesome. The baked scrod was huge and very tasty.

Watched a little of the election returns and things didn't look good early. Let's hope.

November 4 2024

We did the Y class today. I took it easy as my sciatica was raging. Talked to Wes about the pain in the butt/leg I have had for 2+ weeks. He said it fits with sciatica and not hamstring issues. Back to stretching I guess.

We rested when we got home, then I decided to get Mary to help me with the sidelined scooter. I had thought we broke a wire replacing the tire, Been googling and youtube-ing this off and on for a couple of weeks now. One goole result had a guy fixing a blue wire at the controller board. Watched some more videos and realized the motor connection to the controller board was right at the bottom of the stem. Had we unknowingly pulled the connector apart when pulling wires to get the tire off?

I took off the stem at the bottom near the wheel. Sure enough we did. I plugged them together and had the same issue. On the second try, I made sure the connector was firmly secured and that was that. Just revived a \$300 scooter, a real money saver.

Now we have the scrapped Amazon ES2 original working, the Amazon ES2 replacement with the new tire just back from the scrap heap, the refurbished ES2 I bought as backup and had to replace the battery on, and the new E2plus. On top of that we have 3 add on batteries on the ES2s Scooter Mania.

On top of all that, I got my led light table for my crystal working by replacing the power adapter. That save me another \$20.

I just gotta pat myself on the back today. Had to renumber the last couple of entries. Last a day somewhere?

November 3 2024

We went to church then had Mary's party. Carolyn brought the salad, Wes the rolls, and we had the lasagna. We had a great time and Mary loved it.

Wes and I listened to the Bills game. Their defense is pretty bad and Miami tied it with 1:30 to go. The Bills couldn't get close enough and had to try an impossible 61 yd field goal to win it. Holy Cow, he made it and they won!

The kids loved riding the scooter. Not much time on the battery.

Everyone headed out by 4:30 and the day was pretty much over.

November 2 2024

I posted yesterday this morning. Got a good sleep. We needed to get groceries for us and for lasagna for Sunday's party for Mary's 7x Birthday.

Headed to Kohl's first where I picked up some pants. Would have got another pair but there was no discount on them. Clever trick to sell some items at full price. Then to Walmart and picked up most of the stuff except the lasagna stuff. Next to GE for that stuff.

Got home and saw JiffyLube was not busy so took the Ford over there for that. Then we took some shoes, clothes, and a couple of coats over to Refuge of Hope.

After dinner, Carolyn and Jacob stopped in to get laptop charger and the new E2 plus scooter. Long but productive day.

October 31 2024

I posted this the next morning. Realized I had forgot when I was headed to bed so I left myself a note. It was a fun day.

We went to the Y and we wore our Halloween hats. Mine was a chicken hat and Mary's was a pineapple. Everyone laughed. I did a chicken scratching motion for one exercise. Had to take them off cause it got real hot under it.

We wasted an hour going to the doctor for Mary's Prolia shot. They never did get the shot delivered. We called about it and the company supplying it said the doctor's office never returned their call to schedule delivery, so they put it on hold. Pretty irritating.

We went to Lobys and wore the hats. Erin thought it was a hoot. I love their stuffed banana peppers so I had that while Mary had pizza.

I spent some time watching videos and looking at google about our non working scooter. Pretty sure it is a broken wire between the motor and control board. We did pull and stress that wire getting the tire on. Thought maybe we pulled one of the connectors off doing that. Will have to take the stem off and look when I have some time.

October 30 2024

No sleep last night. I checked at 530 and I had 3 hrs sleep. Got it up to 4 by 8am. Had to drop out of golf on a record temp fall day because of it.

Spent most of the night thinking about the HOA budget stuff we didn't get done and what I needed to do. Realized what Laura was saying and I didn't provide what she really needed, so I wrote it all down and emailed it to her. Hope I got down what she wanted.

Took a couple of naps during the day and later we headed up to Kent to see Jacob. He looked good and seemed back on his game. He is struggling in 2 classes and thinks he can get them done if he spends more time on them.

He is not likely to go back to Bob Evans as his recent boss is very abusive and bipolar. Never knows where he stands. The district manager, his old boss, just loves him. Unfortunately Jacob is unable to deal with the new boss. He thinks he can get in where his buddies work at Arbys of River Merchant but needs to get a handle on the two courses before going back to work.

October 29 2024

We did the tough Y class today. I messed around a bit and got an applause from the room. After that, we went to the BMV and got Mary a new license. It will come in the mail. She

gets a paper one she has to carry till then.

When we got home we saw Vicky and dog Penny wandering around so we talked to her for about 45minutes.

I had to work on stuff for the HOA meeting at 6pm most of the rest of the day and printed some handouts.

The HOA meeting went well till we got to the reserves. Laura and I were at odds and we were both stressed out, so we adjourned. I stayed after to talk with her and we both chilled out. Then I showed her what I was trying to do and she will use that and come up with a reserve plan for next year.

I don't think this is the end of our battles, but we should work together before the meetings to resolve things. Should have done this already but she is very busy taking care of her dad.

Jacob said he did poorly on his Business Finance class. Said the instructor did a review prep but nothing she reviewed was on the test. He studied all the review stuff and was a bit ticked about it. I told him if that was the case, she would have to curve or throw out the results. Forget about it and move on, or see her at her office hours.

October 28 2024

Played Fox Dn after a goodly frost delay. Thank goodness the groups ahead were a league. Took 2 ½ hrs for the front nine and they went home. They only played 9. It was only 1 1/5 hrs for the back nine with clear sailing all the way.

I scored a 47 on the front. Was in 3 bunkers and had one penalty. Got into a grove on the back and had 40 for an 87. Night and day. Had 2 birdie ops on the back par 5s. Made 1 of 2. Also 20 putts front, 14 back. Greens were very fast.

Was still warm when I got home. Got Mary out for a walk. Very nice.

Jacob said he was feeling better getting out to his classes and getting some food into him. He called later and he agreed that it looked like antidepressant withdrawal. Knowing what he was experiencing was a relief as the unknown is always scary.

October 27 2024

Not a fun day. We went to church, picked up some prescriptions and birthday cards, then headed home. Got home to an awful smell. Turns out we started the dishwasher before we left. I recall throwing the pancake flipper in there and it fell to the bottom shelf. I thought Mary picked it up but she dd not.

Thus, when the heater came on to dry, it started to melt the dang thing. Opened the windows and blew the fan at the window. Had to clean up the mess. That took an hour or so. Rewashed everything but the smell still remains. Hope it goes away after a few more washes.

Jacob still feels poorly. We think it might be antidepressant withdrawal. He stopped his meds on his own. He needs to return to a doctor and stop messing with his meds. He will have to stop working and focus on school for the near term. Rough times.

October 26 2024

Quiet day. After I filled the pill box we went to BJs. Filled the tank and got some stuff for Jacob. Also loaded up on paper towels and Puffs tissues. Tried to get a hot fudge at Ros but they were closed for the year. We had to drive to Handels over by the Y.

We took our neighborhood walk when we got home then vegged the rest of the day. For dinner, we finished up the london broil.

October 25 2024

Played Mayfair. Rain spritzed on us for 5 holes but didn't amount to much. We got lucky.

Did not play well yet again but came alive near the end and parred 2 of the last 4 and should have parred them all. 44-45 for 89. JohnT took all the birdie money, \$12, and my \$3 too.

Stopped for gas and prescriptions on the way home. Vegged the rest of the day after being tired and cold.

October 24 2024

We did the hard class at the Y today. I mixed it up a little in class. When we got home, Mary helped me put the new E2 Scooter together, clean up the garage, put more lawn stuff away for the winter, and chop down the Iris growth. We are set for winter, except for taking the spinners down.

Put all the tools away we used putting the tire on the old scooter. We must have broke a wire in the process because all we get are error codes on it. The E2 will replace it. Live and learn.

Headed to Loby's for pizza and stuffed peppers for me. Mary had the grilled chicken salad. That is always good. Left over pizza for tomorrow.

Carolyn was over for Survivor last night. She spent late afternoon with Jacob and reported he is doing well. Knowing that, I slept really good last night.

October 23 2024

Huh. Forgot to blog last night. We were watching the FBI and lost track. Yesterday was busy. I had a dentist appt in the morning. They took first impressions for my partial and I go in for final impressions Dec 2. Finally!

In the afternoon we had the foot doctor. She said Mary's toe is healing well. May indeed happen again in the future. OMG, once my nails were cut my feet were free again. Two weeks ago I was limping around the golf course. Now, no pain at all Sweet!

On the way home, we picked up a couple items for the London Broil recipe and cooked the roast. It was good eating and we will have it again tonight!

Today we went to the Y for a change now that Mary's foot has healed. We came home and got out all Mary's shoes and went through them. We will be tossing about half of them as too small (7s and some 7.5s that push on her bunion).

Kaetchen and Kalix were out and about and stopped in for maybe an hour. Kalix had a roast beef sandwich.

After looking thru the shoes we set out to find some new ones, 8 w. The wide flats were too loose on her for both 7.5 and 8. We struck out there. Did find a nice dress shoe with straps 8m that she can wear to church. Also found a 7.5w sneaker. So now she has 2 new sneakers and 1 dress shoe that won't hurt her feet. Some of her old shoes at 7.5 are ok if they have soft sides. We kept them but she should wear the new ones if at all possible.

Expecting Carolyn later on for Survivor.

October 21 2024

We got rolling early before 8am so we could take Jacob to a Dr appt in Green. He saw the Dr and they took some blood to check out his situation. I am still worried as he still has issues after an entire week now. We stopped out for breakfast, then it was back to Kent.

Got his laundry going and picked up meds at the CVS, then back to finish the laundry. Dropped him off and we were home by 130pm. We were pretty much toast by then and vegged most of the rest of the day. We did get out for a walk.

Stopped to talk with a lady recently moved in with her husband on Woodlawn Circle near the hill to the church. She said their backyard camera caught a couple of guys out back who bolted after they saw their camera. That is not good.

Forgot to mention that we walked yesterday too. Someone pointed out there was a political sign by the main road so I went over and pulled out two of them. They were pretty good quality. Must have been worth \$10 each. Wondering why Judges use political signs and where the money comes from?

October 20 2024

We slept in. I rolled over at 6am and slept till 830 and got an unheard of 81 sleep score. My average for the year is 69. We did church then stopped at Acme for a few items.

Headed off to the memorial service for Sally Lott. I saw Messner, Iler, and Hetrick from work. Very proud of our FridayGolf group. JohnE, JohnT, Rudy, Denny and Carol, Bill and Judy were all there. I imagine Mel 's memory failed him because he was not there. I sent him an email to needle him about that.

Listened to the end of the Bills game. They won with a 2nd half comeback.

Gonna be a great day for golf tomorrow. Got to get Jacob to a Dr appt otherwise I would be playing. Going to be a long driving day tomorrow. Something like 2 ½ hrs in the car expected.

October 19 2024

Busy day. Lousy sleep thanks to Wendy's. The burger was real salty and the chili was the one that kept me up. Last time for Wendy's food for me.

We refilled the pills and got started on vacuuming the place. With the bathroom rug washing it took most of the morning. Killed off a fat spider weaving a web out near the deck. That thing was the size of a carpenter bee. Tossed some spent hanging baskets.

We had some pancakes Mary is famous for, for dinner. My stomach needed something simple and easily digestible. After dinner we went to the Home store to pick up a couple of items.

Watched the Lawrence Welk show on PBS. So nostalgic.

October 18 2024

Played Mayfair today. Kirk did not feel well and quit after 9. JohnT did not show. JohnE played one good nine. Otherwise it was ugly. It was Billugly too. Coined a new term! I shot 45-47. On the back nine, I had 23 putts. It was Bobugly. Yet another new term.

We went to Wendy's for dinner. Holy Cow \$20. Two burgers, baked potato, small chili, and a drink. Then we stopped at Walgreens and got Mary's antibiotic for her foot. Also they will transfer all our scripts there. Goodbye crabby lady at DrugMart.

Jacob wanted a ride to the Dr Monday. Will be an early morning for us.

October 17 2024

We were up early. Vegged till I took Mary to her hair appointment. I stopped at the bank and then Walgreens. I was going to transfer our prescriptions to there but they were on their lunch break. Then we went to Lobys for pizza. Not a lucky week. No winning pull tabs and the pizza was burnt. Erin took it off the bill it was so bad. Got us some blizzards on the way home.

Mary's new sneakers came. She was wearing 7.5 M. Measured her foot and it looks like an 8 W is a better fit for her bunions. Maybe that will help her toe heal better. Also got her a new fitbit. The old one was hard to read it was so dimly lit. The Charge 6 has bigger and brighter letters.

Watched the Guardians game. They were leading when I posted at 7pm.

October 16 2024

I was up early and got 5 hrs sleep. Mary got 8hrs. Wish I could sleep better. Got to the tub re-caulking early. Used painter tape and that definitely helped. Some of the caulk in the

tube was wetter and that created a problem. Got it done. Needs 2 days to dry because some spots are pretty thick. We shall see.

Next I went to BJs to get some gas, water, and cat food for Jacob. It is cold out there at 47!

We later cancelled our Kent visit as Jacob is still not feeling good. He is not a happy camper. He did say he went to class, passed a test, and is working tomorrow night. Certainly is gritting it out. He is struggling with the one class in Business Analytics, same one he dropped in the summer. Carolyn is heading up later and might be back for Survivor.

Got into it with the DrugMart pharma lady. We never got a call the salve for Mary was ready, so I called and they said the other prescription was on hold. I was asking why we were never notified and she hung up on me. I had to call back and she told me it was an OTS item so they would never fill it. I wanted to know why we were never notified and she said stop yelling at me and hoped it made my day to yell at her and hung up on me again. Last time I fill anything there. I sent a note to DrugMart about the incident. Crazy stuff.

October 15 2024

Took Mary to foot Dr appt at 940am. She cut off the blister and sent a culture to be tested. Also prescribed an iodine prep and an antibiotic cream to apply. Showed us how to bandage too. DrugMart had to order it so I will pick it up in the morning.

Then we headed up to Solon to meet Sandi Adams at Gleneagles golf course restaurant. We talked about Neil and other stuff and then went over to look at his marquetry art. Neil wanted me to have one. I picked Bobby Jones and will hang it somewhere in the house. I am so grateful for the picture and it stirred up some emotion I had for the past.

I took photo's of some of the others and sent them out to those who knew him.

Carolyn reported that she was up to see Jacob and he was very remorseful and was dealing with a lot of withdrawal unpleasantries. We may go up to see him tomorrow if he feels up to it. He is taking a test and then will be available after that.

October 14 2024

Busy day today. Golf was rained out. I wasn't going to go anyway. Hoped to get Mary in to see the foot doctor. I called first thing at 830. Silence. I decided we would go drop off our ballots and then stop at Dr unless they called.

We dropped off the ballots. They were watching that box like a hawk. Two people. One had a mask on. They asked if we were just dropping off our ballots and I said yes. The lot was full so I imagine there was a line for early voting too. No line for drop offs yet.

On the way back we got a call. Took till 915? Dr was off today but I got a 940 for tomorrow. After the doctor, we will head up to Solon to have lunch with Sandi Adams. She is going to let me choose a piece from Neils art. It's gonna hang in a place of honor when I get back.

I cleaned the tub today. The sealer needed replacing and it gave me a hard time of it. Not sure what I used last time but it would not come off. Sent close to 2 hrs on it. I hope the new stuff will go on over the ragged remains. That is a job for later this week. In the meantime we can use the up shower.

Had to be the cook too. Trying to keep Mary off her feet.

Good day for Sofi. It was up 11%.

Carolyn said Jacob is not feeling so good and is very remorseful about taking whatever he took. Hopefully he will get back on the horse.

October 13 2024

Good service today. Benson wore a mask and gave communion to the masked section

today. I went up and got a blessing.

Mary's toe issue from back at the family reunion has flared up again. I dropped her off at the church door, she took the elevator up and back down and I picked her up at the door. Will call the foot doctor in the morning to get her in asap.

I spent the day waiting on her to keep her off her feet.

Jacob has slipped again. It is very sad. Sent him some texts urging him to right the ship. The fact that I got nothing back is not a good sign. I am afraid he is in the process of throwing away his future.

October 12 2024

Looks like I missed yesterday. A lot going on must be making me forgetful. Yesterday was a long day but not that long. There was an hour frost delay so I did not get home till almost 4pm. We played Wilkshire. I had a mid round let down but then recovered to shoot 44-42 with a snowman on the back nine. Kirk played well with an 82. Bill and Rudy had a good front nine but tanked on the back. We went to Lobys and then chilled the rest of the night.

Today Bill said he had afib on the back nine. Holy Crap! Said he was shocked out of it today at the ER and the anesthesia didn't put him out. Holy Crap again!

We picked up groceries at Walmart, picked up windshield squirter for my Ford, picked up a broasted chicken at Acme, and unloaded our recycle stuff at church.

Mary called sister Ruth. She has had a bad week with a chemo session on Tuesday.

Mary's toes are still not healing from the family reunion debacle. Will have to find a solution. Will call the foot doctor tomorrow.

October 10 2024

I posted for yesterday early today.

We did the tough Y class today. I went up front for the band stretching session. Got home and I scheduled Mary for her mammogram the day after Thanksgiving and her Gyno Dr appt in early December. Also sent a note to our doc that it was time to schedule her Prolia shot. Holy doctor appointments!

With my car back, we moved stuff around. Put the clubs and shoes in my trunk for golf tomorrow. Might be a frost delay. Put the exercise mats back in Mary's car.

Speaking of Dr appts, we went to see Mary's Cardiologist at 2pm. Everything looks so good, we set back her next appointment to 6 mo.

Carolyn went up to see what is up with Jacob? I figure he was going to be upset about not doing good on his test last night. I don't know how he could think straight being so tired. Plus his new and nasty boss at work has been on his case for helping others get their work done? He must still be messed up because she is staying the night and taking tomorrow off. Hopefully he can get some sleep and she can get him to chill out.

October 9 2024

We did the easy Y class today. Mary stayed for yoga and bummed around with Brenda till 2pm.

We headed to Kent to see Jacob and Steve around 4pm. Probably should have not gone. Jacob had a couple of tests before we got there and was almost asleep on his feet. We went to dinner and then Walmart so he could get a few items. Dropped him off around 7pm. Turns out he had another 3 hr test to go. Normally that would have been a nice break but being dead tired didn't bode well for completing his test/ assignments by midnight.

We headed home. Carolyn was over to watch Survivor. Wes was over while we were gone

to use the washer. His is on the fritz and he needed clean dress shirts for work. He also dropped off my car he had been using as his was being repaired. I drove him home and got back at 915. Long evening and lots of driving for me.

Later, I had a few txts with Jacob. Didn't sound like he was doing very well on his tests. Not a bit surprised. I never could think when I was that tired. Always feel like a zombie when I get that tired. I told him to go to sleep and see his instructor when he can.

Carolyn plans to go up there tonight and get him back on track. Whatever he has been doing rather than sleeping properly has to be changed. Hope she can figure that out. Something is out of whack with him starting last week. Not sure what it is but things have to change.

Posted this in the morning of Oct 10.

October 8 2024

Did not sleep well. Was thinking about the HOA reserves and the new fees. Up at 630 and got ready for Mayfair. Wore my winter gear and glad I did. Thankfully there was no wind. Still smacking the ball well. A couple of look ups, a penalty stroke, and a lip out kept me at 44 on the front. Caught fire on the back after a 3 putt bogey on! 0. Birdied 11 and 13. Sadly a triple on 14 kept me at 40 on the back.

I rode with Ray Stone. He knew Gene Penix from the tournament marshaling days at Firestone and knew JohnE from the Brookledge league. He usually beats me by a stroke or two, but ballooned to a 90 on the back.

Mary and I got in a walk around 530. Great temp for a walk.

I downloaded the scooter app. It showed error code 54. Best I can figure is we broke a wire replacing the tire. Possible Jacob had it e-locked. Will have to see tomorrow.

October 7 2024

Oops. Forgot to post yesterday. We did church and picked up some groceries. The Bills were stinking it up so I went to the grocery store. They actually made a comeback before blowing it in the last 30 seconds. I listened to some call ins and there was a lot of talk about this being the rule rather than the exception. Holy crap, I think they are right.

I think I missed cause I was txting with Jacob till late, then slept poorly thinking about the issues. Finished up on that today. Pretty sure I talked him out of getting a car till the springtime. Just too costly at this point for him.

We went to the Y this morning, then worked on a puzzle. Carolyn came over to help put the scooter tire on. The good news is we did it. The bad news is it is flashing a wrench, so I have to look into it tomorrow after golf.

October 5 2024

Today was Misc day. After we got the day started, I watched the videos about replacing the scooter tire. We took off the fender and plastic bolt protectors and I got one wheel bolt holding the wheel to the fork with my handy dandy fit all socket. The other one was frozen so I had to go get a perfect fit wrench. Turned out to be an 18 mm. Got the other bolt off.

We hacked off the old tire, boiled the new one and tried to get it on. No luck. Needed stronger hands or more strong hands. Will need help.

We had dinner and got a walk in around 6.

October 4 2024

Played Zoar today and played well. Several lookups were an issue, along with my putting. I did make 2 putts today. Add them up and you get 11 ft. Missed 10 putts under 10 feet including two 2 ft. Mary did a ton of wash while I was gone.

We went to Loby's after I got home. Mary had the fish, I had the buffalo mac n cheese.

After we got back, I set up her new iphone SE with the help of the people on the phone. Dave called her to touch base. Everyone is good and THAT is GOOD!

October 3 2024

Looking forward to golf tomorrow. After doing HOA stuff, going to a funeral, having Dick's wife pass away, hearing Mel fell and hurt himself (some scrapes and banged up shoulder, having Jacob sleep in, and sleeping poorly this week, I am ready.

We went to Y this morning and did the tough class. Good workout and it was fun too. Had about an hour to rest then went up to Kent. Jacob didn't answer the phone at 1pm so we called Steve and went out to lunch.

Lunch was good. On the way back Jacob woke up and said he was up late, didn't hear the alarm, nor the phone calls. Later that evening Vicky locked herself out, but got a key from her sister. What a day, what a week.

October 2 2024

We went to the Retiree lunch. Had a full table including Jon Surprise. Have not seen him in a couple of years. He is still trying to get the Florida condo fixed after hurricane Ian. Jim Feldman was there as well. He reported some stability issues. JT was there. He had covid and could not work his festival this year. Including Messner and Hujar, we had 5 ex D470ers at the lunch. I went over and talked to Dave Filicky for awhile.

We got home and had a half hour to get ready for the Hope Mission meeting. The Stark sheriff gave us all a scam awareness presentation. Talked to Laura when she got home. She got her dad into a skilled nursing facility. One step above assisted living or nursing home; not sure which.

Released the latest board minutes. They should be distributed tomorrow. Should be hearing from the residents soon.

Carolyn came over for last week's and this week's Survivor. OMG, I got to listen to two of them tonight.

October 1 2024

We went to the Y and did the hard course. It was hard. Headed over to BJs after class to get gas, pick up a snack for the Hope Mission meeting tomorrow, and grab some stuff for Jacob.

We went to calling hours for neighbor Donna who passed away at 80 last week. There were about 100 people there, half still in the line. Took us 45 min to get thru the line. The service had to be pushed back to accommodate the long line.

The service agenda looked like it would take a half hour so we stayed. Big mistake. I believe the pastor was from the Woodlawn church next door. Also, her son in Texas is also a pastor. He spoke for 20 min alone. It was all "wrapping up" when the Woodlawn pastor took charge and instead of wrapping it up, was trying to save souls. I don't believe this is appropriate at a funeral. People come to pay their respects and hear good things about the deceased. They shouldn't have to listen to a 15 min soul saving pitch. Highly inappropriate in my opinion. I was calling for the hook.

Got the call from Denny that Sally had died. Funeral #2 should be forthcoming.

September 30 2024

Last day of a busy September. Today was cloudy with Storm Helen still spinning to our south. Pleasant view was cart path only today, so I skipped it. My two big toes are not up for a lot of walking. So, we went to the Y. Mary stayed for the Yoga class.

I checked with Dick to get an update on Sally. Sadly, she is not eating or drinking, so the end can't be too far away. You can't go long without water. I remember it well. You are

glad their suffering is over and they will be in a better place. But it is a very sad last few hours before and after.

Dentist checked my implant site and it's healing well. He will open it out for the regular dentist in March,

September 29 2024

Skipped the blog last night as it was a very busy day. Yesterday, I played Mayfair in an Alzheimer fundraiser scramble. It was with a group from church and I was paired with 2 choir guys. One was an awesome golfer, the other a hack. I hit my drives well, but we only used a couple of them. The big guy was outdriving me by 20 to 50 yds. He could smack his 3 wood 200+ as well.

Well, I made a 20 footer on the first hole for our first birdie and laughingly told him I had my quota for the day. Unfortunately, I was spot on. I did almost hole a chip on a par 5 which led to another birdie, so I could claim I helped a bit. The hack chunked 75% of his shots all day, but did drop 3 birdie putts. We finished 8 under, so the big guy dropped 3 as well.

I left after figuring we didn't go low enough. I heard later we tied for first but lost the tie breaker (the other team had an eagle). Bummer! I spend time in bed going over where my poor chipping could have got us another. I think I was just not relaxed enough, and never did adapt to the wet conditions for very short roll outs.

Mary went with Carolyn to the mum fest and got home about the same time I did. At 7pm we went to the church Octoberfest ALS fundraiser to hear the band play songs from their album. All the songs were awesome and spiritual. Saw several people we knew, including one from the development. The food was good too. It was all free with donations optional but I imagine everyone put something in the jar.

Today was church. Rained all day. We went and picked up stuffed pepper ingredients and made them. They were good.

Browns sucked and at halftime the Ravens are demolishing the Bills. The Bills don't match up very well.

September 27 2024

Btw, shampoo is almost out again. This time I am going with a volumizer shampoo. Bad news I missed last night: The lady that ran the lunches here passed away. Don't know the details yet, but this makes the second lunch organizer who bit the dust since we have been here 3 and a half years ago. RIP Donna.

I played Sable Creek today and played well. Hit everything well. Chipping wasn't too good to start but got better as the day went on. 43-40 with only 1 double. Missed several short putts, or I would have broke 80. Thankfully, Hurricane Helen slowed enough to get it in. Now it needs to move out so I can play in a fund raiser scramble tomorrow.

Mary held down the fort while I was gone. We had left over pizza for dinner.

September 26 2024

We did the tough class at the Y today. It was tough and we got lots of zone minutes.

We rested an hour then it was off to the doctor for regular checkup. Mary's blood work showed she was a little anemic. I was surprised he didn't order some more blood work, but he said he would watch it in 6 months.

We went to Loby's. Mary had pizza and I had a shrimp skewer. Both were good. Erin liked the top we got her in Nashville and thought her boobs would look good in it. She paid our bill for this week. It was a fair trade.

September 25 2024

No Y today. It was line dancing Wednesday. Kind of a chill out day.

We got around to all the stuff we left sitting since getting home. Reading some of the brochures we picked up, tossing the ones we read, dishes, some laundry etc.

Got our walk in during a lull in the rainclouds.

Worked on proposing how the reserves would be split up. I sent it out but don't expect much to happen this week with Laura trying to find a place for her dad. Needs to be done next month at the Board meeting. Slow day.

I ordered a tire for the scooter. Jacob has worn it right down. Watched a video. Changing it is a bear. The tire is a little smaller than the rim. One video showed a guy heating it in a microwave. Another showed some oil and small pry bars being used. Hmmm.

September 24 2024

Zombie day. Usually is after the HOA Meeting. Hard to get to sleep when you are going over this stuff in your head. I had to get up and write a couple things down that I wanted to address in the morning. Lots of tossing and turning too.

I got up at 6am. Mary did too but I sent her back and told her we don't need to be up till 8am so we can hit the doctor's by 930am.

Wrote a note to Laura next door about Ohio Agency for Aging and how it helped us with taking care of mom. Off we went to the doc and then headed up to Kent to see Jacob. Steve was busy so we got Jacob to the laundromat and ate at Canes. It was good. We zombied back, got the clothes, and headed home.

Got in the house, took the pills we had just taken for a ride, and went back to bed. We both slept solid for 90 minutes.

September 23 2024

Weird day. Was getting ready for golf when Denny called. He invited his grandson so they had 4. I dropped out to get other things done. Quickly changed for the Y and we went to class.

After class we went to BJ's to get gas and pick up some cat litter and water for Jacob. Then went to Walmart to pick up food for us. Back home for a bit and then I went to get the oil change and tire rotation. Good for another 10k miles now. Picked up some refills for me at DrugMart. Got a lot of stuff done by skipping golf. Being gone to Nash left a lot to do, eh?

Did the HOA meeting and the budget for next year. Good news is 3% increase will do it. I wasn't able to get Laura to change the way she shows the reserves. I will have to work on that. Not a good time anyway. She has to get her dad situated. After his surgery, he has a colostomy bag and if the assisted living place won't take him back she has to find him a nursing home by Saturday.

Carolyn was over and watched Survivor with Mary during my meeting. Got home just in time to see the Bills rip the Jags. It's 27-3 close to halftime.

September 22 2024

After posting the Blog about 730 last night, I just had to add some excitement to the week. I figured I would take my evening shower early but then remembered we did not take our dinner pills yet. We had taken them with us as we had all week while traveling, but never did take them at dinner when we stopped at Perkins. So I had about 4 pills plus the bunch I take at bedtime. In my rush, I grabbed some water and then started to gobble them down. That was a very bad idea.

Turned out that caused what turned out to be some acid reflux or irritation to my esophagus, which I had never experienced, and it all went away after I took some Maalox. After that I was back to normal.

Unfortunately, that relief took place in the ER after they took an Xray, and cat scan. It felt

like someone had grabbed my chest by the solar plexus. I felt something was off, and my heart rate had jumped to 120, so we went down to the hotel lobby and had them call the paramedics. Based on my heart history, my heart rate, and my BP in the 170s, no one wanted to dismiss the chest pain, so they drove me across the street to the ER. If I had known the hospital was 1 minute away, I would have drove myself.

Well, as soon as they gave me the Maalox, my chest felt fine. I feel kind of dumb on several fronts. One; gobbling pills. Two; panicking with the heart rate. Three, not driving across the street.

We walked back to the motel. Needless to say, Mary was not happy with all the extra excitement, but she was there and aware of all that was going on and i kept her up to date on how I felt.

Today, it was an uneventful drive home. Got back around 12:30pm and spent most of the afternoon putting stuff back in it's place. And so, the vacation is now over. We had a great time but could have done without last nights adventure.

September 21 2024

Almost home. Spending the night in Cincinnati as it is halfway home. We had a great time this week and will be head on the final leg in the morning. Here is a recap:

17th We traveled to Florence KY and dined at Cracker Barrel plus went to Turfway Park Gaming and lost about \$125.

18th We traveled into Nashville and visited the Marathon Building the Pickers from the History Channel are in. Pretty cool place with lots of old stuff on display. Had a lot of shops too but none of real interest. Checked into the hotel, which was a poor choice. It was OK but the repairs they did here and there looked like crap. Must have been done by someone with no skills at all.

Then we went to the concert. 84 year old Herbie Hancock and crew were amazing. He has reinvented himself several times. Brought down the house with his signature song "Rockit". Each band member was incredibly talented.

We went to IHOP so I could have something soft. The place was empty at 3pm and our waiter was a drag queen. He could have been a performer, but I wasn't going to ask.

19th We went to the zoo and it's layout was excellent. It was a little short on animals. No big cats other than Tigers. Beautiful flowers and horticulture throughout. It was located in a Cuban neighborhood. Did not know Nashville had one.

After that we hit the outlet malls before dining at a Mexican place. Found some nice shirts for Carolyn and Jenna and some Columbia stuff for Jacob.

20th Very busy! We were waiting for the Tennessee State Museum to open so we walked thru the nearby farmers Marketplace. Found a nice top for Erin.

The Museum was set up like a timeline. Pretty upfront displays. Showed the horrors of how we treated the Indian Tribes after the explorers landed, the ugly years of slavery, of the Civil War and of the reconstruction years, the great depression, and the Civil rights nightmares up to the 60s. There have been many ugly scars through the years and we have survived. We even survived 4 years of Trump! Not sure if we can should he be elected this year.

The we hit the Musicians HOF. That was interesting but not worth the pice of \$26 each. Focused on the art of recording music and all the people that back up the main stars.

Next was the Grand Ole Opry. The complex is quite big with shops and all. When we went in, the staff offered us upgraded tickets and we ended up in the front row. All the performers were incredibly talented and so was the guy running around like a Ninja warrior with the camera that was being streamed to the big displays.

21st Today we traveled halfway back to Lebanon Ohio. Got here around 2pm. We went

over to Miami Valley Gaming. The place was packed. We walked out ahead \$80 for a change. Heading home tomorrow.

September 16 2024

Whoops. Not sure why I didn't post yesterday. We went to church, had BLTs, and walked. Watched the end of the Solheim Cup and the Browns win. Quiet day.

Today, we went to the Y, then to the PO to hold the mail, filled up the tank, then to the bank for some cash.

Lounged around till 3pm appt with the Oral surgeon. Thought it was a planning session, but this was the real thing. Got numbed up and off they went. Ouch. I don't remember this the same way as last time. They basically put the socket in and stitched it over. The last implants were larger molars and I thought they were just screwed in and a temp put on it. I swear that was how it went but who knows?

Kind of a bummer because I will have to be eating soft food for the Nashville trip. If I had remembered how this went any clearer, I would have had them wait till I got back. Oh well.

Not sure how many posts I will make this week. Will likely miss after the 2 concerts Wednesday and Friday, and perhaps others if I am tired in the evenings.

September 14 2024

Quiet day. I slept good. Mary went and got her hair done at 10am. I straightened up the house and got the new kids scooter going. Couple of txts with Wes showed that Z gave Kaetchen the Covid now. I am sure there will be others there too. When Mary got home we got to a long delayed vacuuming.

Later on we cleaned out the car for our trip. I went to Harbor Freight and got a safety cone to put out by the hole in the road. Hope that helps. BLTs again with Carolyn's tomatoes. Watched the Solheim cup play; very entertaining.

September 13 2024

I picked up Mel on the way to Riverview. It was only \$28 to play and I am not sure it was worth it. Lots of rock hard ground, lots of crabgrass, and lots of skunk damage. The greens were nice though. With the rock hard ground I was very close to the par 5s in 2 but could not make a birdie. Scored 42-44 = 86. Several holes are tight and I was often blocked out by trees. I was chipping very well. On the back nine I had 9 putts within 10 ft. Made only 1 for a birdie, while missing at least 3 really short ones. John E shot 78, Rudy 83, and I should have been low 80s.

As bad as the course was, I don't see a good reason to go back.

Mel filled me in on his apartment. Awesome place but it comes at a big price. I am guessing 3500 a month covers everything. Includes dinner every day and free rides under 10 miles.

Didn't get home till 430. We ate and went for ice cream around 7pm. Sun is almost down by then. Watched a great movie. Fly old Bird, Escape to the Ark on Prime. They gave me a half price deal on Prime for 3 months when I bought the kids scooter. The scooter came today. Will have to get it running tomorrow while Mary gets her hair done.

September 12 2024

We slept good but the exercise layoff plus class for 2 days had me thinking twice about going today. Decided to walk instead. Twas a nice day for a walk in 75 degrees around noon.

Earlier I had written up some HOA emails. Really seemed confused this week. I had told Jacob we would come to Kent at 530 today. Around 2pm I realized it was Thursday and his classes end at 3pm on Thursday. So used to going 530 on Wednesdays it carried over.

We got his clothes in the wash and met Steve at the Chinese buffet. Good to see them

both. We got home around 8pm in time to watch the Bills game.

September 11 2024

We did the easier Y class today. It was not so easy.

Mary did a bunch of laundry as we waited till 145 to head to Lobys. Mary had Chicken Parm while I had the burger special. She took a ton of it home.

I got 2 other board members to join me for a meeting with Bachtel Excavating. They explained the work flow to us on the pond stabilization. We asked a bunch of questions and later decided to sign up if there were no other quotes in the next 7 days. \$52K is pretty brutal for a bunch of rocks carefully laid down.

Carolyn stopped over for a couple of hours in the evening and brought us some tomatoes.

September 10 2024

We did the tough Y class today. Been a long while since the last cardio class with all the activities lately. I behaved myself today. Vickie stopped by around noon with Penny.

After she left we went to BJ's for gas and some food to take to Jacob's Thursday. We saw Erin on the way out. She had a cartful.

The BLTs were good for dinner. Finished the puzzle. The box had 4 500pc puzzles but the box has all 4 on the cover, so the picture is too small to give you any clues. Not going to do the other 3. Took us almost 2 weeks to do one. Too frustrating.

Ordered a kids scooter (8 to 14) from Amazon and got the extra warrantee. Was on sale for \$129 and hopefully is fun and not injurious. Will keep it in the garage for the kiddos when they come over. You can limit the speed in 3 increments

Debate tonight at 9pm. Hope Kamala does good. Trump, the slim ball, is not good for America.

September 9 2024

I played Arrowhead very badly today. Par on the first 4 holes, and I was feeling great. \ Then I kept looking up several times. That plus a few unlucky bounces and some sliced drives took me to the worst round in several weeks; 92. OMG, Houle almost beat me with his 95. The round finished with me bouncing my birdie putt off the pin. It was leaning to the left and it rejected my ball. Had I taken it out before putting it would have gone in. A fitting finish!

Mary was with Brenda all day. I just assumed they did not want to go to Red Hats but it turned out both had forgotten about it.

Finally, I forgot to post yesterday's blog. What a day!

September 8 2024

I had 45 min before leaving for church so I jotted down some thoughts. Was thinking of when we moved in here. I didn't see the owner of the other half of this unit for weeks. All in all, I probably saw him for maybe 60 minutes over 2 years before he passed away. The new lady who moved in just after being in the hospital has been there maybe a month. I have seen her exactly zero minutes so far. On the unit on the other side of me, Laura has been back and forth to the hospital with her dad for the last 2 months. Quite a dead zone for neighbor talk.

Mary looks great wearing her new dress we bought at Kohls last week. She likes it too. You can bet she will take it to Nashville in 2 weeks.

Wonder how the Bills are going to do. The had lots of changes. Lost a lot of talent in the secondary so they will be scored on. On the offense, they lost their top receiver and they didn't play much in preseason. Going to have to adapt on the fly. Going to take them

several weeks to gel, so all the games should be close.

I listened to the Bills game. I had it right. They did struggle but did pull it out. After the game we took our walk and stopped at Vicky's.

September 7 2024

Busy day playing catch up after a few days away!

Filled the pills, put travel stuff away. Also walked to check the tree work was done and it was. Also saw they did 3 of the gutters so far. They look good. Picked up a few grocery items at Acme.

After that I did reservations for our Nashville trip Sept 17 to 22. Good grief, it took me 3 hours to get tickets to two shows, find a hotel that I liked in Nashville and one in Florence Kentucky for on the way down. I was going to fly down but the flight plus car cost was an outrageous \$1200. Likely will save at least \$800 by driving even with adding 2 motel rooms for the drives.

A trip is long overdue. All we did this summer is attend the family reunion and make one Buffalo trip.

Neighbor Vicki visited around 6pm and we closed up shop for the night.

September 6 2024

Was in Buffalo since Wednesday. Party for sister Catherine's 75th bday on Wednesday. We ate too much!

Thursday we went over to see Mary's sister Ruth and husband Dennis. Mary spent the day with them, while I golfed with Jim, Jim Jr, and George. Played my heart out but lost to Jr by 2 from the white tees. Two in the water cost me plus 2 lip outs. Jr canned 3 long birdie putts for the day and I could not compete with that. Did have him talking to himself with two awesome chips that almost dropped.

Today we went over to Ruth's for a couple of hours and then to her brother Daves before heading home at 2pm. Real nasty rain most of the way home.

Glad to be home.

September 3 2024

Played Ellsworth today. Scored 42-48 = 90. Played well on the front with one bad hole. Wheels fell off on the back nine once again. Four 3 putt holes, and 2 penalty strokes contributed to the poor score.

Saw Tim arrive early and spoke to him on my way to golf. He was still working when I got back. He was pretty beat when I saw him. He has 2 trees to take down and one to trim with his bucket truck tomorrow, then stump grind Thursday. I gave him 3 other places to trim before he leaves at the end of the week.

We called Dave and Ruth to let them know we would be in Buffalo this week. They were open for visits. Ruth's chemo was delayed 2 weeks. As a kicker, a tooth broke off and they want to remove it plus another while they are at it. She is on a roll. Not sure when the next blog will be.

September 2 2024

Arm was sore last night. More than usual for an injection. Late morning we got to work on the scooter stripped allen wrench screw. I found a good video for the tools I purchased and watched it a couple of times. You had to use a reverse drill bit to hollow out a hole, then use this extractor bit. Pass 1 and 2 didn't work. I tried a third time with a bigger bit and the reverse drill bit dug in and unscrewed it! Success! I put the bracket on and then the external battery on. Test drove it. I sure don't like how touchy the speed button is. Tends to jerk you at the start.

After that, we went to Kohls to get Mary a better looking robe. The gray one she had was too big for her and pretty ugly. She found a nice pink one and a nice dress for dressing up occasions. The line was long and some lady got us to do self checkout. I messed up and used my charge card vs the Kohls card so I think we missed out on some discounts. I am such an old creature of habit; the use of self checkout got me off my game.

We both felt tired in the afternoon. Side effect of yesterdays Covid shot? I hope so, and I hope that goes away tomorrow. Without any energy we chose to skip our neighborhood walk.

September 1 2024

Saw an article in the paper this morning about the vaccine being available now so I signed us up for after church. We went to church, congratulated Father Benson on 33 years, and headed to Walgreens for the Covid and Flu shots. I don't think he heard me wishing 33 more years or he would have reacted to that.

Mary's arm was hurting around 5pm so she took a couple of ibuprofen. Mine is doing OK so far. We went on our walk around 6pm. It was looking dark but no rain. Otherwise a quiet day.

Oh, yeah. Forgot to mention it is BLT season. When you get real tomatoes, it is time to fry up the bacon! We had them 2 days straight and the pound of bacon has been eaten. Maybe gorged is a better word.

August 31 2024

Felt like I was getting Mary's cold while in bed, but not sure because during the day I felt pretty good. Took it easy today. Dropped off recycle and picked up pills. Rested awhile but was doing OK. Mary made BLTs and we gorged on them.

Since I was doing Ok and Mary seems to have got rid of her cough, we went out for groceries. Picked up some items usually found at Marcs then got gas at BJ's. Picked up 36 rolls of TP and more importantly 10 boxes of Puffs at BJ's.

Back home to veg out the rest of the night.

August 30 2024

Played Raintree in the heat. 91 when I got home. Played well at times. Threw in too many lookups and missed too many short putts. Had 2 great birdie opportunities and made one.

Mary and I went to Lobys and had grilled chicken salad. Carolyn stopped in with a couple of tomatoes. I sense BLTs tomorrow.

August 29 2024

No Y today. Mary is still congested. The cough medicine seems to work good. I gave her another dose around midnight after a coughing episode. Mary pretty much rested all day, so I vegged along with her. Watched Saratoga and Kentucky Downs without much luck.

Got my Sofi account and moved a modest 5K there to see what kind of interest I will get.

Jacob got a third transfer and now has almost all of his funding. Got to get him to Barberton so he can pay his fines from years back. The rest will go for rents from now until February.

Hope the heat is tolerable tomorrow at Raintree.

August 28 2024

No Y today; line dancing class today. Good thing cause Mary believes she has a cold. Been coughing for 2 days so we kind of vegged all day. Sleep wasn't great with the cough. There is a good chance I will also come down with it as well.

I went to Kent for dinner time after Jacob's last class. We got the laundry done and picked up some stuff at DrugMart. Steve was a little late but did make it. Mary stayed home and

rested.

Jacob's face is recovering from the scooter spill. Scabs are going away and his black eye is gone. Don't like the redness in the corner of his eye. Still very red.

I brought the reserve scooter home. I had replaced the internal battery a few weeks ago. When Jacob tried to put the external battery on, he could not get the screw out. Between replacing the internal battery and him trying to take the screws out again, we stripped the allen hex hole for the screw. I brought it home to work on it.

Dodged an accident on 76 going up there. Car in front braked hard and so did I, he pulled into the right lane and I followed after seeing a stopped car in the lane that didn't want to run over some construction cones that must have dropped off a truck I saw further up the road. Luckily there was no traffic in the lane we pulled into. I didn't look, just followed the guy ahead of me. I figured that was a better option than being a sitting duck behind the car stopped in the lane.

August 27 2024

Went to Mayfair to play with the Lockheed guys. Had a great 13 holes. This has happened before. I think that is around the time God decides if I am going to break 80 or not. Of the last 5 holes, I three putted 4 of the 5 and went 8 over in that stretch after being 5 over for the first 13. Geeze. It was fun while it lasted. Beat Ray by a stroke.

We did play quickly and got off the course by 1pm. Was 91 when I got home.

Dinner with Jane, Rudy, and Rosemary at Table 6. It was good but noisy. Jenny Anderson from the Lake Y saw us and gave us a hug. Have not seen her in 2+ years. For the second night we feel cold in the house after being in the heat all day. What is up with that?

August 26 2024

We went to the Y and did the class. Mary stayed for the next one with Brenda and they spent the day bumming around. She got home 2ish so I had some of her leftovers for an early dinner.

Did a little yard work and watered the flowers but basically vegged all day.

August 25 2024

Up at 7 and we got dressed by 8am! Made bacon eggs and toast for a good start. Worked on HOA reserve proposals after giving it a lot of thought the last week and talking with Ken a couple of times. I believe we can avoid a special assessment if we move the existing reserves around and make good use of them. I finalized my proposal and sent it out just before working on the blog.

We went to church and was supposed to watch Vickie's dog Penny but she cancelled her plans. Must not have felt up to it. I watched the Saratoga races but had no luck. We went to Acme to cash some scratch offs and pick up some half and half for Mary's coffee.

Carolyn called and reported Jacob is feeling fine after working the last 2 days. He dodged some real serious injuries for sure. Going to finish watching the news and get a walk in before shutting down for the night.

August 24 2024

Up late at 815 and worked on an HOA item. Still drinking coffee at 10am when the phone rang and we still were not dressed. Vicki was passing by so I promised we would visit in a bit. We got dressed and headed over to see the finished landscaping in her back area. Wow it is nice. We took her the pumpkin we made from some materiel and a tp roll.

When we got back we made another one for us and cut the extra materiel to get it ready for additional builds. Wes called and brought L and K over for his 8th bday party. L said this was his 3d one. They were a bit bummed the scooter was not here. They stayed till 5 ish.

We had dinner, watched the news and then a movie. Jacob worked from 10am to 7pm today. Have not heard from him which worries me. Didn't want to call or txt in case he is back resting or sleeping.

August 23 2024

Jacob is doing better today and hopes to return to work tomorrow. Hope he uses common sense and calls off if not feeling well. He does like the money and keeping busy.

We helped at a funeral lunch today. Had time to talk before hand and it was a hoot getting their take on the priests and churches in the area.

After that we went to Hartville for a haircut, stopped for ice cream, picked up craft stuff at Michaels, and made one of those toilet paper pumpkins. Busy day!

August 22 2024

I played Arrowhead again with Sam and Chuck from Lockheed. Birdied the first hole. Always a bad omen. Struggled to a 44 and then a 42 on the back. Missed 3 short ones and left two right in front of the hole. One par 5, I was at 60 yards and took 5 brom there to score an 8.

Just before we went out to Lobys, Jacob called wanting Steve to take him to the hospital. He went down on the scooter and hit his head on the pavement. Steve got him there and Carolyn went up to meet him. Turns out he is ok. Lots of scrapes, a damaged top of the ear and a black eye. Carolyn is going to stay with him tonight and watch for any concussion side effects. Likely will only take a half day off unless he has issues in the morning.

Loby pizza was good.

August 21 2024

Hand was a little better this morning and was better earlier. We went to the Y and did the class. Mary stayed for yoga with Brenda. I went up to see buddy Neil at the Arbors. He is in Hospice care now. I stayed about 40 minutes. He seemed to be fairly alert. Tried to talk 3 times but it was all jumbled. I can see he is in good care and Sandi does what she can.

Back home to get Mary and visit Jacob and Steve. We did the laundry and had Mexican. Got home at 8pm. Long day. Spent about 3 hrs in the car driving to the Y, Stow, and Kent.

August 20 2024

Ouch. Hand was sore last night and this morning, then loosened up later. Don't like this. So far tonight not so bad. We went to the Y and I was able to do the exercises ok. Stopped to print a collage to take when I see Neil tomorrow. Also at Acme to pick up some stuff for Lincoln's bday. It was today but I had an HOA meeting. We will do it some time this weekend.

HOA meeting went very smooth. Only an hour. A bit contentious after as I went thru my spreadsheets again asking for an increase of around 10K to the reserves for next year. Laura is concerned about the constant fee raises. We will have the budget meeting next month after the usual meeting. Will be a long one.

August 19 2024

I was not sure I could play, so I got dressed and went out and swung the club. Last night I was thinking about using the swing I gravitated to when my wrist was hurt back in 2019 where I just used my right wrist for power. That seemed to be doable this morning so I went to play.

Played with mixed success the front. It hurt a few times but then by #9 the pain was gone. Dick suggested that that behavior is typical of arthritis. Wow, a new annoying buddy, Mr Arthur Ites.

Scored a 47 on the front but a lot of it was poor chipping. Turned it around on the back

shooting 42 and leaving a couple of putts inches from the hole. Putted much better when I made sure I stroked the putt as opposed to slapping at it.

Seemed like fall today. Never got above 71. Glad I had a sweat shirt and jacket!

August 18 2024

It was church picnic day. They had Mass in the church because the weather was iffy. It was Ok for the picnic at 12 and we enjoyed the free meal and watching the crowd. Wes did not bring the kids cause Kaetchen's parents are staying there, so there was no fun of kid watching.

We headed home after that and vegged all day. Going back to Friday night, I woke up in the middle of the night with 3 painful fingers on my left hand. Felt like I stoved them somehow? The heat helped but they have not improved much yesterday or today, Tried to swing a club just now but it was a no go. Will try in the morning but may not get to golf tomorrow at Arrowhead. That would be a real bummer since it is so close.

Sister's bday is Sept 9 so we will head to Buffalo for a party Sept 4 and see Mary's sister Sept 5 and 6 before heading home.

August 17 2024

Quiet day. We were up at 7 but didn't get moving till after 10. Trip to Walmart for yogurt and groceries. Got a walk in after that and then vegged the rest of the day. Plenty of leftovers as we have not cooked a thing since the cookout on Sunday.

August 16 2024

Played Windmill today. Late tee time so did not get home till after 5pm. After a slow start I began to get my groove going. Unfortunately my putting was beyond dismal. Did not make a putt from more than 2 ft with the exception of rolling one in from off #8 green for a birdie. Had 2 birdies on the day, as did JohnT. Bill ran 3 in! Took a 9 with a spectacular 4 putt. OMG was it bad.

Was going to pick up a Subway but it was closed. Went to Penn Station.

August 15 2024

Played Dennison and Virtues near Columbus with George's guys. Dennison is one designed by Donald Ross. Virtues is the old Longerberger Course; a pristine golf course. We played 5500 at each and I played very well. Scored 41-43 at Dennison and 40-45 at Virtues. Was on fire on the front today but on the mack I made a few bad shots and my putting skills left me. Cost me at least 5 on the back.

I missed 2 short birdie putts on the back and 3 jacked a couple of others.

Mary had a good time with Wes and the kids on Wednesday at the Uniontown fair. Today she went to Lobys with Carolyn, Jenna, and Trent. I skipped it as I had eaten before I got home.

August 13 2024

Oops. Wonder why I did not post yesterday. We went to the Y. Mary stayed for the yoga class and then went to Red Hats with Brenda at Hartville Kitchen. I mostly did HOA stuff all day documenting the status of all the driveways and checking the power wash on half the streets. Later on I worked on the spreadsheet documenting what I found. Must have lost track of time and gone to bed without posting.

Today we did the Y. When we got back Brenda called and took Mary off to another adventure with the old neighbors in Hartville. Brenda dropped her at Carolyns. I picked her up and then picked up Jacob at the dentist. Took him back to Kent, got his laundry done, ate at Chipotle and we got back a little before 8pm.

Looks like the new neighbor moved in. Been quiet but we did hear her stirring and saw her lights on.

August 11 2024

Busy day. We went to church and Wes and crew got here by 1230. Wes and Kaetchen went to a movie and we watched the kids. Cooked out and fed the kids. Wes and Kaetchen cooked when they got back and then we had cake and ice cream for his 44th.

The kids got a slow ride on the scooter and they liked it. I gave half my lottery winnings (500) toward school supplies for the kids. It was good to see them since they have been on the island so long. They wore us out.

August 10 2024

Another quiet day. We got out and bought a Brita filtration pitcher. The tap has been tasting poor lately and we used bottled water for the tea. Thought this would help and it does take out the bad taste we don't like. Not sure it's cost effective. We shall see. Says the filter is good for 40 gallons. That would be $40 \times 128 / 16 = 320$ bottles. At BJ's $320 / 40 \times \$4 = \32 . If a filter is \$3 then I made a good deal, eh?

We washed some rugs and pulled some weeds. Party ready for tomorrow.

August 9 2024

Quiet day. I was surprised golf got rained out this morning. Didn't last long. Mary and I straightened up and then went for some supplies for Wes' bday party Sunday. We also picked up some flowers for the hanging pots and tossed the old tired ones.

We did some on the puzzle and did the neighborhood walk. Relaxing day.

August 8 2024

Played Raintree with the boys. Chad edged me again by 1. Thought I was in the water on 18 but it was just clear. Would have been 1 lower at 85. I was on fire again the front nine shooting a 4 over 40 with 1 birdie. Birdied the par 5 over the lake after hitting a 9 iron to 2 feet.

Not so lucky on the back shooting 46. Missed at least 4 short putts and wasted another 3. Chad shot 85 from the tips, 6700 yards. Kirk faded to 101, Bill was at 94, Mike 90. Tom had 50 on the front and mostly rode along the back nine. He played pretty good for having a bad knee and shoulder. Great time with the old group!

Mary and I met Jenna and Trent for pizza at Lobys and we walked around 7pm. I was a little winded, which doesn't bode well. I need to keep an eye on that. Hope it was just fatigue from the heat and humidity.

August 7 2024

Up 7ish, we got to the Y 5 min late for class. Then we locked the keys in the trunk. Luckily we have a smart car that won't allow that, so we just opened the trunk and retrieved the keys. Got to class and found we left the water in the car. After getting it, found out it was almost empty anyway. What a start!

After class we picked up a few items for Jacob at BJ's and headed home. Up to Kent at 2pm and we enjoyed a good meal at the River Merchant. Got the laundry done and delivered the scooter battery add on for the 2nd scooter.

Went over to the finance office to check on his Pell money. He got some Pell money for summer but eventually dropped the courses. They said he had a list of the award, the school costs, and the refunds and he gets to keep the remaining \$1500. Makes no sense. I told him I figure he was wrong and they will come back looking for that money later. Very odd. Crazy stuff.

August 6 2024

Not my best sleep wondering if we were going to get to play at Mayfair or be rained out for the Dewsweeper reunion. OMG was it great seeing the guys again. Almost like we never missed a beat. DST founders, TK, Mike B, Kirk, and I together again. Later members Chad

and Bill as well. All a little older and all a lot wiser than when we started.

Played with Kirk and Chad the first nine. Managed a 43 that could have been 41 or so. Chad was striking it well, Kirk too. Back nine I was on fire playing with TK and Mike. Shot 39 with one birdie on the difficult #16, putting a wedge at 3 ft and making the putt. 5 pars, and a birdie; two 3 putts marred a 3 over 39.

The rain did come after we were in and I got soaked going out to the car. Picked up a Subway for Mary and we got a walk in before the storm. I normally do not put pictures into the blog but this one has to go in.



August 5 2024

Mary did not sleep well last night so we skipped the Y. I tried to get her to nap, but she did not. Funny. I dozed off 3 times during the day so I was the one catching naps. Mostly worked the puzzle, answered a couple HOA emails, and got in our walk after the news.

August 4 2024

Church today. Father Bob again. His sermons don't make a lot of sense. Not sure how he is going to work out. Saw a resident at church. She had looked familiar for a couple of weeks now but I just put it together today. She does not recognize me either. No yellow shirt on. We had chicken at 3pm. Had to order a meat thermometer. The one I got last time does not work.

Waited till it cooled down to walk tonight.

August 3 2024

We went up to Cleveland to see the Cleveland Museum of Natural History. I thought they were finished with renovations but not so. They have a nice courtyard and animal outside display that must be closed in the winter? They have a VR reality flying exhibit but neither of us were up for that. They have 2 great 3D movies. We watched the end of T.Rex and a bird migration movie. Very cool. Very limited displays but we can go back when they open the others.

After that we stopped at Subway then MGM Northfield. We spent a couple of fun hrs there and lost a little under \$100. Think we were up \$75 at one point. One more stop at Handles and we headed home. There was a rainstorm that dumped 5 inches but I don't think it was by our place. BV and Carolyn got it.

August 2 2024

Played Fox Den. Hit the ball well but missed 2 short putts on #1 and #2 to go 3 over. Thought was here we go again. But I finished the front 2 over with 2 birdies and 5 pars. Wow. Started the back with 2 pars then 4 straight bogies.

We called Ruth later. She is getting a Watchman implant to eliminate strokes and will get the ablation surgery after that.

August 1 2024

We did the Y for the forth day in a row. We were a few minutes late but it was a great class. We both got a bunch of zone minutes.

We chilled till 2pm and then headed to Lobys for pizza. We changed to splitting a bowl of pasta their new chef whipped up. It was great and we likely have enough for another meal at home.

My lotto check came in the mail today. I am going to split it with Wes and Carolyn for school expenses this month for what ever is needed; a late Christmas in July.

Twas a hot one today, humid and 90 ish. I played some chess and have really gone downhill lately after not playing for about a month when we had company.

July 31 2024

We did the Y for the third day in a row but forgot it was the last Wednesday of the month so it was line dancing. Yuck. We went to the machines and did 20min on the ellipticals. Good workout!

We chilled for an hour and then headed up to Kent. Steve was away in VA for a conference. We tried to go to River Merchant but they had people waiting out front to get in. We couldn't wait so we went to the Buffet.

Good seeing him. We got home 3ish and watered the flowers. Gave up on the 3D puzzle. Too hard to match the colors when a piece looks different depending on the angle of vision.

Oh yeah, we got the shore stabilization revisions. The Engineering firm is projecting cost at \$54,000. Ouch! Hope it's less once quotes are in.

July 30 2024

We did the Y for the second day in a row and were greeted by more classmates. Good to be missed. I was toast with 15 minutes left in the class. After class we went to Kohls to pick up some socks we ordered with our Kohls cash.

Later, after dinner, my prescription was ready, so we picked it up and got a blizzard at DQ.

Tomorrow, we go for another round at the Y before heading to Kent to see the boys.

July 29 2024

We did the Y after company is now gone and Mary's foot has healed. It was a good workout. Planning on 3 more trips there this week. We did a walk around noon. Did not see any gutter work going on.

McDonalds missed earnings and hope their \$5 value meal will bring customers back in. I immediately thought of going in and telling them I did not want a value meal. Perhaps a non-value meal. Hey! Do you have any meals that are rip-offs?

Speaking of the stock market, Sofi reports before the bell tomorrow. They need a good

one, so do I.

July 28 2024

Church today. We made tacos after church. No luck at the races today and my bankroll went to zero. So sad. We did the walk today. Pretty darn hot at 89 but the humidity was low.

Watched some of the Olympics and chilled out all day.

July 27 2024

We hung out today till 4ish then went to the Kent Stark campus for the Hall of fame Balloon event. Glad we went early. The place was packed when we left at 730pm. We saw them launch about 15 balloons and saw the skydivers fly in.

The pulled pork was great. Heading out we saw cars backed up from the entrance all the way down Frank rd to almost Fulton. There were cars in the parking lot as far as you could see at \$10 a pop.

July 26 2024

Played SunnyHill. Hit the ball well. Scored 43-45 = 88. Too many look ups on the front. I figure maybe 3 and 2 short putts missed. On the back, 2 more look ups and three 3 putts.

Was not happy with the starter nor the ranger. Won't be going back there again.

We picked up some food items at Acme. Wes stopped over for awhile and we had dinner after he left. Was good seeing him. After dinner, we did the walk and a little bit of a new puzzle,

July 25 2024

We got another good sleep last night. Her foot looks fully recovered today; just some minor dead skin to go away.

We went to Walmart for some supplies. Seems like we use a box of tissue or 2 every couple of weeks. Did our walk when we got back.

Off to Loby's on pizza night, but we decided to go for the grilled chicken salad. Back home to rest. The Y will be tough next week after all that idle time. I watched some speed chess and some of the races. Saratoga is hard and my bankroll will only last another day or two.

Sunny Hill tomorrow. Haven't played in 2 weeks. Maybe I will forget my bad habits, but it won't help my short game.

July 24 2024

We got a good sleep last night. I feel energized but I think Mary needs another day to recover. She did a lot of laundry today. She did say she was whipped tonight.

Just to be safe, I decided to skip the Y the next 2 days and give her foot time to heal till next week. We did walk today and will again tomorrow to get a little exercise.

Covid got Jane and brother Jim's family. Carolyn knows some people at work did as well. Glad we got our boosters In May. It's rearing it's ugly head again.

Watched some races today but the handicappers I look to were way off. The new neighbor next door continues to move in today. Their mover was ill and only one guy unloaded the truck, so it took 2 days. Now they are busy unpacking. To top that, their hot water heater crapped out. I tried to start it but it was flashing the code for a gas valve problem. No luck at all.

July 23 2024

Mary's foot continues to do good; a little better each day. Blister doesn't hurt but new

skin will take awhile. Ginny got packed up and we left for the airport at 11am. Dropped her at the airport and headed to Kent to see Jacob and Steve.

Got the laundry done and we ate Mexican. Headed home at 3pm. Lots of driving this last week. Airport twice, Kent twice, and Presque Isle and back. Likely 600+ miles. Time for a break, eh?

July 22 2024

Mary's foot continues to do good. Yesterday we had a full day at the reunion. We left at 8am and returned at 8 pm. Everyone had a good time. Very nice beach at Presque Isle State Park. There were 13 from the Maloney side and 14 from the Parker side plus or minus a few.

I ended up with a mild case of food poisoning. Likely due to the hot dog that sat on the table a little too long after being grilled. Other people had what I had and had no problems. Brother Jim came and was ill. His wife caught it and it turned out to be Covid so some are a little concerned.

Today we kind of vegged all day and ate simple. Did the neighborhood walk and walked Penny the dog for Vicky. Threatened rain all day but we got none.

July 20 2024

Mary's foot is doing good. Looks like it is clear and drying. The ladies did some bead stuff. We got ready to pick up stuff for the reunion. Went to BJ for the water, Marcs for plastic stuff, and Hobby Lobby for more beads.

Loaded up the car with the stuff. Just about to leave for church and then we will have dinner at Grinders and call it a day.

Not sure I will Blog tomorrow with all the driving and picnic tomorrow.

July 19 2024

We noticed May's foot was swelling last night from wearing those sandals Wednesday. She had a blister. This morning I called the doctor but no appts available, so I took her to urgent care close by. They were not sure but it did look like an infection so she got some antibiotics for 5 days. That chewed up half the day.

We rested for awhile, then went shopping. Ginny wanted a white sweater but we did not find any. Did Kohls, Macys, and Versona. They each came away with 3 or 4 items so it was not a cheap outing. The prices were reasonable though. There went another half day.

Worked on the response to nutcase Thorn last night, again in the middle of the night and yet again in the morning. The wacko has already cost me 4-6 hrs effort so far. Likely more to come.

July 18 2024

We waited for granddaughter Jenna to arrive around 1230 and took her to the Kent Stark bookstore for some KSU stuff like we got for Jacob. She got a water bottle, pillow, and long sleeve short length summer shirt.

Following that, we all had pizza at Loby's. Ginny paid for lunch.

We got back and she modified the quilt she had done for us years ago. It was too long and posed a tripping hazard at each of the back ends of the bed. May finish tonight or tomorrow.

Mr Thorn, the nutcase with the dogs, requested we don't mow until his guy fixes the lawn. Of course he claims it is the landscapers fault but it was his dog's urinating that was the cause of his lawn looking like hell. I will have to contact legal before deciding how to handle this one. He also made other unreasonable requests. This guy is a curse.

July 17 2024

We had to pick up some stuff Mary's sister Ginny had forgotten to pack this morning. Went to the HOA lunch at Menches Brothers and then headed to Kent to see Jacob. We got him to the laundry and had lunch (desert for us) at the Erie kitchen (different name now).

Got the laundry done and stopped to see Jacob's apartment before returning home. Was a real downpour today. Better check to see how my basement is.

July 16 2024

Another busy day. Up before 7. We skipped the Y just to be safe. Barber was closed so I got a local appt and went at 3pm.

Took the fixed scooter to Carolyn's for transport up to Kent tonight and picked up some pills. Ot our nails clipped at 1:30. Our feet have been freed.

Hanging lose till we head to the airport at 630. Long ride to Cleveland.

Tomorrow, we go to the HOA lunch then to Kent to see Jacob.

July 15 2024

Busy busy day! We went to the Y and did our thing. Dropped off the Focus at Mr Tire after I called and they gave me a deal on Transmission and Brake fluid change for half off. Picked it up around noon. After the Y, we went to collect my winning lotto ticket for \$1000. Turns out they mail a check in 3 weeks. Not very exciting, eh?

Got the scooter battery. I thought I would change out the battery in the garage. There would be natural light and I would not have to carry the scooter down to the basement. Turns out that was a bad idea being as hot as it was outside.

Everything was a struggle as it usually is the first time. With Mary's help, I kept my wits and gradually got it done and back together. Whew!

Problem is I needed a break and didn't take one. Got in the house and my pulse was 90 and rising. Went up to 110. Was thinking about calling ER but I sat down with cold water to drink and was able to cool down in the chair. That was a bit scary. I gots to be more careful in this heat. Not a kid anymore.

Googled heat exhaustion. Got to cool down before heat stroke. Said one should be OK within an hour, which I was. Said to be careful for a few days as tolerance to heat will be lower.

Neighbor 89 got hauled off in the meat wagon. I checked later and she was OK but slurring speech a bit. She was on the phone with her daughter and the daughter noticed something was not right and called the paramedics.

July 14 2024

Made up some maps of the development for Ron so he can find places. He was out checking the driveways so I gave it to him before heading to church. Father Manning was doing it. I liked his intellectual homily.

Salad and soup for dinner. Mary said the lettuce was ugly so I went to get a new one. Drugmart had none so I went to Marcs. Got tickets as usual and one was worth \$1000! Usually get non losers when I win. The "win" is the cost of the ticket. More of them than you can shake a stick at.

We walked and were going to help Ron open his busted spring garage door, but his son and him got it done. Hit a \$600 pick 4 at Saratoga. Nice day all around.

July 13 2024

We went to Fort Laurens reenactment this morning. It was supposed to be mid 80s but after walking around for a hr we headed into the A/C. We decided it was too hot to be outside. The car said it was 91 and it was humid. Glad we headed home. I can't imagine

how the soldier gear felt. Ouch!

We picked up Subway and 2 large drinks for the ride home. Once we had recovered we went to the party store and picked up a couple of items for the reunion. Around 6pm we watered outdoors and called it a day.

Watched the races. Had the first 3 but sadly left the best jockey off the 4th race ticket. Ouch! That will learn me.

July 12 2024

Mary held down the fort while I played Chippewa. Almost every approach shot was short. They must be pouring a ton of water on the course. Front was good but I sucked on the back shooting 88 overall.

After dinner we did the walk and stopped to talk with several neighbors and a guy who sells a scooter now and then.

July 11 2024

Busy busy day. Only had 5 hrs sleep so I was close to zombie status today. We skipped the Y as I was tired and Mary had fluid in her ear. Got a dr appt at 330 to clear out her earwax. There was indeed a bunch in there. Not so much as to call the Guinness Book of Records but a lot.

Keith and I met with the civil engineer making our bank stabilization plan and had some changes made. We hope to get the changes and put a package out for quotes. Then it was off to the doctor and back to prep for the HOA meeting at 6pm. The HOA meeting went well and was over quickly. Post meeting we discussed the compliance letters. I have to write 5. Also we went over my spreadsheets. I believe Keith followed, Laura was not with me on the driveways, and Ron I wasn't sure.

July 10 2024

We went to the Y class and survived again. We got back and picked up a couple of items at Acme. Looking at the tab after dinner, I saw they double charged for the half and half we bought. We went back and got our overcharge back. They did not fuss about it, did not document who messed up or anything. Pretty bizarre.

I worked on reading the pond plan and making a list of questions. Jennifer will meet with Keith and I Thursday at 1pm to go over it. Mary and I went to Loby's for the burger special instead of the usual Thursday pizza. It was a bit chilly with the temp at 73 today.

This evening I got my notes together for the HOA Board meeting Thursday night. That is going to be one long night. I need to go over my reserve spreadsheets tomorrow closer to the meeting so it is fresh.

July 9 2024

We went to the Y class and survived. Not been to a class for 10 days so it was rough. Got home and had ½ hr before heading to see Jacob and Steve in Kent. We got the laundry done, ate at the Chinese Buffet, and stopped at Kent to check on Jacob's financial status.

The lady there said they started adding the fall fees, and the recent money paid was applied to that instead of last year's fees. She figured she straightened that out and hopes things will settle in a couple of days.

We bought Jacob a hoodie and a pillow. Got to take Jenna for some Kent stuff next.

Whole bunch of HOA stuff hit the fan when we got back. We got the Turfscape quote for most of the landscape work. After mulling that over I forwarded it to Keith to check against the walk thru and recommend what we should approve.

Next, the pond stabilization plan was released. I got the engineer coming Thursday before the board meeting and am looking for another board member to participate. We shall see.

Sue was asking a lot of questions about the reunion. Dave's wife Kim had all the same questions last week when they were visiting. Told them both to bring your own stuff. No one is organizing things. Guess it's a wing it reunion. I figured I did my part reserving the shelter several months ago.

July 8 2024

Went to bed at 10 but never felt like I slept. Got worried when I saw 444 on the clock, whereupon I slept solid till 8:30. Ended up with 8 hrs sleep out of the 10 and a half hrs in bed. Pretty sad.

Was expecting to play well at Tannenhauf but it never happened. No pars till #8/9/10/11 and then it fell apart till #17 and 18. Must have 3 putted 5 times and shot 88. I had 5 lip outs for the day; sigh.

Mary went to the Y with Brenda and they went out to lunch. Mary made me a salad for dinner.

Got 2 calls on the course. The Hope Ministry wanted us for the funeral Friday. I told her I had plans for golf, but if she didn't find someone, I would cancel. Another call from Ron Guy to look at the issue at 4713.....I called Keith to stop over and take a look. He said he could.

Play was slow, so I got tee times for the Dew sweepers Senior event in August while waiting for others to hit. The 90 yr old lady at Tannenhauf was there playing in front of us. Last time we were here, she found my golf ball and brought it up to the green to give to me. She said she plays 5 days a week there. I did ask and she agreed to get her picture taken with me.

July 7 2024

Up at 7am again. Would sure like to sleep in one of these days but it tis not happening. Dave called yesterday and indicated my nephew Phillip may attend the reunion. That is great. He is kind of a loner and it will be good for him. Ruth and Dennis are not coming. With all their recent ailments, they don't want to chance it.

We went to church. Later we vacuumed the basement and sprayed home defense around to do in any spiders that might be around. No luck at the races the last couple of days. Straightened things up. We did cut down the spent iris for the summer. Twas hot out there.

July 6 2024

We were up early and had bacon and eggs for breakfast. Seems like a once every other week event.

Had a 5 stop roadtrip. Pills at DrugMart, the bank, BJs for gas and stuff, the to GE for ribs! Dang they were good. We ate half for dinner. Did our walk and talked to Kevin on the other side. He edged the beds next door and put down the mulch in the heat. Ouch. He is going to sleep well tonight.

July 5 2024

Golf is looking up. Shot 45-38 at Sable Creek. Should have broke 80. On the front I chunked a 130 shot into the creek. A later slice put me under a pine tree. Three to get out of a bunker rounded out the front. 45 should have been 41 and that would have done it.

We went to Lobys and did a walk later. Good day all in all.

July 4 2024

Easy day today. It is odd that we find ourselves busy during the week and not on weekends nor holidays. I was up at 6 and did some HOA stuff early. Mary was up at 730. After coffee we moved some stuff around in the bedroom, dusted there, and vacuumed. Lots of dust again.

We separated and stored some of the beads we bought at the flea market and Edison's closet, then took our recyclable stuff over to the church.

Finished up leftovers for dinner and went to Handels later when it poured for some ice cream. Closed it out with Macy's fireworks show.

July 3 2024

Busy day. We went to the Retiree lunch for lunch 1, then to Kent for lunch 2 with Jacob and Steve, took Jacob to do laundry, took him to Walmart for goodies, and then to the Kent Financial office to find out why no Pell grant as yet.

Got back after 4pm and caught up on some HOA stuff and tee times for the end of the year, and started planning the DST golf days in August. Phew!

July 2 2024

Up at 730. Dave and Kim were already up and moving around. We had breakfast and talked most of the morning. We decided to go to Lobys for lunch with them leaving for home afterwards.

They leveled the drive yesterday and were coming back to seal the concrete where they patched the holes. They also put the gray sealer in at the garage pad. We did not go out the garage out of fear of messing up the sealer. Later on we dd the walk.

Not sure how we will travel for the reunion on Sunday July 21. Ginny wants to visit Ruth, so we will need to either stay in Buffalo Friday and Saturday night, then head to the reunion or go after the reunion and stay Monday night. We will need to wing it and see what the situation is at the time.

July 1 2024

Too tired to blog last night. Yesterday we headed to Put-in-Bay at 8am. Dave drove, so that was a godsend. Met Carolyn, Jenna, and Trent, on the ferry. Was a rough ride over; chilly too. We let the birthday girl pick what we did. She battled the pirate lady and we all got rings or stones from the pirate. Then we did Perry's cave, panned for gems, and went to the butterfly house.. Next was the nature center. That was cool. Wes was the guide for the day. Lincoln went to Perry's cave and the butterfly center. Z and Lincoln went to the nature center.

We ate at the boathouse and visited Perry Monument, then headed home around 7pm. Jenna had a good time and we all enjoyed the day.

Today we headed to Hartville Hardware. Dave identified the wood working tools he wanted and Carolyn picked them up after work. She saved him about \$50. Pretty cool. We walked the flea market but it was very sparse as all the vendors are waiting for Thurs/Fri/Sat holiday flea markets.

Picked up some stuff at GE for dinner and cooked out dogs and chicken. Carolyn stopped over and brought the tools. Later we went to BJ's to load up on cheap gas and pick up a few things. Another busy day.

June 29 2024

We went up to Hudson for a Celebration of Life for Silvia Batcher. Nice gathering at the Cemetery Chapel there. Ken and his sister and some other family friends and neighbors too. It was very nice. We did not stay for the lunch as we wanted to get back and prep for Dave and Kim 's visit.

June 28 2024

Was disgusted after the Presidential debate last night so no blog. We did the Y and then to Loby's for pizza so I could get back for a 3pm seminar for HOA.

Today I clicked on Zoar. Had 44 on the front with a couple of toppers and a penalty being in a tree trunk. Went 2 over on the back with some nice short irons and lob wedges to

close range. Missed 2 birdie putts or I could have been somebody.

Mary and I went to Acme for a few items. Tomorrow will be busy with Silvia Batcher's memorial service in Hudson and Dave and Kim's arrival late afternoon.

June 26 2024

No Y today. Last Wednesday is line dancing, ugh. We headed up to Kent for lunch with Steve and Jacob and got Jacob's laundry done. Done just in time to avoid the rain. We ate at the Japanese Steakhouse. Good stuff!

Got home but had to head back out to Kohl's to pick up a new pillow. Mine was beat to crap so I needed a new one. We also picked up a fanny pack for the island this weekend. Should make it easier. Mary had one but it was a very small one.

Mary's sister Ruth was home a little over a week. Talked to her Sunday night and the afib came back. They scheduled her with a specialist for an ablation to correct it. This morning Dave called and reported she is back in the hospital. She fell and broke her arm, hurt her shoulder and banged her head. Not good at 79.

June 25 2024

We went to the Y for the Tabata class. I went up front for rope skipping and jumping jacks to break up the class.

When we got back we went over to the new owners next door to ask about the basement progress. She said they took the drywall off and will make a report but have not heard yet. Maybe I can move that along.

We invited her over to see our place if she needed ideas. I had done that for her husband several weeks ago and he picked out a similar fan for the loft. Told her I could help with replacing outlets/switches if they needed it.

Worked on puzzle for awhile. Quiet day. The Y and Kent planned for tomorrow.

June 24 2024

I was working on some HOA reserve requirements last night and got burned out and skipped posting. That was Sunday and we were busy all day.

We went to church. Next was paint coat 2 on the bedroom. After that dried, I picked up some caulk and got that done. Next we got the steam cleaner out and did the floors. Then it was put everything back in there and take all the tools back to the basement. Several trips for sure.

Today I played well at Sable Creek. Really screwed up a couple holes. Shot 43 on the Gold. It was decent except for the 7 I took on #3 after hitting into the lake. Back was 44, marred by 2 doubles of brain dead golf. On Black #2 I was 90 yards out on the drive and took 6. The next hole, a par 5, I was on in three and took a 7.

No one else played well. Dick did have a good back nine with 45. He was smacking his drives. I never did get the speed of the greens down. Everyone was short all day, so I started hitting firmer and of course then they were too far.

June 22 2024

Mary was showering last night and I was finishing my blog. Saw my link for "Song for my Father" so I played it. Brought back memories of the late 60s when I was in college and listened to a lot of jazz back in the day on the weekends. The local station had a jazz evening, maybe 9 to midnight on one of those days.

I really liked the way they started and finished with the same melody and then improvised the middle. Pretty awesome talents. Song for my father was one of my favs. Horace Silver was a great composer and piano. Listened to his "Doodling" after hearing this one. All the jazz greats are all over youtube. It was a time to be cool.

Remember going to see Ramsey Lewis at a bar after talking to fellow student Jim Stencil. Lost track of him. Wonder how he made out? Well neither of us had any money. We got dressed in our best suit and tie and went out to the bar. No charge but there was always a 2 drink minimum when there was live music. The trip was a real treat. Live music is amazing. The talent is right there to be witnessed in person.

Thinking back, I was into Rock when in grade school and high school, Jazz and R&B in high school and college. That big standing radio I had with the big woofer really belted out WBLK's hits. Midnight Hour, James Brown's songs, Bird is the Word, and more. Then it was back to Rock and Motown and Doo Wop for the oldies. Now in later life I am into Trance and Techno, occasionally drifting back to the great oldies in all of the above. Nothing like listening to Smokey Robinson, The Temptations, Mary Wells, or Roy Orbison doing Candy Man.

Didn't listen to much jazz after we got married. Mary wasn't a fan and I didn't want to impose it on her. TV got to be our entertainment choice.

Now to the June 22 blog. Very busy day. We got to painting a second coat in the up bedroom. After an hour to dry we picked up, swept, put the electrical covers back on and put away some tools. Went over to Ace and picked up caulk and got that done around all the baseboards, window and door. We then vacuumed downstairs. Been needing it for a week or two.

Finally, we went to BJs for some food items. Got that out of the way. Oh yeah, Carolyn's long time friend and "adopted" daughter Jenny stopped in on her trip from Florida with her daughter MiKala (spelling?). Was good to see them.

June 21 2024

We played Raintree. It was a slow day; lots of waiting. Way too much waiting. Got up to 91 and we felt it. Hid in the trees a lot. I had a good front nine at 42 but tanked on the back. Still low man at 88. Most were low 90s except for Bill, who did not.

I don't think I will do that again. Way too hot and perhaps life threatening for some of us. I stopped a few times for some deep breaths.

Picked up my shoes that were getting new heels. Need them for funerals and such.

Cooled off and had a light dinner. We did go on a short walk at 7 but it was still hot.

June 20 2024

We got ready for the Y, then I remembered I could not go because I had a call with the roofer. We are doing 2 buildings and there were a lot of info passed on. Lots of this and that. The call took about 20 minutes.

After that was over, we finished painting the up bedroom. Looks good. Mary caught a few misses and saved me from a second coat. I looked it over when dry and it looks fine.

We chilled for an hour and went to Lobys for pizza. Hardly anyone there today because of the Jackson yearly fair. Was tempted to go but it would be tough in this heat.

We hope it will cool down a bit so we can get a walk in before dark.

June 19 2024

We went to the Y this morning. Saw Elsie there, She said yesterday's funeral people changed their minds and wanted the lunch before the burial because of the heat. Nothing was set up and the helpers were not due till a few minutes before that would be. She had not heard how they did winging it at the last minute.

Took Mary for a dr appt and we met Wes later for lunch. We ate at some Akron hot spot on South Main and it was very good. It had a name with only 3 letters but I can't remember it. A bit out of our way.

Got home but we stayed out of the 90 degree heat the rest of the day.

June 18 2024

Up early for an 815 tee time at Chenoweth with the Lockheed guys. We had 6. Ray and I were in separate groups and both shot 81. Been awhile since I beat him. Driving was perfect, had some gimme chips, some good putts, and some good short irons. Left 3 putts just in front of the hole. Ouch! It was HOT; maybe 86 when we finished and 92 later on. Long irons not so good; a work in process.

Found my putting stroke was suffering from not following the line thru. I believe I was just banging at the ball. Once I started to follow thru I putted better. There is hope yet!

Picked up Jacob, got his laundry in the washer, and met Steve for Mexican. Good seeing him. Took his laundry home then over to Walmart. Went back to his place and looked at his scooter issue.

Seemed to only charge to 47% on the charger and seemed to have 0.1amp going somewhere. Maybe one of the cells was resistive? Just to see if it was the charger connection we put on the external battery. When that was on the ext battery began to charge the internal one at a good pace.

Will have to research further. Could put an external battery on it. Worried if there is a bad cell, it could burn up. Not up to speed on Lithium issues.

June 17 2024

What a day. We were ready to go to the Y early, so I started to answer some HOA board emails. Then I had 15 min left before leaving, time for another one. 45 min later, I looked up and said "oh crap".

We got started on the room upstairs. Sanded the mud where I fixed the walls, then started with the brush around the edges. 4 hrs later we had that done and it's ready for the roller. Getting too old for this.

Finished the day with more HOA emails and then NCIS on TV.

June 16 2024

Church this morning, then we stopped at Acme for the flowers I forgot on our anniversary. When we got home we got to the upstairs bedroom for more mudding. Touched up the two big areas then the holes and areas where there were tabs on the wall.

Should be able to sand tomorrow and start painting.

We got our walk in around 7pm when it cooled down. Not sure about the rest of the week. It's supposed to be in the mid 90s.

June 15 2024

We had a good diner and checked into the Hilton last night. Hit the hot tub and then we went for ice cream. Very relaxing evening.

This morning we had breakfast at Bob Evans and headed home. Got the flowers watered and later walked over to look at an area we have a landscape quote for. Stopped by a place where they replaced a drainage pipe and asked the lady to hose some water down her drains. It came out so she is good. Asked her to have the lady next door try hers.

Mary helped me mud a couple spots on the bedroom upstairs. Need another pass and then we can paint next week. We decided to use the same paint that we used in the master bedroom.

Well, today we started on year 56.

June 14 2024

Hit the ball well but putting was a disaster for the most part. 45-44 =89 with two balls in the water at #9

Heading to our #55 anniversary dinner and a night at the airport Hilton. Hope the pool is warm. And there is a hot tub.

June 13 2024

We did the Y today. Spent 45 min at home before heading to Green for Mary's testing appointment. Back home for another 30 min before we went to Loby's for pizza.

Pizza was good. I did not tell Erin it was our Anniversary till we paid the bill. It backfired though. She immediately wrote us a gift card for \$55.

Watered the flowers and stuff when we got home.

June 12 2024

We did the Y today, then headed up to Kent to see Jacob and Steve. Got a load of wash done while eating at the Chinese buffet. Steve is bogged down reviewing a thesis for someone. He was mad the guy didn't show his work getting to an answer so had to work it himself.

We got home 230ish. After a short nap we watered the flowers, picked some weeds, and did the walk. Nothing exciting to report.

June 11 2024

Not a great sleep last night so we skipped the Y. Lunch time came quickly so we headed out to an HOA lunch. There must have been 20 people there. That is amazing compared to last year. Someone said people are coming out of their COVID shells.

The food was good. Ken, outgoing board president brought over 2 boxes of documents and a flash drive. Oh boy. Did some HOA stuff. Got Keith started on the Landscape stuff, Working on a package of docs for Ron with the maintenance stuff.

We got our walk in around 7pm. Jacob was freaking out cause he can't do the summer class. He was taking Business Analytics 2. He said he never took BA 1 because his high school statistics covered that credit. That was long ago. He is going to have to back up and take BA 1 with an instructor and then tackle this course. He showed me some of the questions and it is was out of my comfort zone.

June 10 2024

Finally had a good round at Tannenhau, 42-40 =82. Missed a couple of short ones but made a lot of them. What a relief. Mary went with Brenda to Culvers for the Red Hat meeting. They were only there till 2pm which was a surprise.

Dentist said my mouth was healing well. Scheduled the implant in September. Hillybilly smile till then.

Tim came over and we walked to the trees he needs to quote around 5pm. Carolyn and Jenna stopped in too.

Went to the board meeting. Thankfully we got 2 board members. I am the President. Hope I will survive. We will have to let KareCondo do the minutes at \$50/meeting. Laura volunteered but since she has so many other board meetings and is taking care of her dad, I am not Ok with it. Hard enough to get her email responses.

June 9 2024

Last night heading to bed, we found the kiddos all time favorite toy in our closet. They like to pretend the closet is a jail. That brought back so many memories, I just had to write them down.

When my mom was alive, before the kiddos, we bought this wedge pillow to help her sleep better. Z is 13 now, so he was born in 2011 and I think mom moved in with us in 2009 before he was born. Anyway, Mary made a cotton pillow cover for the wedge. It is about 2 ft wide, 2 ft long and 11" on one end.

Well, the pillow didn't work out so we set it aside. When Z was born and maybe at 1 or 2, he would come over for a short time and he loved getting inside the cover between the cover and the pillow, kind of like being in a sack. He had a ball with it. When he grew a bit he used to use it as a ramp to the couch and would run up it or roll or run down it. When Kalix entered the scene, you can bet he showed her the ropes of how to use this thing. Then it was Lincoln's turn to learn. They all followed the same routine using it for hours of fun.

They still have a ball with this thing and play with it every time they come by. I never saw them drag it out yesterday, but when we headed to bed, there it was. It is just amazing the things that become kid's favorites. What a hoot!

As to today, we did church and then Walmart for yogurt and a clipboard for my HOA stuff. Next up it was BJ's for gas, water, cat litter for Jacob, and some stuff we needed. No luck at the races today. We did get a walk in at 5pm and got sprinkled on a bit.

Tomorrow will be busy with golf, dentist, red hats and the annual HOA meeting. I hope I survive the day.

June 8 2024

We got going early. We were going to watch the kids but didn't know when. When we just about to head to the store, Wes txt said they would be leaving for here soon. They got here around 1130.

When they got here, we packed them up and headed to Sippo Lake. We went thru the exploration center and the canal center then hiked to the nature center and back to the playground.

Stopped at the school playground at Woodlawn and 12th. The kids loved that playground. From there we headed for ice cream and then back here for pizza before they had to leave at 4pm to get Z to a birthday party. We cleaned up and called it a day.

Finished the puzzle but there were a few pieces that didn't look right. We declared victory anyway. I hate when the pieces fit in several places but really only go in one place.

June 7 2024

Mary went off with Brenda to Hartville to see old neighbors Leeann and Pat and dined at Carlos. Never liked Carlos menu items.

I played Tannenhauf again. Went 46-42 with 5 3 putts and a few lookups. Made a few putts but still struggle leaving too many short ones out of my range. Still too many look ups but did improve slightly. Spraying a couple drives early did not help. Was competitive with JT, but he took a snowman on 17 looking up on 2 chips. Will get another try Monday, Goot to get in the low 80s one of these days.

Got my haircut in Hartville after golf.

Wes wants us to watch the kids sometime tomorrow. We shall see.

June 6 2024

Almost lost my phone this morning by heading off to golf and realizing I didn't have it. Went home and did not find it. Started out to golf again then thought to look on my trunk. There it was.

Had an up and down round struggling to keep my head on the ball. Lots of pars, lots of doubles. Went 45-41 =86. That included a 4 putt and a few missed short ones. We got done early. The barber was closed. Must have not got the message that they close on Thursday now.

Got home and we went to Lobys. Got a pull tab for \$599 which was nice.

We had a board meeting with a short agenda, but then we had to put together the packets for the annual meeting on Monday. All 108 we had to stick on the names and the vote %.

Very odd since there are a bunch who sent a proxy in and will not attend. Also, I have never seen the vote ballots used.

June 5 2024

We went to the retiree lunch. Saw Dick, Messner, Hogan, and the usual suspects. After that we went up to see Jacob. Brought him a new laundry bag.

We helped him move the extra battery to the new scooter then we went to the laundry. Since we were full, we took him to Wendys. Steve was visiting the grandkids in Cincinnati so he did not join us.

We bought a new hot water pot. They don't make them the way they used to so we got to get used to it. There is a power plate you set the pot on and it boils. Still feel we should unplug it just to be safe.

Also, just to be safe we picked up a cabin air filter for the Toyota. I tried online but got the wrong part, So I went to the auto parts store and paid their inflated price. Mary plans to call Ruth tonight. She was to be moved to a rehab facility today.

June 4 2024

We did the Y class. I hopped around a little today. Got back and prepped for the walk thru which started at 1pm.

The walk thru took awhile. Thorn came out and began hassling us. I told him to go back inside which he didn't like, so we just walked away. Lots of dead boxwoods which we will replace to my chagrin. There are a couple of big jobs on a couple of common area beds that won't be cheap. I believe we will max out on the budget before being able to do all.

Couple of big trees coming down will be expensive as well.

June 3 2024

We slept in but was up in time for the Y. Mary stayed for the next class and Brenda brought her home around noon.

The Americraft guy came to look at the drainage issues around here. The new owner next door was in so we stopped there first. Ken and Pat were here too. After looking for about a hr, we came up with a plan. We believe next door is the block window leaking. Here it is likely an outdoor or indoor seal is needed at the support beam.

Mary and I went to JCP around 530 and found some clothes for her and a pair of shorts for me.

June 2 2024

We went to church then picked up some flowers at Acme for the kids recital. The recital was excellent but very long at 3 hours at the Canton Palace theater.

After the recital I took their family and Carolyn to Tims for fish. Last chance to see the kids till the reunion in July. They head up to the island next Sunday.

June 1 2024

Slow day today. We picked up some taco stuff at Acme and made them around 130. We called Kim to check on Ruth and she said she was up and around and feeling better. Sent her a text or two and she responded, so that is good.

Mary finished the puzzle and I watched the women's US Open golf. Later we went for a hot fudge sundae.

May 31 2024

Slept good. We played Windmill Lakes today. They had new tee boxes. They moved up the forward tees considerably and put the silver tees where the forward tees were. Then they added a hybrid tee which had some of the silver and some of the forward tees.

Even as they made the course more playable, everyone sucked except John E who shot 83. Denny had a 91 and everyone else was over 93. Pretty sad.

Got home at 3pm and we had dinner. Later we did a walk to check the tree work Tim did and check the power wash list. All the owners raved about his work. No landscaping will be needed since he did such a great job. Good thing we checked the power wash list. Found 2 errors and 2 additional places to clean.

Did a little on the puzzle later on while we watched Murder She Wrote.

May 30 2024

Slept good. Yay! We did the Y class today. Chilly morning.

Worked on puzzle and went to Lobys at 215. I had the hot pepper soup and Mary had pizza. Quiet day.

May 29 2024

Finally had a good sleep. Hope that is over whatever it was. Headed to the funeral lunch at 11:30 this morning and got back about 230pm. We snagged 6 pc of chicken so we kept 2 and wrapped up 2 for Steve and 2 for Jacob.

Took the new scooter up and brought the old one back. We were stuffed so we just had a snack at the Mexican place. Steve and Jacob ate good though. Back home by 730pm.

May 28 2024

Got 6 and a half hrs last night but still feel sleep deprived. Headed to Ellsworth. Course was in good shape. Played well to start with 43 on front. Got 4 good ones in on the back till I fell apart with 3 doubles in a row, shooting 47 on the back.. Very disappointed in the short game.. Denny and Dick played well at 89 and 92.

Rested up, then we walked and headed to BJ to pick up stuff for Jacob and for us too.

May 27 2024

Mary slept good but I still struggled. Extractions have calmed down but I kept getting too warm and thinking about this and that HOA issue. I got a little more sleep than yesterday but still a groggy day.

Dave called and said the meds are starting to work on Mary's sister, so that is good. She does have pneumonia and they are working on that too.

Wes came over for a few hours and we got an update on the in laws. He stayed for lunch. Saw the next door owner and talked to him for awhile after Wes left. Did some HOA emails about gutters and landscape policy.

Got our walk in and in the evening watched "Unfrosted" on Netflix. It was entertaining.

May 26 2024

Mary slept good but I still struggled with the extractions. I got 6hrs while she got 8. We went to church and picked up a rotisserie chicken at Acme for \$6.99 vs \$5 at BJs. Quite a difference, eh?

Dinner was good. I watched the races and had 3 of the 11 horses in the final of the pick 4, but the longest shot on the board won. I had one that led but faded badly at the end.

Lazy day. We did get in a walk before the rain.

May 25 2024

With my 2 extractions, I only got 4 and a half hrs sleep. So I was gonna veg today, perhaps nap. Never did nap.

Watched the races and struck out. We finished a hard puzzle we were working on. Took us over a week. Glad that is done. Did get out for the neighborhood walk.

Got a call about Ruth. She is going downhill with a cough and a fever. No word as to what it might be; pneumonia? That is a bad turn for the worse.

May 24 2024

Mary got her hair done this morning at 9am. I went to ACE and got a part for Vicky's outdoor faucet and went over to fix it. The plastic part you unscrew was not about to come out. It was melded in there. Broke it to pieces and couldn't even pick the pieces out. With the sun hitting it for 20+ years the rest of it wasn't in great shape either. She will have to get a plumber to put a new one like they did for mine. \$175 earlier this month.

Then it was off to the dentist to get the 2 teeth pulled. The local shot threw me for a loop. As it set in I thought I was had trouble breathing and said so. Dentist said if any of the epinephrine gets in the bloodstream it can cause heart flutter. I guess that is what happened. We waited a bit and I got some oxygen, then they started. In the chair for only 45 minutes. The guy is pretty efficient.

We were worried about Mary's sister Ruth. She was supposed to have surgery at 1pm and we had not heard anything by 4pm. We called but did not find out till 530pm. I was wrong about what they were doing. I thought she was getting ablation surgery but it was cardioversion where they just shock the heart. Did not work. I can't believe they are torturing her for so long. She has been in there since Monday or Tuesday all swelled up with trouble talking and breathing and they haven't got to ablation surgery? I would have called Tim Mizny by now.

Mouth is still sore and oozing a bit. Trying to use ice water every couple of minutes which helps. Did have some oatmeal and animal crackers for dinner. No hot things for me till the stitches self dissolve.

May 23 2024

Carolyn was over for Survivor last night. We both slept good. No surprise as I was toast yesterday. We headed back to the dentist for cleanings this morning, then to Walmart for groceries. Picked up a bunch of stuff. Won for a change on scratch offs. Won \$60 on \$20 worth of tickets.

George called wanting me get a free round at an outing but I have the tooth extractions tomorrow. I sent him Bill's number.

We went to Loby's at the usual 230pm. After we were back and had tea, we did the neighborhood walk only stopping a couple of times to say hi to neighbors.

Txt to Mary's sister Ruth got back that she will get ablation surgery tomorrow. We will pray for success.

May 22 2024

Dentist story to start (from yesterday). We were going to head to Kent after they put my permanent crown on so Mary went with me. We walked in and there was Father Benson in the waiting room. It was a nice development because we had never talked to him alone to any depth. We told him how much we love the kids at the collection time and gave him all the compliments we have heard. I told him that God must not have intended us to live this long cause we would have better teeth. I expect to hear that back one day in one of his Homily.

Turns out he had brought the Bishop, who was visiting from Nigeria to have a tooth ache looked at. I was waiting on that completion. We had a great interchange with Benson, then I got called into the back. I ended up in the next room and I could hear every word of the Bishop's problems. He needed an immediate root canal and repair, was given a syringe to use in a certain area to flush out his gum, and would need a new bridge back in Nigeria because they had to fix a cavity in one of those teeth. Finally they were done.

The dentist came to me and told me that Benson had called and asked to fit in the Bishop today and what was he going to say? He is a parishioner there too and no way could he

turn him down. He was confused since our Bishop of Youngstown should have his own dentist but did not realize this one was from Nigeria. Benson said he must have not gone to mass last week and as a result had to go to confession now. What a hoot. That's my story.

We did the Y this morning and I then got ready for the HOA Maintenance walk thru. That started at 1pm and ran till almost 5pm. Wore my old shoes. That was a big mistake. My feet hurt so bad it took me forever to walk back home. I am exhausted. Logged almost 5 miles and sneezed about 10 times. Learned a lot on the walk. I can see one big drainage project coming soon. Bet it's 15K's worth.

Time to take some aleve and heal.

May 21 2024

We did the Y class today. Got home and headed to dentist to get my permanent crown. I had to wait awhile and I have a story about it that is a hoot. I hope to add it to a blog soon.

We picked up Jacob in Green where he stayed at buddy Ben's. Got to Kent and picked up his laundry, got it in the washer, and met Steve for Chinese. Steve's turn to pay this week.

Dropped Jacob off and headed home. He picked up a shift 430 to close so he had to

Went over to Vicky's and picked up a plant cutting. Saw a couple of dog walkers and greeted a couple of neighbors.

Asurion contacted me re: the warranty scooter repair. Repair was cancelled and they gave me full Amazon price back in a gift card. Wow. That means after beating the crap out of that scooter since August, the total cost was \$24, the cost of the 2 year warranty. Nice to get a break once in awhile.

May 20 2024

I headed to Fox Den and Mary went with Brenda to the yoga class. She ate lunch at Brendas and got home about 230pm a little before me.

I hit the ball well and was on fire to start. I was 3 over after 4 holes then birdied the par 3 5th to get back to 2 over. My short game left me the last 4 holes taking 3 to get down from the fringe. Finished the front 5 over 41. Started the back and doubled 2 of the next 3 and never did get it back, shooting an ugly 47 by getting my first par on the back on 18. I'll take an 88 even though I finished poorly.

We finished the tacos for dinner, then got out for a walk. Took a hr to walk, stopping to talk with Vicky, Laura, Mike, Chuck, and then Laura again. Laura's dad went to Ironwood Ky to live with her brother and wife since they can watch him full time. She had tears in her eyes and is taking Dad's poor health badly. He is 88 and seems to have gone downhill fast.

Met Mike and his kid visiting his mom. Kid was scootering all around. We talked scooters for awhile. Saw his kid take a dump as we were leaving. Some skinned elbows and sore knees I think. He and his buddy buys Amazon skids of scooter stuff they don't want and resells them.

Dave called and passed out the bad news to Mary and Ginny about sister Ruth. Her Afib acted up and she is retaining a ton of liquids and can hardly breathe. They got to stop the Afib she has had for over a day. Can't believe they haven't stopped it yet. Very serious. Mary is visibly upset.

All in all a bad news type of day.

May 19 2024

We went to church. Em and her husband stopped by to talk as we were preparing to leave and showed us the Merlin Bird AP. It is way cool. Picks up the bird's songs and tells you what it is. Used it on our walk later.

Great service with lots of kids today. Had to sneak out after communion to get to Walgreens to get a Covid booster. Same formula we got last September, but they say a booster is needed after 4 months, so we were a bit overdue.

Carolyn stopped in just as we sat down for tacos. She took the old swing parts and will reassemble at her place.

We get to work pulling the screen off the front window and washing the 2 windows. Haven't cleaned them for at least 2 years. Maybe we will get to the back of the condo. Have to do that some morning or on a cloudy day when the sun isn't frying us.

Waited till 630 for a walk for the same reason. Lots of others had the same idea. Saw at least 5 others.

May 18 2024

Could have slept better. Mary assisted me in taking apart the old swing on the deck. I called Carolyn and she said she would take the old one. It was hot out there. After lunch the new one showed up. Once again Mary assisted and we got it together. Been a long time since we felt heat like that.

Watched some of the Pimlico races and had no luck at all. Very strange races. A good percentage of the winning jocks were 2nd tier jockeys. Pretty much unheard of.

We went to ROs for hot fudge sundaes. Boy oh boy are they good. We got the mother load of hot fudge on them too.

May 17 2024

Since golf was rained out, we went to At Home store to see what there was to see. I think this store is like the RV lots. Way too much in there to ever sell. I figure the RV lots are money laundering operations.

JohnT had called Dick to check on golf, telling him his son was out of town, so he couldn't get emails. He must have lost my number again. I have given it to him at least 3 times. I called him and said I heard he was cut off from the world since his son was traveling. Better not let him leave town again!

At Home, I don't know. They had hundreds of Canvas pictures for the home. OMG, pictures of cow heads. Who the hell would put a 3 ft x 3 ft canvas of a cow head on their wall? I was afraid to google that. The only thing I could come up with is they stack them in there, never to be sold, so customers go in and think, wow they have everything in this store. I thought all their stuff was from China, but I did see something from Nam there too. Omg, they must have hundreds of outdoor chairs of 30 different types.

We saw 9 people out front smoking away when we got there. Turns out they were doing inventory. Looks like they hired some temp smokers to inventory all the stuff in the store, most of which no one is going to buy?

That afternoon, I had to go look at someone complaining about their garage flooding. I wasn't busy so I did not mind and I met 2 new people.

Carolyn stopped over a bit later with Tim and Jenna. Jenna wanted to catch some tadpoles but they must have been in deeper water. She did see a couple but missed them with her net.

May 16 2024

We skipped the Y, as we both slept poorly. Did our neighborhood walk and planted our Marc's flowers in the 3 pots we have.

Headed to Lobys for the usual half price pizza on a beautiful afternoon.

Jacob sent a couple of txt inquiries. I am glad he asks my advice now and then. He must be really bored. Nothing from the scooter repair guys yet other than they are working on it. They wanted to find someone local to check it out, Guessing they have not found a

local expert yet.

May 15 2024

We went to the Y and did the easier class today. Saw a Marcs flyer in the mailbox with great flower pricing so we got 3 hanging baskets and some to plant in the pots out front. No time for planting today, so that will be tomorrows task.

We headed to Akron Summa for an appt for Mary and got caught in rush hour. Still working on the rotisserie chicken from Saturday. Too many leftovers in the fridge still.

Carolyn came over for Survivor. She got out the scooter box and found a little water in the crawl space. There was a good downpour today. That will be a pain to deal with. I will have to get in line with the others having water issues.

May 14 2024

We went to the Y and did the hard class today. Then we stopped at BJ's and picked up cat food for Jacob and tissue's for us. I was amazed by the savings. Gonna keep the BJ's card. Saved \$18 over Walmart on the cat food. Got 10 tissue boxes for the price of 6 at Walmart. Gas was 3.04 vs 3.55 elsewhere. Wow.

We continued to Kent and took Jacob to do laundry. Had Mexican Lunch for about \$12 per person. Expensive to eat out these days. Back home at 3pm for tea and a cookie. Busy day.

Chatted with Asurion about fixing the scooter on my 2yr warranty. That was a deal at \$25. They are sending me a shipping label.

May 13 2024

Played Tannenhau with the Monday group. The poor play continued but I raised my hdcp to 18 and denny moved to 20.

I continue to smoke the drives but thats it. I 3-putted the first 4 greens and also 3 on the back nine. That is 7 strokes down the tube of my 47-45 92 total. Can't put all the blame on my putting cause my chipping put me a long ways away to start with. Irons were bad as well. Got a round Friday at Brookledge which I putt poorly, then I am off the week after with dentist appointments. It looks like I will have to turn my game around in June.

Got Mary a Jewelry stand and it came today. She will need to work that over the next few days to get her stuff organized. We took a lot of boxes and paper to recycle and stopped for ice cream again. Good stuff!

May 12 2024

Mary and I slept poorly so we were zombie like at church. After church we waited for the soccer game Lincoln was playing in at 2:30 and watched most of that till 3:30. Got back home and Carolyn had started the grill and the oven. We had the food ready in no time at all.

Somehow we survived and got the clean up done around 6:30pm. Was great to have them all here as school is winding down. Two more weeks we hear. Jacob said the scooter had problems. Seems like the brake is on. Going to see him Tuesday so I will get the info and see what the assurance plan wants to do.

He said he finished the semester with 3 A- 1B- and a C. Pretty good for working close to 30hrs/week.

May 11 2024

Rain all day. We went to Acme to pick up some stuff for tomorrow in the pouring rain. Decided to wait for a break in the rain before heading to BJ's. Got in the gas line there and realized I had no wallet so back we went and back we went with the wallet. Saved 50 cents a gallon though. \$3.04 there.

Picked up a rotisserie chicken there. We had it for dinner. It had a ton of meat on it. We waited for the rain to stop and got our walk in at 630pm. Windy and chilly but not too bad.

All set for tomorrow; church, soccer game, and Mothers Day cookout.

May 10 2024

Got out to Chippewa and hit the ball well all day. Just a couple of bad shots. Short game was again pitiful. Nice bogey free 42 on the front that should have been a 39 or 40. Tanked on the back to 52? I think I had an extra 7 putts on the back. For some reason, I don't seem to be able to shake off a bad hole this year. Got to find a way to get through the back nine without losing it.

We got a walk in before dinner. After dinner we got some ice cream at Brewsters. Yum.

Jacob had an online exam to do tonight so we won't see him till Tuesday. Need to shop for grill food for Sunday Mother's day.

May 9 2024

We did not sleep well, so we skipped the Y class. Went to the Canton Art Museum for free Thursdays and saw their new exhibits. They were very cool. Using an app, you pointed it at points on a sculpture and VR is used to present a flower blowing in the wind.

Mary got some earrings and we got the book associated with the sculpture. We can view the book with the app and see the same thing again.

We went to Loby's for pizza for me and a burger for Mary and had a good time. Very chilly tonight. Will have to get bundled up for golf tomorrow.

Carolyn stopped over to watch Survivor tonight.

May 8 2024

We did the Y this morning. Mary stayed for the yoga class and Brenda brought her back. When she got back we went to Michaels and picked up a frame for our 55 anniversary certificate and hung it on the wall. Stopped for desert on the way back; a small blizzard.

Called a plumber to replace the outdoor faucet. Threads were not working properly. He spent an hour or so replacing it with a good quality faucet for \$175. Seemed a bit high but worth it to take it off my to do list.

May 7 2024

Missed the blog last night again. This time by choice. We did the Y class in the morning. Mary stayed for the yoga class and got home around 1pm. I cleaned up the bathroom. Once Mary was home, we did the floors. I vacuumed and she did the steamer. Later on I found out that Neighbor Laura had spent 2 days back in the hospital with her dad. I volunteered to write up the landscaping policy she was tasked with by the HOA board. When I finished it I was eye weary and skipped the blog.

Today I played Mayfair with the Lockheed guys. Had a good 43 on the front marred by 2 lip outs. Started the back poorly with a 3 putt bogey, then dumped one in the pond and took 5 on the par 3. Went down hill after that. Never made another putt the rest of the way. At least 4 look ups trying to restart, finishing with an ugly 50 on the back. Very disappointing round.

Met Jane, Rudy, and Rosemary at Bistro of Green. High end place, so we decided this would be our Anniversary dinner (a month early). Bill was an even \$100 for the night.

Saw Otis at the course. He didn't play though. His wife had a major stroke with a burst blood vessel in Florida. Was touch and go for 3 days. She is doing better now but is having trouble with one eye and her speech is a bit troubled. She just can't find the words she tries to use. A little wobbly on her left side so she takes a cane to steady her. Sounds like they were very lucky.

May 5 2024

Missed the blog last night. Yesterday we did some grocery shopping then went up to Kent and had dinner with Jacob and Steve. Jacob did his laundry. I was very tired as I slept poorly and did all that driving.

Today we met Steve and Kathy in Youngstown for our 55 yr celebration. The 2pm mass at the beautiful church there was for 115 couples and family. It was very nice and a bit emotional as we exchanged vows. Got our pic with the Bishop and then Steve bought us dinner at Cracker Barrel in Austintown. Quite a day!

May 3 2024

We got in a round at Fox Den before it rained. It was comfortable weather. I went 43-43 =86. The front nine was spoiled by an 8 on the second hole with a water ball and a chunk. Did not hit any solid irons till the back nine.

Lots of birdie chances on the back. Lipped one, 3 putted one, and made a long one. Should have had 40 on the back. Bill was low with an 85 but he could have gone a lot lower too.

Rained on the way home. Mary and I went to Bob Evans. I had the turkey and Mary had pancakes.

Was dozing off as 6pm rolled around. Laura and I met with the Thorns and she explained what they were seeing on their billing and check cashing information. Laura believes the wife got it. I wasn't so sure. Hope that is the end of it.

May 2 2024

We did the Y class and got a good work out. Worked on the puzzle for awhile, then headed to Lobys for pizza. Awesome 80 degree day!

Got back and staked the iris in the back. Holy moly. I used 20 sticks and could have used 20 more. Gonna have 40-50 blooms back there!

No luck at Churchill Downs. The derby is gonna be tough.

May 1 2024

Another month in the books. Yet another nice day. We went to the retiree lunch. Saw JohnR, Messner, and Hogan.

Home by 1215 and we headed to the Hope Mission meeting at church at 1pm. Everyone was amazed there have been so few funerals the last 2 months. Father Hetzel was asked to talk about the book of Revelation. Twas very riveting. I asked when the book was written and he said 95AD. He read from Matthew 24 which stated when the time comes, we will know. Don't fall for any false prophets trying to convince you, There will be no doubt. At this point, none of us is likely to be around.

I was impressed by his talk. He has come a long way in his first year as an ordained priest. I was down on him last year but see significant improvement.

Mary and I got in a nice walk around 6pm. Decided to do the Y tomorrow instead of lunch with the Babyak crowd.

April 30 2024

We did the Y Tabata class and it was a good workout. I behaved myself there today.

We got home and I tested the Ford with Bill's brake fluid tester and it showed it needed replacement for sure. Could not test the Toyota, as the tool does not fit where the fluid is located. Plan to get the T fluid \$200 and Brake fluid \$99 replaced at next oil change. Coolant needs changing too but I don't want to mess with my AC. It's on it's last legs but still works and I am not going to rock the boat.

I helped bake some cookies for the Hope Ministry meeting at 1pm tomorrow as we are in

the group in the second half of the alphabet. Busy day tomorrow with the retiree lunch and then the Hope meeting at 1pm.

Usually visit Jacob on Wednesday but we will do that Saturday.

April 29 2024

Headed to Good Park on one spectacular day. Played almost the worst round so far. Front was 47. I made no putts and 3 putted a couple. Should have been in the low 40s. The back was worse. 48 with a birdie on the par 5 (The only putt I made all day). Denny was low with 94. What a disappointment.

Mary and I got in a walk then had dinner and finished the puzzle.

Board Meeting between 6pm and 815pm. The property manager that was handling our account sold the company to the new president and is moving to Vegas. Sam is the new guy and he will take over fully in June.

We picked a roofer and identified gutter replacements for quotes and the request was sent out on the spot. Maintenance walk thru was scheduled for May, Landscaping for June, and the next board meetings for June 6 and 10th for the annual meeting.

April 28 2024

We slept in and got to church. From there we stopped at Walmart for yogurt and butter. Picked up some cash at the bank and a prescription at DrugMart.

After a little rest, we moved the summer stuff out of the garage and spread them around outside. The swing went back to the deck, all the lawn ornaments and so forth. Pretty hot out there. About 3 we did the neighborhood walk. Sun was hot, perfect when a cloud covered it. All in all a quiet day.

April 27 2024

We got a good sleep in last night, so we went ahead with our mulch party. The mulch party usually is on my birthday but didn't happen this year with Easter preceded by Kalix birthday and then mine one day before the total eclipse. The kiddos were on the island for that.

Anyway, we finally got some good weather today. Made 2 trips to HD and got 18 bags of mulch on sale for \$2/bag. Nice thing was they were 1.5 cu ft. They are much lighter than the 2 cu ft bags, so I handled them easier. Mary and I partied and were done spreading it by 2pm and then the party was over. We celebrated with a hot dog at home and a hot fudge sundae at ROs.

After the news we watched Netflix Its not over till its over, the life of Yogi Berra. Amazingly, it was a real tear jerker. Funny as well. Pretty much everyones life has the potential to be a tear jerker if you think about it. Some are tragedies, some love stories, some stories of valor, service, or sacrifice. No one ever hears the millions of those untold stories.

April 26 2024

Played Sable Creek and played well. A couple of lookups and the usual putting woes kept me at 86. Missed a ton of 6 to 15 footers. Bill played very well except for a few chipping debacles. Good to see everyone there this year.

Stopped for a haircut in Hartville. Alas, there was an hour wait. With all the gabbing they do, I didn't get out of there till 330. Quickly picked up Mary and we had fish at Lobys. Got home at 5 in plenty of time for my 6pm meeting with Jim Thorn.

Laura was with me as witness. Jim was very cordial and understood the documents I gave him showing his late fee was valid as was the last legal fee. He claimed these docs were very different from what he gets from KareCondo. Laura, sensing some shortfalls in their accounting system, agreed to look at Jim's documents and either teach him how to read

them properly, or get on KareCondo to get them to fix their accounting system.

April 25 2024

We did the Y tabata class. Good workout. Got back and had lunch so I could get some food in me before appt for crown.

Dentist wasn't sure he would have enough tooth so he took off the old and found he had enough. Was in there an hour and 45 min. They tried a new way to make the tooth by scanning it but that did not work so they said that went old school with goop impressions. Will get permanent crown May 21. \$500; easy come easy go.

Got a referral to pull two teeth and do an implant on the top.

April 24 2024

Skipped the Y as I finally remembered this was line dancing Wednesday.

I purchased a new thermostat for the furnace and it showed up yesterday. Installed it and it is working properly. This one has an auto setting I was looking for. It auto selects hot and cold according to the settings. With the old one, I had to manually switch it to heat at night and then switch it to cool if it got warm the next day. Now I don't have to.

It has daily settings for every day of the week and 4 daily settings but I made them all the same for the time being. Heat is on if under 73 and cool is on if higher than 77. I can adjust if that is not comfortable enough.

We headed to Kent to visit Jacob. Took him some TP, paper towels, sour patch candy, ice cream, and water. Did a basket of laundry and did the Chinese buffet again.

The buffet was very good. For some reason, we did not find anything at Einsteins Attic that we just had to have. They did sell the Simpson's dolls, so Bill missed out on those.

April 23 2024

Played Sunny Hills with Hogan, Chuck Ivan and Ray. Everyone showed rust from the winter. Hogan was making all his 6 footers but tailed off late round. I was in awe. Ray kept hitting trees and shot 100. I played poorly on the front 48 but recalled a few swing items and scored 41 on the back with 1 birdie. Jim and Chuck were in the low 100s.

It was very windy so I needed a sweatshirt the entire round. I was toast when I got home. We went to BJs right off because if I sat down, I was afraid I would not want to get back up.

April 22 2024

We went to the Y as usual. Mary stayed for the chair yoga and Brenda brought her home. We mostly worked puzzles today.

The dog violator is a pain again. After 3 legal letters he finally stopped violating. Now that he is getting all our legal bills tacked onto his account he is squealing. The property manager did not help things by sending him a bill and describing one charge as legal fee for updating the board. I would have complained too. Turns out it was a legal bill for the lawyers checking with us and discussing further action options. They must charge \$70 for interacting for a hr or half hr?

Now I had to print all the documents and schedule a meeting with him. He has now burdened the board members for a couple of hours effort. The property manager has spent time on the phone with him several times explaining things yet he claims he doesn't understand. PM is really irritated with him, not to mention receiving insulting emails from the guy.

I am not exactly sure why I am so calm. After all, I am not known to be very diplomatic. Maybe it is that I can see that if there isn't someone that can calmly deal with him, this nightmare will never end. Lets see how I feel after meeting with him at a date tbd.

April 21 2024

The Rubber Ducks lost big Friday night. Close game for 5 innings, then they got clobbered. Had fun with the kiddos. Got back close to 10pm. It's amazing how exhausted I get being out late. Took awhile to chill out that night.

Yesterday we went to the home show at the Hall of Fame village. The show was Ok but I really wanted to see what they have going there. It is a big area with 8 or so buildings. They had no signage pointing us to the proper building. I was also let down by no info on the facilities. Maybe they had some at a visitor center somewhere but we had no clue where that was either. Ending up parking a long way away.

We had brunch at Don Shula's kitchen. They were slammed. Wait staff was too small for all the business. The food was excellent. Line of about 12 people waiting when we left. I looked at the dinner menu but it was very pricey. Everything was mid \$20s.

Saturday night we went to see Wynton Marsalis with the Lincoln jazz group at EJ Thomas. He really only played 2 numbers that evening. That was a disappointment but the group played several Duke Ellington compositions from the 20s thru the 70s. Pretty amazing stuff. A couple of them brought tears to my eyes. Tears of joy that I was able to hear these songs before I go.

Today we went to church. Mary went out after church with Brenda for the day and had a good time. I watched the races and yet again hit 4 of 5. Luck seems to have run out lately.

April 19 2024

The rain passed in time to play Brookledge this morning. The wind was up and the windchill got to me. Just was not dressed properly for it. Others were suffering too. About the 7th hole I was done, but others wanted to play on. I threw in the towel after 9 and only Denny went on. The others didn't complain much about quitting so they must have also had enough.

I hit the ball great yet again. Had everything going and managed 2 pars and 7 bogies. No big screw ups. Got home and it took me 3 hrs to warm up. Getting old doesn't help.

Heading out to see the Rubber Ducks with Wes and the family around.

April 18 2024

Mary had a hair appt at 11 so we had to skip the Y. We did the walk and I checked out the mulch they did. Saw they missed 1 tree. Also the potholes were sprayed and they missed a couple. Reported that to Bruce.

Another 4 of 5 at Keenland. That is getting old. We went to Lobys at 2:30, our usual time. The pizza was good. Mary had a steak. It was good but too salty. We started a puzzle but gave up on it. Too hard. Started an easier one.

Read the Canton paper online. Saw Saturday Wynton Marsalis was at EJ Thomas and had tickets in hand within 10 minutes. Sweet! Then Wes asked if we wanted to see the Rubber Ducks tomorrow night. Busy busy busy!

April 17 2024

No Y class today so we chilled and headed to Kent to see Jacob. Lunch with Steve was good. His turn to buy. I ordered Raspberry iced tea but it turned out to have alcohol, so I wasted some of his money. Otherwise it was good.

We went to Plum Creek Park after and walked around and down by the creek. Lots of water flowing. Dropped Jacob off and got back by 3pm and watched the tornado weather on TV. Hope it doesn't develop.

Had the first 4 of a pick 5 at Keenland and 3 of 6 horses in the final. I had the 2 favorites and a long shot. Just my luck, the 3d choice came in. The handicapper also missed that one.

April 16 2024

Added Bill King to the RIP list on the website. I looked back thru the blog and never saw anything. Went to his funeral a day or 2 before Easter. Must have been one of the days I missed, as I got back late from it. He was part of the Monday group and was one of the winter guys at Edgewood back in the day.

Guy pretty much split the fairway every shot, Short backswing, powerful forearms. I always ragged on him when he missed the center by 5 yards. Played with oxygen before he quit, then sometimes just rode along. Last time I saw him, He teed it up and smacked it straight and true, then gasped for air till he got back to his oxygen tank. It was sad to see. Smoking pretty much did him in. Saw Fred and Mueche at the funeral. Left him a Mollie on one of the flower stands. RIP Bill King! We will miss you.

Today we did the Y. I went up front with the instructor for one of the Tabata reps. The fan club liked it. Got our toenails cut at the foot dr. Really feels good now. She rally hacked the one that always gives me trouble. We stopped on the way back at Acme and got the items for stuffed peppers. Got home and whipped up a batch for us and will take 2 to Jacob tomorrow.

April 15 2024

Chippawa today. I was really striking the ball well. Those new Titleist AVXs I got are awesome. Longer than last year for sure. Really only had 3 bad shots. One chunk and 2 bladed hybrids. Scored 88 but adjusted it down to 87 as I hit one of the amen corner greens in two and it rolled back off. With the adjustment I went par par seven (hitting one of the hybrid shots into the water). Then a surprise birdie on the long par 3. Hit the green and it trickled off. Putt went in.

What a nice change of pace. Warm weather AND golf!

We got in a walk and some puzzle work the rest of the day. We had our leftover Japanese Steakhouse take homes for dinner. Very tasty. All pretty good except for the dang stock market hit today.

April 14 2024

Looks like I missed yesterday. We went to Kent to see Jacob. He got his laundry done and we ate at the Japanese steak house close by. He is doing good and we enjoyed the visit. We went to Einsteins attic while the dryer was running. I picked up a Lone Ranger box. Always something good there. They had the Simpsons dolls there but Bill wasn't interested. Not sure why I didn't post.

Today was church. Got a free lunch for volunteers and was thanked by both priests. Joked with the young one who has a lot to learn and who is being banished to Ashtabula . Joked about the snow there. Talked with a couple with 2 girls 8 and 10 and laughed about being thrown into parenthood without any training at all. Enjoyed the conversation.

Stopped for ice cream and got a neighborhood walk in before settling down and watching the Masters. Started a puzzle so Mary wouldn't be too bored while I was golfing tomorrow.

April 12 2024

OMG. Raining when we got up, raining at noon, raining, raining, raining. We picked up some items at Walmart before noon. Watched it rain. Went to Lobys in the rain. I had the fish, Mary the grilled chicken salad. We did straighten up the basement, vacuum, and spray it.

Worked on the puzzle. No luck at Keenland. We will head to Kent to see Jacob tomorrow 3pm ish.

April 11 2024

We went to the Y again and did the class. That makes 4 for 4 this week. Played Keenland with no luck the last 2 days. Vary swampy conditions both day.

Got a letter from US Dept of Justice. On of their contractors were hacked. Not sure why the heck they would have me in their data base. Mary got the same. Signed up for the free service but did not put any new info into the site in case it is a scam.

Carolyn is heading over to see Survivor she missed yesterday.

April 10 2024

We went to the Y again and did the class. Another guy in class today. Never saw him before. Big guy looked like toast at the end with sweat pouring down. Out of shape for sure.

Mary had a cardio followup at the hospital and was given an A+. Next appt in 6mo and follow up in January, perhaps with a new Electrocardiograph to check on the valves.

Another warm but crappy day. Thursday and Friday are supposed to be rain all day with cold Friday and high winds. So far Fridays suck. Sent George a birthday jibjab. His is tomorrow.

Carolyn took Jacob to Michigan so we will likely go up this weekend.

April 9 2024

Wow are some websites irritating? I was going to look at the 10day at the weather channel. Got to the site and they are showing radar. Clicked on the 10 day and up pops adds for Saks. Dress in \$800, Shoes are \$325 and so on. Then a video pops up I have to close. I page up to look thru the 10 day and the same video pops up and I have to close it again. What a pain. Eventually I get to see Monday looks OK but the next 2 Fridays not so good.

We did the Y this morning. Class starts early at 930 on Tuesdays. Been hard to get to that one due to poor sleep. Seems like I need to sleep in till 8am lately to get 7 hrs in. Getting up at 8am is a struggle.

My squatters were on fire today. Made a couple of the exercises tough. We got home and saw Vicky walking the dog. She stayed a half hr. Mary had to hustle to get a shower in before Brenda took her to Red Hats. I had some pizza left overs. Going to be nap time later when she gets home.

April 8 2024

We finally got to the Y! We both did good. Stopped and picked up some Rutabaga. We are adding it to our new healthy diet. Cooked it up when we got home.

Went up on the hill about 150pm and watched the eclipse from there till it was just past darkness. I was surprised how short the darkness was. All the street lights and solar lights turned on for a few minutes.

We had our Texas RH leftovers plus rutabaga. Awesome meal. Good day for my stocks too on a down day. Likely short lived.

April 7 2024

Happy Birthday to me. 76 today. We went to church today.

Stopped at Drugmart to pick up a prescription and print some eclipse glasses wearing photo collage's.

Went for Texas Roadhouse and used my gift certificates from my sister for my birthday. Thank you Catherine! After resting awhile we did our neighborhood walk. Not as many out there considering a 58 degree day.

Watched the horses. Did a little better today hitting the Keenland pick 5 for \$1000. Been a long drought.

April 6 2024

Slept well; up at 9am. At least it got up to 51 today with sun. Supposed to drop below 30 tonight though. We were able to get a walk in. Saw another recently new resident that may be interested in the board so I stopped to talk with him.

Watched the horses. No luck. Had 4 out of 5 with a favorite finishing 4th. We finished another puzzle today.

Not sure I reported that I had run out of the last shampoo. Now using revitalizing VO5 just so your up to date,

April 5 2024

Lousy 6hr sleep. Yet another cold day with some flakes. This is getting really really OLD. We met the new owner next door. He bought it for his mother in law who will be moving here in July. Showed him around and gave him some scoop on the HOA. We went to Walmart and picked up groceries.

Not much else today. Finished the puzzle and watching the women's NCAA final four.

April 4 2024

Another cold day. Even saw some flakes. We skipped the Y. Mary wasn't up for it. Started a puzzle to keep busy and did some laundry.

Went to Green so Mary could get her Prolia shot at 2pm. Afterwards we went to Loby's for the pizza policy. Erin was much more chilled than usual after her Easter vacation in Miami with her son. The pizza was great!

Finished laundry after we got back from Loby's.

April 3 2024

We both slept poorly. Did not help as we had a busy day planned. We went to the retiree lunch. Saw Dick and JT and JR.

Himes was missing so I inquired. He is in his late 80s and can't get around much any more. I remember he was using a walker last year. Also has to take care of his wife. Gave his car away so has no wheels either. Walmart delivers his groceries. Must get rides from the family for doctor and dentist visits.

Talked to JR. He said it was his first lunch for about a year. Battling prostate cancer he lost his hair last year. It has grown back. Also has had a kidney bypass and has a tube down each leg with a bag attached. Karen is living with him and her boyfriend helps John deal with it. Pretty sad. He seems like the same old John though.

We ate light and got back in time to go to the Hope Mission meeting creating bags for the Hospice. We each decorated a bag, made a card, and loaded it with personal care items and snacks.

The meeting finished a little before 3pm and we headed to Kent to help Jacob with laundry and have Chinese buffet with Steve and Jacob. It was a long ride home and I was wiped out.

The Bills traded Diggs? I hope they know what they are doing.

April 2 2024

We awoke late so we skipped the Y. We did get a walk in between rains so that was good.

We got the guest bedroom made up with clean sheets. Also cleaned out the washer tub. The tub seems to get a lot of crud up near the top. Washed that down and ran the pure cycle. They only fill the tub 1/2 was so I don't know how it can possibly be very effective.

The same lamp popped a breaker when switching it off last night. Happened a few days ago too. Thought it was the bulb but it was the switch. Replaced the socket with the switch and it's fine now.

Also investigated a driveway that needs repair. We got 3 quotes and all proposed a different replacement of pads. I recommended replacing 4 pads so it is symmetrical vs the 3 pads that need replacing. Likely will be out voted cause 4 pads are more than 3.

Also ordered our free medicare OTC stuff for the qtr. We each get \$150 worth of overpriced CVS stuff.

April 1 2024

Denny called at 815 and cancelled golf due to the rain. Glad he did cause I wasn't up for cold weather today. Catherine was up and gone by 930 this morning. We finished our coffee and then put all the Easter stuff away. We were done around noon.

Got out the leftovers about 230 and fixed up a dish. It was really good and we have yet another meal of it to go. Yum.

Around 5 we did the neighborhood walk and prepared some stuff for church Wednesday.

March 31 2024

Happy Easter everyone. Yesterday was busy with cooking. We made the cabbage salad and rutabaga for today, then cooked up chicken and rice for dinner. Catherine arrived about then with her normal pile of goodies.

Today Carolyn started the oven while we were at church. We were home by 1230 and made the carrots and mashed potatoes and the gravy. The ham was great as always. We had 13 for dinner and desert. Carolyn, Tim, and Jenna left mid afternoon. Wes and family, Steve and Kathy left around 6pm.

It was a great family dinner and warmed our hearts. Catherine will be leaving tomorrow. Got a fox den tee time but with the rain tonight I think it is likely to be scrubbed in the morning.

A good day finally in March. Thank God it is over. I seem to be saying that way too often recently.

March 29 2024

Another lousy night sleeping but I did manage to get 6 hrs in.

After breakfast it was time to get the place ready for the Sunday dinner. We picked up and put stuff where it goes. Mary got some laundry done and we did the bathroom rugs. Vacuumed the place. Always amazed how much dust and hair accumulates.

Headed over to Lobys for fish at 230pm. I had the fish fry and Mary had the lemon pepper cod. Bothe were good. After we got back, Carolyn stopped in and dropped off the table and chairs for Sunday. Also a gift for K's bday.

After she left, we did our neighborhood walk. Pretty quiet out there.

March 28 2024

Lousy sleep of 5 hrs. We did the tough Tabata class and then had lunch and a power nap. Headed to the doctors for 1pm appt. All is well and labs were good.

Stopped at BJs and saved 20 cents a gallon. Picked up water and cat litter for Jacob and some other goodies. Light dinner and then time to veg.

Hope to pick up some fish tomorrow. Loby's fish coating is too salty for Mary as she tries to keep her salt intake down.

March 27 2024

We emptied our cardboard and papers at church before heading to Kent. First stop was the Standing Rock Cemetery where we picked out our plots right behind BFF and best man Steve and Gloria's marker. Told Steve he could stand at his marker and spit on my grave it was so close. Then we picked up Jacob and ate lunch at the River Merchant. I

really like the place and the price isn't much more than Mexican or Chinese. Took Jacob over to show him and he took a pic of us standing on our spots.

Back in time for HOA mtg on insurance. The HOA will pay \$51K as compared to last year's \$38K. Really only got one feasible quote from State Farm. Others were higher. Crazy stuff happening in condo insurance these days. Surprised it has not hit the single home market as of yet.

March 26 2024

Broke my string of good sleeps with a 65 score. Seemed either too hot or too cold all night. We went to the Y and did the tough class for the first time since back. Worked up a good sweat. Mary did fine resting every now and then.

Headed to dentist to learn my fate. Wasn't as bad as I thought it would be but no picnic. He is going to see if a crown on the bottom right can be replaced, and if not will be pulled along with another front tooth that needs repair but might not last very long. Then I will wait 8 weeks for healing before getting a partial plate with either 4 or 5 teeth. Finally, I have one on the top that will need an implant. It could break off tomorrow or in 6 months but is going to go sooner than later. It has a crown that is only held on by the post into the tooth. With some flex it will go.

My guess the total cost for all the work this year will be somewhere around \$8k. Major bummer. Oh yeah, Mary got another perfect exam. Give me a break.

Picked up my windshield squirters and installed them. One was shooting high. Tried to fix it and I broke it. Will try to epoxy it back but may need another one.

March 25 2024

Been meaning to say I ran out of shampoo, so now switching to the el cheapo VO5 Revitalizing shampoo we purchased in MB last month.

Very weird that I got my 3d straight 80 sleep score last night on my fitbit. That is unheard of. Kids must have worn me out.

We went to the Y to do the easy Monday class. It went well. Mary had no issues with the class. We even walked around 2:30 as well. We will do the hard class tomorrow.

Met a new couple on the walk that moved in last fall. Even better yet, he is interested in being on the board and looks to be in his early or mid 50s. We sure need some young blood.

Wes was complaining my wiper squirts did not work right. I took a look and found the hood squirters were broken. Dang things only lasted 16 years. Should have them tomorrow from Advanced Auto.

Tomorrow I get my dental exam from the new dentist. Will find out how I am going to fix my missing tooth in front and how many more they will need to pull. Gonna see if they got the xrays from before and if I can sue the hack who broke my other molar. I am unlikely to do more than one \$4000 implant, so a partial is likely in my future. Even so it will be big bucks this year.

March 24 2024

Palm Sunday service was a little longer than most. Got home and the kids were over. Wes and Kaetchen left for the Dune movie.

We made the waffles and each decorated theirs. Z had 2, K had 1, and L had 2. Growing boys, eh? Then we colored the eggs. They had fun doing that. Then they packed the plastic eggs for the hunt next week. I asked if they still enjoyed the musical toys we have for Easter. I was surprised they still enjoyed them so we will keep them. Z said his kids would like them. Planning ahead at 13!

They played the hockey game and Jenga. Wes got back and we headed to Kent. Good to

see Jacob and Steve and we had Mexican food.

Steve helped Jacob with calc, and I discussed the cemetery plots. I had emailed both Kathy and Steve III to see if they wanted the close by plots. Kathy said she would pay for both. I am not surprised since she had a strong bond with her mother and it was so sad when her mother passed away with Kathy so young. I think she was in her teens at the time.

Stopped at Carolyn's on the way home. She did a nice job fixing up the laundry room. I played a small part in mudding some of the difficult walls. Glad I could help.

March 23 2024

We boiled the eggs for tomorrow and got the strawberries ready, did some wash and stuff. Around 2pm we went o the Y and did the treadmill.

Mary did 45 min of easy stuff and did real well. No issues. Picked up a rotissare chicken on the way home. It was very good. Trying to keep away from the salt for Mary.

Brenda called later and noted most of the classes were cancelled. Maybe hers but I doubt ours were. Maybe we will go and use the treadmill if they are.

March 22 2024

Not much to do today so we went to the Canton Museum. Really enjoyed the high school art contest. Judging was to be tonight the host said. Spent maybe an hour and took 10-12 pics of the ones I liked.

Went out and picked up the pancake mix and strawberries and blueberries for the waffle party Sunday with the kids. Had lunch and later fish for dinner. It was good.

We watched Lift on Netflix. Good action movie.

March 21 2024

I feel I am at 95% finally. Blood test this morning at 930. First time out that early for a week. Then we hit the donut shop for some nasty sugary ones. Results were posted and looked very good. Same old same old.

Vickey stopped by with Penny (dog) and gave us 4 cookies. They were good too. Headed to Lobys at 230. Mary got grilled chicken sw and I had the salmon again. We both ate good.

It was another stinking cold day out there but no wind was a help and the blue sky really helped. My chocolate bunnies arrived so all the candy is here now.

Hope to head to Kent Saturday and watch the kids here on Sunday.

March 20 2024

Slept a solid 7 hrs last night. Felt a lot better today with minimum tissue usage. We ventured out to Acme to get some lunch items. No Genny NA. Manager there said guy bought them all and ordered 21 more 12 packs. Will have more Friday. Found some soup for Mary with only 450mg salt. Most are double that.

Another stinking cold day out there with snow flakes now and then.

Stock market had a good day and is at new highs. Sofi had gone down but bounced back. I had been tempted to buy when it was down but I am maxed out on how many shares I want to hold as a % of my portfolio.

Found Steve's plot in Kent. Sent them an email. They have 2 plots very close by for \$700ea.

March 19 2024

Very poor sleep after using the nasal spray but I could breathe. After watching NCIS

episode with Duckie passing away, I spent most of the time thinking about death. Quite a night. Wondering what comes back to life. Body is gone so do you get a new one? Just a spirit. What part of your spirit live on? The last healthy one? What?

Head stuffiness eventually came back but not using the Nasal spray cause I want to get more than 5 hrs sleep. Cancelled plans for Kent. Don't want to pass this crap on to anyone. Talked to Wes. He believes he got it from Hospital too and is just over it so there is hope; just need more time.

Sent out some HOA emails regarding some of the last minute unresolved items we missed at the HOA board meeting. Also figured to be planted in the same Kent Cemetery as best man Steve, who lives in Kent. His wife bought the plot and headstone for them both in 2002, so he will be there one day too. Whats not to like, lol. We're all together again, we're here we're here.....Might get more visitors too.

March 18 2024

Before I forget, I talked to brother Jim yesterday. He has been assigned a Cpac device and is learning how to use it. He had scored a 47 on the home test which indicates severe apnea. Said he usually sleeps 3 hrs at a time. Mine must be worse since I only make 2 hrs normally. Turned it off the first couple of nights because it was messing him up. Learning I guess.

Today I vegged most of the day. No good sleep last night. I got up with totally blocked nasal passages and found the nasal spray that works great but keeps me awake. After 5 minutes, both passages were open and remained open most all day! Kept me mostly awake all night though. Used it again around 5pm so they would be good for the board meeting tonight.

Horrible day. Never got above 32 so it was a good day to stay in. Carolyn called and said the laundry floor was almost done. I reminded her to seal off the edges with silicon caulk so it did not get pulled up at the ends and no water could get under there. Seal the baseboards too for the same reason.

There were some last minute board emails and my brain fog was an issue. I thought I would get hammered by the others about my refusal to approve new plants/shrubs/trees in front of units without having a policy about cost. That was the subject of late emails.

Much to my surprise, the board was all for my idea and Laura volunteered to draft a policy statement for such.

Going forward, the board will need to fill 3 seats and possibly 4. This is a big big issue.

March 17 2024

Only used 1/8 box of tissue last night. Not a great sleep but the last hour was wonderful. Did not feel as stuffed up this morning but as the day wore on there was not much improvement. Will likely go to bed after 60 minutes and hope for the best.

Very much doubt we will go to the Y tomorrow. I need more improvement and did not get it today.

Last night I started to write Mary memories of visiting Grandma Schnell and soon remembered writing it the month before. It was lost during my MB computer debacle. I downloaded the post from the website and retyped that session as well as adding a new write up on the family reunion. Mary did not recall much so I filled in the blanks.

We went to church today and I struggled with tissue and coughing during the service. They had a wonderful musician they were hosting the next two nights and he did one song during the service. I fought off my emotions relating to recent events during the song. No way am I going to one of those sessions. I would be a real mess.

March 16 2024

Only used 1/4 box of tissue last night. I slept 2 hrs before I went to bed an another 8

overnight. Finally felt decent enough to do a shower and shave. We waited till after lunch to go out and pick up all the veggies for Easter Dinner then continued to Walmart to pick up candy for 7 baskets.

Got home and we did the Easter Baskets. Got things to put into the plastic eggs but we can do that closer to Easter. Sent out email invites for the dinner. All set for Easter now.

Quite a busy time at the end of the month. Easter, my birthday, and the eclipse. Going to be hectic.

March 15 2024

OMG I must have used ½ box of tissue last night. Very poor sleep so today is going to be a zombie day. Mary seems better with her cold. No coughing nor sneezing. My turn now. Plan for the day is to rest up and let my body heal so we can do the same tomorrow and possible the next day.

March 14 2024

Feeling low as I figure I picked up Mary's virus. Kind of in a fog or a dull headache all day. Lots of drips too. Took Mary to hair. While she was there I finished reading Robert "MaC" McAlisters book Pauleys Island, a Love Story. Tells the story of his teen years on Pauleys Island in the 50s, graduating from College, Going into the Navy, meeting his wife, building on the island, visiting the Bahamas with the family on a boat, and not much about his retirement activity.

We met him at the SC Maritime Museum and talked about the area. That was the year Ed and Sue was down and we visited St James Parish church with the nasty dog. Must have been 2017 or 2018. Mac talked about so I just had to see it. I have several of his books, most of them signed. I think a lot of the money goes to the Museum.

Noticed his wife passed in 2018 but did not know till I saw a memorial brick in the wall down there. He wrote the Pauleys Island book in 2020 and dedicated it to her. He is in his 80s now. Have not seen him since that encounter and have much respect for his work at the Museum.

At 3 we went to the Toyota dealer for tire rotation. Can't wait to rate the visit as we spent 81 minutes there. It won't be good. Tried to sell us \$215 for brake fluid flus and \$159 for cleaning injectors. Never did this on any car I have owned. Crazy stuff.

Carolyn stopped over to watch Survivor rerun but had to leave to go to a signing class. She has a couple of workers that need signing.

Looks like I will be getting refunds for the unexpected pdf subscription renewal and for the non useful recovery tool I tried while in SC. The car wash unexpected charge I disputed with Citi and will have to wait and see.

Ugly sneezing and nose dripping, nose blowing, and brain fog day.

March 13 2024

We went to the Y and did the easy Wednesday class. Mary did not stay for the next as she did not want to pass on any possible virus she had with the cough. Jacob canceled on our visit to Kent so we haded back.

Decided to go to Lobys for late lunch/dinner. Erin gave us both a hug and told me I had won \$125 on one of the Superbowl squares, lol. I was complaining I have never won one of those in 20+ years of playing them to Carolyn after the game.

My salmon dinner was awesome for \$16. Would have been upwards of \$28 most places. Mary had grilled chicken on her salad. Good low salt option.

Damn. Had to put in another refund request for a \$1.49 ap I bought to use the scanner for 14 days. It renewed for \$39.95. Damn them hidden renewals. What a pain.

March 12 2024

Missed last night. For the first time I can remember, Mary fell asleep in the chair at 930ish. I helped her get ready for bed. Checking her O2 worried me. Down around 90/91/92/89 shocked me. I txt Wes and he told me not to worry, so I tried. Eventually got to sleep. We got up at 9am so were in bed for 10hrs. Still recovering I guess.

Glad I skipped golf to keep an eye on her today. We walked the hood around 2pm and talked to a bunch of neighbors. Finally got to talk to Keith months after his wife passed away. He reported another lady had passed away a stone throw down the street of ovarian cancer.

It's 9:27 and she is dozing again. More sleep therapy in order for tonight it looks like. I am also tired.

We had dinner with Rudy, Rosemary, and Jane. Was good. When the check came I had no wallet. Luckily Mary had her purse with her but there was no wallet. Rudy picked up the check so I got to pay him back next time I see him.

March 10 2024

Slept in till 8 which today is 9am with the time change. Mary was doing fine. She had 8oz of milk with cereal. We got ready for church but when we got there she was feeling nausea early on. We moved out past the doors where the people with little kids sit. Left at Communion; Mary did not want to go up.

She rested when we got home. BP has been good but I was worried because she has a lot of coughing and runny nose. I asked Wes to come over and he listened to her lungs and said all was OK. Perhaps a virus from our long stay? Carolyn also came over so she got her souvys from our trip.

She wanted soup for dinner so we had that plus some toast. Not much else happened so I just listened to her cough the rest of the day.

March 9 2024

Today we continued cautiously. BP was good all day. Once again Mary was a little nauseous after the pills but not as bad as yesterday. I checked all the pill side effects and suspect a different one. Tomorrow will be more milk and cereal before taking the pills. Maybe that will work.

Il finally got a haircut around 1030 and was back quickly. We got out the jewelry boxes and put all the stuff we made in SC in them. Perhaps we will take them to Presque Isle for the reunion in July if we can remember.

Mary got a nice flower arrangement from my sister delivered to the door.

March 8 2024 The Blog is back!

Heading to bed March 4, Mary suddenly was laboring at breathing. We sat awhile but it continued, so I took her to the ER. Of course she said she would be fine. The lesson for today is if something ain't right, do not ignore.

In the ER her BP was 200/something and her O2 was 88%. They needed to crank up O2 to the 4 level to get any improvement. When there was no improvement in BP they admitted her. Once they loaded her up with BP meds she was back to normal within an hour.

They did a CAT scan and ruled out blood clots. The Electrocardiogram showed her heart in good working order, with some minor valve leakage, not unexpected at this age.

All in all, the blame falls on the high BP. She got new meds but didn't let her out till Thursday so they could see they kept her stable. Official word was High BP causing a flash pulmonary edema. All quite an adventure. More on that in a later blog.

Today we went cautiously. BP was good all day. She was a little nauseous after the pills and more water needs to be taken with one of the pills. More water helped. We shall see tomorrow with more water.

We walked and all was good. Called her brother and 2 sisters to inform them of the adventure and then cycled down for bed.

March 4 2024

Hip bothered me last night. I got up and took 2 Aleve and that helped. We die the Y today and said hi to many exercise buddies. Wasn't too painful. Mary stayed for the yoga class with Brenda and went out to lunch with her since I was going to be golfing. They ate at Applebees.

I had a rough start at Fox Den. Had a double and triple on the front shooting 44 while Denny had 5 one putts for a 40 and Bill had 46. Dick had 51. Played better on the back with a 43 for an 87. Almost caught the old man but he got in with 86.

Almost stopped to see Neil but missed the street so just headed home. Talked to Sandi. She said his meds have kept him calm. He is comfortable and rarely speaks. It is sad but at least he is not suffering.

March 3 2024

We straightened out stuff then went to church. Expected the kiddos to come over and they did. They liked their gifts we brought back and Kalix grabbed one of our bracelets we made. One of the shiny ones caught her eye.

Took a walk with the kids to the pond. Really out of shape after a month; the big hill was a workout. We found that our research vessels (fence sticks about 4 ft long) we had launched last fall, had washed ashore. We launched them back into the pond so they could get back to their research activity.

We stopped to walk Vicky's dog but the dog was afraid of so many strangers and wanted to head back to Vicky. Oh well, maybe another time.

Cooked up hot dogs for them and they wolfed them down. They left around 4. Z done wore us out again.

March 2 2024

We got out and picked up groceries at BJ's. Got gas when I saw other stations had jacked the price to 3.49, got it at 2.85.

Picked up some cat stuff for Jacob. He wanted us to come today rather than Monday. Going today really helped him out. He got his laundry done and shopped for groceries. Save him a ton of time and he was grateful to have clean clothes.

Since we went up to Kent today, I can golf Monday and take advantage of the good weather. Hope to shoot 85. Certainly hitting the ball well and Fox Den is pretty tame compared to Whispering Pines.

March 1 2024

We got out of Wytheville and got back home at noon. Spent the next 5 hrs putting things away. Carolyn called. She will be back from Cancun tomorrow as well. Good to be home.

February 29 2024

We got out of Dodge at 8am and rolled into Wytheville a little after 1pm. Enjoyed dinner at IHOP and ended up watching Gunsmoke and Andy Griffith show. Four hours to home tomorrow.

February 28 2024

The good news it was 71 today. The bad news was the 20mph winds. This was the coldest 71 degree day I can remember.

Played golf as Mary rode along. The others in the group cancelled so we were a single. Played well for the most part, but shot 91 thanks to 4 bad holes. Made one birdie when I made a monster putt from off the green for a deuce. It was so windy we skipped the last 2

holes.

We dined at Olive Garden and enjoyed that. We will leave tomorrow and spend the night in Wytheville. I no longer feel comfortable driving so many hrs on my own.

February 27 2024

OMG what a mess I made of things yesterday. I was editing some pics Catherine sent me because she has the camera and phone set at huge data. Pics are huge at 4MB, So I save them on my desktop and use an ap to crop and cut them down. When done I normally carefully move the huge files to the trash and delete the trash.

After I got back from the airport I noticed my 2 main folders were missing. Must have dragged them into the trash with the pictures. That was a sick feeling. Luckily I brought my backup thumb drive. So I lost a month; oh well. Oops, with the travel down here I missed backing up files in early Feb, so I lost 2 months.

So I quickly ginned up the 2 files I use daily, the blog and the Fidelity tracker. I shouldn't have named them the same file name but I didn't realize that was a bad thing to do. After some research, I signed up for a Stellar recovery tool and it did recover the files I wanted in .odt and .ods open office format. Unfortunately it found the new ginned up files instead of the originals. Their Tech Support was pitiful. Could not understand them and they wanted off the phone asap. Told me what to do then send them a screen shot. Pretty useless. I did and they never got back to me. Will try to get my money back.

So I gave up on recovering and just loaded the Jan 1 files back in. Did pull the pdf off the blog site and found PDF Simpli to convert the pdf to docx and then changed that back to .odt so the blog is safely back. The Fidelity tracker has thus lost data for the first 2 months. No biggie. Anything else I did in Jan and Feb is also lost but I doubt it is much more that some HOA work which escapes me at this point.

Today we went out and returned a defective purchase and picked up some shirts for the kiddos. Also did some wash and some packing. Yesterday we did a cold beach walk late afternoon. Very poor sleep last night agonizing over my stupid mistakes. Seem to occur more often these days.

February 25 2024

Long day. We headed to Moores Creek Battlefield to see the reenactments. 90 minute drive is way more than I want to go but it was good for Catherine to get to see it. Heard the pipes, saw the battle and took the tour. Tour guide brought more to life.

Stopped at Bob Evans on the way back. Totally whipped today.

February 24 2024

We had a great day on Oak Island. They had a Mardi Gras Parade that started a hr late at 2pm. Then we went to the park and bought a table quilt and had lunch at the food truck. I got a fried bologna burger. Never thought that would happen.

Got back and quickly changed for church. Oak island was a hr and 15 min. Tomorrow the ride is longer to Moores Creek.

February 23 2024

Nasty rainy day but warm. We tried to go to ton a beach walk at 1030 but there were no shells and the wind was 20mph. Real ugly so we turned back pretty quickly. We got out a puzzle we had brought and got it done in a couple of hours.

Around 130 we went out to Beals and Hobby Lobby. I got a nice golf shirt for \$14 and Mary got a nice top. At Hobby Lobby we picked up some beds for a necklace. We purchased one a while back for reference and I think we got what we needed.

February 22 2024

Pretty warm today in the sun. Cool in shade again. We shopped Barefoot landing. Got some gifts for Carolyn Jacob and Jenna at Ron Jons and another store. Mary got some workout tights and some misc items.

We had dinner at 1pm at the Kitchen Table. It was the Spring House in the past but struggled lately. Not sure we stopped there last year but have in years past. Food was good and reasonable priced.

While there I thought we had better go back cause I don't remember if I pulled the plug on the coffee pot. Turns out I did. Back out again to the Tanger outlet after checking. Supposed to rain tomorrow.

February 21 2024

Played well today! Finally figured out the greens on my 4th try. Not to say I was perfect by any means. Hit some straight iron ropes by keeping my right hand on top of the club during the swing. Amazing #14 par 5. Was 80 yds off the green in 2, bladed a lob wedge onto the green and made a 20 foot putt for birdie. Outrageous.

Catherine and Mary hit the Tanger outlets and picked up a few items. Funny; weather projections show the weather will warm as soon as my sister leaves town. She must be snake bit?

February 20 2024

Oops, missed a day. Yesterday we went to Huntington Beach State park and saw several gators on the walkway from Atalaya to Brookgreen. Largest was 3 maybe 4 foot. On the way back we stopped at Myrtle Beach State Park since the entrance fee covered both parks. We also stopped at Murrels Inlet for ice cream. We walked over 5 miles. Tough day.

Today we scored some more deals at Hamricks. We had 6 items for \$22. Then we did the Conway River Walk and stopped for ice cream. Really warmed up in the afternoon. We

sat out on the porch in the sun.

Friday rain is predicted so I changed my golf to tomorrow, same course. Goal is to break 90. Going to be difficult given I haven't figured out the greens. Nine more days to go.

February 18 2024

Cold front hit and high temp was going to be 48. So we decided to bundle up and do the downtown boardwalk. We waited till 1130 to head over and walked the beach down to the pier picking up some shells along the way. Wasn't too bad as the wind was way down. We walked back to downtown on the boardwalk.

Stood at the volleyball park and called Jim and Sue to wave at them. Jim got it but Sue was gone while we were there. Pretty cool. We went thru the Gay Dolphin and picked up a few things. Prices seemed to be up more than normal so we passed on a few items.

Got back at 4pm ish and cooked the pork chops with cabbage salad and Carolina rice. Great feast!

February 17 2024

We headed to Fort Anderson to see the live demonstrations. We saw cannon firing and listened to the battle lecture. Took our normal walk around the complex and took a few photos. One of my favorite places where you can see history from the 1720s. We had a pulled pork SW from the food truck. It was good.

Got back at 4pm and had pizza before heading to 6pm Mass at church. Slow day.

February 16 2024

Nice day. It warmed up nicely but started to cool off starting at noon. I played golf with a couple from Canada who played well and a guy from Minnesota who sucked. I was on today with the exception of the green speed. Shot a nice 44 on the front that could have been a 42. On the back I played well also. Three putted 9 thru 12 but that is because I hit all 4 in regulation and had long putts. Almost holed on a par 3 but I missed pin and it rolled off the back. Took a 5 there as is was really downhill.

Mary and sister went to Kohls and Tanger Outlets and picked me up at 2pm. Mary got a couple of nice deals at Chico's. Picked up a fish s for Mary and sister and I had our Roadhouse steak leftovers.

I was whipped but those 2 went out for a beach walk at 4pm. Not me. My back was acting up on the golf course. Easy to bend down but a struggle to get back up. Gonna be colder tomorrow as we head for a day at Fort Anderson/ Brunswicktown.

February 15 2024

Nice day. Sunny and warmed to 67. We were up early to get to McClellanville to visit their tiny Museum on the waterway south of the Santee river. What a hoot. The guy who started the Museum lives next door to the first church in St James Parish. Sue and Ed were with us the last time they came down (perhaps 2018?) and drove this old pothole road to get to it where an angry dog kept us from observing the old church. It was his dog! It had passed away a few years back and he has a new one.

The museum was a passion of a few in the small town and they have done well. They said it was started after Hugo piled 6 ft of water and mud on the building. Him and some others rebuilt the place and started a museum.

The we went to the abandoned Tibwin plantation a few miles to the south. It was going to be refurbished but purchased by the National Forest and is abandoned with some of the walls propped up. We had to go down this one lane dirt logging road and park at the gate then walk another half mile to the abandoned house. Once again I told Mary I bet she would have never thought I would have brought her here.

Well, these are 2 of the most remote attractions in SC and we have been there!

After that we did our conventional visit to Historic Georgetown, stopping at the chocolate shop, the department store, and the SC Maritime Museum. We also caught the Georgetown Historical Society open this time (they close at 3pm). The place was quite a disappointment. Just goes to show that a much smaller town with passionate founders in McClellanville can run circles around a big city with an indifferent staff.

We wrapped up the day at Texas Roadhouse on the way back to Sand Dunes Resort. Golf tomorrow where I expect to see Mr Strickland again.

February 14 2024

Nice day. Sunny and warmed to 62. We headed to Calabash but stopped on the way at an antiques flea market and found some good things. Got some baskets for sea shells and a small plate for the small ones.

We started to Calabash again but saw Our Lady of the Sea was having an Ash Wednesday service. There were hundreds at the Mass; I was guessing 600-700. People were parking at Walmart and walking over.

Stopped at Varen park and hung our shells and did some walking. Then finally off to Calabash. We had lunch/dinner at Becks and then went over to Callahans for shopping.

Got a car wash on the way home at Zips.

February 13 2024

Wow was it windy last night. The wind was howling. I thought we might lose power. We got out early to see if the rough sea dumped some good shells on the beach. No such luck; just the same old ones. It was still windy out there.

We headed to Hamricks and saved hundreds once again. Stopped at Broadway on the beach and got some fudge. We were plumb out of fudge. Turned out to be another of those 62 degree days where you needed a windbreaker.

February 12 2024

Picked up sister Catherine at 1015. She has been up since 3am to catch a 6am flight. Slow day with an all day rain. We did sneak out onto the beach and pick up some shells during a short lull.

We tried to go to the pool. Got down there and it was drained and a crew was working on the walls and bottom. Looks like they were going to put a layer of cement down and repaint. Not looking too good for swimming and hot tub anytime soon. Maybe sister jinxed us? Dang it, last year the last resort had an issue with their pool and hot tub and it was closed all month. Well, at least we were able to use it the first 2 weeks.

February 11 2024

Supposed to get above 70 today but the clouds came in early and kept the sun from all the warming. It did hit 65 though. We went over to the park where people put shells on the trees and bushes and put one down that we made.

On the way back we picked up groceries and a marker to make some more shells to install there when we go with my sister. We made up some more jewelry after cooking an early dinner and finished up a half hr before the Taylor Swift super bowl.

February 10 2024

Supposed to be real warm, but mid 60s on the coast with wind still required a windbreaker. We went to Huntington Beach State Park and did a 2 mile beach walk. We were pretty whipped and needed to sit awhile before hitting the gift shop.

Did not see a gator this year. Guy with big zoom lens said he saw one over behind the

Gift shop on the paved road. We could not find that road. We got a map on our way out and now know where to look next time.

Stopped at Bob Evans on the way back and used a gift card we got for Xmas. We did soup and half sandwich. There were people at 10 tables and they had only 1 server but she did good.

Went to 6pm Mass and enjoyed it. Seemed like a long day but maybe we are just tired. For the week. Sunday to Saturday we walked 1.5 3.6 2.8 2.7 3.1 3.5 5.1 = 22.3 miles.

February 9 2024

Played Whispering Pines again with Mary riding along. Played with Mr Strickland again and 2 guys from Rochester NY.

What a horrible start. After first hole bogey I yanked a wedge into the water and three putted for a 6 on a short par 3. Out did that on the next hole, shooting a 10 on a par 5. Don't think I had a good shot the entire hole. Just had to get a Mollie out to bring me back to life. It really helped, but I still made some bad shots finishing up the front with a 54. Don't remember a 54 nor taking a ten for a long long time.

Played well on the back only messing up one hole. On my second shot the ball started moving during my swing. I whacked it into the woods and took an 8. Gotta try again next Friday so I got the same tee time again.

It was supposed to get to 62. I think it did but as soon as it started warming up, the wind picked up and kept it chilly. First time I wore shorts. Did not regret. Felt good.

We stopped at Arbys for a fish sandwich. Two sandwiches, a fry and 2 diet cokes was \$22. Ouch!

February 8 2024

Low 40s in the morning again. We decided to make some more jewelry and wait on a walk for 2pm when the temp would hit the high for the day. It did hit 54 and our walk was plenty comfortable. Found a neat crab shell with eyes and teeth still there and 99% of the innards gone. Pretty cool. Had to toss it though as it did smell fishy.

After a light dinner we watched the news and hit the hot tub and settled down for the night. Jacob made some bad moves in Kent. I hope it doesn't come back and bite him. I am worried.

February 7 2024

Low 40s in the morning again. We headed to Hobby Lobby to get some bead stuff figuring it was going to be cold. It was 41 when we left so we wore our winter gear. Got me a golf glove on the way.

Decided to head to Conway for the Museum and Riverwalk and glad we did. By the time we got there it was all the way up to 55, so the walk was pleasant. Lots of dog walkers today. We ended the walk with 2.45 miles so we got our exercise in. Stopped on the way home for a Brewsters hot fudge sundae, first of the year.

We cooked burgers for dinner and made a few jewelry items. Gonna skip the hot tub tonight. Already yawning and it is only 730pm.

February 6 2024

Low 50s in the morning again. Today was senior day at Hamricks. It's always a hoot. We got 16 items for \$140. At least 5 items were \$3 and 2 others were \$5.

Stopped at Little Pigs for a BBQ sandwich. They rule. Stopped on the way back for some grocery items. Then it was off for a beach walk at 55 degrees. We walked out ½ mile and back. Very windy. On the way back stopped next door and asked about winter rates. The

place looks a bit nicer and the pool does too. Indoor lazy river too. Rates looked reasonable. Grand Cayman Resort. Need to check next year if we go,

Another cold day to work around tomorrow.

February 5 2024

Low 50s in the morning so we went to the MB Mall and went thru Belk. Saw a couple of items but they were all too small or too big. One of those days. We did get 1.3 miles in. Great place to walk in the cold or rain.

We got back and made a couple more bead jewelry. One earring set and one bracelet. The peak temp was going to be 2pm to 3pm so we headed for a beach walk at that time. 58 was fine. It was windy but at 58 it wasn't bothersome. We walked north into the wind to start a little over a mile and then back. Very comfortable with the wind at our back on the return trip.

The fudge seems to be going fast but might last one more day. Plan to head to the hot tub later. So far we only missed one day.

February 4 2024

Another low 50s day with even more wind than yesterday. Didn't hit 50 till noon.

We broke out the beads and made a few earrings. Had to head out to find some stretchy wire for bracelets. While we were out we found beach towels and a cookie sheet.

Wrote a note to the place that looks to rent units here. Couldn't find any other place to crab to. Told them that after 10+ years here and Florida, this is the worst equipped kitchen I have ever seen. No pot holders, no pizza cutter, no spaghetti scoop, no pan to bake chops, chicken, or fries, nothing to broil a steak on, no microwave cookware. Told them it was pathetic.

We cooked spaghetti tonight and hit the hot tub. Good wrap up for the night.

February 3 2024

Well....so much for warmth. Mid 50s today but at 930 for the beach walk it was only 46 and there was a cold wind. We bundled up good and walked 1.3 miles before warming up back inside.

Then it was off to Calabash for shopping. Stopped at Walmart for phone pouch for water protection and some candy. Then it was Callahans at Calabash. We did stop at Roosters on the way and Mary got some earrings and I got a bird. At Callahans, Mary got another set of earrings, we found a Santa on a gator, and fudge of course. We wrapped up the trip with a visit to Becks for seafood then headed back.

At 6pm we headed to St Andrews for 6pm mass. They were doing the blessing of the throats, so we should be good to go.

Looking ahead to next week, I booked the same time at Whispering Pines. Might schedule something earlier if the temps improve.

February 2 2024

Best day of Myrtle Beach so far. Hit the low 60s and I played golf with Mary tagging along. Played with an amazing guy. The starter said he was 94 but didn't look a day over

85. I don't think he could have really been that old; maybe he just says that to get extra attention? Said he grew up on a tobacco farm nearby and hated it. Hit the ball 300yds in the old days and ran in 6 marathons. Super guy with lots of stories. He ran out of energy on #16 after taking an 11 with 3 bunker shots. I played well with a 93 with 40 putts. Too many 3 putts plus 2 water balls.

The trip on Jan 31 was brutal. 530 miles to Raleigh was too much for me and I was very

Shaky at dinner with Dave jr and family. Needed to stop somewhere and rest a bit sometime. I better plan on a motel on the way home. Slowing down more and more each year.

Got here yesterday OK after a 4 hr drive. We went through Southern Pines and I stopped at Legacy. They were packed! Around 2 we went to pick up all the supplies at Walmart. Must have taken an hour and a half. We were totally whipped after that. Hot tub that evening felt good. Felt even better tonight.

January 30 2024

Finally the last day in this crappy weather! The timing was last minute today. My Alright 1099r came in the mail so I finished my taxes and paid my \$0. Feds accepted it so I am done for another year.

We packed the clothes and I went out, stopped the mail, filled the car with gas and washer fluid, and got some donuts for the morning. We finished packing everything that could be loaded in the car and loaded it all in.

Only items left are the night bag for tomorrow's hotel and the electronics to be packed up before we go to bed. Hope to get up at 6am and get on the road before 7am.

Likely no blog tomorrow as we travel, visit with Dave Jr, our nephew in Raleigh, and turn in for the night.

January 29 2024

Busy day, We slept in till almost 9am. That was fantastic. Turned on CNBC and saw SOFI was up! This was D day for them and they crushed the qtr and provided upbeat guidance. What a relief. If they didn't report well, I would have been crushed.

Instead I made up for almost all my losses this year. Most of them were due to Sofi falling and now that was reversed. I sold half, leaving me with 1500sh. I will be buying back as soon as the shorts go back to work on it.

Got to Kent and dropped off the refurbished scooter and some food that had to be eaten soon. Certainly wouldn't last for a month in our fridge. Took Jacob to Ravenna to pay his bills. We had lunch with Steve again and headed home.

Carolyn came over around 6 to visit before we head out of town. Tomorrow is packing day.

January 28 2024

Church today. The school kids did all the Mass things. They had them in the band and the choir too. They did an excellent job. Another crappy rainy day. Three in a row now? Can't wait to get out of here.

Went over to Carolyns and touched up the mud on 3 wall areas but had to add a lot more mud on the closet edges. That should do it. She is going to start moving things out for painting. May add a little wallboard over by the furnace.

After we got back we finished up the chicken in the freezer. Also did the pills for the trip.

Tomorrow is a visit to Kent to take the scooter there and give Jacob some items that won't last in the fridge for a month.

January 27 2024

We helped at a funeral lunch for an 85 yr Filipino man who was a local CPA. Talked to a couple of golfers. The one was a member at Glenmore CC so we talked about it a little. There were about 40 there. They bought food for twice that and took it all home plus all the flowers too. Nothing wasted. Met Deacon Phil's wife. Odd that her hair was gray while his is black.

Watched the big horse race with a \$3M purse. The favorite won. My picks ran terrible.

Carolyn was waffling on painting her laundry room. Thinking of paneling but that is a lot of work. A lot more than painting.

Talked to Jacob and we planned our visit for Monday

January 26 2024

Since I was not positive FedEx was going to drop the scooter at Walgreens, we stayed put all morning. Finally got a text it was ready for pickup at 1pm. We went over and got it, picked up some items at Acme, and had fish at Lobys.

After we got back, we assembled the scooter and charged it up. So far so good. We will take it to Kent Monday. Saw the first visit to Tommy's place around 5pm. They listed it at 214.5K which is close to what the last 2 sold for. Don't think they will get it with the basement leak and the fact that it is right on the main road. On the other hand, there are very few condo's priced at this level. Development that butts up to ours have one at \$250K and anything new is over \$300K. Should be gone by the time we get back from MB.

Tomorrow we help at a funeral lunch. Maybe sanding and mudding at Carolyn's Sunday?

January 25 2024

We went to the Y for class, back home, and low and behold the FedEx truck had come and left nothing again. We were only gone an hour. I did sign the slip and posted it right where he left the last slip. Why they did not leave it is beyond me. After much scrambling I think they will have it for pickup at Walgreens tomorrow.

Saw the Americraft truck out there working on the downspout drain next door, so I talked to the guy. He found the blockage at the street. Perhaps I never let the hose run enough water into it when I tested it. Had him replace the cracked elbow while here. Also saw someone taped the other place I saw water at the Y or V junction where 2 pipes go into 1.

We started a new puzzle today. Should be easy.

January 24 2024

We went to the Y for class, back home, then took stuff up to Jacob. We installed the add on scooter battery. Jacob reports it is very fast now. The goal was to give it more juice for the below freezing days. I hope he is careful with it. Crashing at higher speeds means worse injuries.

Met Steve at Chinese place for lunch. Twas yummy. He went over to the vintage store by the laundromat and bought a book on Leonardo Da Vinci for \$2. I got something for Jenna and Lincoln and Kalix. I asked the clerk if there were any weirder customers than us. She said no.

FedEx is messing with me on the scooter delivery. They missed me yesterday and today too. Found a note on the front door. The tracking for today said I wasn't home at 430pm today. I looked at the clock and it was a bit after 3pm. Huh? Looked at yesterday's. Said we were not home at 630pm. But we were.

I did get Waze connected to the Toyota and got it working off the iphone too. Sweet. Now I can go cheap with that and drop car sync/

Tonight, Mary read the 50 phone numbers from my old phone and I put them in the new one. Found I can just talk to Siri and have them call or text someone. Very cool.

January 23 2024

Mary had her hair appt at 9am so we had to skip the Y. When she got home we headed to Carolyn's for round 2 of mudding 2 small walls in her laundry area. It went decent but

There were a couple of places the wall was really bowed around a closet entry. I had to put a lot of mud there, so it is very rough.

When it dries it is going to need quite a bit of sanding. Once the sanding is done, may need some mud touch up. Doesn't need to be perfect since it is a laundry/ utility area with furnace/hot water heater and all the normal basement stuff.

After 3 hrs, we headed home.

I did get a car sync AP for the Toyota and got it working off the iPhone too. Not sure if it has feedback on traffic jams but the verbal instructions are outstanding. The map goes onto the display using Apple Play (whatever that is).

Saw the realtor taking pics at Tommy's. Should be on the market soon.

January 22 2024

Good Y class today. Mary stayed for the next class then went to lunch with Brenda. When she got home we cooked up a chili batch. We used stewed tomatoes. Not a good as the diced ones, but it was in the pantry.

Got a bunch more stuff working on my phone. Put on a glass protect and a case I got at Walmart. Signed up for their free shipping as they offered a \$100 cost and \$50 return in Walmart cash. Tried to get a Google Map AP but that did not work on its own. Logged onto Google.com and used the Google Maps in my browser. That worked.

Would still like to get the Toyota AP to work in the car but have not figured that out yet.

Tomorrow Mary gets her hair done and we will do some mudding after that. I posted for Jan 21 today as well.

January 21 2024

On the agenda for today is church, helping Carolyn, and the Bills game. Carolyn called last night and asked for help skim coating a couple of basement walls. She wants to put down a new floor in the laundry room and paint the walls. Also I need to fix the outlet that she found that is causing problems. Will head over after church.

Wasn't happy with using the old mud. Mixed up some new I brought and it worked better. Still pretty bad though. I will have to make at least 3 passes, so we will go over during the week.

Bills lost. They could have tied it but the FG was missed wide right. Wide right is Buffalo's curse and the curse continues. The loss was a blessing in disguise. The Bills are so banged up they would just get hammered in the championship game by the Ravens.

During the game I worked on getting my "new" iPhone 11 working. Sure is a slow go.

January 20 2024

Slept good, 8 hrs! A bit more snow, maybe 5" out there. Looked like a deer was running thru the yard with steps at least 7 ft apart. Started a new puzzle and it is going quickly.

We went out to stop at the bank and pick up pills and we got back inside pretty quick. I went to our library of books and got the MB group out. I like to take them south and find ideas for road trips down there. The library is mostly MB/1812 and Trump hating books. Thought I would get some of the Trump warning books as a historical record of his unfitness for office.

I still need the Lockheed 1099r before I do taxes. Wish they would get that here so I can get that out of the way and pay my \$0 taxes again. Settled down for playoff games now,

January 19 2024

Up early but slept good enough. Snow was on the ground Maybe 1-2' today as it continued all day. Roads looked slushy so I sent Jacob a text that he might want to bus to work. Turns out he had only made it halfway home last night before is was discharged. He plans to talk to the boss and get it inside while at work.

The add on battery won't be here till Saturday if we are lucky. It is coming USPS.

Looks like Buffalo is digging out again.

Mary did some wash, we finished the puzzle, and we pretty much just vegged all day.

January 18 2024

Got a good 8hr sleep for a change. We went to the Y and had fun. Then to Walmart for more yogurt. Picked up a long sleeve yellow shirt. I didn't have any of those. Also got an alarm clock for the bedroom. The old one gave up the ghost after 20 years.

Around 2:30 we went for the Lobys stuffed peppers. Good as usual and leftovers for tomorrow. Erin took the week off. Good food but no entertainment this week.

Update on sister Sue. She has been home this week and doing fine. Been sleeping in the recliner. She hopes to crawl into bed tonight for the first time.

Jacob's scooter behaved today. Somewhat worrisome was it was only 85% charged heading to work. He sent a pic of a commendation he got from the Director of Operations of Bob Evans.

The guy saw Jacob's scooter in the lot with 7 degree temps and was highly impressed he would go to such lengths to get to work. Pretty awesome. I keep telling him to work hard and he will get noticed and this was being noticed big time.

Hope the battery gets him back home or it might be a long walk.

January 17 2024

Damn. I hate the board meetings ending at 8pm. Next meeting I won't plan anything the next day cause I can't sleep. Last night I kept thinking of an issue I wanted to expand on and ended up writing it in my head instead of sleeping. Eventually got up at 6am and put it all down in an email and went back to bed for a little over an hour.

We skipped the Y and headed up to Kent to have lunch with Steve and Jacob. It was cold but we had a good time. Jacob said the 50 – 60 kids in his Intuitive Calc class were mostly clueless. Steve said the instructor must be a grad student because he did not know her.

I was looking at Segway's new scooters when we got home and chatted with an agent asking about the folding clip. They have moved it to the site where it broke on the cheaper Chinese scooter. I saw they had refurbished scooters for sale. \$199 was too hard to pass up on an ES2. I had thought that was what we had but that is an ES22. Thats what happens when you have killed off too many brain cells.

I let Jacob know he will now have a backup and told him this was serious stuff and "don't let me down". The pressure is on.

January 16 2024

Cold morning. We did the Y and found there were many aches and pains left over from yesterday. Later in the day they seemed worse.

Spent some time getting ready for the HOA meeting that started at 6pm. The meeting took 2 full hours. Things are looking up. Since Zach left KareCondo, the boss is handling things and training Zachs replacement. He was dismayed at how things dragged out that were supposed to be done. Feeling better about them at this point.

Looks like one more letter will go out from Legal to the dog violators indicating we will

be seeking a court order to have the dogs removed.

Jacob had to tote the scooter on the bus after class. The cold temps got to the battery. I ordered the battery add-on which should help. Will take 4 days to get here however. Fingers crossed till then.

January 15 2024

We got out to the Y to start the week right. Lunch when we got home, then we worked and finished the puzzle. That was a hard one. Very hard to color match with all the random colors.

I had a zoom meeting for the HOA legal called lessons learned. It was Ok; picked up a little knowledge. We had dinner and watched the Bills beat the Steelers. Bills took a big lead but the Steelers didn't give up. Only some outstanding plays on the Bills side assured the win. Bills D was banged up. If those guys don't come back, KC will shred them next week.

January 14 2024

Only 6 hrs sleep but I was well rested from the night before. Looks like the drainage is over. Yay!

We went to church in the cold. We saw the 2 of the 3 ladies we worked the funeral lunch with sitting fairly close by. I was amazed how many people I recognize from the church at this point. Mostly those who we see in church regularly plus about 7 more from the funeral luncheons.

Went to BJs after and got a bunch of stuff. 312 tea bags, 12 mashed potato cups and 8 cans of stewed tomatoes, lol.

Mostly puzzles and football the rest of the day. Glad to see Dallas get smoked. Couldn't happen to a better team.

January 13 2024

Not as bad a night as yesterday. I was up 3 times but rolling over at 7am got me to 8hrs sleep according to my fitbit. Still some overnight drainage. Did my banking and paid bills and rearranged the budget for some auto pay bills and finally got dressed at 10am.

Did go out for a short walk to check some HOA issues that will come up in the Tuesday meeting. Nasty cold! We pattered around most of the day with odd jobs and some laundry

Carolyn and Tim replaced the starter in her 200K+ mile Toyota. She is keeping it alive. Meanwhile she is driving Dick's old Elantra. She loves that thing.

We started another puzzle. Watched the Browns get crushed. Their good safety was out and Houston just torched his replacement. Jacob survived his trip to and from work on his scooter. He is a hardy dude. Told him he might even would have survived back in the day when I went to college riding busses and walking a mile across campus and ¾ mi over to visit Mary in the Buffalo winters.

Speaking of that, the Bills game was pushed to Monday to avoid the storm tomorrow.

January 12 2024

Rough night. Slept 3hrs and 45 min. Up and down, rinse mouth, try bed, rinse mouth, try chair, and so on. Up at 7:30 and drank cold coffee. Eggs and bread for breakfast. Lounged around till it was time to head to the church funeral lunch to help.

Met some nice lady helpers. One was from Ireland and quite interesting. It was a big funeral but no more than 50 came back from the cemetery and they had food for 100. The family asked the rest of the food find a good home.

Eleise couldn't get an answer where she called. I suggested Refuge of Hope and they were more than willing but I had to drop it off. Some of the homeless guys helped take it in and were really pleased with the prospect of all that good food.

I am feeling better. Still a little drainage. Ran out of steam at 7pm and struggled through a shower. Gonna nod off quick. Likely another rough night but should be better than last night.

January 11 2024

The Kiddos were good last night but we did not get home till after 10pm so it was a short night.

Kind of vegged this morning waiting for the appt to get my teeth pulled. I was impressed. It wasn't that bad. Under an hour for all of it! I had hoped the bleeding would end early but I am still dealing with it. No pain to speak of. Using a lot of tissues and a lot of water.

I am supposed to help at a church funeral lunch tomorrow. That might be a challenge. I don't think the people there would appreciate seeing me bleeding at their lunch.

Sister Sue had back surgery today and is doing well. Should hear more in the next few days as they get her back on her feet.

Got the meeting pack for the next board meeting. Looks like Nationwide is bailing on our insurance. I had asked the sales rep for the policy info a couple months back. Apparently when digging into it he caused them to want to not renew it. I suspect something fishy had gone on.

As we were paying around 550/building and my condo policy is 500, the insurance cost for the building is 1550. That is almost double what I was paying for a house. Something is off, eh?

January 10 2024

We did the Y today. Mary stayed for the class with Brenda and then went over and visited with her. We got our nails clipped at 230 then went over to Lobys for a burger special. Erin was happy to see us since we had not been in for 2 weeks. She bought our dinner and drinks, likely around \$20.

Time for a nap before we head to Wes to watch the kids for trivia. Going to be a late night so I posted early.

January 9 2024

Busy day! Slept in till 10:05 which was bad since we had to leave by 10:15. Somehow we did get out the door by then. We had to skip the Y to drive up to Kent in the pouring rain to take Jacob to Ravenna and back. He must have got soaked going to work at 4pm on the scooter. Ouch.

Got home at 1pm. Have been sitting in the car since we left at 10:15. Hurried to the new dentist at 2pm. Complained about the state of dental practice with my troubles I have had since we moved.

Young guy confirmed the broken tooth would have to come out. Also, he said the tooth next to where my fall extraction nightmare occurred is fractured and needed to come out. I hope the X-rays show it was good before I went in there. I asked about pulling the other 2 next to the broken one and getting a partial. He said he would need a more thorough look to see if there was a strong tooth to anchor to.

Thankfully he was able to schedule me with the local surgeon. He said I might have to go on short notice January 11 2024

The Kiddos were good last night but we did not get home till after 10pm so it was a short night.

Kind of vegged this morning waiting for the appt to get my teeth pulled. I was impressed. It wasn't that bad. Under an hour for all of it! I had hoped the bleeding would end early but I am still dealing with it. No pain to speak of. Using a lot of tissues and a lot of water.

I am supposed to help at a church funeral lunch tomorrow. That might be a challenge. I don't think the people there would appreciate seeing me bleeding at their lunch.

Sister Sue had back surgery today and is doing well. Should hear more in the next few days as they get her back on her feet.

Got the meeting pack for the next board meeting. Looks like Nationwide is bailing on our insurance. I had asked the sales rep for the policy info a couple months back. Apparently when digging into it he caused them to want to not renew it. I suspect something fishy had gone on.

As we were paying around 550/building and my condo policy is 500, the insurance cost for the building is 1550. That is almost double what I was paying for a house. Something is off, eh?

January 10 2024

We did the Y today. Mary stayed for the class with Brenda and then went over and visited with her. We got our nails clipped at 230 then went over to Lobys for a burger special. Erin was happy to see us since we had not been in for 2 weeks. She bought our dinner and drinks, likely around \$20.

Time for a nap before we head to Wes to watch the kids for trivia. Going to be a late night so I posted early.

January 9 2024

Busy day! Slept in till 10:05 which was bad since we had to leave by 10:15. Somehow we did get out the door by then. We had to skip the Y to drive up to Kent in the pouring rain to take Jacob to Ravenna and back. He must have got soaked going to work at 4pm on the scooter. Ouch.

Got home at 1pm. Have been sitting in the car since we left at 10:15. Hurried to the new dentist at 2pm. Complained about the state of dental practice with my troubles I have had since we moved.

Young guy confirmed the broken tooth would have to come out. Also, he said the tooth next to where my fall extraction nightmare occurred is fractured and needed to come out. I hope the X-rays show it was good before I went in there. I asked about pulling the other 2 next to the broken one and getting a partial. He said he would need a more thorough look to see if there was a strong tooth to anchor to.

Thankfully he was able to schedule me with the local surgeon. He said I might have to go on short notice. I asked if I would have time to put pants on. He thought that would be good. They made the call and got me in Thursday! Quite a stressful day all in all. And I am sure it will continue for the rest of the week. Checked my fitbit. Got more zone minutes than I usually get for exercise class. All from stress.

We agreed to help with a funeral lunch Friday. I had to call the local barber twice to change appointments to get them past the extraction and funeral. Next Tuesday looks like the day.

January 8 2024

We did the Y this morning and Mary stayed for the class with Brenda. I got some leftovers when she got back. Wes called and was going to bring the kids over after school. I got Kalix to cook the dinner. The kids ate and played army guys. We all had a great time.

After they left we watched a couple of Matlock shows before hitting the hay/

January 7 2024

Temp in the 30s but no wind made it not to bad out there. We went to church then made some cookies and ate a big lunch of chicken and mashed potatoes.

Worked on the puzzle and finally finished it after 3 days. Carolyn stopped over with Tim for a short time around 6pm and we gave her a birthday card. I don't know how it happened but she is 51 now. Time passes quickly. Vegged till the Bills game started. They are not looking too good at the half. Defense got banged up and Miami is very fast. January 6 2024

Much better sleep last night. This morning we packed up some bead stuff to take to SC next month. Decided we needed a few clasps so we went to Hobby Lobby to get them, Got an extender chain and fixed up Mary's bracelet. Her sister made a beautiful one but used a magnetic clasp. It kept falling off, so we put a safety chain on.

Watched the Steelers win. Ugly game in ugly rain.

Tonight we watched the Enforcer. Good movie but pretty bloody

January 5 2024

OMG what a horrible night. Spent ½ hr on the commode emptying all. We had left over Mexican for dinner. Mary had no issues but I sure did. Maybe I didn't was my hands properly after handling the Xmas decoration stuff. It was very odd.

I was up at 730 with only a few hrs sleep (4?) but did go back to bed for a hr of two. We took the boxed stuff to the basement and worked the puzzle a bit. Had to pass on Lobys to make sure my stomach was OK. My dinner was scrambled eggs and toast. Toast is always safe.

Tried Turfway Park. Got to give up on it. I do good, then some horse that has not finished within 10 lengths in the last several outings wins at 20 to 1. Makes no sense at all. Got to be crooked there.

January 4 2024

Another busy day. I worked on a couple of HOA docs and then we headed to the Y. This class was a killer. Either We were worn out from the first 3 classes this week after a week off, or she really stepped it up today. The last 15 minutes, I took it easy as my shoulder was objecting to it's treatment.

We rested when we got home, then started taking down the tree. We did some and rested some. It was obvious we were wasted at the Y. We got everything boxed up by dinner time and vacuumed. The boxes are piled up and need to be moved to the basement tomorrow.

Worked the puzzle a bit, watched some Swamp People on TV and vegged the rest of the day.

Read some HOA documents to make sure there was nothing prohibiting special committees. Did see they could be created but that is about all that is said. Did not see any restrictions. Very minimal info in the Declaration and By-Laws. I wanted to start a Social Committee but there was some pushback from Ken.

There is a Grounds Committee and a Finance Committee document. I am not sure why at this time there is a Finance Committee document because there is no Finance Committee. What I was looking for was a simple piece of paper to send out before the annual meeting soliciting committee member volunteers explaining what they do. After all, why would anyone sign up if it did not look easy and well defined. I suggested we table this for a board meeting.

Being a process guy at Lockheed, Cisco, and Viasat, my objections with all the HOA docs are that they are pretty much devoid of any operational process. When I ask I get well, than this is the way we always have done things. They do have a lot of published rules and extensive processes for non compliance with rules, and non payment. That is a good thing.

I would like to improve the operational processes. Did write a maintenance walk thru process and checklist several months back and would like to continue to document process. The work order report has helped with communication with the property manager. More work to be done and it looks like it will take continual push from me.

January 3 2024

Busy day. I called an oral surgeon and explained I needed an extraction of my broken front tooth and perhaps more than one depending on an assessment of nearby teeth. The person was kind enough to spend 5 min on the phone as I explained. She felt a consult was a good way to go. I then asked when that could happen cause I was going to SC end of the month. She told me early April.

That was incredible. After a minute or two I looked into getting it done in SC. Called a place there. They are scheduling into late March. Holy cow! Someone should set up shop with some pliers, eh? I just can not believe the dental industry is in such shambles like this.

We went to the Y then hustled up to Kent to take Jacob to lunch. He wanted to go to Walmart so we headed there first. Decided to do the Mexican place near there for lunch. It was same as every other place but had nice décor. Carolyn had been there yesterday so his laundry was done. We dropped him back off. Will see him next Tuesday.

We started to pack up the Christmas stuff. Filled 3 storage boxes with the ceramic tree, kitchen items, and musical animals. Will do some more tomorrow and the next day and wrap it up this weekend. Got to get back to the ole routine.

January 2 2024

Busy day. Forgot to mention I reserved a shelter for a family reunion at Presque Isle State Park on July 21. Figured we were not getting any younger and better get both my and Mary's family together. Presque Isle is about halfway between here and Buffalo and is a very nice park. It is possible we could get up to 25 to come. Pretty sure of at least 12.

We went to the Y then vegged till it was time for Mary to get her new crown. I signed papers to send the X rays to the new dentist. They asked why and I told them I need a lot of work and they have not had a permanent dentist for 2 years now. Enough is enough.

Met Jane and Rudy and Rosemary at Table 6 for our bimonthly dinner. Food was excellent and at a good price. Not a fan of the freezing weather we are having.

January 1 2024

Happy New Year! I made it till 10:00 last night. Broke my string of 10:30 from several previous years. I wrote the above last year, Ditto for last night so starting a new trend.

Well, was at 1150 with chess January 2022, 1050 January 2023 and today am at 1160. Yay! I have reversed my sucky play.

We picked up some yogurt at Walmart today and cooked up some pork chops. Bought \$20 in scratch offs and scored \$55. Could my luck be changing for the better? Probably not. We took a plate over to Vicky who is down with Covid. Started off with a good deed this year!

We worked on a puzzle for a second day, but it is a hard one.

Once again, I had hoped to golf to start the New Year. Had a Wednesday tee time but it is

too cold.