

Neon's Blog_2025

July 6 2025

I did not sleep well again but slept late and got to 7hrs. Mary the same but she slept in even longer.

We went to church and vegged for a couple of hrs before going to Outback to cash in our piggy bank winnings. Pretty thin crowd there. Maybe 20% full? Mary had the prime rib. Been a long time since she had that. I had shrimp on the barbie and a wedge salad.

Back home for tea, desert, and vegging. Chippewa tomorrow.

July 5 2025

I did not sleep well. We went for a walk early since it was headed to the 90s today. We saw Vicki and Penny so we walked with them.

I did put in the grab handles in the front and garage doorways. Vicki has trouble getting in so that will help her. Don't think we will need them for the near future, but they are there now.

Pretty much vegged all day. Carolyn took Jacob for his drivers test. He passed and will have a drivers license now.

Watered the flowers in the evening. No luck at Belmont today.

July 4 2025

We did a little on the puzzle early morning and decided to get dressed. Good thing. Vicki rang the doorbell. I quickly put something on and invited her in. She stayed almost an hour.

When she left, we went to Walmart to get me another arch support for my indoor shoes because they worked out so good in my golf shoes. Picked up a few other items as well.

Worked a bit more on the puzzle then went over to get some pre-cooked ribs at Acme around 3pm. They were out of the on sale ribs so we took the smoked ones. Wow they are good. We only ate a half rack and have the rest for tomorrow.

We were going to take Jacob to the Rock Hall tomorrow but he wants to do other things tomorrow. Gonna do a drivers test to get his license back so he has that for interviews. He is doing good sort of. However, he has his mind set about staying with Allie near Cleveland and get a full time job there.. Carolyn and I don't think this is a good idea and want to see a degree first and only a part time job somewhere close to Kent to minimize driving.

July 3 2025

Oops, forgot to post yesterday. We went to the Y. I messed up and we were 30 min early so we did a treadmill for 20 min. Went for my full body scan at 4pm and got out with a clean bill of health.

Today I played Arrowhead with Chuck, and Sammy. Shot an 87 and it could have been much lower. Two penalties and 4 putts left right in front of the hole. My feet felt great with the new arch supports. Left heel was a bit sore at the end but in general my feet felt good. Hope to find a couple more supports for my shoes and slippers tomorrow.

Lobys for dinner was fun. We talked to our buddies there. Wish I could remember their names. The flatbread was a little on the crisp side though.

July 1 2025

Feet hurt this morning so we skipped the Y. Hope to go tomorrow.

Mary did a bunch of wash we dragged home from the weekend plus what was here already.

We did go to Acme for a few items we needed. Later we went to BJ's for some items Jacob wanted. Did a lot of texting with him this afternoon. Couldn't get mom to give him a car, so he was trying to work on me. Got to give him credit for being persistent. His latest idea is to grab a job in Cleveland and get his degree remote from Kent. Doubt if that is even possible.

Happy 21 birthday Jenna!

June 29 2025

We decided to go to Mass at 10am at Our Lady of Victory Basilica in south buffalo since it was so beautiful. What a stunning church. I must have taken 30 pictures there. Behind it is where Mary's brother Jim body resides in a Mausoleum. We visited there and stopped at Tim Hortons for a sandwich.

After that we went to Ruth's and helped set up for Brad's graduation party. Set up tables and chairs and decorations. It was a good party. We dragged ourselves away at 630 and did the hotel pool. Catherine joined us. We were in the pool for around 75 minutes.

Ginny was in from Texas for the party but didn't stay long. She and Ruth's son Phil don't get along well. So for some reason she made a quick exit. Really a shame that family can't get along. No excuse for it. Someone has to be the adult.

June 28 2025

We were up at 8am, had breakfast and coffee, then headed to the Buffalo Zoo. We had to wait for it to open at 10am. Backtracking a bit, I was going to golf with Jim Jr, but he never found a good tee time that we could fit it in. So we decided to visit our old stomping grounds.

Quite a few changes! Thinking back, we haven't been here for years, They built a rain forest in 2009. We have never seen that. Great new polar bear exhibit. We had lunch there at 12 and the food was very good. We were flooded with memories of taking the kids there, Jim Jr, Robin and Ann Marie. Good times.

After that, we went over to Ruth's. Mary went to the graduation ceremony. Since I had 4 hrs to kill, I went and visited the grave sites of our Moms and Dads, plus Mary's grandparents. Then I went to Seneca Casino in the Falls and lost about \$80.

Went back to wait for Mary at Ruth's and watched my pick 6 fail by ½ length in the final race. Damn!

June 27 2025

We were up at 8am, had breakfast and coffee, then finished packing.

Headed to Buffalo a little before 10 and stopped at Presque Isle Casino on the way. We spent about a hr and a half and lost about \$50. Not too bad.

Never seen so much traffic on the roads. Maybe because it is close to the 4th?

Had Catherine over to the hotel for a swim. Then we did Ted's for dinner and Andersons for desert. Sweet! Then we stopped by her sister Ruth's. Brad was talking up a storm.

June 26 2025

Did not sleep very well again so we slept in till 8am.

We went to the Y class at 1030. Once again I avoided any pressure on my heels and came out of class in pretty good shape.

Had the flatbread pizza at Lobys again. Very good as always. No luck with the pull tabs but I did hit a small pick 4 for \$340 at Belmont. No luck later at Churchill where some big long shots came in. There is likely going to be a huge \$pot for the pick 6 on the last day of

their meet Sunday. It is over \$1M already. Might get \$1M to \$2M additional coming in on Sunday.

We packed up some clothes for our Buffalo trip. We will pack the personal items and electronics tomorrow.

June 25 2025

Did not sleep very well. Thinking back to Neil and all the good times we had in prep for visiting him.

We went to the Y class this morning. I took it easy and skipped some of the side to side movement as it put pressure on my heels. The other ones I could keep on my toes and avoid stressing my heel.

After class, I headed up to see Neil at Arbors in Stow. Dick was also going but he ended up at the Arbors Strongsville. His memory is indeed slipping. He had been here at least 2 other times with me.

Neil looked as good as ever. Mostly non-responsive, he did wake up a few times and acknowledge our presence. We both enjoyed our visits. I was there for about 90 minutes, Dick maybe 40 min.

Mary stayed at the Y for the next class and bummed around with Brenda all day. I got home at 2pm. It's 3 now and she looks to be at Cracker Barrel now.

June 24 2025

Happy anniversary Wes! Number 18 I believe. He is on the island with the family. Hope they have A/C.

I had trouble getting to sleep so we skipped the early Y class this morning. The guys from Americraft were here this morning and spent till 2pm fixing a crack in the foundation in the other half of this condo building. They did an excellent job! I think they got paid well too. 3 guys for 5 hrs and a small digger for \$5000. They did use a couple of feet of PVC, some rubber sealing stuff, and some gravel though.

We did a little yard work and took a walk later in the evening to keep busy. Mary did several loads of wash.

Tomorrow I will visit Neil and Sandy at the nursing home after the Y. He is mostly non responsive but Sandy will like having us there.

June 23 2025

Quiet morning. I went to the foot doctor and got advice on my feet. She gave me 2 stretches to do. Recommended ice and ibuprofen for pain. Got me arch supports for the golf shoes.

She said rest is good but no more than a week or two. We talked about the night foot brace. She said to wear it a couple hrs during the day since it disturbed my sleep. As for the Y, I must avoid any high impact exercises like the jacks. Arch supports are good to take pressure off the fascia.

We went dress shopping a little later. No luck at Cato's or Target but we did find some nice ones at Kohls.

Finally, we emptied the piggy bank. Took all the coins to Giant Eagle and ended up with \$140 in gift cards at Texas Roadhouse and Outback.

June 22 2025

We went to church today. Father Bob's last weekend. He is moving to lead 6 churches to our east. We stopped at Acme and picked up a few items.

Jacob and Allie stopped by. Guess Jacob wanted to show her where he stayed for a year or so. He swapped scooters so he could get the faster one I had fixed. They visited

Carolyn as well.

We had leftovers today. I ate 2 more hamburger Station sliders and tossed the last one. Ate 6 in all since Wes brought them over. Carolyn stopped in as well and later on we went to ROs for the hot fudge sundae.

Tomorrow I go to the foot doctor to see what she says is a good action plan for my planter fasciites.

June 21 2025 (posted June 22)

Took it easy toy and stayed in most of the day. We did go out to Poagies in Louisville for BBQ around 2 pm. Awesome food in a small place. Nice outdoor tables with umbrellas kept us cool on a 90 degree day. Glad the humidity was low.

Spent a couple of hours on the scooters. Pulled the one we just got back from Jacob apart and finally fixed the broken wire. This is the 3d time for that wire. First time it had just pulled out of the connector; second time I fixed it with a half assed solder joint; this time I made a robust solder joint that should lase a long time.

Took the dead scooter apart. Didn't think it was worth fixing since we still have 3 working ones. Had no clue what was wrong since it doesn't power up and provide an error code. Saved a bunch of little pieces parts for future use. Tossed the base in the trash and the battery part aside for hazardous waste later on.

By the time I went to bed, my feet felt pretty good? Not sure I did anything good other than rest them and take a few ibuprofen?

Carolyn and Jenna stopped over around dinnertime.

June 20 2025

Well found out the feet still need lots of attention and rest at golf today. Ended up walking 3.4 miles. Moving really slow now. Didn't help my golf. Smacked some drives but that was it. Irons really sucked. Don't think I ever did hit a crisp one the whole round. Did get 1 birdie by making my 1 putt for the day. Big plus was I took \$2 back from JT.

We had leftover Hamburger Station. Still good. The pickles and onion rule!

Carolyn went up to Kent and got Jacob set up for a drivers test to get his license back but they ran out of time. He will have to be tested next week.

June 19 2025

Decided to pass on the Y today and keep resting the feet. They are feeling much better today. Wonder how much of a setback golf will be tomorrow.

Mary got her hair done today. Afterwards, we went to Loby's and had the flatbread pizza. Scored a \$500 pull tab after quite a drought the last several weeks. Maybe luck is returning?

I dread playing Brookledge tomorrow. Their greens and I do not agree. Better chip them close tomorrow.

June 18 2025

Decided to pass on the Y today and keep resting the feet. Mary decided to do some wash today.

I looked at the scooter I brought back from Jacobs. Tightened all the loose screws and used loctite. Charged ok. When I gave it a test drive, it failed with error 54 again. Crap! Looks like the solder joint fix was substandard and failed. Have to do better this time. What a pain. Hopefully I can fix it in under 2 hours and wont strip any of the cheap screws.

Wes brought over Hamburger Station family pack for my fathers day dinner! Yum! I had 2 sliders and 2 onion rings and some fries. Got a grill tool set with golf grips. Pretty cool.

Carolyn went up to Kent and got Jacob some non-drivers insurance. Something he needs to retake his drivers license test. Sounds like something that is a kickback perk for politicians? Can't get your license back unless you have non-drivers insurance first??

June 17 2025

Forgot to post last night. My feet were just killing me from my golf round. Shot 85 at Tannenhau. The 3 putts got to me; all 3 of them.

My feet felt a little better this morning. I was going to rest them today but that wasn't gonna happen. We walked down to see the tree work. They did a great job and the owners were happy. Stump was not ground out as of yet. Maybe we want to keep it to prevent erosion?

We went to pick up prescriptions and I found some inserts for my golf shoes.

Jacob finally responded to my texts and we decided to go to Kent. We got his laundry done, picked up a small cooling fan for him, delivered the scooter, laundry pods, water, and cat food and fixed his lamp.

He was really down the last couple of days. He believes Carlos was stealing from him and he had an argument with Allie too. There went the idea of rooming with Carlos. On top of all that, he has spent whatever he had left and still no job.

That means he will default on all his card payments and his credit will be shot in a couple of weeks. Bad behavior has caught up with him. He is thinking he will stay with Allie but it is unlikely that that will work out. Good thing he has a couple months rent Carolyn is holding or he would be out on the streets soon.

June 15 2025

We went to church this morning and stopped at Acme to pick up a few items. Had sandwich and chips for lunch.

Tried the add on battery I took off the dead scooter on the backup I had at Carolyn's and it was still alive and well. I attached it to the scooter and used the blue locktite. Seems like the scooter vibration always loosens the screws and causes issues. Maybe the locktite will prevent more of the same.

Vicki stopped over for a half hour. We were going to take the scooter and some other items to Kent but Jacob preferred Tuesday instead so we headed to ROs for a hot fudge sundae for dinner.

Amazon delivered my new indoor ortho slip ons I need to wear to ease the wear on my planter fasciites. Also my massage gun to use on my calves and feet for the same.

June 14 2025

Number 56 Wedding Anniversary today!

We had eggs and toast this morning and filled the week's pills. Around 1130 we headed to Tinseltown to see Mission Impossible. Quite a move. Two hrs and 45 minutes + 25 min of ads for movies we will never go to. I had to close my eyes for some of them. After that, a visit to the rest room was a must.

Dinner at Texas Roadhouse and we have enough for tomorrow's meal too.

We got a walk in at 630. Totally avoided any news so we wouldn't have to see the stupid waste of money Parade or the No Kings protests. I hope they all went on peacefully but that is just a pipe dream.

June 13 2025

We went out to Walmart and got me a night splint for my Planter Fasciites. I used it last night but took it off cause it bothered my ankle. Stretched out my foot in the morning and it felt pretty good.

Wore my regular sketchers since they feel better than my golf shoes. We played Chenoweth and I was on fire. Shot 79 with 2 missed birdie putts and four 3- putts. Could have really been low. Had a chip in birdie on #10. Good thing it went in cause my putts do not.

Had me wondering why God wanted me to break 80 today.

Holy crap is there a lot going on. Trump sending the Marines into LA, Israel bombing Iran, people being rounded up and deported. Even legal immigrants fearing for their safety.

Time for my prayer once again to St. Michael to cast Trump and his evil cronies into Hell.

June 12 2025

We got to the Y for the Thursday class. Christine is back and we got a good workout. We headed to Carolyn's to pick up the spare scooter she has there so we can take it to Jacob for a backup.

Then we stopped at BJs and got gas, stuff for Jacob and restocked a bunch of stuff for us. Full cart and big bill today. Filled the car up.

Lobys at 230. I had sliders which were good. Mary's cod was just awful and cold to boot. Same with her broccoli. The baked potato was good. Disappointing.

Not much else going on.

June 11 2025

We got to the Y for the Wednesday class. They have a sub for the summer and she mainly does a strength class with a little cardio. It was tough. Going to be a lot of weight reps and squatters. Ouch. Will be tough on everyone.

At 6pm, Keith and Vicky came over to sort out the Turfscape walk thru quotes. Big bucks. Going to be \$17K worth of landscaping work. Ouch!

Carolyn said Jacob gave her the July and August rent money to hold so that is good. He had 2700 in Pell money. He paid bills and 1700 for rent so he has more. Hope it is spent wisely.

I looked at the details of my Citi fraud dispute and called them to withdraw my dispute. Danbury Mint charge came thru as shimmering inst #2. No wonder I panicked. How stupid. Must be the name of the necklace?

June 10 2025

Out early to play Good Park with the Lockheed guys at 840am. I had my moments, just not enough of them. Good holes, then look up triples, a 4 putt and whatever. Shot 47-45 for 92. Hit it well when I stayed put over the ball. What a concept.

Got home early and did some HOA stuff, then off to Carraba's for dinner with Jane, Mel, and Joann. Mel gave Jane the rundown on his surgery. JoAnn gave us a rundown on all the grandkids. Lasagna was great!

Jacob still agonizing over rooming with Carlos. I held my ground and stayed with my recommendation that he stay by himself and get er done.

June 9 2025

We went to the Y this morning. Pretty easy class. Mary stayed for Yoga with Brenda and got home around 1230.

I prepped and printed some backup for tonight's HOA Annual Meeting. Decided to give the team their props during introductions. Wonder how that will go.

The meeting was at 6pm and went well. We have 2 new board members Kelly Osborn and Vicky Bortz. Not sure why Vicky wants to be on the board at 80 plus, maybe 82. She won't be any help with my spreadsheets.

June 8 2025

Back to you know what today; cold and rainy. What is wrong with this picture. Been happening over and over all spring. We went to church and it was raining pretty good when we got out. Lucky we took in a small umbrella to keep our heads dry on the way out to the car.

Tried to get location sharing going. I was able to get sharing between our two phones and maybe Carolyns. Tried some more but even though I say share always it sends a link which says only good for an hour or a day? Gave up for now.

Carolyn paid Jacob's phone bill. Will find out if it got turned on later on when he gets out of work. So far it doesn't seem to be working.

We walked around 530 after the rain was gone. Kind of gloomy and 66.

Yesterday I got a text that there was a charge made for \$38 on my card and nothing was going on or yet to be delivered. I disputed it and my card was cancelled pretty darn quick. Better to be safe than sorry. Thinking back 1 day, we used it at subway (tap) and Lobys. Wonder if someplace we were at had a skimmer?

June 7 2025

Nice day. After we had breakfast, I got after the tub downstairs. I got a system. Spray walls, rinse walls, get in and scrub. Use the toothbrush on the shower doors. Takes about an hour.

Vicky stopped over and later took Mary to the Restoration shop. She ended up getting a cool wire bowl for \$4. Watched the Belmont races and got totally shut out. Lady Luck has moved elsewhere. It was such a crappy day they postponed 2 turf races till next week and made a mess of the betting.

Did some HOA stuff, took stuff to recycle and generally vegged.

Lot of texting with Jacob. His phone is still off but Carolyn will get it turned on tomorrow. Basically, he is having trouble overspending. Got himself into a mess with credit cards. He pays the minimum when due and they all 3 of them are maxed out. When his paycheck comes it is eaten with bills due.

He is hoping for his summer Fafsa money. Think he overspent expecting it to show up. But it was delayed since they kept trying to send it to his old bank. He seems to be really adept at screwing up time after time.

June 6 2025

Did not sleep well. Hot then cold then hot thing going on. Got up at 630 and cancelled golf. It was 50/50 flip a coin time. We could have played but were bound to get a little wet. Since it was a hr drive and I didn't sleep well, I called it off.

Spent most of the morning looking at the landscape work quote that we got. I think if we can postpone a few items, use some extra tree money, and use some reserves, we can fund most of it.

Watched the horses and did badly. Got our walk in later.

On the good news front, Jacob got his phone back on and was at work. Must be doing better.

June 5 2025

Took a casual drive to the doctors office for Mary's bloodwork. They have to check one item before giving the Prolia shot every 6 mo for Osteoporosis. They scheduled the shot for next Wednesday.

At 1pm we headed to the dentist for our 6 mo cleanings. Miracle of miracles, I had no cavities! Mary did not as usual. We picked up my pills at Walgreens and then had a pizza

flatbread at Lobys.

Carolyn and Jenna stopped in around 5 after bumming around the mall. They ate the food they bought at the food court and stayed awhile. Mary is always happy to have visitors and it really made her day.

Carolyn said Jacob missed 2 mo phone payments and they shut off his phone. I bet he will quickly take care of that tomorrow after getting paid.

June 4 2025

We went to the retiree lunch. Right outside in the sky were 3 Goodyear blimps flying by. I ran in and called them out to see. Pretty darn cool.

Good lunch. We got home and rested awhile before our walk. New neighbor was out so we stopped to say hi. OMG, he almost told us his entire life story. It was hard to get out of there.

Jacob asked us up around 3pm but I didn't see it till almost 430. We met him and Allie at 530. Got the wash started and headed to Panini's for dinner. What a disaster. We had to walk out after an hour. They were having kitchen help issues. If so, they should have told us instead of taking an order. We ended up at Canes for chicken.

Allie seemed nice and a help to Jacob. I am guessing she might be 20 or 21. Not sure what she sees in him though. In my opinion (Carolyn's too), Jacob isn't doing very good. Doesn't appear to be fully functional today. I have to get after him again but I am not optimistic.

June 3 2025

Did not sleep well but got enough. Common theme, eh?

We went to the Y. Christine had a sub while her lazix surgery settles. Much easier than her class for sure. We waited to see if Jacob would be up for a visit, but he never called. More on that later.

Took the bum taco sauce back to Acme and got a refund. Spent it on 2 Blizzards for \$7 with coupon. Had the scooter out in the sun, then tried to charge it. Nothing doing. Gave the scooter its last rights and stuck it in the garage. I will have to take it apart and get the lithium batteries to our hazardous waste facility. Down to 3 scooters now.

Wrapped up the HOA minutes and the packet for the annual meeting. Sent a note to Ken and Dick to thank them for their help. Sent another to Ron who is bailing this year. Can't say I blame him. He was a big help for the walk throughs and for keeping his eye on maintenance completions.

Called Rudy. Seems like he may get out today. He promised to call me back. He did call back and is back home and healing well. He was at his routine cardiologist appointment and complained about some symptom. Stress test and cath found blockage and he got it taken care of. Great move on his part. What a relief.

I saw Jacob's location seemed off so I asked Carolyn if she was with him. Turns out they were returning a phone to Jacob's troublemaker friend who was in the hospital. His friend had come over and was unresponsive, so they called for a bus and they hauled him to the hospital. OMG! How many need to die before the lightbulb turns on. Is there anybody in there? You have to say goodbye to these kinds of "friends" and move on.

June 2 2025 Posting #2

Dang Rudy; getting a bypass. He is doing fine according to the nurse I talked with yesterday. Got me reflecting on my vulnerability 10 years post bypass. That's the average length people live after them. Hope I am above average. Too much to do and see. Got to take care of Mary, get Jacob and Jenna through school. See the kiddos grow up.

Guess I will get what I am going to get, eh?

Makes me reflect on life and all it's flaws. There were a lot of them; no perfection here. Throughout, all the family prayers have been answered except for getting the grandchildren to become close with God. I am sure some of it has been my fault. However, in the big picture, everyone has to answer for themselves, so it's really on them. I guess I have come to peace with that. We will keep praying and try for the best.

Dang Rudy. He is going to get an earful when I see him next time.

June 2 2025

Not sure why I did not post last night. Too Lazy?

Yesterday we went to church and then picked up a few items at Acme. Acme person paying out lottery tickets at best did not know what she was doing or at worst just cheated me. I checked before hand and I had \$200 in winners. She came up with \$110. I said no it was \$200. She went through the bunch again and found 2 that did not scan and then gave me \$260. I argued some more then gave up as she claimed she checked them twice. Fool me once. Next time I am going to fully document all of them before I go.

We got a walk in later in the day before it cooled down a bit.

Today, I played Ellsworth with Dick and Denny. Six 3 putts plus other short ones. Scored 90 but it was worthy of an 85. Edged Denny by a stroke coming back from 3 down on the back nine. Dick wasn't with it and was off. Shanked 3 in a row once. He was somewhere around 104.

Finally got a txt from Jacob. The quiet was worrisome. He says he is busy 24/7 with work and classes. May go up tomorrow if he is up at a reasonable hour.

Got a walk in with Mary later.

May 31 2025

Slept in a little since we had nothing scheduled for today. Eventually we got out for errands. Filled the Ford at BJ's, picked up a few items there. Over to Walmart to return a coffee pot and pick up a few items.

Our pot was working but if you filled it for morning coffee, it would leak out 2 cups onto the counter. When I ordered a new one I must have hit the button twice. So I had to return one of them.

On the way back I remembered to pick up Mary's pills at Walgreens. When we got back, Carolyn called and wanted to discuss the wheelchair Jenna wanted. So I ordered an active wheelchair for her. The least I could do after all the help I have given to Jacob. Wasn't cheap but she did a lot of research on it and it seemed like a good fit.

No luck at Churchill again. The magic must be over.

May 30 2025

Up early again. I got over to Windmill Lakes and played well shooting an 85. JohnE edged me out at 84. Was a pleasure to play from the hybrid tees. JohnT was up and down shooting 93. Bill had some good holes and some bad ones at 104. We just finished before the rain. Just got hit by some sprinkles the last 3 holes. I was able to find some golf shoes my feet liked better so I purchased them and played with them.

Got my haircut after getting home. Mary held the fort and did a puzzle to keep busy on this crappy cold and rainy day.

Last night Rudy sent a note that he was getting a bypass. Jane wrote it was today. Kind of in the dark with so little info. Hope Rosemary gives us an update sooner than later.

We do know Rudy played golf Tuesday, so it must have been somewhat of an emergency.

May 29 2025

Up early again. I got over to Arrowhead at 810am thinking tee time was 840. Turns out it was 908. Later today I realized a tee time for another day had stuck in my head. Geeze.

Played well on the front shooting a 6 over 41. Tallying up the feet of putts made on the front = 12 ft, an average of 1.3 ft. Pretty impressive, eh?

Got tired on the tougher back nine and went 9 over 44. Putted better totaling a massive 46 ft for an average of 5.1 ft. Only 3 pars on the day but only one double.

We went to Lobys later. The pizza was close to perfectly cooked.

Dang coffee pot went bad. If you fill the reservoir, it leaks out slowly all over the counter. Very odd.

My feet hurt. Going to be a rough go at Windmill Lakes tomorrow. Low 60s. Brrrr.

May 28 2025

Up early again. We went to the Y for the easy class today. There was a young robin stuck on out porch when we left and when we got back. When we went out to go to doctor it had expired. RIP little birdie.

Mary saw the cardiologist and he said she was doing great. We stopped at Ace and picked up oil we had a rain check for. Then we went to BJ's for gas and HD to return a furnace filter.

We waited several minutes at Walgreens for a prescription pick up but I gave up and will try another time. Line was at a stand still.

Carolyn stopped in for 30 min. Tasha is doing good in hip replacement recovery and is already walking. Jenna is looking at wheel chairs. I will get her one when she settles on one.

Jacob was wanting money for bills. I read him the riot act and only gave him \$32 for his PNC overdraft. He gets paid Friday so he can suffer the late dues on his phone till then. Let him know he is gonna be left hanging if he continues to overspend. He needs to learn.

May 27 2025

Up early again. We went to the Y for the tough class today. I took it easy, resting my sore leg and heels.

Jacob finally called a little after 1pm so we loaded the trunk and took him 2 scooters, water, cat litter, protein shakes, apple usb cables, and bandage wrap. Carlos was there and we went for tacos.

Got back at 4pm and got ready for the HOA Meeting. Kelly sat in once again. We went over the tree stuff and got that settled. Then we went over the info for the Annual Meeting handout.

May 26 2025

I was up early but did get a good sleep. Really zonked out last night. Mary slept in later and did even better. Early on I worked on comparing the tree quotes and passing them on to the property manager and the other 2 board members.

We had breakfast and got a nice walk in early. Then we vacuumed out the cars and cleaned the floor mats.

Terrible luck with my race picks. Caton was also out of luck as well.

Mary started the wash marathon. Had a bunch.

Jacob got back to us and wanted to get together tomorrow instead of today. We have been discussing his housing dilemma lately. His lease ends in August and only needs 6 months somewhere. Going to take some effort to find something suitable.

Txted him for quite awhile trying to get him to consider others in his decision making. Look out for yourself but don't mess up others lives just for your benefit.

May 25 2025

We went to 830 Mass with the visiting crew. I was surprised there were so many there. Perhaps more than 11am Mass. Very close. They enjoyed the kids taking up their family gifts.

They went back to the motel and checked out and picked up Dennis, who skipped Mass. They wanted to go for lunch before leaving. We offered pancakes or sandwiches to no avail.

We went to Rockne's. Everyone liked the food. Kim of course got some chunky mashed potatoes she couldn't eat.

We headed out and I lost at the races. Took our walk around 5 and that was the day. Thought Carolyn was going to stop by but not as of this 6pm posting.

May 24 2025

Mary went to Hartville with the crew and I stayed to clean the grill, outside table, etc. Took me a good while. Carolyn and Wes got here on time. The crew was a bit late getting here. Mary changed and we went to the Life Celebration for Kit next door and spoke briefly with Kevin, Daniel, and her brother.

Got back and we helped with the dinner. Everyone had a good time. The kids had a ball riding the scooters. Carolyn left at 5, Wes around 6, and the crew went back to the hotel around 8.

Great day.

May 23 2025

Posted early May 24. We were up early and straightened things out to get ready for visitors. Mary finished up the macaroni bowl with onions.

They got here at a little after 11am and we spent a couple hours touring the house and catching up. We served lunch around 1. Around 3pm they left to check in at their hotel.

Met later at Lobys at 530. The food was great. Erin stopped over to greet them and bought us an appetizer. We all walked out stuffed. Everyone came back here and they headed back out around 930. Long day.

The plan is for the cookout tomorrow at 1pm and 11am Mass on Sunday.

May 22 2025

Mary and I went to the Y. Class was rough. Got me 71 zone minutes.

We called Dave and asked him to bring some dogs. He said they would be leaving early. Uh oh. We made a list for the cookout Saturday and hustled in the cold rain to Acme. Got some brats, macaroni, miracle whip, and other stuff.

We were wondering if Jacob wanted us to come up, but he was busy with homework and Allie, so we baked a bday cake for Ruth and then we did a quick dinner at Loby's. Cheeseburger flatbread. We split it but still could only eat half.

We got back, had tea, and then Mary started on the macaroni salad while I frosted the cake. The frosting job wasn't pretty but it's done. Mary quit on the macaroni salad at 9pm. Almost done except for the small bowl which needs some onion.

It was such a crappy day we cancelled golf tomorrow.

While Mary did the macaroni I worked on understanding the HOA budget actuals for last year to prep for the Annual meeting. About time, eh?

Finally, Jacob was scaring us again. He was broke and asking for money which is a red flag. He did overspend going to Cedar Point on Monday but not sure how he blew his whole \$450 paycheck already. He also added another class to grab some more Pell money. Hope he knows what he is doing but I seriously doubt it.

May 21 2025

Mary and I went to the Y. Pretty tame class today. Yesterday I had like 84 zone minutes, today 13. Much more cardio on Tues/Thurs.

At home, I had to clean some bird poop off the back glass door. Dang birds.

Jacob was txtng me a lot last night and today. Worried about him all last night. He is unsure what to do this August about living quarters. He doesn't want to sign a years lease since he likely will graduate in January. They won't give him a month to month option. He is unsure about splitting rent with Carlos and can't afford his own place. Of course he wants a car (again).

Seems like he is taking too many Summer classes so he can get Pell money. Twelve credit hours seem like too much. straightened up and vacuumed.

Carolyn brought back the scooter Allie crashed on. Seems like the front wheel is bent? It does look that way. Jacob said it didn't run right. Carolyn says it runs OK though.

May 20 2025

Chilly day in the low 60s. We did the early Y class. Boy, that 8 lb weight feels like a 12 pounder after not lifting them for awhile.

We got home and straightened up and vacuumed. Wore us out. Rested a bit and then scrubbed the deck to get some of the green mold off. Gonna need to paint that deck again. It was done in 2021 but now has a lot of rust marks in addition to the mold.

We talked to Ruth. They are still coming Friday with Dave and Kim. Perhaps a cookout Saturday?

May 19 2025

Played Tannenhau. It was chilly. Ken played well shooting a 93 for a net 63. I was up and down shooting 43-42=85. Made 2 long birdie putts and 2 was 50/50 on the short ones. Most missing on the low side.

Rudy brought me 3 round circles. I used one to apply an Allegheny State Park sticker to and hang it under Bonnie's picture. Looks great. Thanks Rudy!

Got Mary out for a short walk later. My right heel is giving me issues. Not sure why. Been like that for about a month.

May 18 2025

Not sure why I missed the blog last night. Likely due to wagering on the Preakness and then Churchill. Hit the last Preakness pick 5. Had 3 horses which made it extra exciting but the lowest payout barely squeaked by at the end. Hit the pick 4 at Churchill too but only cleared \$200 for the day.

We went to Saturday 4pm Mass so we could go to Kent Sunday. I think when we do this we will call Saturday "Sunday Saturday" and Sunday "Saturday Sunday". If we go the church on Sunday, we can call them "Saturday Saturday" and "Sunday Sunday" as opposed to all the other days of the week which are basically all Saturdays. Glad I finally got that figured out.

So today we got up and picked up a few items for Jacob and headed to Kent. Got there at 11:15 and made several calls and then just gave up and went home. He always has trouble getting up. Must have been up too late last night. Last time I am going there that early.

Wes and Carolyn took Mom out for Mother's Day lunch a week late since the crowds are nuts on the official day. We went to Texas Roadhouse and had a good time. I split the bill with Wes. Mary had a great time enjoying a few hours with them.

After dinner, we got our walk in.

May 16 2025

I hit the ball real well today but my play around the green was embarrassing. I 3-putted the first 3 greens before getting a 2 putt, then 3 putted again. Then 3 putted the next 2. Shot 45 on the front with 5 extra putts. OMG.

Shot 48 on the back for a 93 total. Only 2 3-putts but my chipping made it much worse. JohnT did well at 88 and Dick at 92 but the rest of us sucked. Good to see Kirk and John G.

Got Mary out for a walk when I got home.

Called brother Jim. He has been hurting. First his back for 3 weeks now his arm. They also messed with his meds and he lost 20 lbs. Gained back 10 this week but still concerned about it.

May 15 2025

Mary got her hair done at 11am. I worked on documents for the annual meeting next month. Except for a few tweaks I am almost ready.

We went to Lobys for pizza at 2pm. There was a nice breeze there and it was pretty quiet but busy.

Tried Belmont races but did terrible. At Churchill, missed the pick 5 race 4 buy a few lengths and ended up 4 out of 5. Bummer.

May 14 2025

We went to the Y for the first time this month. Been 14 days already. That made it difficult.

At noon, Keith and I walked with GP Tree to all the big tree work. Took about 40 min. We changed some of the tree work based on some of his opinions, so I made changes to my tree document. When I printed it for Tim so he could adjust his quote, I realized how poorly written the tree work was. Depended too much on verbal instructions. Thinking about it, it is embarrassing.

Jacob says his g friend Allie was all scraped up from a scooter wipe out. He feels bad for talking her into taking a ride.

Carolyn was over to watch Survivor in the evening.

May 13 2025

We were supposed to take Jacob to a Dr. appt but I checked before leaving and he said Allie would take him to that and to the dentist at 3pm. Was supposed to rain but it was only a light drizzle now and then. Radar looked OK, so we decided to wash the back windows.

I took off the screens and washed them and then we did the windows. We got the screens back on and were done. Those windows haven't been washed for 2 years. Was going to do them last fall but never got around to them.

We had BBQ early cause we had worked up an appetite.

Called GP Tree to come out for an estimate on the troublesome tree that is hard to get to. They will come tomorrow.

Couple other HOA issues came up and I handled those.

May 12 2025

Played well at Fox Den shooting an 83! Took my time lining up my shots and it helped. Got to add that to my routine. Only 1 3-putt today, but I did miss 2 or 3 short ones. Denny and Dick had a birdie but I missed my 2 tries.

For some reason my toes are hurting. Maybe the inserts in my golf shoes are the problem. Got Mary out for a walk when I got home and that hurt. Now got to go with Tim for tree quote.

Jacob's friend Allie took him to Cedar Point. I sent him \$40 as a surprise to have dinner on me.

May 11 2025

We headed to see Jacob at 1130 today. He was pretty tired and still had an exam to do today and started work at 3. We were going to go to Mikes Place but they were lined up. Mother's day! We decided to go for bagels. They were good and we dropped them off and got out of Dodge.

Almost got into an accident on the way home. We were headed home and waze wanted us off I76. I missed the innovation Way exit so got off at Arlington. It wanted me to back track but there was stalled traffic going the other way, so I just headed up Arlington. Well, waze was still trying to get us to turn around and it was driving me nuts. Tried to shut off waze on the phone and cars stopped in front of me. The Toyota slammed on the brakes and I turned into the other lane. I think we had stopped totally but am not completely sure it happened so fast. Mary got an assist for saving us as she had shouted something to get my attention. Glad to get home in one piece.

Mary was happy to see Carolyn, Jenna, and later on Wes for Mother's Day. Made her day.

May 10 2025

We slept in and caught up on missed sleep from yesterday. We ventured out to the bank and BJs and the shoe store to scout out shoes for Jacob. Found some nice possibilities. He wanted us to come tomorrow.

So, we were off to 4pm Mass. Saw Sam and his wife. Got back and saw my Belmont ticket was dead

May 10 2025

We slept in and caught up on missed sleep from yesterday. We ventured out to the bank and BJs and the shoe store to scout out shoes for Jacob. Found some nice possibilities. He wanted us to come tomorrow.

So, we were off to 4pm Mass. Saw Sam and his wife. Got back and saw my Belmont ticket was dead but Churchill was still alive with 2 races left. Watched the favorite win leg 4 and then had dinner. After dinner, the last race was over and I won and banked another \$1300. On a roll, at least at Churchill anyway.

After dinner, we did our walk. It was getting chilly as the sun was heading down.

May 9 2025

I had to miss golf to do the HOA Landscape walkthrough today. We started at 930 and finished at 1230. Was pretty dang cold with the wind chill but finally warmed up at the end. We made about a 50 item list that we need to price out. I combined all the comments and sorted them for quotes. Keith is looking them over before I send them to the property manager. The Turfscaper guy hopes to get us quotes by the next meeting end of May.

Spent most of the rest of the day on HOA documents for the Annual Meeting and was looking for evidence that we sent one owner a letter for the last 5 years. We were supposed to according to the walk thru documents but I only found 3 of the 5 in the digital archive. Time to contact the lawyer for our next move.

Poor sleep for both of us so we hope to catch up tonight.

May 8 2025

Forgot to mention I finished reading King Hancock last week. The book wasn't all that great, but I am glad I read it because I did learn a lot about him. He was one of the founding fathers that is mostly forgotten. He and Sam Adams were targets of capture in the first real battle of the war at Lexington and Concord., over 250 years ago.

When a youngster, his father died and he was sent to live with his well off uncle in Boston. When his uncle died he inherited the business and became a rich man. For years he played the middle ground in the British- American ongoing conflicts but eventually sided with the colonists when his business was impacted. Never lost a vote for any office in Massachusetts. Maybe it was all the parties he hosted for the both the rich and the common man in the area. He truly was the King of Massachusetts and locally was referred to as King Hancock.

He was mayor, governor, president of the Continental Congress. Don't think he wrote much of the Declaration of Independence, but he sure did sign it. He did get Massachusetts to sign the Constitution, so he was a key player. Always suffering with the gout, it kept him from a lot of activities. He did have aspirations for President, but was never seriously considered due to his poor health. Poor guy died in his mid 50s.

Today we reacted. Last night, I thought about the neighbors mulch which have some ouchies growing in it. Rather than interfering in their grief, I decided to buy some weed killer and spray it for them. Got some from ACE and it took me 5 min to spray them.

Keith stopped over and wanted to save some tall grass where we were going to remove it. I helped him dig half of it up and load it in his truck. Then we went to Lobys for dinner. Mary had a steak and I had the stuffed banana peppers again.

While we were at Lobys, Wes called. He wanted us to watch the kids while they went to a skating party. Gonna head over there at 530pm. Posting before we go since we will be back late.

May 7 2025

We headed to the retiree lunch today at 10am. They usual group was there. JohnR is using a cane for stability. He had the swallowing problem during lunch. I went to check on him in the restroom and he had solved it by then. I know that problem all too well.

We got home and had 30min before the Hope Mission lunch. That was fun. We signed up to help on a couple of committees. Got our walk in when we got back. Stopped at Vickys for 15 min.

May 6 2025

We slept in and skipped the Y today. Drove to Wayside to look at coffee tables. They had several nice ones but the were priced in the \$400 and above range. Maybe we will wait for a sale. Stopped at Walmart for a few grocery items.

Otherwise, we vegged.

May 5 2025

Good sleep and the rain finally stopped.

Headed to Good Park and played with the Monday group. Three 3 putts got me to 45 on the front. Was on a roll on the back till I hit a tree and it bounced OB. Saved a 9 though but it cost me a 45 on the back. Should have been around 87 but.....

Got home and we did our neighborhood walk. Mary held down the fort while I was gone.

May 4 2025

Since we did church yesterday, we vegged all morning.

We went over to Carolyn's and she drove to Kent to pick up Jacob after work. We went to

Men's warehouse in Tallmadge and found him a blue suit he liked. Bought it for him with a small portion of my Derby winnings. We got his laundry done and had some Canes chicken. It was pouring in Kent.

Finally got home a bit after 7pm. Long day.

May 3 2025

Great day. We got out to Acme early to get a few items and got rained on. It mostly rained all day long and was in the mid 50s. Major crappy day.

Mostly focused on handicapping Derby day. I never do any good on the big race days. Been doing good at Churchill by following Caton Brader's picks. I also respect Caleb Keller's handicapping too. Put in Caton's pick 6 and checked it against Caleb's but mostly stuck with hers. Also looked for important owners and jockeys and added Irad Ortize's horse in the 2nd leg.

Well Caton had 5 of the 6, and the one she missed I had added Irad's horse. Caton's #18 got it done in the Derby and I collected \$2062! Sweet!

We went to 4pm mass in case Wes needed me tomorrow but they found the culprit. It was a ballast in one of the basement florescent lamps. We were all dressed so we went to Mass anyway.

Bonus is when we found a 2 hr Benjamin Franklin on PBS from 2022. Got to find the rest of them now. Great day!

May 2 2025

Played Fox Den today. No one played well. I hit the ball decent but my putting was pathetic again. Thought I had that handled? Greens were too fast for me. Denny was having similar issues. Guess it gets in my head and I can't shake it. Anyway, shot 93 with perhaps 43 putts. Pathetic. Bill had issues on the back nine.

Got back and we went to Loby's and shared a Nacho salad with steak. It was really good. Played about \$100 in wagers at Churchill and came out \$35 to the good. Jockey Jose Ortiz has been golden for me this week.

Wes' electrical issues kept me up last night. Offered to come over today and tomorrow but he is considering Sunday. Guess it's not a priority. It would be for me. I would have taken a day off work to get to it. Kind of dangerous. I guess if you keep the right breakers off you are safe. That's pretty inconvenient though.

May 1 2025

Good riddance to April. Too many deaths.

We were up early and headed to Hartville to take care of the kids while Wes took Kaetchen for a screening which she needed a driver for. For some reason, they had an electrical smell with no breakers tripping. After considerable thought I figure it must be a wire that is possibly broken and overheating. They shut the power off and headed to the appointment.

We took Lincoln to school after a false start cause he forgot his back pack. We came back for it and then got him to school and brought Kalix to our house. Wes picked her up around 2pm. Called him later and they still didn't figure it out. They plan to clear out the smell and then turn 1 breaker at a time on. What a pain.

Mary and Kalix got a walk in after lunch and I played Churchill. Lost all the way to the last pick 5 and finally scored clearing a plus \$133 for the day.

Pretty stormy early evening so I figure cart path only tomorrow.

April 30 2025

We were up early and I was about to head to Kent when Jacob informed me he was going

to do the counseling session remote and not in person. So we decided to go to the Y class at 10. Mary stayed for the yoga class and Brenda brought her home.

Mostly vegged all day but I did get out and trim a shrub and pull a few weeds just to enjoy the sun and heat.

April 29 2025

We were up early and made it to the Y for today's beat down. It was tough, lots of reps. After class we picked up my prescription but Mary's was not there. Later on I found it was elsewhere at DrugMart for some unknown reason.

We went out to get Mary's prescription and had to travel over to ROs for a hot fudge sundae lunch. Boy was that good!

Had a good day at Churchill hitting the pick 5 for around 1k. Sweet!

April 28 2025

Forgot to post last night so I posted this morning for yesterday. Today I played at Chenoweth with Denny and Dick. I was on fire to start making 3 nice putts for par before missing one. Then it was a string of 10 bogies before finishing bogey triple par bogey bogey.

Got home and had dinner, then we did our walk. They got the potholes patched!

Jacob said he passed 3 of 5 so far and has an exam and presentation next week to complete the semester. Lots of work hours this week should help too.

April 27 2025

Forgot to post last night so I am posting in the morning. We went to church. Benson read the Bishops letter indicating several small city churches would be combined and be responsible to Father Bob. Surprising since he is a new priest and perhaps in his 60s.

Went over to Ace and picked up some screws for the scooter as a temp measure. They are too long but I put some washers on them to shorten the distance they go into the scooter post. My soldering fix got the scooter working, so I put the external battery on and it fully charged. Scooter restored!! Now they are all 4 are working again. Ordered some more screws and will replace the temps when they come.

Working on the scooter with my hands put them in a hurt. I used the arthritis cream several times including before going to bed. Seemed to help. I will get some on before heading to golf in an hour.

Texas Roadhouse for dinner around 230pm. Good timing and good meal. We put up the new umbrella we got for \$50 at Lowes the other day

April 26 2025

Busy today. Up early and we put away all the Easter stuff.

Got that done and started the scooter diagnostics. Took off the external battery and it charged to 100% That means the internal battery is good, and that is a relief! Those are hard to replace and are scarce. Been there and done that and they are a pain. Tried to ride it but got error 54.

Aha! Same error I got on this scooter when the connector pulled off after tire was replaced. Had I not put it on snug enough? Took the post off and found the wire had pulled off the connector. Must have been pretty bad when I plugged it in last time.

I added a 1 inch extension to the broken wire but could not do a proper solder since it was inside the pipe. Tacked it on the best I could and wrapped it. Not sure how it will hold up.

Then in my haste I put the handlebars on backward. In the process of removing the new screws, they both stripped. Had to use my extraction drills to take them out and now I need 2 new screws. The ones that came from china were just soft junk. To china I say

%#*&@ and then some.

We did our walk today and later on Vicky stopped over with some yellow cake. It was good. No luck at Churchill. Came close twice but the last leg of my pick 3s and pick 4s did me in.

April 25 2025

Last night Carolyn stopped over to watch Survivor. While they were watching, I fixed the sun shield for the outdoor swing which had blown off in the strong winds last Friday.

Also, forgot to mention that Kevin, who bought Tommy's place on the condo attached to us, stopped in and told us that Kit had been back and forth between the hospital and rehab lately had passed away. Yikes! That makes 2 over there. She had only moved in 9 months ago and did not spend more than 3 months inside and the other 6 months she was elsewhere with her problems.

Up at 730 to check the radar and it was a no go for golf. Rain was not going to clear out till 1130am so I cancelled.

Made a trip to Lowes to get a new toilet seat and outdoor umbrella. We found what we needed and a couple of other items plus a hanging basket. Never had a toilet seat crack before.

Pitiful wagering at Keenland and Oaklawn today. Not even close.

At Loby's. Erin told us her grandfather 94 passed away when we were there with Ginny and John last week. The funeral was yesterday. Holy Crap. That's now 3 within the last month. Two neighbors and Erin's grandpa.

April 24 2025

Last night I realized my drivers license had expired on my birthday. Got moving quick over to BMV to renew it around 9am. We then went to the Y class. Pretty brutal today. Picked up some water for Jacob and headed to Kent. The ramp to 76 was closed so we ended up going thru Akron to Tallmadge then to 261 to Kent. Added about 10 min to the trip.

We got the laundry into the washer and had breakfast at the Wild Goat. Their prices are pretty high. Breakfast was \$13. Ouch!

Got the laundry in the dryer and took Jacob to stat care for his rash. Picked up the wash and dropped him off. Stopped at Stricklands for a waffle cone and headed home.

April 23 2025

We went to the Y class. Pretty easy today. Took all the paper recycle to the church. Picked up one of my prescriptions, then vegged the rest of the day. Not even close at Keenland today. Quit after 2 pick 3s. Lots of upsets.

We finished up the ham from Easter. It was pretty darn good stuff.

Had the board meeting here at 6pm. Earned my pay. Found an error in Kare accounting that could have cost us \$4k in taxes. They will fix it and rework the taxes.

Carolyn and Tim were fixing her roof tonight. Had a hole from an animal to patch. She will come over tomorrow for Survivor.

April 22 2025

Got out the house in record time (45minutes lol). Just made it to Mayfair in time to play with Chuck, Sam, Ray, a new guy, and one of the guys I worked with the last few years on VLA. Damned if I can recall his name right now. Disgusted with myself.

We played quickly. I shot 89 and was low by far with a 96 98 and 3 in the 100s.

Got home and got our nails cut at the foot dr. Feels really good right now. Then we got our

walk in as it was a nice day out.

April 21 2025

Oops. Looks like I missed 2 days. Saturday sister Catherine arrived. We fixed salad and spaghetti for dinner with Ginny and John also attending. Spent the evening chatting and watching Bob Ross paint.

Sunday we all went to 11am Mass. It was a very nice service. Carolyn started the dinner and the 5 of us were joined by Wes Carolyn Jacob Steve and Kathy. We had plenty of leftovers and I sent Steve and Kathy home with a lot of ham.

Poor Steve. He now needs his 2 front teeth, having them yanked out last week. Everyone was gone by 830. We watched some antiques roadshow and went to bed at 10.

I had trouble getting to sleep with all the food on my stomach even though I stopped snacking around 6pm. Couple of times I thought I was gonna yak it all up but I hung in there.

Lots of rain today. Catherine headed to Buffalo at 930. Ginny and John stopped over at 1030 and hung for lunch. They headed to the airport at 2pm to catch a 530 flight. We got the dishes done and straightened up some of the Easter stuff during the afternoon. Got to catch up on some sleep. Playing Mayfair way too early tomorrow at 845 with the Lockheed guys. I would expect the Monday group at Chippewa got rained out.

April 18 2025

Great day. Played well at Mayfair shooting 86. Everyone else was at 100 or above.

Got back and went to Loby's with Ginny and John. Way too noisy there at 4pm. A real zoo.

They stayed till 830 and headed back to the motel. Should see them sometime tomorrow.

April 17 2025

Great day. Started cold but warmed into the 60s. We finally got back to the Y and survived our first class in a couple of weeks. I do have a few sore muscles but not unexpected.

After class we picked up razor blades for Jacob and headed to Kent. He got some wash done and we ate Chinese Buffet again. Picked up a nice cranberry dish at Einsteins Attic. People moved into Scott's old place today.

Struck out at Keenland today. Lots of favorites won so payoffs were low.

April 16 2025

Still cold 40s and windy with a nasty wind chill. Got an early call and got the Nest Destruction Permit from ODNR. Hope it is in time.

Mary had an eye dr. appt at 1:15. They ran ½ hr late which was aggravating. Picked up some yogurt and some batteries. We vegged after that.

Did better at Keenland today. Missed only one race in the early pick 5. Damn 3/5 favorite was way back in second. Did hit the late pick 4 and doubled my money for the day.

April 15 2025

Back to cold and windy. Jenna brought over the new garbage disposal yesterday, I opened it up and found it had a plug instead of like the one I had which was direct wired. After much thought, I decided to put an outlet under the sink,

Went out and picked up a box. In order to put the box in, I had to pull out the crapped out disposal to have room to get in there and install the box. That was a chore crawling and reaching. It wasn't too bad though. Got out of there with nary a cramp.

Installing the new one on the sink fixture was easy as I used the old hanging drain fixture. First try I did not lock it in properly and it leaked. After I got it locked in, it took a couple of

tries to stop the leaks at the output into the sink drain. Total time 1 hr 45 min. That doesn't include prep time, cleanup, nor the trip to the hardware store for the box.

Played Parx yesterday and today. Missed the last pick 4 race both days. Aggravating.

April 14 2025

It was a good day. Decent temperature too. We went to the funeral mass for Laura at ST Mary's in Massillon. Built in 1876 it is awesomely beautiful. It is a combined parish now with 3 other churches. One can only hope it survives. Looks like some repairs are needed and that is bad.

We stopped for a few items at Acme, had lunch, and vegged. I worked on a 2024 HOA highlight document for the annual meeting. We did get our walk in since it was nice out.

April 13 2025

It was a good day. We were up by 830 and wiped everything down to kill germs. Off to church for Palm Sunday. It ran a little long so we skipped out at 1210. Carolyn and Tim were moving mulch to the back already.

Wes got there with the gang around 1pm while Tim had just started the burgers and dogs. We ate then opened presents and then the crew tackled the mulch. They made quick work of it. There were 6 bags left so I had Wes take them home with him.

Carolyn and Tim headed out. Wes and the gang went down to Goose Poop Lake to stretch their legs. Everyone was gone by 4pm and the party was over.

Mary and I watched the end of the Masters and got ready to go to calling hours for Laura. They will be from 7 to 9 tonight. Long day.

There will be no Y, no golf, nor a Red Hat lunch with us going to the 11am funeral for Laura.

April 12 2025

We slept in and we both felt good this morning. I think I am at 90% with still a little drainage to deal with. Lets see how I am doing tomorrow.

Not much went on till we headed to Kent so see Jacob. Stopped at BJ's for litter and met Jacob at 4pm. Got his laundry in the wash and then went to I76 Antique Mall to look around. I got Sue another chicken and some baskets. One for Catherine's Easter Basket.

Got the wash into the dryer and went for tacos in downtown Kent. Nice place, second time we ate there.

April 11 2025

Not a bad sleep but my fitbit said I was only 15% ready for the day. More mucus last night so I guess the germ fight has restarted. So far Mary is still healthy!

I laid low today and played Keenland with no luck. We did go out to pick up prescriptions and a couple of fish sandwiches, then back home to be shut ins,

I finished compiling the Maintenance walk thru items and sent the files out to the property manager and other board members. The property manager can get quotes and issue work orders now.

No response on the goose permit. That worries me a bit since Keith said it is usually quick. Maybe I checked the wrong boxes but I had to wing it since I had no guidance.

Going to visit Jacob tomorrow and then return for calling hours at the funeral home.. Hopefully he does not catch this cold.

April 10 2025

Tough time sleeping. Was thinking I had better get some stuff mailed out to the residents.

We need the proxy votes to make a quorum at the meeting. Slept till 830 so I did get 7 hrs in. Worked on 3 documents to send to the property manager and got it to him. Told him it needs to be mailed out by May 1.

Thought I was thru the cold but this morning I still had more congestion than I did last night so I took it easy again today. I would say I am at 80% and hope to improve by tomorrow.

Put together a folder on the Goose situation for the HOA while I am trying to get the permit for nest destruction. Then I continued to combine walk thru notes. I think I am past the halfway point.

Jacob made his first therapy appt today and has 3 more scheduled thru mid May. I hope to be able to take him to those and not be dealing with a physical problem like a cold or sciatica.

April 9 2025

Good thing I checked my emails. I had pushed the maintenance walk thru back an hour and a half but it didn't work for one guy so they all agreed to keep it at 11am. I had to quickly get dressed and ready for action. We started at 11 and ended around 2pm.

Wes stopped in to go to BJs and use our card to get some things for a work meeting. Mary went with him and I rested.

Jacob said he had a good day at work and was impressed with the other cooks and what they could do. Looks like this is his first time job in a first class kitchen. That is really good news.

April 8 2025

Last night I thought I was coming down with a cold and I was for sure. Lots of tissues last night. Went to bed early in an attempt to fight it off. Seems to have helped.

Tried to stay away from Mary and not give it to her. My guess is it was from the dance competition Saturday with all the filthy dirty little germ ridden school kids.

Had to cancel our trip to Kent, cancel our dinner with Rudy and Jane, and push back the maintenance walk tomorrow till it gets to be over 40 degrees.

Good grief. Can't seem to catch a break.

April 7 2025

Happy Birthday to me. We went to the Y and got a class in. After, we stopped and picked up some rutabaga for Easter and headed to BJs.

Filled up on gas then to the store to pick up lots of goodies and misc stuff. Thought I would be lucky with the lottery but that was not the case.

We got home and put away the groceries and vegged the rest of the day. I watched the Keenland races and put in a pick 4 that changed my luck for today. Paid out \$1100 on my \$30 ticket.

Jacob did his 2 classes and got a work schedule. There is a conflict Wednesday so he has to get that fixed. We will go up and take him for a haircut and have lunch there.

April 5 2025

Tough sleep again. Woke up to a call from Ron saying Barb next door had more garage issues. I told him he has to refer this stuff to the property manager. We can't handle 100 residents and solve their problems for them. Since it is a weekend there is no one to turn to. Told him he could authorize roto rooter if he felt it was an emergency. He decided to give Barb the option to wait till Monday or go ahead and risk paying it herself. That sucked up my first waking hour.

Then Jacob was frantic cause he had not slept and he wanted to sleep 2 hrs before his

work shift. Told him he would feel worse. Thankfully Carolyn had decided to head up there this morning so she was able to pry him out of bed and get him to work on time.

Finally got to do the pills. Mary wanted to know how to do it so we did it slowly and I wrote it down. Then Wes called and wanted to decide on the trip to the dance contest later (Kalix and Lincoln were in it). He had my car done at his local shop for \$358. Front brakes and rotors. Mr Tire wanted \$1200 for front and back. Really do not need back brakes anymore so the heck with those. Wes said the brakes worked well and braking did not make the Ford shake anymore. Sweet!

We went to the dance contest and were back home by 6pm. Long and stressful morning.

April 4 2025

Played Fox Den cart path only and that wore me out. Lots of wet spots and some waterlogged places. Ended up walking 3.2 miles on a sore heel. Just got to get some inserts for those golf shoes. We were exhausted.

Was ok with the driver and putting but topped quite a few irons and hybrids by not staying over the ball plus some look ups. That was disappointing. So was my wedge play. Everything was short.

We went for fish at St George's. It was good. We met Vicky and her daughter who paid her a surprise visit from Florida today.

Jacob was silent today. Always worry when that happens. Very unsettling. He has been getting a lot of hate text recently. We have told him countless times to block the haters and stop texting cause it just makes it worse. He never listens and just keeps getting more. Boy has no sense.

April 3 2025

Busy day. I got the driver shaft switched out with the one Bill loaned me. Washed out my trunk liner from some spilled detergent. Got the clubs in the trunk for tomorrow.

I saw Laura's brother out there so we exchanged phone numbers. I asked about the lung cancer. The doctors believe it was due to all the radiation she received during her 3x cancer recoveries, and even if they caught it early, there was nothing they could do about it. I did not know that could even happen. OMG she had a tough life.

At 1pm, I got my implant finished up (screwed in) and got a battery for the Toyota key fob. We went to Lobys for pizza. Got back and we got the scooter ready for a new tire. When Carolyn get here she almost got the tire on by herself. My hands just are not strong enough anymore. Scooter is up and running.

Jacob is working a long shift 3pm to 930pm. I will take the scooter back this weekend.

April 2 2025

Very poor sleep last night. Getting to be much too common. I was getting ready to head to Kent when Carolyn saved me and said she would do it. I went back to bed and got another 90 min sleep. Sure felt better after that.

Carolyn got Jacob to his Psychiatrist meeting and then to his work shift. He wanted to be weaned off of Prozac, and that is what they are going to do. Goes back in 2 weeks. I am a bit worried. Not going to be an easy transition.

Eye is still puffy but mostly better. We headed to the Hope Mission meeting. They had Refuse of Hope present. Wow do they do great work. They have 66 beds, provide lunch 4 days and dinner all week, have a walk in clinic, free clothes and spiritual counseling.

We hurried out of that to our doctors appointments. Those went well. We are mostly healthy.

Saw Laura's obit and wrote a note in the guest book. Calling hrs are April 13 with a funeral on the 14th.

April 1 2025

I was planning the HOA meeting and was informed neighbor Laura was already gone. Not surprised. The family likely compassionately pulled the plug. RIP Laura.

Eye is still puffy but slightly better. Stayed home and vegged. Did not to scare those at the Y.

Need to get to Kent early tomorrow to take Jacob to his Psych appointment and then get him to his work shift at the Bell Tower Brewery.

March 31 2025

Finally this miserable month is over. I did finally get a good night sleep by heading to bed at 9pm exhausted. Unfortunately all that sleep on one side of my face blocked some drainage and I had a very puffy right eye. I quickly got an eye Dr appt later in the day and he suggested warm cloths 2x a day. He said to apply heat and massage the cheek. That is where the drainage channels reside.

Got the final bad news for the month and it was bad. News came that neighbor Laura wasn't coming home. She is now heavily sedated and incubated in the ICU with advanced lung cancer. All I can picture is seeing Mary's brother Jim in a similar situation the day before the plug was pulled on the respirator. I still can't talk about it without breaking up even though it was a few years ago. Worst thing I had ever seen.

Jacob is doing OK. Carolyn thinks he might have just taken some Xanax and needed to sleep it off. He has work shifts Wednesday thru Sunday totaling 22.5 hrs so he won't be totally broke anymore. That was really weighing on him.

March 30 2025

Another tough sleep night, 3 in a row now. We had breakfast and went to church. Stopped at Acme to get some frosting for the cake we made for Kalix yesterday. Picked up some other stuff too. No news on a party day or time.

Rain most of the day kept us in.

Jacob was txtng me last night about possible moves ahead. Told him to get his degree, a job, and the insurance that goes with a good job. He will be off dad's in a year and will need is own. He kind of went silent today so not sure what he is up to. The added stress is not good.

March 29 2025

Tough sleep night but by 845am, I had my 7 hrs in. We had breakfast and went to HD to pick up mulch. Poor kid there was loading cars and trucks by himself. He will sleep good tonight. We made 2 trips for our 32 cu ft. We stacked them in the garage for whenever the mulch party is.

Saw Vicky walking. She stopped for a bit and we made plans for next Friday fish fry. We did head out on our own walk just to enjoy the warm weather.

Glad we saved the pirogi from last night. It went good with our left over tacos for dinner.

Jacob worked his second day shift at the Bell Tower Brewing Company. Sounds like he likes it there. It's in an old church in Kent.

March 28 2025

We got the Easter decorations out and cleaned the guest room up. Got the baskets out and decorated.

Went to St Joe's for fish dinner. They give you a ton of food but I have had better fried fish. The church was closed, so we did not get to see it.

Jacob has more scooter problems. Sounds like the battery.

March 27 2025

Decided to skip the Y one more time and let the body heal a bit more. Checked with Jacob and he was free, so we went up and dropped off the scooter I had replaced the tire on and took his to replace the worn tire on that. So he has the first unit purchased and I now have the refurbished unit purchased directly from Segway as a backup.

We went for Taco's and they were good. Steve missed out again; he claimed not enough notice.

The dog walker was over at Laura's. We went over and asked how she was doing. She didn't know other than Laura had a collapsed lung and they had 13 people waiting on a hospital room.

March 26 2025

Weird day. Yesterday I txt neighbor and board member Laura and she said her sister in law arrived and took her to the ER because of her breathing problems. This morning she said she was waiting for a bed in the hospital while in the ER. They want to look at her lungs so that isn't a good omen.

Then an ambulance came and stopped 3 driveways away and they put someone in a stretcher and hauled them out of here. Later on we helped with a funeral lunch.

Carolyn stopped over for Survivor. She was late because she had a brush fire in her yard and the fire department was out to put it out. Neighbor is gonna be in trouble since there is a no fire ban in effect.

March 25 2025

Had some real pain inside thigh to knee from my groin pain. Worse than usual. Been bugging me for 2 weeks now. Decided to skip Y, rest, and take ibuprofen. Good move. Felt better as the day went on. Hopeful for tomorrow.

We went to Walmart for food and some items for the Hope Mission next month. We are donating to Refuge of Hope. Found 2 pair of shorts for \$30 and some clearance shirts for St Patricks day. Got back and rested and felt improved all day.

Got a call for a funeral tomorrow. We will do that at 11:30.

Jacob got a job offer today! Great news.

March 24 2025

Forgot to post yesterday. Yesterday we went to see Jacob. I took the Ford to Wes so he could drop it off and get the brakes done. Wes went up to Kent with us. We saw the apartment, did the laundry, and had the Chinese buffet. Looked at the scooter. I will have to exchange scooters and replace the tire on his. It is worn bare. 60 Minutes was late due to the basketball and before we know it, it was past bedtime.

Today we did the Y. My sciatica is still an issue but I struggled through it. Vegged the rest of the day watching the stock market have an up day for a change. We did work on the puzzle as well. We are getting close on that.

Carolyn called about changing insurance. It was a no brained saving \$600.

March 22 2025

I got 9 hrs and 45 min of sleep last night. I was exhausted after 2 nights hounded with sciatica. Was in bed for 12 hrs though. It was great!

We got ready and went to a funeral for Mike Sullivan, an old neighbor who lived close by in Uniontown. It was held at Holy Spirit where Lockheed golf buddy Chuck Ivan is a Deacon. I made sure to go up for a blessing from him; told him I couldn't pass that up.

Talked to 2 of the kids. one was in Carolyn's classes. Brenda and Pat from the hood also went. Brenda drove.

I got to calling my sciatica pain – the trump pain. It mostly occurs in the right side of my ass, so it is a pain in my ass just like Trump. I told Brenda that and she went on and on for 10 minutes ranting about him. She said if we had had a neighbor like him, we would have run him out of town. Like me, she also believes he is indeed the devil himself.

March 21 2025

Another Zombie day with only 5 hrs sleep. Sciatica kept me up again. To add to that, the furnace wasn't working properly. It was on but the blower wasn't pushing the air thru the house. Eventually, I had the thought that the filter might be the problem. I pulled it out and things went back to normal.

We went out to pick up some stuff for Jacob, get a new furnace filter, and find something for Kalix birthday. We got a merv 8 filter for large particles only. The merv 12 for large medium and small particles was holding the air back (my thought). It worked great.

We went to Troy's Toy store. Wow. Never seen so many lego items. We ended up getting a gift certificate cause it was just too much to pick from. I pity the fool that takes her there to look around. May take hours.

Got myself some salon patches. Seemed to work for a couple of hours so I hope I can sleep tonight.

Checked with neighbor Laura who has been having trouble with O2 with a virus. They did a CT scan and now want to look into her lungs and do a brain PET scan. None of that sounds good.

March 20 2025

Finally caught on that my blog dates were off, so I renumbered back to Sunday. Not sure why I did not post last Saturday?

Zombie day with only 5 hrs sleep. Sciatica kept me up. Finally had to take 2 Aleve at 2 in the morning. We were fasting and headed to the doctors for a blood draw at 10am. Picked up a donut for breakfast.

At 1pm I went over and the dentist scanned my mouth with a wand to get a computer model of my teeth. No more goopy impressions. Pretty cool software needed for the free hand scanning of the mouth. Has to match up each movement with something already recorded and append to that. I should have the final implant in 2 weeks.

I tried napping but had no luck. Tonight I will start with the Aleve.

March 19 2025

We did the Y class today. My sciatica wasn't too bad but it was noticeable. Mary stayed for the yoga class and went to Swensons with Brenda. When Mary got home, we went to pick up prescriptions and buy some coffee and a few other items.

I researched the rodent deterrent and sent it to the HOA manager. They sell metal strips you put under the bottom of your siding to keep them from getting in under the siding. About \$400 for 160 linear ft. Installation labor would be at least \$1000 I would guess. I had proposed this for one unit owner that is having issues.

Checked with Jacob today. He is still spending too much and running up his credit card balance. Unsustainable. I was giving him a talking to, being careful not to depress him about his situation. Sounded like his team was doing great in his Business Consulting class. His team of 8 is trying to bring a family restaurant into this Century and improve their business.

March 18 2025

I was off to play Sable Creek this morning while Mary held down the fort and did some laundry.

It was only 40 degrees at the start and everyone struggled the first few holes. I came alive

and finished the front 6 over after being 5 over after 3. Two birdies and a par helped. On the back I had 4 pars but a 6 on a par 3 kept me at 43 on the back for an 85 total. Denny was at 94 Bill 100 and Dick at 101. We did play quickly. I remembered my iron swing and to follow thru with my putting stroke rather than slapping at it. That got me on track. Still struggling with the hybrids though.

Wes said his guy could do my front brakes and rotors for \$300. Sweet. Jacob had his interview yesterday and a doctor appt today. Finally got to see a Psychiatrist.

Had the HOA meeting today. It went pretty smooth. Laura finally made the meeting via a phone call. She has some virus so I did not want her here. She couldn't get Teams working so she just called via phone and was just on the audio.

March 17 2025

We wore our green to the Y. I had to go easy today. Groin and hip pain, so I skipped a couple of the exercises. Afterwards we went to Acme for a couple of items.

Around 1pm I went to Mr Tire to get an estimate on brakes. The Ford has had a little front end shake when the brakes are applied, but it seems worse lately, especially at high speeds. I think the rotors may be warped. The guy there said yeah, it would be more noticeable at higher speeds.

Their quote was crazy. \$1100 for front and back including rotors and drums. Their part prices were almost double what I saw at Autozone. The good news is he said my front end was solid. They had all the parts and tires in the green too. \$1100 is nuts if everything is in the green? Wes said his guy can do the front for \$300. Sweet.

Got back and I put out the new solar path lights. They look good.

Jacob had an interview at Steak-eeze in Kent. Didn't seem too enthused. He has another on Thursday.

March 16 2025

Storms all day long. We were up and moving early. Picked up Jacob at 930am and we went to the Great Lakes Science Center. I thought it was an OK place. Jacob enjoyed it. There was a lot there for kids and a lot for adults. The adult stuff was pretty complicated stuff though. Lots of hands on stuff but they didn't really have much explanation for what you were seeing.

We stayed about 3 hrs then found an Olive Garden for dinner on the way home. We got back around 430pm.

Jacob has a couple of job interviews this week. Hope they work out.

March 14 2025

Another beautiful day! Played an ugly round at Sable Creek. Front nine was worse 48 with 2 water balls. Remembered all my bad habits. On the back nine, I steadied but poor putting kept me at 45. Putting sadly cost me 6 on the back. Kept blowing it by the hole too far. Will try again Tuesday.

We went to Lobys for fish. Pretty busy there today as people are coming out of their hibernation. After a short rest we got out and walked.

March 13 2025

Another beautiful day! We went to the Y for the Tabata class. It was rough because I still had sore muscles from earlier this week. Got home and did a lot of groaning every time I got up.

After a short rest we went to Ollies to buy some good stuff cheap. Got lots of Easter candy and stuff. Also a nice suitcase for \$50 to replace the one that broke on our Savannah trip.

Going to go on a road trip Sunday. Great Lakes Science Center with Jacob.

Worked on a couple HOA things this afternoon. Another HOA Board meeting next Tuesday.

March 12 2025

Another beautiful day! We went to the Y. Mary stayed and Brenda brought her home after Yoga.

Around 2pm I went to the implant guy and they uncovered the implant screw so the regular guy can make me a tooth for the implant. Why the regular guy could not do that is beyond me.

We finished up some left overs for dinner. Wes sent some pics from Dayton where Z was doing the robotic competition. He said Z's team did not do well. Nothing new other than that.

March 11 2025

Another beautiful day! Played Fox Den with the boys. Had a smooth swing, stayed over the ball, made a good turn and hit it well. Even made a couple of putts! 41-43= 84 the first time out was very encouraging. Hope to keep on doing what I did today.

Mary was busy with the wash. I usually walk with her but today my heels are sore from being on my feet all day.

Picked up a Subway for dinner. The Subway place was hopping. I believe it is back in favor because of very reasonable prices.

Jacob got to the gym in his complex today. No luck in job hunting, but he did get an appointment in the Falls for a psychiatrist in 2 weeks.

"St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan Trump, and all his evil cronies, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen"

March 10 2025

Beautiful day! We went to the Y. Mary stayed for the yoga class with Brenda and then Brenda and her went to the Red Hat meeting at Rockne's. That's always good.

Jacob was up when I got back. Got his clothes out of the driver and later took a walk in the balmy temps. I think it was in the low 60s.

Carolyn picked him up after work and taking Don home from the car repair shop. His truck sounded like it was toast. Not sure if he will repair or just scrap it. Jacob is back in Kent tonight.

He is having a hard time getting an appointment at a Psychiatrist. Always has to leave messages. He needs his meds adjusted and they are the best ones to do it.

March 9 2025

The snow melted and it turned out to be a nice day. We did church, and settled in to watch the last 2 episodes of Zero Day on Netflix. We watched the first 4 last night. Excellent!

Vicky stopped over for almost an hour so we had to watch the last 40 min after she left. After the show we did our walk.

Surprise surprise, Carolyn stopped in and dropped off Jacob for the night. He was supposed to stay at Don's tonight but apparently had forgotten and was in no shape to host a guest; having consumed too much alcohol. I don't know what else can say other than wow.

Took another look at Jacob's finances and pointed out some mistakes he made this week. I am going to stay on top of this every week till he gets the hang of it and stops screwing up. Reminded him he needs to freeze his credit and cancel one account. He continued his online job hunting. Needs one very soon.

Tomorrow is yet another day.

March 8 2025

Oh my, we got 4-5 inches of wet snow last night. It didn't stick on the roads though. We had nothing on the agenda so we went with some cleaning. I scrubbed out the tub which did not get much attention with our colds and Mary's foot issues lately. BTW, her foot is good as new, but we check it every couple of days.

Mary got some wash done and we will cook spaghetti later tonight.

I did not sleep very well and was up early sending Jacob some pointers on his financial duties. He is still learning about the dangers of credit cards and how to handle them. Need a job very soon and he is looking.

He found a missed reminder to complete his FASFA for next semester and schedule classes. He did get the FASFA in. Better late than never. Hopefully he will be able to schedule the fall classes he needs to graduate in December. Might be difficult as it is spring break next week. Not sure if he will spend the next few days here as of yet.

Was thinking last night about the fact that no one asks for our help anymore. Guess it's because we are getting old and feeble. I can see why a lot of old people volunteer often. Still want to do some worthwhile things. Not wanting to just sit in a chair all day and waste away.

Got to spring the clocks ahead tonight.

March 7 2025

We took our recycle stuff in, picked up my prescription, and spent a ton At BJ's. Got gas for 2.08 since I spent 125+ last week on the new rug and other stuff.

Today we picked up a few items for Jacob. Adding some stuff for the Veteran collection and the Church food bank, we went over that this week.

After resting, we went to Lobys for the fish and it was good as usual. Maybe a tad overcooked this week.

Denny got us a tee time for Tuesday as we will hit a warm spell next week. He said he hit a large bucket the other day and was totally whipped. What was he thinking?

Jacob said he went on a scooter ride with Carlos. We hope he is going to be a good influence on him.

March 6 2025

Not much going today. Jacob did some school work, looked for jobs, and hung out till Carolyn got off work, then headed back to Kent for a few days. I expect he will be back soon, as it's spring break next week.

I worked on a few items for the HOA. Working on a letter encouraging people to sign up for the board. Board members are elected in June but we need to work on people ahead of that.

March 5 2025

We got going on the cheesy potato at 930 and they were done early. Jacob went to the rec center for an hour.

At noon we went to church for ashes and then to the Hope Mission meeting at 1pm. Many came over with questions about if the potato was frozen and we sent the recipe to one person who asked. Everyone brought their favorite prayer and there were discussion

groups of 5. Believe it or not, I volunteered to lead one group.

We got home and cooked up chicken with the broccoli inside. Jacob wanted 2 and I didn't think he could eat both but he did and then some.

Carolyn came over to watch Survivor.

March 4 2025

We got to the Y for the 930 tabata class. I was whipped at 30 min since we have not done this for at least 2 weeks. Struggled for the last 15 min.

Took Jacob to the Stark campus rec center. He always liked their facility. There usually is no one there so the machines are mostly open. He was able to get his Huntington account closed. Tried to get a dentist appt at a place where he already missed the first one. They said no can do. Find someone else. No surprise there.

Carolyn stopped over on her way to an errand. They might do a short hike since it's really nice out.

March 3 2025

Not such a good sleep last night. Headed to the Y for the first time in 2 weeks. It was a good workout. Several said they missed us. Mary stayed for the yoga class with Brenda. She was bumming around with her till 4pm. Finally got Brenda her xmas gifts. The mechanical hound dog scared the crap out of her.

Both tax returns were accepted. So after I picked up some stamps I sent in their blood money. Will have to remember to have them hold more next IRA withdrawal.

Carolyn picked up Jacob and is bringing him here for 2 weeks. His class for Tuesday and Wednesday were canceled so he has nothing to do for 2 weeks. Maybe he can find some part time work to keep him busy.

March 2 2025

We both got a good 8 hr sleep last night. Headed to church and lit 2 candles. One for Bailey. Did some wash when we got home and put away some of the travel items that Carolyn had borrowed.

Finally finished my taxes and owe \$3100. Federal was accepted. Ohio should follow soon.

At least Europe is standing behind Ukraine; unlike the devil himself, baby trump. I am disgusted with all Republicans or anyone else that stands behind this jackass.

Looks like I will need to keep the TV off all day Wednesday. I would be in grave danger of bursting a blood vessel listening to his BS. He will likely set a new record for lies to the American Congress in one single speech.

March 1 2025

Glad that this miserable February is done and gone. You have likely heard me say before that not a single good thing ever happens in February. This past one was no different.

Carolyn got back from Jamaica late last night and came to take Jacob to Kent tonight. She took him to Huntington to clear his bank balance and came back. We went over the financial game plan to straighten him out and reviewed what needed to be done in the short term to get him back on track.

He needs more grief counseling and a psychiatrist to adjust his meds. Have to decide how much time he spends in Kent and how much time he spends here for the near future.

We went to Walmart to pick up an HDD drive for computer backup. The flash drives take way too long. Got 2TB for \$62. Walmart let me down today. I would have bet money they would have a simple sugar bowl. Nope. They has a butter dish and salt pepper shakers but no sugar bowl. Also picked up some stuff for cheesy potatoes for the Wednesday Hope Mission meeting.

February 28 2025

Jacob slept in till 1030. Got him up and cooked his pancake.

We almost forgot about Mary's hair appt. We remembered just in time and I hustled her over to the appt at 10:30. We picked her up just after 12pm and headed to BJs to pick out a new rug. We had Jacob take a look at the packaged food so we could bring him some next time or in the future.

We put down the new rug and, a little later, headed to Loby's for fish.

Carolyn will be traveling home today. She plans to pick Jacob up tomorrow and take him back to Kent.

February 27 2025

Jacob slept in till 11. Got him up and he took his laundry up. Then we started to replace the battery on his laptop.

Vicky called and asked us to watch Penny while she went to the stat care. She had a nasty bump or bite on her lower shin and wanted it to be looked at. Mary kept an eye on Penny.

We got stuck on the laptop because we did not have a screwdriver small enough to get a few screws out. Called the geek squad and got a 2pm appt to do it. The guy there was real nice. They couldn't promise to get it done in time but suggested we get a precision tool kit. That worked like a charm and we got it done. Charge was at 71% and the charger wouldn't charge it any higher. Fortunately the old charger I have seemed better and now he is good to go.

Vicky picked up her dog and we were off to Lobys for pizza. Today is now all over but the shouting.

February 26 2025

The HOA meeting went smooth last night and we headed to Kent to pick up Jacob after his class.

Today we worked on his banking issues and almost got it done. Some items to work on tomorrow but not many. Going to put the new battery into his laptop. Got to be careful with that.

We took him for his class tonight and had some Canes chicken while we waited. Did a little shopping in Dollar General and then picked him up. Another long day.

February 25 2025

Not a much of a happy birthday for Jacob. We did have cake and ice cream after dinner though. Beth took him to class at 4pm.

He is feeling poorly today. I helped him straighten out his finances this afternoon. We are almost done but there is more to do tomorrow. Always wondered how people get out of high school having no financial common sense. It's a travesty.

HOA Meeting starts in 15 min. Once that is over we can drive to Kent to pick him up after class. Long day.

February 24 2025

Got Jacob to class at 11am. Beth returned him here after his last class finished early. No worse for the wear.

We picked up a bunch of stuff at BJs and GE. First real grocery run since we got back. Then we whipped up some meatloaf and ate around 4pm. It was good.

Beth will take Jacob to Kent around 4pm for his late class. I will need to pick him up at 815 after the February HOA meeting.

February 23 2025

We did church online today. Jacob wasn't up to it so we stayed to keep an eye on him. He got a lot of hate mail blaming him for Bailey's OD. My take is the 5 stages of grief include anger and that is part of the process. Told him to block those people. Not going to go into any details in the blog. It's all very sad.

Carolyn's friend Beth went to Kent to give the family the car keys and brought back Jacob's cat. That should help. Also got him texting with a grief councilor which also helped.

I will take him up to Kent for class and Beth agreed to bring him back here after classes from 11 till 5 pm.

February 22 2025

Oh my. Carolyn was heading to Jamaica for the week early today, but called late last night asking if Jacob could stay here a few days. She said he was fine, but needed support. He got here sometime overnight and has not be up yet so we do not have any details as to what happened yesterday.

Carolyn called between flights and said his close friend Bailey OD and didn't make it. We will be helping guide him in dealing with his grief this week. Hope to get him back to Kent Monday thru Wednesday for classes and he can stay here the rest of the week. Perhaps get him signed up for grief counseling somewhere. That is my plan so far.

February 21 2025

Got a good sleep and was up at 7am. Not much doing today. Mary got the rest of the wash done and I decided to go to go get a haircut from the local guy.

We went to Lobys and the fish was good. The lady we usually sit by put a new zipper in my Fort Niagara jacket. Wasn't perfect but it got the job done. Amazing how the old metal zippers are so superior to the plastic junk they use these days. Bought them a drink, so it cost me around \$7 for the fix.

Mary started a squirrel puzzle. Wish it was in a cage though.

February 20 2025

Back home and very tired from not sleeping very good last night and getting up at 530 to catch the flight home. Flight was good and on time. Carolyn picked us up and went back to work.

After unpacking Mary has been busy with the laundry. I have been dozing off, reading the mail, etc, but am mostly zombie like all day.

Stock market wasn't kind today. I did pick up some more Hood while it was down. Likely pick up some Zoom tomorrow per the paid stock line I got on the cheap awhile back. Nothing planned for tomorrow except for fish at Lobys.

Glad to be home.

February 19 2025

Weather was spot on. Rained from 8am till 3pm. We started out at 930 to the Tanger Outlets. Started out with a Krispy Kreme donut and coffee with no rush to walk thru the drizzle.

Found the Sketcher store and got me some new shoes and Mary too. My regular shoes have no tread on them and were dangerous in the snow, so I needed something safer. Not sure I will have room for the old ones on the way back. We picked up a small tote to help with packing and Mary got a new Michael Kors purse. It's a little on the small side but should work most of the time.

Watched the market. My stocks were down today. Looking for a place to eat, I found a

menu to Sweet Potato Kitchen. Looked diverse so we went there. Great choice! We had homemade pot roast and it sure was good.

In a half an hour or so, we will hit the hot tub one more time, then shower and pack up for a 6am departure for the airport. Nasty weather so there may be some long delays tomorrow. Hope not.

February 18 2025

Was much nicer than projected. Got up to 60 and we just had light jackets on. Wasn't sure what to do today. After breakfast decided to go to Old Fort Jackson. First built under Jefferson to protect the coast, and updated for the war of 1812 then again for the civil war. A small outfit runs it with a skeleton crew. Not very impressive but it was interesting enough.

Next we went to town to see the city market shops. It was very nice. We did find cookies and fudge and had a large chicken salad for lunch. It was very good. Decided to skip the railroad museum as we were pretty tired by then. Every day we poop out earlier than the last day. Tomorrow may be a bust with rain. We shall see.

Not sure how we gonna eat all that fudge. I hope we find room for it to pack and take home.

My stocks were up again today. God provides for those in need. Makes me wonder what my need will be. Hope it is to help others.

February 17 2025

Cold snap pushed way south. Started off at 40 but did get to 55. Best to be in the sun today. We were going to Tybee Island today but glad I saw Fort Pulaski and put that into the gps. It's a National Park site and it was first class. From 10-11 we got a walk about tour that ended in the fort. Then a sit down tour about how they built the fort. What an amazing design! As an example, they pounded 1 ft pine trees straight into the ground too have a base strong enough to hold up the fort walls on this marshy island. I could tell the guide was an engineer before retiring. Thoroughly enjoyed it.

We then went over to Fort Screven and the lighthouse. To park, I had to download an App and use my credit card to pay \$8 for 2 hrs. We walked to the lighthouse. I complained about the parking and the girl said their lot was free. That ticked me off and I decided to not pay to see the lighthouse closer. We walked to the beach and walked the beach for a mile.

We stopped at a small shack and I had shrimp and Mary had fish and chips. We went to a small shop area in the center of town. Walked the street but 2/3 the shops were closed. I forgot you had to pay and I saw the meter lady checking. Might have got by since I may have had some time left at the other site. Good luck collecting anything from me.

We were going to stop for ice cream on the way out of town but there was only paid parking. We left without any ice cream. A pox on that town. Most unfriendly tourist trap I have ever seen anywhere.

Unfortunately I watched the news at 6pm. In less than 30 days, Trump has pissed off every single one of our allies with the exception of Israel and Russia. Oops, Russia is the USA's enemy or was till Trump took office. This is the re-kindling of the Trump-Putin love fest. God help us.

February 16 2025

Holy Crap! We headed off to Amelia Island this morning, 2 hrs south to see Carolyn's BFF Jenny. Drove through a monsoon. The thing was blowing the car around and at times I could hardly see. Pretty scary stuff. I did stop once for 10 minutes.

It was great to see Jenny. She has a nice place. We went over to the island and drove through the downtown but we never got a chance to walk thru it because of the

continuous rain. We ended up going to a restaurant closest to where we could find a parking spot so we wouldn't get too wet.

We had a great lunch and caught up. Went to the beach and the rain held off long enough for us to pick up 3 shells, then the rain started and semi soaked us. Dropped Jenny off and headed back and of course the sun started coming out. Back at 430, so we headed down to the pool and relaxed there and spent 25 min in the hot tub. So nice!

Showered and watched 60 minutes. OMG, I got sick to my stomach watching them call out what Trump was doing. It's all very depressing.

February 15 2025

Crap day with drizzle and temps in the 60s. The trolly tour was nice and so was the river cruise but with the rain you could not go outside for long. Started at 11 am and we were done at 3pm.

After we got back we did a short tour of the Savannah History Museum. That was a bit small but we were there so we went thru it.

Hustled back and went to 5pm Mass at a small Catholic Church nearby and then had some good BBQ for dinner.

Heading down to Amelia Island tomorrow to see Jenny.

February 14 2025

Lots of delays Thursday for our flight. We didn't get unpacked till 11 and to bed at midnight. Long long day yesterday.

Last night I set up a walking tour for today and a trolly/river cruise for Saturday. We went to a ship museum at 1030 in Savannah but had to hurry back to the hotel to charge my phone. All the tickets were on it and I needed a charge. Back at the hotel I looked up where they hid the usb port and brought a cable so I could charge in the car.

The walking tour was OK. Half of it was interesting and the other half was a bunch of filler. The St John the Baptist church at the end was a wow. We went in and lit candles for my mom, Brother Jim Maloney, and niece Bonnie.

Stopped for pizza downtown before heading back. The pool was awesome body temperature and the hot tub divine later on.

February 12 2025

No posts last night. Headed to bed after Oak Island and just plain forgot. Yesterday we went to the Y class. Had thought about going to Kent but Jacob was under the weather.

Today we started getting ready for our trip and did some packing, but we don't leave till 3 for the airport tomorrow. Might do some more packing after this early post.

We did go to Kent today. Dropped off a few items, Jacob got laundry done, and we ate chicken at Canes. We looked for a couch at the Restore but not much there. Got home ahead of the bad weather.

Had to switch the garage opener to the new WiFi and the Nest Home as well. Still need to switch the printer over when I can get to it.

I called Spectrum to cancel and it only took 10 minutes. I was amazed. Of course they told me they could beat the T-Mobile price of \$65. That's typical for many companies. They jack the price up, rip you off, and then are sorry when you leave and said they could have dropped your price below what ever you tell them.

Doubt if I will post tomorrow with the afternoon flight to Savannah.

February 10 2025

No posts last night due to the late Superbowl. Finally got to bed at midnight. Hot damn!

The team I was rooting for won. I wanted the Eagles to just crush KC and they sure did. KC was helpless. The only showed Taylor swift once and the devil himself once. Kathy Gagola painted her nails green and that helped too. KC was stomped, tromped, and totally beaten. KC was pathetic.

The Eagles should thank the fans all over the country for complaining about all the breaks the refs have given KC all year and throughout the playoffs. They didn't get those this time.

Had hoped Jacob and Wes/family would come. Jacob thought he was catching something and Zander was sick. Neither came. Ed's cheesy potatoes were a big hit. We had food for 12 or more but the 4 of us could not eat it all. Sent Steve and Kathy home with a couple meals each, froze some for Jacob and kept 2 for ourselves.

We got a Y class in this morning. Mary stayed for chair yoga and Brenda brought her home. Mostly watched the market the rest of the day. Some of the clean up for last night was left so we got that done.

February 8 2025

We got the pills filled for the week and then made the cheesy potatoes from Ed's recipe. They turned out great and it was very simple to make.

We straightened up for tomorrow and then watched as the rain came in and froze on the trees cars grass and bushes. Very nasty.

At 530 we headed over to Mel's to meet up and travel to the Anglemans reverse raffle. Everything was iced except the roads. Everyone knew this was coming so they had the salt trucks out.

Was great to see JohnT, Mel, Joann, and the Webbers. We were all in close to the end. The last 30 numbers. With the sideboard numbers I had 5 chances out of 30 to win something. Our name went out at #25 and my other numbers went out quickly. Just my luck. Mary did win a loaf of bread wen they called her birthday.

We made it home OK but not until 11pm. Long day with no luck.

February 7 2025

We got started on cooking for the SB party since we would be busy tomorrow. Today we made the sloppy joes and the rutabaga. Thought we had tomatoes but no. Another store trip this morning. We were done by noon.

Vegged awhile then to Lobys for fish at 2pm. Got a call for prescription pickup. Foot Dr prescribed a different gel for her. Since we were out and I had \$5 off ice cream we stopped at Brewsters. I got me a cone and Mary had the hot fudge.

Helped Jacob edit one of his written assignments over the phone around 7pm. It was due at midnight. Asked Wes what time the kids were coming tomorrow. Z was sick so everything is off for tomorrow except Angelman's reverse raffle tomorrow evening.

February 6 2025

We went over to Vickys and I got the pilot light on her hot water tank going. Somehow it went out while she was visiting her daughter in Florida for a week. Then it was off to the Y.

Once back, I finished setting up the T-Mobile internet. Had to call again to get HULU home reset to the proper place. Everything is up and running. Will be saving \$636 a year but will lose the phone.

Jenna came over to do her taxes. We did the Green one but setting up the IRS account, she was missing her license. We will have to do that at a later time.

TTW has some daily ridiculous new idea every single day. Makes me wonder if each day is a diversion to hide some other activity they want to downplay. I think that would be

Musk dismantling some government agency.

February 5 2025

Still having trouble getting to sleep but I got 7 hrs in by 830. We got ready for the retiree lunch and got there before 1030. Mary and I split an order of beef stew and it was very good as usual.

Hogan, Feldman, Messner, John R, and Dick were there. John R lost his house in a house fire and will rebuild. Pretty much all these old geezers with the exception of Dick and I still live in a big house.

We got home and worked on puzzle and laundry and staying warm.

The TTW is proposing we take over the Gaza Strip. OMG, what is the lunatic thinking now?

February 4 2025

Hard to sleep last night so I rolled over at 7am and slept till 930. Too late for the Y class. So we got up and I got ready for the dentist at 1130.

Dentist worked longer than expected on getting my partial right. Maybe 45 min. Finally walked out with my 2 front teeth I was wishing for at Christmas time.

Met Rudy and Jane for dinner. Dinner was real good once again. Palumbo's has good food. Got to try out my new teeth. Pretty weird chewing with them on. Hopefully I will get used to it. Will see how much it helps but at least I don't look like a hillbilly anymore.

Jackass TTW gave Elon Musk access to the US Treasury date. Holy crap. Only a lunatic would do that. And only a small subset of lunatics would do that. God help us.

February 3 2025

We went to the Y today. Good workout and a big crowd. Was over 50 today so we walked later on. Lots of plow damage. I stopped and put something like 12 plow sticks back in the ground. Sent the photos to Sam for reference.

We started another puzzle of 300pc; should go quick.

Dufus TTW put on tariffs then delayed them. No telling what he gonna do next. Stock guy was saying how is a company going to do any planning when he changes his mind on a daily basis. Oh, we better build a plant in the US; wait now we don't; oops we better; oops who knows.

February 2 2025

We went to church. Father Benson is back from Nigeria. He lost a tooth so will be at my dentist tomorrow. I saw the dentist in the back of the church today. He did recognize me and I met his family. That was very nice I think. Either that or he is planning his next vacation on me.

Mary's foot is looking great good. Will be checking twice a day to make sure. She uses a hospital quality wash and using erythromycin when we look at it.

We went to Kent today. Dropped off some items and got him a gas card so him and his friend can look for jobs. They are both out of jobs and broke so I helped out. Hope he finds a job soon. Both for money and to keep him busy and out of trouble.

Didn't watch any news today so no telling what the Train Wreck is up to. I am sure he is spouting off with untruths of some kind.

February 1 2025

Looks like February sucks too. Cooled down but warmer tomorrow. Jacob had a rough night at work. He is gonna need a new job. Young boss isn't paying attention to the

proper health grill cleaning and sanitation and yelling at him for doing so on his own. Kept him and I from proper sleep last night. Tried to catch up during the day but no luck. Based on what he said, I certainly won't be eating at that Chipotle again.

Mary's foot is looking great lately. Will be checking twice a day to make sure. She uses a hospital quality wash and using erythromycin when we look at it.

We were supposed to go to Kent today but pushed it back a day based on his request. Mid afternoon, we went to Acme to pick up stuff for Super Bowl party Sunday and something to eat for today.

On the TTW front, my old grade school buddy Greg says he is doing the head in the sand thing like me to avoid Trump idiotic news. Old neighbor Brenda just wants to slap him every time she sees him on TV. Come to think of it, I hardly know anyone who has any use for this disgusting human other than my duped sister. Not one of the nine guys I golf with, not any of my kids, not any of one of my old work buddies, and not even one of my sister's own kids for that matter.

January 31 2025

The month is now over. It pretty much sucked as we were mostly shut in by the cold and crappy weather. Mary's foot looks good. I think we are over the hump.

We went to BJs in the morning to get stuff for Jacob to take up tomorrow. Cat food, goodies, and toilet cleaner. Quite a mix.

Mary did some wash. Lobys for fish at 215. It was good.

January 30 2025

We called Ruth last night. She gave us good news that there was no cancer seen after her chemo. She has to do some kind of maintenance IV every 3 weeks for 3 more times. I told her I was tired of muting Trump on the news casts. She says Dennis yells loudly at the TV when they report his crap. She just wants to slap the smug look off his face. We have plenty of hater company.

Mary's foot is looking better and better. So we did the tough Y class today. Feeling it this afternoon. We got home 11:30 ish and rested a bit. Then we went for free Thursdays at the Canton Art Museum. Took some interesting pictures, but nothing spectacular caught my eye.

Ginny and John plan to go to Buffalo before Easter and then drive here and stay till Monday. Will be good to see them. We need to get together as often as we can. We ain't getting any younger.

January 29 2025

Last night at bedtime I saw a small area by the bedroom back wall on the ceiling that looked wet. Went and got a chair and verified it was damp. Decided I better investigate in the morning.

Got outside after breakfast and looked for an ice dam near that back wall. It was just melting snow but there could have been one there last night. Will have to have that area inspected in the spring.

Took a walk around the lower circle and saw lots of ice dams. Took some pics and sent out an email to the board. Keith said he knows of 2 people that fell on the area the ice dams melted onto. People need to be aware and salt their own drives!

Mary's foot looked good this morning. Last night I switched back to the erythromycin and maybe it is a better choice. As it was looking good and the air was warmer, we did the walk to the upper circle and back. Then we finished the puzzle and had dinner.

Keith said Beverly 4687 stopped by and complained about Sam doing nothing about her possible animal intrusion. Asked Sam about it and he said she hasn't been nice, but it is

her problem. He did write a work order to have it checked. I did some research and asked him to check with a home inspector with a drone license to see what that cost might be.

Earned my HOA pay today. Let's see what tomorrow brings. BTW, Ginny and John are going to see Ruth just before Easter and will drive here for Easter. Will be good to see them.

January 28 2025

We decided to try the Y once again. It went well. No foot damage. I went up front for one session and got an ovation.

Back home, I finished taxes but could not send them. The printout said the form wasn't final yet. Owe 4400 this year due to the IRA withdrawals. Mary's bras arrived today. One was too big so we packaged it for return.

Almost was late to the foot doctor. Thought of it just in time. We got our toes clipped and they took another scraping for analysis of Mary's issues. Apparently her biopsy has been lost and can not be found.

Our main jackass issued an executive order recently to stop all DEI programs in the Federal government. He doesn't believe in Diversity Equity and Inclusion. OMG that goes against everything he believes in. Such a horrible thing diversity is. That was bad enough, but his minions in state governments are harassing corporations to drop their programs. Many have but Costco is a holdout. Just what the hell does the President think he can jam down corporate throats just because he doesn't like it. He and his maggots make me sick.

Every day I seem to catch another disgusting Trump development. His crap led me to get only 5 hrs sleep last night. I am really wondering if I am going to make it through his term. I am not optimistic.

January 27 2025

We decided to try the Y today. First time in 30 days we were to class. Said hi to several that missed us. Wanted to see how Mary's foot did. I looked when we got back and it looked no worse for wear. It's still hasn't totally healed so it was a gamble. I will check again tonight to be sure. If it's ok we plan to try again tomorrow.

Foot doctor's nurse called with no news other than they will try to see why they don't have new info yet. I had called and asked why last Friday. We may have to change doctors if this one continues to be non helpful. Perhaps the skin doctor is a better choice for this.

Got the car washed. It really needed it. \$22 seems high for a quality wash. Did some of the puzzle.

Had to work a couple of hours on the HOA stuff. The property manager had changed the fees I had calculated and distributed and the owners were rightly confused as to the differences. To clarify, he seemed to blame it on the board. I rechecked as to how they did it and they had some of the ownership percentages in their spreadsheet wrong. I told him to look into it and report back. I am very confident my numbers were correct. Likely an entry error when developing their spreadsheet. Either that, or I don't have the latest legal document.

Muting Trump news on the newscasts is costing me the first 8 minutes and is a real pain. I will be glad when his follies are superseded with other news.

Had a go around with one of my sisters about what the Bible says about immigrants and how wrong the mass deportation is in God's eyes. Pretty sad situation.

January 26 2025

Up early. We went to church, picked up a couple of prescriptions, and some stuff at Marcs. Won a \$100 scratch off. That was good.

We watched the Eagles win, did some puzzles, and have started watching the Bills game.

Josh Allen is off and that is a bad sign. They are down 4 at the half. Need to play better. Unfortunately the Bills cornerback is out and #5 is pathetic as a replacement.

January 25 2025

We slept in today. Not much going on. We watched some old Columbo's and Monk's.

Gathered all my tax stuff and did an online turbotax. Damn if the stupid W2G I got forced me to the next version at a cost of \$79. So sad. Gonna have to pay taxes this year.

January 24 2025

Took Mary for her hair appt and went over to BJs to get some water for Jacob. Was going to get some vegetable oil but all they had were gallons. Picked up Mary and we headed to Kent to see Jacob and Steve.

Got the laundry done and had Japanese food in downtown Kent. Great place called Pacific something on Water and Main. This is week 2 of classes but some were cancelled and one is delayed till next week.

Holy crap. Seems like this week has been an entire month of the TTW. Getting sick of him just spouting any old crap he wants. Lets cancel this and cancel that and disband this and disband that and whatever he wants to pick on on that particular day. Most of the stuff he has no say in anyway. That jackass is just full of #&@. His gutless cronies just approved his yes man, a drunken pervert, as Secretary of Defense. Only two women senators with any sense voted against him. God help us.*

January 23 2025

Not much happening today. Did a little wash and finished the latest puzzle.

Decided since time was running short I better make the trip reservations today. Got the Allegiant airline and car set up, then the hotel. Went to Choice hotels yesterday and found a Radisson with an indoor pool. Top of the line place but this will be our only winter week away. The airline surprised me a little. I got the extras for a bag and carry on and it was as much as the ticket. I could have done the tickets separate to take just 1 bag but opted to just move on. Ticket is still half the price of the major airlines.

So it's off to Savannah in 3 weeks. Looks like lots of things to do. The beach is 30min away but there is a fort to visit, tours to take and a museum or two. Then we have the pool and hot tub as well.

We went to Lobys for pizza. Mary had the pizza. I got the hot stuffed peppers. Yum.

My stocks keep going up. God must want them to go up which is scary. Maybe I am going to need more money for some reason? Maybe it's money I might need for my future Spit on Trumps grave tour business..

January 22 2025

We were up to get ready to take Vicky and Penny to the airport at 915am. Took awhile to get her into the car and then into the airport and up to the check in desk. She needs a cane to walk and she gets a wheelchair ride to the gate. Tough to carry a suitcase and a dog carrier in the shape she is in with bad legs.

Mary came with me and we stopped for breakfast at Samantha's on Portage. Got coffee early and often but the food was slow to come out. I wrote a note on the bill to those issues and noted the lighting chains needed cleaning. I am not a fan of having dust residing directly over the eating table.

We got home and started a new puzzle and did some wash. After dinner we made some brownies. They were slightly over baked though.

I spent a good part of the day trying to figure out a week in the south. The plan is to spend a week in Savannah. Only cheapo flight I could find for February was one from CAK to Savannah on Allegiant. Savannah looks to have places to visit and there is a beach 30 min

away we can walk. Could have driven down to Jacksonville for a place on the beach, but doing Savannah saves a 2 and a half hour drive to Jacksonville and the same on the return trip. Maybe next year.

*I see the TTW is rolling along. Pardoned the Poor Boy leader and 1500 others who now are going to buy some more #**%@ guns he says. The Capital police weren't very happy, nor were the judges who heard the trials. But hey, ticking off a few judges vs praise by a whole army of maggots is no contest. I could rag on the other bazaar things he has already started but that would just upset me. One a day is enough. God help us.*

January 21 2025

As far as yesterday, a day to mourn for our country and for ourselves, Mary's foot looked pretty good once again.

Also yesterday, we decided we would cook up some chili so we headed over to Acme for the stuff. Made 1.5 x so we could save some for Jacob. Added more sauce as the recipe always comes up short on liquid. Much better result. We figured we would add a green pepper next time to add some flavor.

Also on Sunday night, the Bills pulled off a miracle win over the Ravens. Mostly due to their miscues. We will take it and should be able to beat KC next week.

Yesterday, we kept the TV off and missed all the hoopla featuring the devil himself. I am sure he is spouting that this was the finest and most important inauguration ever held in this country, and no one has ever seen anything like it and bla bla bla.....bla bla bla.....what a dumb ass.

Today we slept in. Around noon, we went to Harbor Freight to get a space heater for Jacob. Lots of cold air gets in around his AC unit. Then we filled up at BJ's. Next it was to Walmart to return a phone case I ordered that was the wrong size. Picked up a few items there too.

Headed to the foot doctor for a 240pm appt. She had not gotten the biopsy details yet. Basic results were last week but they a very detailed report within the week. We should expect a call in the next couple of days.

*From there we headed up to Kent to drop off the space heater. On the way back I stopped at Sheetz for free tire air. Talked to buddy Steve on the way back. He asked if I saw the Coronation yesterday. Told him we knew better than to watch that circus. He told me it was bad. Really bad. He was sick to his stomach after listening to Trump's #**%&. His first speech was bad but the next to his supporters was just horrible.*

So, the TTW has officially begun. God help us all.

"St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan Trump, and all his evil cronies, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen"

January 20 2025

This day was declared this a day of National Mourning by yours truly. A very sad day, No TV was watched and no blog was blogged.

Only God can help us for the next 4 years. I have faithfully prayed this every Sunday in church without it being answered. Help me out here please. Please pray to St Michael.

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January 19 2025

Mary's foot looks pretty good since I have been using the cream I had for athletes foot. Doctor gonna not be happy but it's the weekend and I can't talk to her.

We cooked a big breakfast then went to church. Wasn't bad out; maybe 23 degrees. After church, we got a new puzzle out and we have it about 1/3 done.

Very entertaining Eagles game; looks like they may win. About 10 minutes left and the snow is pouring down. Been a great year for snow games. It is about 530 and the Bills play at 630. Will report on that Tuesday. Bills are the underdogs and rightly so. They had a hard time stopping Derick Henry and not sure they really can. The Bills Mafia might help.

Declaring tomorrow a day of mourning. There will be no blog. There will be no TV tomorrow as it will be full of #*& with the TTW (Trump Train Wreck) inauguration. I will turn the TV back on Tuesday morning but may have to mute it a lot if they repeat the #*& of the inauguration. I have been told the Buckeyes will play for the championship tomorrow too. I wouldn't be surprised if the Bills and the Buckeyes lose Monday in light of the TTW #*&.

God help us survive the #*& of next 4 years.

January 18 2025

I was looking at bad foot pictures last night and found one similar. They said it was just athletes foot. In the morning I tried some of that salve I had to see how that would go and left bandage off. Let's see how it does tomorrow morning.

In the morning I went thru my blog and documented all the blisters. Most of them took 10 days to be well enough for Y classes. This one is 18 days and going strong.

Carolyn called and wanted to go to Kent with us. She was worried about the roads but I knew they would be OK. We got the laundry done, ate at subway, checked out the vintage store and headed home. Her new junker ran pretty well.

We watched the KC game and had some soup and did some wash. Day is almost in the books.

January 17 2025

Mary's foot looked very good again this morning but doesn't seem to have improved much. We worked on bead jewelry today. Made a bracelet and some earrings. New ones to match one of her necklaces.

Eventually, 2pm rolled around and we went to Lobys. Mary wolfed down her chicken salad and I had the fish again. We had 30+ temps today. What a relief after days in the low 20s.

We will be heading to Kent tomorrow to see Jacob, get his laundry done, and buy him lunch.

BTW, I updated the what's in the bag page of the blog. Click on each thumb to see the pics.

January 16 2025

Mary's foot looked very good again this morning. Also, some of the earlier damaged areas looked so much better, Very encouraged, Another cold nasty day. Several inches of snow last night. The plows were out. Later saw they had pushed too much into the street sign and it had a new lean to it.

Since Mary's foot looked so good, we went to Acme to pick up a few food items. The price of eggs was up. One of the cashiers said not to worry. Once the Donald took over Monday he would solve ALL our problems. She was joking of course. I am declaring Monday as a day of mourning. There will be no blog this coming Monday and I will keep my TV off all day to avoid listening to any of the garbage that comes out of the devil himself's filthy lair of a mouth.

Our new rug came. It is very thin. We got it laid out and it looks nice. It's a little bigger

than expected. Maybe I should measure next time.

January 15 2025

Mary's foot looked very good this morning. Another cold nasty day. I had to get the trash bucket out early so I bundled up.

As a follow on to the HOA mtg last night, I worked on a list of gutter replacements for quoting this year. Ken had a list which I followed for the most part, but I wanted to complete several where only front or back of the building was previously done. Also worked on the minutes.

Saw that the barber was open so we went to Hartville. Dropped off stuff for Wes. Lincoln had a 102 temp so we didn't go in.

Walked into the barber and there was Larry Ross my old Cisco golf partner! What a hoot. Was great to see him. We got to talk for 15 minutes and I loved every minute of it. Same old Larry. We are the same age. He still has more hair, but I have more teeth left.

Oh yeah, I made a new email filter today. Any email with the word "Elon" in the subject line gets sent to the trash.

January 14 2025

Mary's foot looked good this morning. The HOA meeting was going to be here tonight because Laura was busy moving her dad from Aultman to Woodlawn today. We made room at the table and cleared away a lot of clutter. Put away the puzzle table and now we have to get it out again. Tried to reschedule to later in the week but that did not work.

We went out and took the recyclables to the church. Roads were nasty. Nasty and cold out there. Sick of it already.

We had dinner and the HOA meeting went well around 6pm. Was less than an hour. Sam had a couple of items to research.

January 13 2025

Mary's foot looked good this morning. We hung around and Mary went to Red Hat Lunch at Walthers in North Canton at 1pm. I drove her and picked her up. She had a good time.

Called the foot doctor and finally got a call back at 3pm. She prescribed an anti-bacterial pill. I was expecting penicillin or the like. Still waiting for it to be filled.

Did some prep work and gathered materials for the HOA Mtg tomorrow night.

Finally got around to cleaning my clubs. Took some pics and reworked the "Whats in the Bag" page. Put the clubs into my new bag. Speaking of the new bag, it has 15 spots for clubs and a spot for the putter? Are they trying to encourage everyone to use 16 clubs?

January 12 2025

I was up early, but Mary slept in. Mary's foot looked good this morning. We went to church. Carolyn stopped over after church to show us her new junker, a 2007 rav 4 with 192000 miles.

Watched the Bills game. Denver was no match but they did play them tough for the first half. We had the Panera soup for our meal and it was very good. We finished the puzzle too.

Kaetchen sent the news that Z's robotic team qualified for the state tournament. Wow! Jacob was chatty today. Lonely he said. Waiting for classes to start tomorrow.

Saw Mary's biopsy report. She has a staff infection so I expect she will get another pill prescribed tomorrow. If the foot doctor doesn't prescribe a new one I will call the PCP. She needs something more than doxycycline. So say eth Dr Bob.

January 11 2025

We slept in again. Mary's foot looked good this morning. Did wash and some of the puzzle.

Went to BJ's for gas, water, and a few other items. Headed to Kent at 215. Jacob got his laundry done and we ate at Canes. Stopped for hot fudge sundae on the way home.

Classes start Monday. Hope Jacob is OK. He was looking after a friend who sounded like they had the flu.

January 10 2025

Stock market tanked. Too many people got jobs last month. Very weird.

Pathetic day. We did puzzles and wash before going to Lobys for fish. Fish was good. We spent the time there talking with Pat Keane. Surprised he isn't in Florida already. Said he was leaving after the storm settles down.

January 9 2025

Had to get moving early to get to Mary's foot Dr appt. We discussed the spreading of the blisters again. Dr decided to biopsy a chunk of her toe (ouch) so maybe we can find out something new. Feel sorry for her continued difficulties.

I went to the dentist and they fitted the partial. Now they will put the fake teeth in it and I will get my teeth on February 4th! Sure missed xmas by a lot.

Lobys pizza was good. Might go for the fish tomorrow.

January 8 2025

Had to get moving early to get to the retiree lunch. Decent crowd today. Hogan, Messner, Dick, and the usual Lowell and Ian. We split a beef stew and it was good.

Hustled back for Mary's cardiologist appt but it has changed till May 28? No sure when or why that happened. Shame on me.

We did some of the puzzle and I won a few bucks on a pick 3 at Gulfstream. Came close at Tampa on a pick 4 but missed the last race by ½ a length. Tomorrow is foot doctor. Lots of questions on what the heck is going on.

January 7 2025

Was up early for no particular reason. We got another couple of inches of snow. Not much going on till a doctor visit for Mary at 1pm.

We stopped at Walmart and picked up a few items then headed home. Another wasted day. Worked on the puzzle a bit.

Tomorrow is the retiree lunch and another doctor appt for Mary with the Cardio guy. Stock market beat down today. Was watching CNBC and Trump came on spouting all his bullshit. Did not realize he was saving us from the previous administration and every other horrible climate saving scams. I almost puked. Just waiting to spit on this devil's grave. Can't wait.

Carolyn is 53 today. Yikes!

January 6 2025

Had trouble getting to sleep but got a good sleep in. There was 3-4" snow last night. The plows were out and they did the roads, driveways and walks. After coffee we took down the tree and got the floors vacuumed. Took us til around 1 pm.

Got a new puzzle out and worked on that in the afternoon. Jacob said he was bored and felt like a shut in. Classes start next Monday, so he should enjoy his quiet time. Carolyn planned to go up today. Tomorrow is her 52nd bday, OMG, in 15 yrs she will be SS age.

Mary's foot continued to improve. I will bandage it up yet again tonight.

News said Trudeau will resign as Canada PM. Smart move. He won't have to deal with the TTW.

January 5 2025

We slept in till 9 and got ready for church. After church we put away about half the xmas stuff. Probably finish tomorrow. Watched the Bills scrubs lose to NE. NE coach got fired after the game. Winning the game blew their chance for a number 1 seed in the draft. Wonder if that had anything to do with it. I think the Bills would have won, but they put in the 3d string QB for the 4th quarter. He was pathetic.

Mary's foot continued to improve but it is still far from healed. Still an open wound. I will bandage it up yet again tonight. Txt'd with Bob Muller. He is rooting for the Bills. Let me know that a couple weeks back. We haven't been on the best of terms lately, as he is a fan of Trump and his nonsense. Seems really upset with the rainbow people.

January 4 2025

Got moving early today. Took a look at Mary's foot in the morning and was tending to the bandage and happened to knock over the betadyne antiseptic. Oops. Big dark brown puddle on the area rug. No big deal. It was getting pretty worn and dirty by our chairs and I was thinking of trying to clean it or replace it. A little got on the couch so I wiped that off and no harm there.

Got the foot bandaged again. Looks like there was some drying overnight. Still open cause the betadyne and erythromycin burned when I put it on. Still don't like the looks of it. Made breakfast; eggs, toast, and Loby potato. Yum. Did the pill boxes for the week. We picked out a new 9 by 12 area rug and ordered it. Should be here Jan 15.

We worked on a puzzle watched the horses, and had leftovers. Sent in Love of Angel dinner ticket and paid the dentist bill. Owed dentist 750 for the partial plate I still don't have. Appt next week for the first fitting.

January 3 2025

Got moving early today. Took Mary for annual mammogram in Green. We were out the house at 845am. That's the earliest in a long time. The roads were Ok even though there was an inch and a half on the ground.

Called the foot doctor. They had nothing till next week. They called in another prescription for her. I will dress the blister best I can till then and try to keep her off her feet.

Changed out the light fixtures in the bathroom. Mary helped hold things up while I connected wires. Had bought them at HD awhile back but with the colds and all never felt up to it. Went smooth. Maybe an hour for the 2 fixtures. Looks great.

Around 2pm we headed to Loby's. Really like the fish there since they changed to have cod. I get it blackened and Mary likes the baked or broiled. Erin got us Loby potatoes instead of the fries. They are awesome.

Started another puzzle. Should go quickly; only 300pc.

January 2 2025

Slow morning. We headed to Alliance to meet with sister Sue and drop off all her gifts. She gave us a couple and bought us Texas Roadhouse dinner. Stinking cold! It was 30 but feels like 14 with the wind. Stinking cold! So far we have not yet cooked this year and now have 3 days worth of leftovers.

Got home and opened the gifts. Mostly history books which I will enjoy. I think Ed had my name and got me them. Sue enjoyed my chicken decorative items.

Thinking back on last year's several shortfalls. Never got Dick to adopt me, never got Dick nor Bill to buy a vacation condo. Not only that, Steve wouldn't take me to Disney land. Lots of fails.

Sofi was down 8% today. Ouch! Some no name company I never heard of downgraded them? Motley Fool kept their buy rating. Hope others do too or it will be painful. Raised a lot of cash. The market guys think there is a max of another 5% gains to be had and a large risk of a correction anytime.

Mary's foot is looking good. Letting things dry out right now in the evenings. The doctor wanted us to put the antibiotic cream on it but putting the cream on never lets the skin heal up. I do put it on in the morning if we are going out. Not really sure what to do. Going with drying it out at the moment.

January 1 2025

Happy New Year! I made it till 10:00 last night for the second year in a row!

Well, was at 1150 with chess January 2022, 1050 on January 2023, 1160 on January 2024, and all the way up to 1200 this year. Been playing less 3 min games and more 10min games. Apparently, my alleged brain works slower these days.

Feeling much better today. It has been 16 days since I picked up that nasty cold and I am still coughing. Mary is over hers.

We picked up pork and kraut at Acme, but then we went to Kent. Jacob needed some new jeans for his new Chipotle job. He did his laundry, got jeans, and ate at the downtown Japanese place. It was very good. There was about 3x the food we could eat so we froze it when we got home.

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