

Christmas 2020

We hope everyone is healthy and safe. What a year this has been! Everything and everyone have been affected. Who ever thought we would be experiencing a pandemic during our lifetime? At times this seems like a really bad dream.

We had planned to go to Virginia Beach, St Martin and West Palm Beach this year. With the covid-19, we had to modify our plans.

Vicki booked a beautiful house in Deep Creek, Maryland which is just 2 hours from home. The first night there we were relaxing in the hot tub; we saw a black bear wander nearby on the back porch. Luckily, we had shut the door and he wandered away. Andy and the kids stayed at Deep Creek for part of the week. Vicki stayed the whole week. It was easy to get the kids to come with the promise of a pontoon boat ride. Tyler made an awesome pilot. Everyone enjoyed the food and quiet isolation. We had an awesome outdoor fireplace that was used nightly, which we nicknamed the Azteca. We had a competition to see who could stack the highest level of pebbles. This is what isolation does to a person. Later in the week, we were visited by friends Debbie, Kevin and Mildred. A good time was had by all.



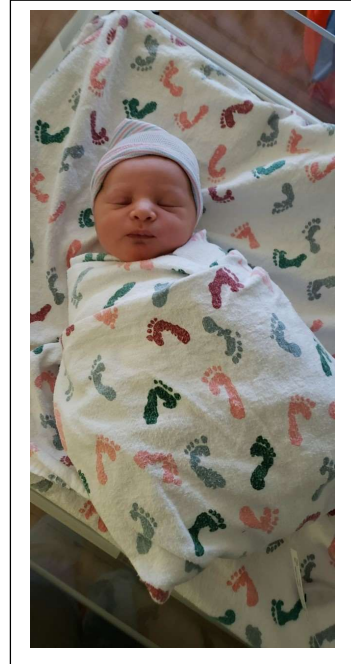
Andy has been busy with our house building project. We were fortunate to find property nearby that was suitable to build a ranch house. We are getting ready for senior living. We are building an all-concrete house and the house will even be ADA compliant. Work has been slow due to weather and a three-month shutdown thanks to the governor. We had finally gotten garage doors and hope to have electricity finally installed shortly. We just had our drywall installed and the work was done in an amazing 3 days. Next, we will have another crew to finish the drywall. We are planning to have the kitchen installed in February. Finally, some progress. Progress of the house can be viewed on WWW.RERKO.COM. Just click on the Rabbit Run link on the left.

The Covid-19 pandemic has changed the work schedule for Vicki, Megan and Kelly. All three have been back to school in various hybrid and virtual teaching models. The days before Thanksgiving, all of them were back to virtual work at home. Both girls are well versed in google classroom and current technologies. The workload for teachers is generally 2-3 times the workload. Vicki had a learning curve on how to navigate Zoom. Vicki and other nurses coordinated efforts to present to the paraprofessionals health topics via Zoom and PowerPoint. The family opted to skip Thanksgiving. We did participate in a pie exchange. Kelly has been honing her cooking and baking skills. She has been creative in making pizza and homemade soups. She spends her time visiting her boyfriend Austin. Austin has a white German Shepard Nikita and Kelly has a cat Schylar. Andy and Vicki have been pet sitters for both the pets.



Megan and Tyler have exciting news and are expecting a baby boy on December 9. We were able to have an outdoor shower for Megan at a park pavilion. All food was individually wrapped and a good time was had by all. Tyler is also working at home.

We held sending out our Christmas Cards until the baby arrived.



Andy and Vicki have been missing dinners out and movies at the theater. We have not been to a movie or a sit-down inside restaurant since this all began. We have been binge watching Netflix and social distancing with our geocache hobby.

At times the grocery stores have had scarce shelves for the coveted items such as flour, yeast, toilet paper, paper towels and Clorox wipes. Once the grocery store was totally wiped out of ice cream. This reminds us of our visit to Cuba. Our guide told us that his wife wanted to make a cheese cake. It took him 3 days and 5 stores to get all of the ingredients that she needed. This is how they live all of the time.

We have now gone back to curbside orders at local stores and have had good experiences. Vicki has been doing online shopping and has been stocking up on jigsaw puzzles.

That's about it in a nutshell for this crazy year. We wish everyone a safe and healthy new year and hope we can get back to normal.

Merry Christmas!

Andy and Vicki